Welcome to Clarksburg’s Streetscape
average hole: 7/8 to 1.5 inch deep

10 feet

56 feet

66 feet

2 inches deep

10 feet
What we want.
Thank you.
New sidewalks in Clarksburg!

We need your help!

Help us improve our artistic community of Clarksburg, Ontario by supporting the initiative of improving the safety and beauty of our sidewalks.

We live in the art mecca of South Georgian Bay and our sidewalks need to reflect this! Please sign our petition so that we can get our sidewalks fixed so our town of Artsburg can flourish! Every signature counts!

Please help us by signing our petition and attending the Town of Blue Mountains Council Meeting on September 30th to show your support!

Thank you kindly for your support and helping rural community improvement plans!

Clarksburg Village Association.
September 23rd, 2019

Dear Town of Blue Mountains Council,


Reasons for this request, being an artistic community, we have prepared a visual presentation to express what words often cannot.

And for those who prefer numbers, here they are:

1- Clarksburg sidewalks are over 30 years old
2- Clarksburg Medical Group, Canada Post, and Marsh Street Centre combined welcome over 10,000 visitors per year. This figure does not include Clarksburg community events or the many businesses traffic count.
3- Out of approximately 11,000 feet of sidewalk, only approximately 30 feet of it would not be in contravention with the Minimum Maintenance Standards outlined by the Ministry under the Municipal Act.
4- Minimum Maintenance Standards outlined by the Ministry under the Municipal Act:
   a. Sidewalk surface discontinuities
      i. 16.1 (1) The standard for the frequency of inspecting sidewalks to check for surface discontinuity is once per calendar year, with each inspection taking place not more than 16 months from the previous inspection. O. Reg. 23/10, s. 10; O. Reg. 47/13, s. 16 (1); O. Reg. 366/18, s. 13.
      ii. A sidewalk that has been inspected in accordance with subsection (1) is deemed to be in a state of repair with respect to any surface discontinuity until the next inspection in accordance with that subsection, provided that the municipality does not acquire actual knowledge of the presence of a surface discontinuity in excess of two centimetres. O. Reg. 47/13, s. 16 (2).
      iii. (2) If a surface discontinuity on or within a sidewalk exceeds two centimetres, the standard is to treat the surface discontinuity within 14 days after acquiring actual knowledge of the fact. O. Reg. 47/13, s. 16 (2).
      iv. (2.1) REVOKED: O. Reg. 366/18, s. 14.
      v. (3) A surface discontinuity on or within a sidewalk is deemed to be in a state of repair if it is less than or equal to two centimetres. O. Reg. 366/18, s. 14.
vi. (4) For the purpose of subsection (2), treating a surface discontinuity on or within a sidewalk means taking reasonable measures to protect users of the sidewalk from the discontinuity, including making permanent or temporary repairs, alerting users’ attention to the discontinuity or preventing access to the area of discontinuity. O. Reg. 366/18, s.(5) In this section, “surface discontinuity” means a vertical discontinuity creating a step formation at any joint or crack in the surface of the sidewalk or any vertical height difference between a utility appurtenance found on or within the sidewalk and the surface of the sidewalk. O. Reg. 366/18, s. 14

5- Most problematic areas are 3 inches by 2 inches in width and length with most being 7/8 to 1.5 inch deep. According to MMS we are above the minimum standard averaging 2.23cm – 3.81cm of surface discontinuity

6- According to the Master Municipal Construction Documents (MMCD 2000), covers and grates are supposed to be flush with the surrounding area and be slip resistant. In slide number 13, there is an approximate 2 inch vertical difference surrounding the cover.

7- Emergency room data shows that regardless of age Grey Bruce residents have a 72% higher rate of falling compared to the Ontario average, with fall rates among 15 to 24 year olds 124% higher. Hazards such as uneven or deteriorating sidewalks contribute to these high rates of falls.

8- 6 near falls occurred during the photoshoot, only 1 full fall to the ground. No shoes were hurt during the making of this presentation.

The current state of our sidewalks in Clarksburg pose safety, liability, credibility, economic development and sustainability concerns. The current state of our municipal infrastructure is not conducive to the success and potential of our vibrant community. We would like this new Council to consider replacing our aging, cracking and crumbling, disintegrating sidewalks.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sarah Filion

Clarksburg Village Association
The Town of Blue Mountains

ATTN: The Mayor and Council

September 23, 2019

To Whom it May Concern,

It has been a joy and privilege to be the owner of Tiger Lily Movement Studio in Clarksburg for the past year. In this time we have built a community of dancers and “movers” from young to old. My clients range in age from 1 year olds (with Mom/Dad, Grandma/Grandpa) to seniors, up to 83 years of age, who are looking to stay fit and healthy.

The sidewalks and pathways in the main area of Clarksburg are a concern for many of the bodies that come to me for care.

We are grateful to the Clarksburg Village Association for their initiative, and hope that repairs/replacements are completed so that there is ease of access to my facility, and the many enriching options Clarksburg has to offer!

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Lauren O’Neill White
www.tigerlilymovement.ca
705 351-8567
The Town of the Blue Mountains

Attn: The Mayor and Council

September 20, 2019

As a current tenant of [Redacted] Marsh St please accept this letter as support for the Clarksburg Village Association and their motion to renovate/replace the sidewalks of Marsh St, Clarksburg.

The Clarksburg Marsh St business corridor is an important hub for cultural activity in the Town of the Blue Mountains and draws residents and visitors from across Georgian Bay, the GGTA and beyond.

The appearance, usability and safety of the sidewalks in Clarksburg are critical to presenting an attractive and safe environment which is conducive to the success of all the business owners, tenants and employees in Clarksburg.

I urge Council to consider favourably the plans set forth by the Clarksburg Village Association which I believe will benefit the village and the town as a whole.

Thank you for your efforts on this matter, and we do hope that the Town of the Blue Mountains addresses the sidewalks in Clarksburg in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]
Partner
The Town of Blue Mountains
ATTN: The Mayor and Council

September 20, 2019

As owner of Curio, I am writing in support of the Clarksburg Village Association and their efforts towards getting new sidewalks for Clarksburg.

As both a business owner and resident in Clarksburg, it is my wish to see the new council of the Town of Blue Mountains pay more attention to Clarksburg. I walk through town every Wednesday and Thursday with my young grand-children. Maneuvering around the bumps and holes in our sidewalks takes away from the simple joys of enjoying my time with them. I cannot count how many times I have fallen myself.

Clarksburg is a vibrant community at heart; aesthetically-the Clarksburg Village Association has done much work trying to improve and beautify our village, now it is time for the Town of Blue Mountains to step in and help this volunteer organization and the community it serves.

We urge you to finally consider updating our sidewalks for the safety and overall aesthetic of our artistic community.

Regards,
Sue Tupy

185 Marsh Street, Clarksburg, On N0H 1J0
The Town of the Blue Mountains
Attn. The Mayor and Council

September 20, 2019

Dear People;
I am writing to support the Clarksburg Village Association and their motion to have the sidewalks in Clarksburg replaced/repaired.

As active representative of the company HULAN, which owns the building at [redacted] Marsh St. in Clarksburg, it is always my concern that patrons of the art galleries in our building can navigate the approaches to the building. We have seen all ages of people coming to the galleries, and as an older person myself I am very aware as to where I must put my feet to travel safely by foot in Clarksburg.

Also, disrepair of sidewalks is discouraging to those who wish to visit the galleries. We have just completed significant repairs and improvements to our building, and improved and repaired sidewalks would be a very welcome addition to the beautification of Clarksburg.

Clarksburg is becoming a very important attraction to tourists in the Town, and well deserves this proposed attention.

Thank you,

Eleanor Anderson
For: HULAN
[redacted]
[redacted] Marsh Street, Clarksburg, On
As a resident and business family over the past 48 years we have experienced the gradual deterioration of our Clarksburg sidewalk. The east sidewalk is particularly unsightly and poorly designed via several areas and the west side has a few areas of concern. Vital jobs over the past years have been approved. For the beautification of our Village and safety of our residents and visitors alike, new concrete sidewalks should be an asset - if our Town of The Blue Mountains Budget could make it happen.

Respectfully,

Patricia Hindle and James Hindle
September 20, 2019

Town of the Blue Mountains:

I have owned and operated The Honey House, downtown Clarksburg for over 20 years. I support the initiative of improving the safety and aesthetics of our village by replacing our sidewalks.

Sincerely,

Keri Lockhart
Beaver Valley Gold Honey House
Clarksburg, ON
Sept. 23, 2019

We are writing to support the Clarksburg Village Association and their motion to replace/renovate the sidewalks of Clarksburg.

The Clarksburg Medical Group has 3000+ patients, many of whom are elderly and/or frail and use assistive devices such as walkers, canes and wheelchairs.

The usability of the sidewalks is paramount to ensuring our patients’ safety. Replacement of the Clarksburg sidewalks would reduce the probability of any casualties greatly.

We thank you for your efforts and we urge the Town of Blue Mountains to address the Clarksburg sidewalk replacement in a timely manner.

Respectfully,

[Redacted]

Dr. K Euler, M.D.

[Redacted]

Dr. A Allan, M.D.
183 Marsh Street
Clarksburg, ON
N0H1J0

The Town of Blue Mountains
ATTN: The Mayor and Council

Sept. 22 2019

To whom it may concern:

As owner of Hound and Huron, I am writing in support of the Clarksburg Village Association and their efforts towards getting new sidewalks in Clarksburg, ON.

The current sidewalks are in a dire state and pose a safety concern to our community. I also wonder about liability concerns with individuals/customers walking in and out of my shop and am always cautioning them to watch their step due to the rubble, cracks and divots in the street.

We urge you to finally consider updating our sidewalks for the safety and overall aesthetic of our artistic community, it's absolutely imperative.

Kind regards,

Trish Montile, Business Owner
Sept. 23, 2019

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Thank you for efforts and I urge the Town of Blue Mountains to address the Clarksburg sidewalk replacement in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Dr. K. McKee M.D.
The Town of Blue Mountains
ATTN: The Mayor and Council

Sept 13, 2019

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Marsh Street Centre I am writing in support of the Clarksburg Village Association and their motion to renovate/replace the sidewalks of Clarksburg.

The Marsh Street Community Centre is a hub of cultural activity in the Town of the Blue Mountains and draws visitors from across Southern Georgian Bay.

The appearance and usability of the sidewalks in Clarksburg are critical to presenting an attractive and safe environment which is conducive to the success of the Marsh Street Centre and Clarksburg businesses.

I urge Council to consider favorably the plans set forth by the Clarksburg Village Association which I believe will benefit the village and the Town as a whole.

Thank you for your efforts on this matter, and we do hope that the Town of Blue Mountains addresses the sidewalks in Clarksburg in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Steve Gorton, President
September 20, 2019

To: Mayor Alar Soever, Deputy Mayor Odette Bartnicki, Councillors Andrea Matrosov, Robert Sampson, Rob Potter, Peter Bordignon, Jim Uran

Re: Clarksburg Village Association Deputation for Sidewalk Upgrade

In our nine years owning and operating our business in the village of Clarksburg we have been dismayed by the previous Town Council’s lack of duty to basic needs for a business district: Safe Sidewalks and Roads and Safe Driving Speeds.

It is our hope that the new Town Council will see that both these things needed to be addressed years ago and will put the time, effort and money into getting them taken care of now. Prior to writing this letter and signing the petition, I have personally spoken with town infrastructure staff about the need to have these sidewalks made safer.

Right now, we need a safe, attractive village in order to have our business thrive. It is difficult to view our village as a shopping district if you are in danger of spraining your ankle, or worse, on our deteriorated, hazardous sidewalks. It is horrifying to watch the constant stream of vehicles dangerously speeding through the village. It seems the OPP are not aware of how bad it is and they must be made aware that the speed limit has to be greatly reduced.

In short, the Clarksburg business district needs full attention paid to remedying the dangers within it so we can meet our true potential as a business district. We hope to have our concerns not only heard but addressed in the very near future.

Sincerely,

[Name redacted]

Dan Field & Susan Armer Field
Danfield Antiques and Art
207 Marsh Street, Clarksburg
danfield@rogers.com
705-888-0242
The Town of Blue Mountains

ATTN: The Mayor and Council

September 20, 2019

Hi,

I, as a member of the Marsh Street Gallery group, wish to support and emphasize the importance of having the sidewalks repaired in Clarksburg as there is a security issue that the town of the Blue Mountains should be aware of and pay attention to.

Broken sidewalks represent a hazard to all those who come to Clarksburg whether they be the local citizens or visitors to the community, children living in the community or from outside the immediate area.

Clarksburg is very much a part of the Town of the Blue Mountains as much as Thornbury, Craigleith or the Village at Blue and deserves the necessary attention to deal with this issue.

Sincerely,

Paulette West
September 20, 2019

Dear all,

In regard to the sidewalk renewal initiative here in Clarksburg, I whole heartedly welcome it and only ask ‘why did it take so long?’

My business, 'The Kilby Gallery' is dependent on visitors and shoppers coming to the town and walking up and down the sidewalks, looking in the doors and windows of our shops along the way and possibly considering a purchase.

Over the four years I have been in business here, I have too often looked upon the deteriorating state of this vital public walkway in its undeniable sad state of neglect and wonder how negatively this affects the overall aura of the place and therefore the commerce potential. Clearly it cannot be helpful for the few merchant businesses here struggling to present a pleasant, safe and inviting atmosphere to the place.

Imagine for a minute, Clarksburg with not only shiny new sidewalks, but sidewalks that are widened a foot or two, creating a place for people to sit, move about comfortably, incorporate planter boxes etc. resulting in a truly pedestrian friendly environment. The extra space would be removed from the existing road, which is unnaturally wide in its present configuration, due to the reworking of what used to be angled parking to its present parallel parking. Narrowing this roadway slightly would have an undeniable traffic calming result in the village, which in its present state is also a big safety and livability concern, as anyone who has spent anytime in this village will attest to.

I look forward to actively participating in the renewal and revitalization of this much loved jewel of a village, Clarksburg!

regards,

Don Kilby
Town of Blue Mountains
Attn: Mayor and Council

September 18, 2019

To whom it may concern:

As owner of 2 properties in Clarksburg, we are writing in support of the Clarksburg Village Association and their motion to have the sidewalks in Clarksburg replaced/repaired.

The village of Clarksburg often gets overlooked when it comes to projects like this. Thornbury seems to get all the attention. It is time Clarksburg gets looked after.

The current state of the sidewalks is not satisfactory. Sidewalks might not seem like a big deal, but they are. So many people walk around Clarksburg, using the sidewalks considerably, as there is limited parking on the main street.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Squire John’s
The Town of the Blue Mountains  
Attn: The Mayor and Council

20 September 2019

Re: Clarksburg Sidewalks

As the property owner of Marsh St. in Clarksburg I am writing in support of the Clarksburg Village Association and their motion to have the sidewalks in Clarksburg repaired and or replaced.

Pedestrian traffic is essential to the businesses in my building as well as to the success of Clarksburg as a whole. The goal is to encourage visitors, especially new ones, to walk up and down Marsh St. visiting the various businesses. The more they take their time and stroll the street the more successful the businesses will be. Visitors will not do that, however, if the sidewalks do not encourage it. If they are elderly or have accessibility issues, or have children and strollers, they will be discouraged by the current conditions. If they sense that the village is not kept up and is neglected, they will be discouraged from walking and visiting the businesses.

Please make this issue a priority.

Thank you,

Alexander Pestrak
September 23, 2019

The Town of Blue Mountains

Attention: The Mayor and Council

Dear Sirs,

As a owner of [Redacted] and [Redacted] Marsh Street, I have put in a lot of effort in my store front buildings to make them presentable for our small town of Clarksburg. It is sad to see that the town has put little effort into Clarksburg, themselves, in the last 20 years.

Our sidewalks are breaking up, especially crossing George Street. It looks like a ruble road. They have been patching them with little bits of cement here and there, which breaks up after one winter. There are many cracks and broken pieces, which makes it hard for people to walk thru town without tripping.

Since the water and sewer is pretty well out of reach or unaffordable for anyone in Clarksburg, it would be appreciated if after 20 years the town would pay some attention to the downtown core. Owners put in a lot of effort into their buildings and it would be nice if the town could do the same. Providing new sidewalks are required so that it doesn't become a stumbling block for shoppers, ultimately causing a health and safety issue.

Yours very truly,

[Redacted]

Marcel Rutte
The Town of Blue Mountains
ATTN: The Mayor and Council

September 20, 2019

To Whom It May Concern
As a proud property owner in the village of Clarksburg, I am writing in support of the Clarksburg Village Association and their motion to have the sidewalks in Clarksburg replaced/repaired.

The disrepair of our sidewalks is a health and safety concern, which also impedes on the economic growth of our quaint village. The village of Clarksburg has so much to offer to the area but we continue struggle with basic infrastructure. The sidewalks are a hazard on a good day to those without any mobility issues.

We have a wonderful community that is widely used by all ages but in particular we are host to many events for the elderly and I continue to see those that use walkers and canes struggle to maneuver the sidewalks safely. We would love to grow and continue to bring amazing events and services to everyone but this is an issue that needs to be amended.

I strongly urge you to replace the sidewalks taking into consideration those with mobility issues for the good of the greater community.

Regards,
Abby and Scott Whitton

Property Owners

Marsh Street, Clarksburg.
Please distribute to Council members

I'm sending you this email with reference to possibility of Clarksburg getting new sidewalks. For the past 10 years my business partner and I have operated Clarksburg Antiques. During that time we have watched the sidewalks crumble and deteriorate. Despite constant sweeping of the sidewalk we still have to clean up the mess tracked in by customers at the end of the day. We totally support the prospect of having new sidewalks.

Penny Jones & Dorothée Potter
Clarksburg Antiques
Marsh St.