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Re: Parks and Snow Removal on Park Pathways

Dear Mayor & Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to come in and speak to you today. My name is Jennifer Tsougrianis and I currently reside in the Greens on Gardiner subdivision. We are fortunate enough to back onto a rather large green space that includes a soccer field, play structure, toboggan hill as well as planting beds, trees and pathways.

My purpose today in talking to you is to address the issues of accessing this and other parks throughout the city. Currently, these pathways are not cleared for snow and ice and are not as utilized throughout the winter months as they could be.

By providing some additional clearing of snow and ice on the over 27 km of park pathways we have in this city, my family, along with other Regina residents, will be able to utilize the parks more during the winter. As we are a winter city, it is important that we recognize the opportunities to add to recreational activities in Regina. As one of the most common recreational and physical activities we have is walking, it would be a great move forward for the health and well being of our city residents if we can have these pathways cleared for year round access.

In review of the pathway systems that are cleared on the City of Regina website that not all pathways are cleared and that "pathways are considered for clearing if they are multi-use or high-use" pathway systems. In review of the map, there are still a few pathway systems that could be added to increase the functionality of the overall pathway system during winter months as well as provide local areas for walking and access where pathways do not connect to these main corridor systems.

My understanding of the annual costs to do so is approximately \$50,000 for operations and approximately \$150,000 for investment in capital to do so. Based on a population of just over 200,000 people, this equates to \$0.93 investment at the start, per resident, per year and a \$0.23 per resident ongoing annual cost to maintain this program.

For a cost of a fraction of a dollar per person per year, I feel that this is a great way for the City to help promote health and well being, build community and relationships with our neighbours and increase activity for residents year round.

I enjoy our Canadian winters and being outside on winter days, as I am sure most residents of Regina feel the same way and are looking for other low cost, low investment types of recreation in our city that they can easily access from anywhere. I believe that this is an important initiative that the City of Regina needs to address, that can provide additional mobility for residents of Regina and promote year round access to our park systems.

