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Message:

Winter Maintenance Request during covid 19 pandemic We are all fighting for our sanity during these trying times. Health professionals have professed that getting outside is good for our mental health. This year more than any other we need to assure our sidewalks and roads are clear of ice and snow at all times. Even when cleared of snow, local sidewalks are usually treacherous (rutted, frozen, etc). We need to allocate more money to these services. Winter servicing should begin at the first snowfall/ice storm and end at the last snowfall/ice storm (winter event). Numerous years the area has been caught with icy streets and sidewalks through no fault of the service providers. In my opinion it's the budget and strict timelines that council and staff have utilized. Winter does not have a static start or finish date. I would also ask that parking lots and roads continue to be maintained at all locations including but not limited to the list below. -Pease Marsh -Fireman's park -Georgian Trail -Dog park....Possibly Create an outdoor "track" somewhere with excellent footing / traction so that (particularly) seniors can walk with minimal risk of slip / fall. -10th line and Clendenan parking lot -Loree forest parking area -Metcalf's rock -Kolapore forest at Grey road 2 Yes we all can acknowledge the relationship between the conservation authority and TBM and the use of these lands. The general tax paying public also acknowledges the town was enforcing the closures in the late winter and spring.(when these access points were shut down due to covid) . We also know the TBM maintains these lands in the spring, summer and fall. Please lets make our winter safe for all and allow safe access to all trails before one of your citizens is seriously hurt. Your constituents just don't pack up and stay at home all winter. We live outdoor lives all year round. Thank You Brendan http://spacing.ca/toronto/2020/10/13/lorinc-preparing-to-weather-the-winter-pandemic/?fbclid=IwAR3EP69dh14_qmN2dLRVOTz-Ju2IZ3239s4I4joEaytIVt1i9uow1U4QgBk