



## Barrie Downtown Neighbourhood Association

April 7, 2014.

The City of Barrie

Dear Sirs:

The Barrie Downtown Neighbourhood Association is submitting this letter in support of the Historic Neighbourhood Strategy Committee's request that the walkway through Queen's Park be ploughed in the winter.

We understand that this winter is through, but would ask that the City's policy be reconsidered before next winter.

The B.D.N.A. has requested that this walkway be cleared for the last 3 years. The Historic Neighbourhoods Strategy report of June 2010 asked that the City "ensure sidewalks and public pathways are correctly cleared of snow in the winter months". This is mentioned both in the body of the report and in the recommended action plan which states "Park Paths: ensure park paths are correctly cleared of snow and properly de-iced in the winter months".

The Council Direction Memorandum, approved September 29, 2008, Staff Report ENG067-08 Appendix "A" Recommendations, item 11 reads: "Keeping sidewalks free from snow and ice in the winter. In addition to benefiting pedestrians in general, keeping sidewalks clear and ensuring a smooth transition at crossing points is also important to people in wheelchairs, walkers or those pushing strollers". The walkway through Queen's Park is a well used sidewalk.

The B.D.N.A. feels that The City's failure to clear this walkway indicates a singular lack of support for Active Transportation in Barrie.

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