



1 March, 2018

Mr. Stephen Hill



Dear Mr. Hill

I am in receipt of your information request regarding pedestrian safety, dated February 21st, 2018. The request was forwarded to my office by our Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Dwayne Evans. I would like to open by stating that all manner of public safety within our municipality, including pedestrian safety is of the highest priority to the Township.

In an effort to enhance pedestrian safety, the Public Works Department has developed a clearly defined winter sidewalk clearing program. This system identifies key areas and assigns timelines to ensure that pedestrian traffic is able to safely access essential services and locations. The routes were established taking into account public need, traffic patterns, and operational logistics in order to provide consistent and reliable service.

In order to further assist in pedestrian safety, our Council has instituted Community Safety Zones. These zones were established as a traffic calming measure in areas that warrant extra diligence on the part of motorists. Slower traffic flow, in conjunction with clearly defined and reliably cleared pedestrian routes are instrumental in making Wingham a safer community.

To date during this 2017 / 2018 winter season, our Public Works crew have devoted 285 hours to the clearing and maintenance of Wingham sidewalks. This level of service has come at a cost of approximately \$20,000.⁰⁰ excluding equipment depreciation costs.

During periods of time between snow events, our public works crews are deployed to address various other critical areas associated with the maintenance of the Township. These tasks include, but are not limited to, snow removal operations, repair of weather related damage to infrastructure, street and sign maintenance, and maintenance of municipal equipment. As the season progresses, further time is applied to post winter season cleanup of our streets and road allowances.

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Finally, in your correspondence you inquired as to the status of snow clearing of the west pedestrian path on the Hanna Bridge. Due to the width and construction of this particular section, our municipal equipment cannot safely clear the area. As this has been identified as a health and safety concern to our crew, we focus clearing efforts on the east side of the bridge.

Thank you for your correspondence with regard to pedestrian safety. I trust that this information serves to provide insight into our Public Works operation as it pertains to the provision of safe pedestrian routes during the long winter season.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean McGhee', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sean McGhee
Director of Public Works
Township of North Huron

cc: Reeve Vincent, Members of Council
Dwayne Evans, CAO, Township of North Huron