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Councilor Matt Allard
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Dear Councilor Allard,

The CNIB is a 105-year-old organization that works to break down the barriers that are faced by individuals who are blind and partially sighted everyday. We strive to change what it means to be blind today.

There are many barriers that face the blind and partially sighted community and one of the biggest is right outside their doors. Sidewalks are not prioritized in the snow clearing plans for the City of Winnipeg. The roads are cleared to pavement as soon as possible because community members rely on them to get to work and live their daily lives.

For individuals who are blind and partially sighted they rely on the sidewalks to live their daily lives, raise their families, get to work, and school. With the condition of many of the sidewalks individuals who are blind are often very isolated in the winter months because it is not safe for them to go out, or they need to pay extra to get around because they are not able to access the bus system that they rely on. This is something that affects their ability to live the lives that they want.

Utilizing different methods and priorities I believe that the City of Winnipeg could strive to create an accessible and inclusive city that puts the sidewalk clearing at more of a priority than it currently is.

CNIB is committed to continue to educate and advocate to remove the barriers for the individuals who are blind and partially sighted in Winnipeg. We would welcome a meeting to discuss ways that this could be achieved.

Sincerely,



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