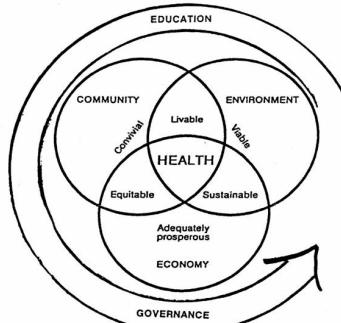


Municipal Pedestrian Charter

Walking is a basic human need, a method of active transportation, and a beneficial way to be physically active and improve health. Walking is an enjoyable and invigorating way to relax and an opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

A pedestrian is a person moving from place to place either by foot or by using an assistive mobility device. Pedestrians include residents and visitors to the city of all ages and abilities. In order to travel safely, conveniently, directly, and comfortably, pedestrians require an environment and infrastructure designed to meet their travel needs.



Hancock, T., Labonté, R., & Edwards, R. (2000).

The Municipal Pedestrian Charter plays a vital role in improving the overall physical and mental health of the people in the community as well as improving the health of the environment by:

- ❖ Promoting walking for travel, recreational, and exercise purposes.
- ❖ Improving the safety, and accessibility of walking locations within the municipality.
- ❖ Reducing vehicle use, and promote environmentally friendly means of transportation within the municipality.

To ensure walking is a safe, comfortable, and convenient mode of travel, the following guiding principles must be respected:

Accessibility

Walking is a free and direct means of accessing local goods, services, community amenities and public transit.

Equity

Walking is the only mode of travel that is universally affordable, and allows children, youth, adults, older adults and people with specific medical conditions to travel independently.

Health and Well-being

Walking is a proven method of promoting personal health and well-being.

Environmental Sustainability

Walking has negligible environmental impact.

Personal and Community Safety

An environment, in which people feel safe and comfortable walking, increases community safety for all.

Community Cohesion and Vitality

A pedestrian-friendly environment encourages and facilitates social interaction and local economic vitality.

Working with citizens, community groups and agencies, businesses, and all levels of government, the Municipal Pedestrian Charter encourages the creation of walker friendly environments by:

Accessibility

- ✓ Upholding the right of pedestrian of all ages and abilities to safe, convenient, direct, and comfortable walking conditions;
- ✓ Ensuring that residents access to basic community amenities and services does not depend on car ownership or public transit use;

Equity

- ✓ Supporting and encouraging the planning, design, and development of walking environments in public and private spaces (both interior and exterior);
- ✓ Setting policies that reduce conflict between pedestrians and other users of the public right-of-way;

Health and Well-being

- ✓ Encouraging research and education on the social, economic, environmental, and health benefits of walking as a form of travel, recreation, and exercise;
- ✓ Creating and maintaining an outdoor environment that promotes shade and protection from ultraviolet radiation (UVR) exposure;



Environmental Sustainability

- ✓ Providing and maintaining infrastructure that gives pedestrians safe and convenient passage while walking along and crossing streets;

Personal and Community Safety

- ✓ Promoting laws and regulations that respect pedestrians' particular needs;
- ✓ Providing a walking environment within the public right-of-way and in parks that encourages people to walk for travel, exercise and recreation;

Community Cohesion and Vitality

- ✓ Creating walkable communities by giving high priority to mixed land use;
- ✓ Advocating for improving the provincial and federal regulatory and funding frameworks that affect the City of Greater Sudbury's ability to improve the pedestrian environment.

