

Petition Regarding Snow Removal In Paisley, Ontario

Attention: Arran-Elderslie Town Council

The Current Situation:

On the main Street of Paisley, Queen Street North, north of Cambridge Street there is one sidewalk on the East side of the road. This sidewalk all the way to the North end of town does not have its snow removed in the winter. This causes workers walking to McCollough fuels, and Abraflex plus children walking their dogs and children waiting for their bus stop on what is probably the fastest driven section of in town road in the entire Arran-Elderslie. As a result of the houses being set back from the road coupled with the flat open visibility, drivers typically drive at highway speeds while in this 50km/hour zone. This is a perfect storm which will result in a pedestrian being struck at near highway speeds most likely resulting in their death.

The apparent cause of this lack of maintenance, based on speaking with town maintenance staff, is the steps on the South East corner of Orchard Street and Queens Street North. These steps stop the snow removal equipment from being able to go through and would create a difficult if not impossible to have to reverse almost an entire block. Also the snow removal equipment is too wide to allow passage coming down onto the lowered sidewalk.

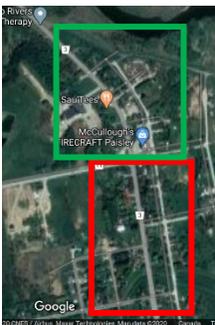


Figure 1 - Overview of North Area of Paisley

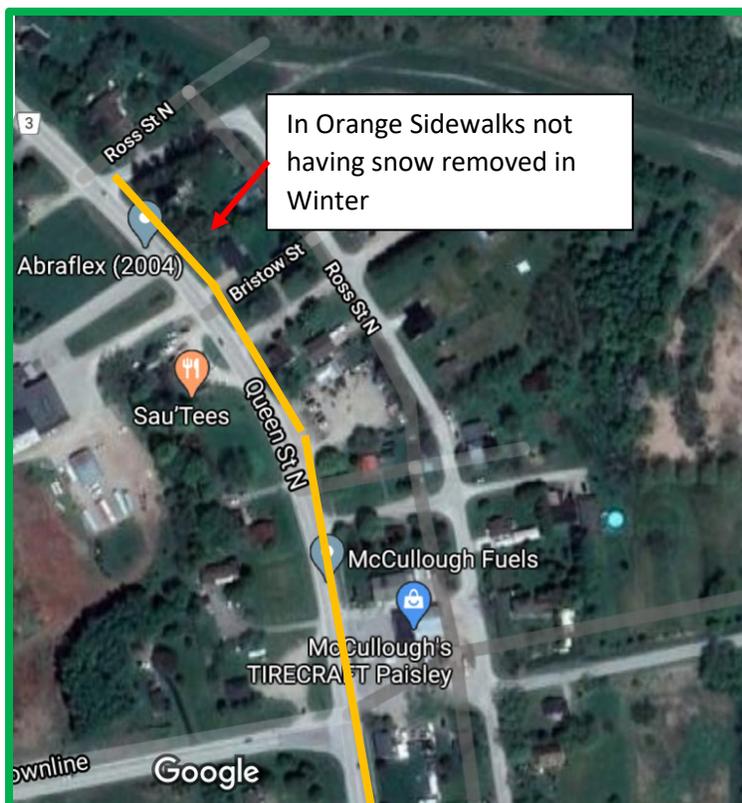




Figure 2 - The Problem Steps Looking North – Corner of Queen Street North and Orchard Street.



Figure 3 - The Problem Steps Looking South – Corner of Queen Street North and Orchard Street.

Proposed Solution:

Short Term solution:

By-pass Queen Street North's sidewalk from the bridge to Orchard Street and complete snow removal from Orchard Street north for the remainder of Queen Street North. Access this by travelling up Ross Street. Post the appropriate signs.

Long term solution:

Get rid of the steps and replace them with a ramp. This will not only allow snow removal but also will make the sidewalk wheelchair accessible.

Purchase a snow removal machine that can travel down that walkway or widen the walkway to allow our current snow removal equipment to remove the snow properly.

Regards,

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