



# Library Lane Covered Walkway

# Discussion

- Review the current condition of the covered walkway, identifying aspects that may require repair
- Discuss accessibility issues
- Highlight the public safety issues related to the limited sightlines through the walkway, as noted by the OPP.

# Accessibility Concerns

- The walkway leading to and from 1 Library Lane presents several barriers that impact pedestrian accessibility. These include uneven surfaces, inadequate signage, and limited space for individuals with mobility challenges.
- These issues create difficulties for people with disabilities, seniors, and others who may have difficulty navigating the area. As a result, this may deter visitors, customers, and employees from accessing the businesses located at 1 Library Lane or using the walkway safely to access the Public Library or businesses on Broadway.



# Public Safety Risks: Low Line of Sight

- A significant safety concern raised by the OPP is the poor line of sight through the walkway. This issue is particularly troubling as it can create a sense of vulnerability for pedestrians. Low visibility makes it difficult for people to see potential hazards or other individuals using the walkway, increasing the risk of accidents, criminal activity, or other safety incidents. The lack of clear sightlines also reduces the ability for law enforcement or emergency responders to quickly assess and address any safety concerns in the area.





# Condition of the Walkway and Repair Needs

- The current state of the walkway requires attention due to wear and tear from weather exposure and general use. Several areas may require significant repairs either in the immediate future or shortly thereafter. These issues include damaged or uneven flooring, rust or corrosion on structural supports, and deteriorating lighting that could further compromise both safety and accessibility. Addressing these issues promptly is essential to ensure the walkway remains functional and safe for all users. Larger scale capital investments to the overhead structure are likely needed in the near future.
- Current grading is causing flooding onto 1 Library Lane sidewalk; and front door.











# Goals of the Delegation:

- The delegation seeks to ensure awareness of these various issues in the hopes we can begin the process of reviewing opportunities to address the key goals:
- **Improving physical access:** Implementing necessary upgrades to level the walkway, install ramps where needed, or remove obstacles that impede pedestrian movement.
- **Enhancing safety:** Addressing the low line of sight, clearing any visual obstructions as per OPP report.
- **Repairing structural damage:** Ensuring that the walkway's infrastructure is maintained to prevent further deterioration and that the roofing and path are either repaired or replaced as soon as possible to ensure safe usage for the public.

Lighting (Page 5)

2. Is adequate exterior lighting installed and operational at every entry point?  Yes  No

Doors, Frames and Locks (Pages 8-12)

...ing and sleeping.  
The bricked posts provide  
hiding opportunities for  
potential situations and  
only seem to be a decorative  
piece. To gain more of  
a clear sightline whilst  
using the walkway, we suggest  
removing the brick on the end  
with, to match others, and

KS  
this would also prevent  
shadowed areas in the  
dark.

