

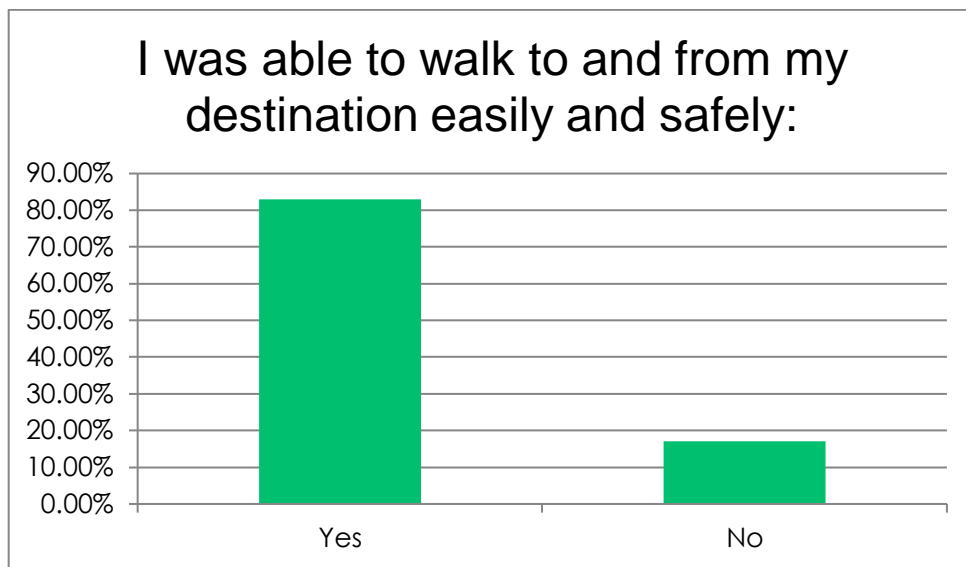


2021 Snow Mole Campaign – January 1 to March 31

Survey Responses and Bi-Weekly Report 2: January 15th – January 28th

Current Number of Submitted Snow Mole Audits: 124 digital.

Number of Snow Mole Audits included in this report: 85 digital.



DEMOGRAPHICS OF RESPONDENTS:

- 95% of respondents completed the audit in English.
- 72% of respondents were walking alone, 28% of respondents were not alone.
- 40% of respondents specified “yesterday” as being the timing of the most recent winter weather event, followed by 25% for “2 days ago”, 14% for “more than 2 days ago” and 12% for “now”.
- 47% of respondents are between the ages of 65-74, 20% are between 45-64, 18% are over the age of 75, 11% are between 21-44.
- 74% of respondents are female and 26% are male.
- 5% of respondents completed their walk with children and using a stroller.
- 1% of respondents used a mobility aid, 38% of respondents used ice grips on their boots and 19% of respondents used walking poles.

TYPE OF WALKWAY:

- 90% of respondents walked on sidewalks.
- 39% of respondents walked on a pathway.
- 68% of respondents walked on a street or road, if walking on a street or road it was because:
 - 62% of respondents stated there is no sidewalk or pedestrian path.
 - 24% of respondents stated there is too much snow/ice on the sidewalk.
 - 32% of respondents stated it has been plowed and is safer to walk on.
 - 35% of respondents stated there is more space for social distancing.

CROSSWALK/INTERSECTIONS:

- 80% of respondents stated they used a crosswalk/intersection to cross the road:
 - 37% were NOT able to reach the pedestrian walk button easily.
 - 11% stated they did NOT have enough time to cross the street safely.
 - 30% stated the curb and street were NOT clear enough to cross safely.

WALKWAY CONDITIONS:

- 42% of respondents stated their path was NOT clear of snow/ice to bare pavement.
- 25% of respondents stated their path had NOT been plowed.
- 39% of respondents stated there was too much snow/ice to walk safely.

LRT/BUS STOPS:

- 69% of respondents stated there was an LRT/bus stop on their route:
 - 29% of respondents stated there was snow/ice blocking the LRT/bus stop.
 - 23% of respondents stated the bus would NOT be able to lower a ramp for people with mobility aid.
 - 67% of respondents stated the bench seating at the LRT/bus stop was NOT clear of snow/ice.

BENCH SEATING:

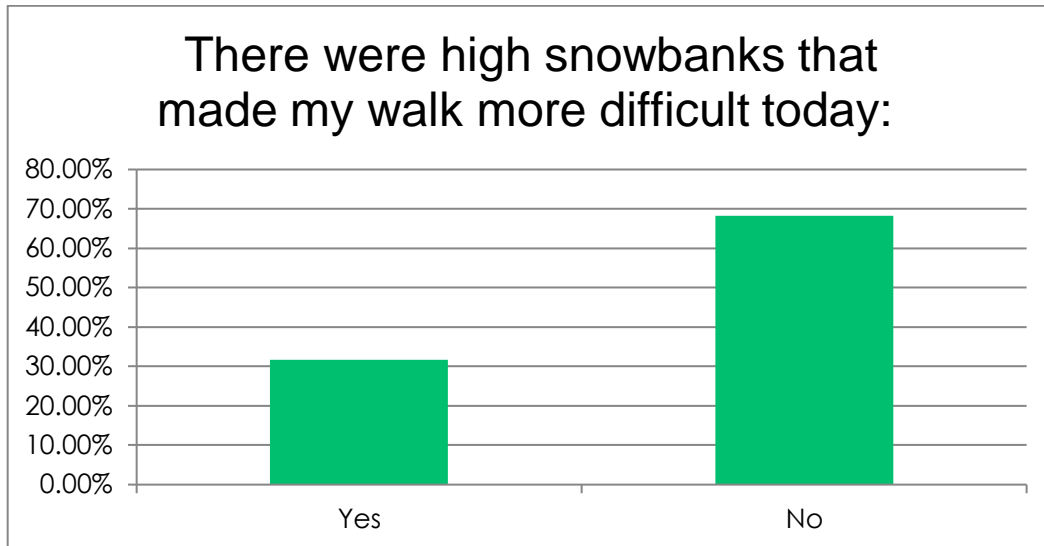
- 47% of respondents stated there was NO available bench seating to rest.
- 60% of respondents stated their bench seating was NOT clear of snow/ice.

FALLS:

- 64% of respondents stated the fear of falling keeps from going out to walk.
- 1% of respondents fell during their Snow Mole Audit.
 - No respondents went to the emergency room.
 - Reason for fall was listed as: *"I turned my ankle on the sidewalk from entrance to Sandwell Green heading toward Casgrain Cr"*.

NOTES:

- Not every respondent answered every question.
- All French data has been included in this report.
- One respondent did not report their location.



REPORTED LOCATIONS (84 reported locations):

- **Cumberland** (Total: 8)
 - Avalon (1)
 - Fallingbrook (1)
 - Notting Hill (6)
- **Gloucester** (Total: 12)
 - Beacon Hill North (1)
 - Covent Glen (1)
 - Hiawatha Park (2)
 - Orléans (5)
 - Orléans Village – Chateauneuf (3)
- **Kanata** (Total: 8)
 - Beaverbrook (4)
 - Bridlewood (3)
 - Glen Cairn (1)
- **Nepean** (Total: 2)
 - Fisher Heights (2)
- **Ottawa Centre** (Total: 25)
 - Centretown (8)
 - Glebe (3)
 - Old Ottawa East (2)

- Old Ottawa South (11)
- Sandy Hill (1)
- **Ottawa East** (Total: 7)
 - Carson Grove (1)
 - Manor Park (4)
 - New Edinburgh (1)
 - Overbrook (1)
- **Ottawa South** (Total: 9)
 - Alta Vista (1)
 - Greenboro (3)
 - Hunt Club East (1)
 - Riverside South (1)
 - South Keys (3)
- **Ottawa West** (Total: 10)
 - Crystal Beach (1)
 - Hazeldean (1)
 - Hintonburg (3)
 - Mechanicsville (1)
 - Westboro (4)
- **West Carleton** (Total: 3)
 - Carp (1)
 - Kinburn (2)

VISUAL REPRESENTATION:



* Pins show the main intersection of the route walked*

Images:



Image 1: uncleared residential street (January 16 at 8:00 AM, Spadina Avenue in Hintonburg).

Image 2: uncleared intersection (January 17 at 3:10 PM, intersection of Jeanne D'Arc Boulevard and Des Épinettes Avenue in Orléans).

Image 3: unsalted/sanded icy pathway (January 20 at 12:00 PM, path to Hurdman Station).

Image 4: uncleared bench on pathway (January 19 at 2:30 PM, Pike Street in Greenboro).

Image 5: uncleared pathways (January 18 at 10:00 AM, Varennes Park in Orléans).

Image 6: uncleared intersection (January 27, intersection of Jeanne D'Arc Boulevard and Borland Drive in Orléans, time not specified).

Image 7: uncleared sidewalk (January 27 at 4:00 PM, Ossington Avenue in Old Ottawa South).

Image 8: uncleared bus stop bench (January 26, bus stop on Campeau Drive in Beaverbrook, time not specified).

Comment(s):

Date of Walk and Time	Most Recent Weather Event	Age	Roads Travelled/Community	Comments
January 15 at 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Yesterday	75+	Sunnyside Ave, Belmont Ave, Bristol Ave, and Brighton Ave in Old Ottawa South	<i>“Clearing snow from sidewalks is not enough. Corners need clearing so people can cross the street safely. Salt or grit are needed on sidewalks. The part of Old Ottawa South that is east of Riverdale receives poor service”.</i>
January 16 at 2:00 PM	Earlier today	65-74	Wellington Street W in Hintonburg	<i>“My main concern is that it is impossible to pass people on the sidewalk AND stay 6 feet away. The sidewalks on all of the side streets are narrower than that. We need well cleared, salt and sand walkways developed in the roadways, so people can exercise safely. As it is now- do I risk not socially distancing and stay on the sidewalk OR do I risk getting hit by a car”.</i>
January 19 at 8:30 AM	2 days ago	65-74	La Vérendrye Dr, Rebecca Cres, Kaymar Dr, and Meldrum Ave in Beacon Hill North	<i>“I walk with ski poles to enhance my safety in the winter. I also use Trax or other devices on the soles of my boots when the streets are icy. I am aware that a fall can result in serious injury and a decline in well-being”.</i>
January 19 at 10:00 PM	More than 2 days ago	45-64	Jeanne D’Arc Blvd South and Belcourt Blvd in Orléans Village – Châteauneuf	<i>“The city has removed more snow along the sidewalks to allow for social distancing. But this has made the snow banks taller I’m concerned that people who go out on the roadway to avoid oncoming pedestrians will not be seen by motorists. I realize there is not much the city can do given the situation as there are so many resources”.</i>
January 22 at 7:30 AM	Yesterday	65-74	Catherine Street and MetCalfe Street in Centretown	<i>“Some patches of ice; have to walk around the ice so as not to slip. Concern about lack of snow removal around bus stop seating and entry into shelters; walkways and crosswalks are somewhat icy”.</i>
January 25 at 10:45 AM	2 days ago	21-44	Jerome Jodoin Dr, Will Waster Cir, and Monardia Way in Orléans	<i>“Dog prefers the road. The road is not ploughed to the pavement. Snow is packed from traffic and in some places, it is down to pavement, making for a rocky route. The snow is mushy in places making it treacherous to walk on”.</i>

January 25 at 2:30 PM	More than 2 days ago	45-64	Portobello Blvd, Markwick Crescent, Nantes Street, Swallowtail Crescent in Notting Hill	<i>“Residential streets with no sidewalks, uneven plowing, with deep ice ruts and uneven surfaces. Difficult and dangerous to walk on in some areas”.</i>
January 25 at 4:00 PM	Now	1-12	Bank Street, Ossington Avenue, Wendover Avenue, and Grosvenor Avenue in Old Ottawa South	<i>“I am 12 and young and able bodied. Snowbanks more than waist high. Slush could have a potential risk of forming into ice and causing people to slip when the sidewalks slope down”.</i>
January 27 at 4:30 AM – 5:00 AM	Yesterday	65-74	Varley Drive, Kanata Ave, Beaverbrook Rd, and Weeping Willow Lane in Kanata	<i>“Fell last March when sidewalks were extremely icy. Fell early this winter in a big hole in sidewalk on Varley Drive, but City filled it right away”.</i>
January 27 at 11:00 AM	Yesterday	65-74	Cahill Dr, Southgate Rd, Fernwood Dr, and Pebble Rd in South Keys	<i>“When we had to move off the sidewalk or pathway to allow another person to pass because it was too narrow, we were forced to walk into deeper snow on the sides of the sidewalk and path”.</i>

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