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Cynthia Beach
Commissioner, Sustainability & Growth Group
City of Kingston
216 Ontario Street
Kingston, ON K7L 2Z3

Dear Ms. Beach,

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the City of Kingston's 2012 Accessibility Plan to the Accessibility Directorate. We are pleased to see that your organization continues to identify and remove barriers to accessibility.

We will keep this plan on file as a source of good practices. We appreciate your continued efforts in improving accessibility in Ontario.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Cooney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Darren Cooney
Manager
Public Education and Partnerships Unit
Accessibility Directorate of Ontario

To: James Thompson, Committee Clerk, MAAC

Dear Mr. Thompson,

As you probably know, our mayor has advised me to contact you to request an update on the status of my inquiry re the safety hazards being experienced by me and other residents in Pine Hill. At this time of year, snow is covering the dangers but I hope that, by spring, action will be approved to eliminate or ameliorate these steep curbs on one side of the street?

If you need further information or wish to discuss this, please let me know. I would be happy to help in any way that I can. And I hope that you will too. The mayor already stated, in his inaugural address last year, that "By working together, respecting each other and listening to our residents, I know we will continue to protect our great quality of life while making Kingston an even better place to live." Our residents on Millwood Drive are speaking out and telling the City that the curb on one side of our street impedes our accessibility to the street and we should not have to drive a car to visit a neighbour next door. I know that our quality of life could be improved significantly with the help of City Council.

I will keep other members of Pine Hill informed of our progress and I thank you for any and all help you can provide.

Sincerely,

Jackie Stalker