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Viewpoints

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Snow clearing needed

Editor:

I use an electric mobility device for my travels/business about town but this winter has been tough and I have been trapped in my place for an average of four days a week due to poor snow removal in my area this winter.

I am aware of Prince George's efforts concerning physical fitness and our committees on "falls prevention" for both pedestrians and seniors and wonder why this continues? In the heart of our downtown, it takes about a week for any equipment to clean the area (both vehicular and pedestrian areas). In the residential sections (like in the Millar Addition and 20th Avenue) it takes a long time and the job is sub-standard.

The seat on my new mobility scooter is broken and must be replaced (at my cost) due to this snow. A week after the first big snow, I was heading to work and got stuck getting on a sidewalk by 15th and Victoria. A good citizen of Prince George came up behind me and gave me a shove from behind. The

force needed was way more than the seat could stand and the back of the seat snapped.

Mobility equipment has a long way to go before being as tough as needed for this environment up here but walking is tough also. I have had discussions with many of my acquaintances

and snow removal was the main topic. Has the city given up on trying to encourage citizens to get out of their vehicles and walk for their health? It is impossible to move in many of areas without conventional vehicles.

Could I ask every reader of

this who walks to call the falls prevention hotline? The number is 250-561-7600.

Please flood it with calls that ask for the walk areas to be cleared and repaired. Thank you.

Ken Biron
Prince George

New regs are wrong

Editor:

WorkSafe BC's new regulation to pay before you pump, 24 hours a day everywhere in B.C., is dumb and dangerous. It doesn't matter if you are paying by cash, debit or credit card. It doesn't matter if the gas station is pay at the pumps, self-serve, or full serve. We must all obey this new regulation to protect the store clerks from disobeying the present WorkSafe BC regulation about not putting themselves in harm's way by trying to stop the moving car of a gas thief.

This regulation will protect oil companies from losses due to theft, by eliminating gas and dash thefts. It will also increase the armed robberies, assaults and possible murders of the clerks they are trying to protect. Why? Because the desperate junkie, car thief, gas thief will have to rob the store and either tie up or knock out the clerk so he or she will have time to pump the stolen gas.

So who is this regulation really supposed to protect? The oil companies or the store clerks?

Rick Berry
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WHEN THE JAM IS GROWIN'
... AND THE RIVER'S OVERFLOWIN'

WHO YA GONNA CALL?



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