



## Walkerton & District Optimist Club

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To the Municipality of Brockton

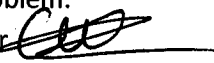
Re: Optimist Accessibility Park

In 2019, our club along with Walkerton council, agreed on building a wheelchair accessible park beside the Walkerton arena. During the construction phase, it was brought to the attention of the director of Community services that the grade for the wheelchair/stroller sidewalk was not in compliance with accessibility guidelines. This was mentioned BEFORE it was paved. Unfortunately, it was paved. This walkway from the wheelchair parking spaces to the playground is not in compliance with Ontario Building Standards for sidewalk slopes. This has been confirmed by site meetings with the fundraising co-chairs, Recreation staff, as well as by subsequent inspection by the project consulting engineer.

We have contacted the current and past Directors of Community Service, the Brockton CAO, and the Brockton Community Development Coordinator to get this rectified. We are disappointed as this continues to be an issue. The walkway is still not repaired or in compliance. Brockton committed to accessibility in 2004 and is required to plan and implement accessibility initiatives. The Walkerton and District Optimist club strived to help meet your commitments to build an accessible community. We fund raised and met our financial obligations, years before the payments were required, and we still do not have a park you can say is accessible. Brockton states on their website "Accessibility is an important part of everything the municipality does". Yet, a year later, this problem still exists.

To resolve this issue, we would appreciate your diligence in having the current sidewalk removed and replaced with the properly graded and paved path that was in the site plan, and in accordance with safety and accessible guidelines.

We look forward to your response and a resolution this problem.

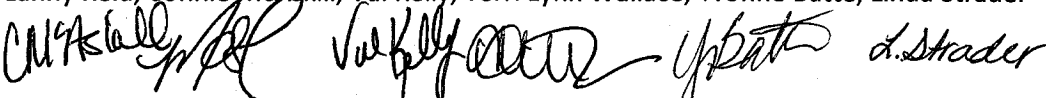

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