

October 28, 2020

Walkerton & District Optimist Club P.O. Box 695 Walkerton, Ontario NOG 2V0

Attention: Connie Weber, President and Club Members

## **RE: Concerns about Sidewalk Accessibility at Optimist Park**

I wish to start off my thanking all members of the Walkerton and District Optimist Club for their commitment to the community. The Municipality of Brockton Council considered your letter at the October 27<sup>th</sup>, Council Meeting. Thank you for voicing your concerns regarding the accessibility of the sidewalks at the Optimist Park. The Council of the Municipality of Brockton has allocated significant funds to the road work associated with this project. The Municipality has also supported the development and promotion of the fundraising program and staff submitted various grant applications for project improvements. As you are aware Council also approved a ten year loan to support this project moving forward. We understand the concern regarding the walkway from the wheelchair parking spaces to the playground and sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and the delays in rectifying the sidewalk concerns. COVID has not helped the timeline associated with rectifying these concerns. Staff were in regular contact with the construction company, their schedule was beyond staff's control and monies were held to ensure this deficiency was rectified. It is my pleasure to inform you that the work was completed October 20th, 2020.



The Walkerton and District Optimist Club showed tremendous dedication for this park and to the Brockton area through the various fundraising events that occurred including the sign painting, dinners, holiday house tours and all the time spend fundraising with the local businesses. We sincerely thank you for your efforts and bringing such a worthy project to fruition that is a focal point when entering Walkerton.

The Municipality of Brockton Council, residents and staff truly appreciate your support in this endeavor and look forward to working with you on the next phase of this project.

Yours truly,

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer

Municipality of Brockton