

Mayor and Council,

February 18th 2026

The following resident social media posts (redacted for privacy) are included to illustrate the real-world impacts of inadequate winter maintenance on accessibility across our community. These are not abstract concerns. They are firsthand accounts from residents describing how uncleared sidewalks, blocked curb cuts, snow-filled crossings, and inaccessible parking directly affect their ability to leave home, get to work or school, attend medical appointments, and participate in community life. Together, these voices provide important context for Council, demonstrating how winter conditions translate into pain, risk, missed opportunities, and social isolation for people with disabilities, seniors, and families. They reflect lived experience and help ground this discussion in the everyday realities residents are navigating throughout the winter months.

Sincerely,





Devin Sisak
Barrier-free Cambridge



Thank you! The accessible space used as a storage pile for snow removed from elsewhere is a particularly sad comment. My wife has mobility issues and it's become unfortunately clear to us that until you actually have to deal with situations like this either as a care-giver or as someone with mobility challenges trying to navigate the world, the practical application of designated parking spaces does seem to fall short of the intention.



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My daughter wears AFO's for the love of gravy people salt your driveways. I don't care if it's the bottom of it and you feel like just because a sidewalk goes through it that that doesn't entitle you to do it, but you should still it's still your property. We can't take my daughter out anywhere in the winter because of this it's extremely dangerous with her inability to stabilize herself, so we just go for car rides wish it wasn't like it is, but unfortunately it is

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I am a paraplegic and yes it is disturbing to me and makes it hard to go anywhere

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I have to have surgery to repair the two years I got in my rotator cuff after being dropped of in a 4 foot snowbank at my bus stop by the Grand River transit driver in Waterloo I flipped over my walker. That was in December, my bus stop just got plowed out last week for the first time this winter.

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thank you number one for making people aware of this problem and number two for cleaning them out as I am a person with handicap and have a sticker and you're absolutely 100% correct we need the spots kept clean because I depend on them. I am an 84-year-old lady who has oxygen and for me to have to park further away means more energy to walk and to use more oxygen. Which means I run out of air sooner than expected because wherever I go I'm on a timer because of my oxygen machine. People don't walk on my shoes and don't understand but these areas are very important to all people who are disabled people think because people are in wheelchairs, but that means they're disabled. There are many people walking around who look fine who are not and rely on these spots to save energy to get what they need done and if they didn't have them they cannot go anywhere and it is very widely important that they keep mobile because that's what keeps them healthy so God bless you for doing a job that belongs. I guess to our city and bless you for making it aware and I will say bravo for shaming. The people that deserve to be shamed. You know who you are someday you may be walking in the same shoes as me so remember this day you could be next or it could happen even today you just never know !!

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I would love to see ALL city workers (and officials) given training in how difficult it is for those of us who use mobility devices to get around during the winter. Have them walk with walkers, drive scooters or power wheelchairs on poorly cleaned sidewalks, bus stops, and intersections. We haven't had a heavy snowfall in more than several days, more than enough time to have parking areas and streets cleaned. The mobility bus that took me to a medical appointment yesterday, had a very difficult time navigating several places/streets where it picked up and dropped off handicapped people.

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 I have not been out of my house in 8 weeks. I have to get food delivered.

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As a person who's suffers moderate pain and deteriorating mobility the few extra steps to walk around a vehicle parked on a sidewalk can be exhausting and excruciating thanks for posting some people need to be more mindful of others

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