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Oshawa citizens with disabilities are being kept out of the downtown core due to inaccessibility.

In the past, I have been told by city staff that portable ramps are not allowed in the downtown area because they are considered a "liability issue."

I do not understand this when I see other Ontario cities and towns using ramps to provide access to businesses and stores in their downtowns. Some of these include Kingston, Orillia, Toronto and Stratford.

I personally think that the new e scooters are more of a hazard.

If Oshawa wants to improve economically, all citizens need to be able to access the downtown and other areas.

I am asking you to please investigate this issue which is one of insurance liability. If other cities and towns can ramp their downtowns, and if the City is truly serious about improving accessibility, why can't we do this?

Sincerely,

Kathryn Bremner

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