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Dear Members of the Central Saanich Municipal Council,

I am writing to express my concern regarding an accessibility barrier at Knute Way, where a pole has been installed directly in the middle of a walking path. While I understand that such infrastructure may serve some functional purpose, its current placement significantly obstructs access for numerous members of our community.

The pole creates a physical and symbolic barrier for people who rely on wheelchairs, walkers, or other mobility aids, as well as caregivers pushing strollers. Its presence effectively restricts safe and independent passage, forcing individuals to find alternative, and often more dangerous, routes—if they are even able to pass at all.

This is not merely a matter of inconvenience. It reflects a broader issue regarding how infrastructure decisions are made and the extent to which accessibility and inclusion are genuinely prioritized. It is disappointing to see that, at a time when our city should be championing diversity, equity and inclusion, certain initiatives actively hinder those values—particularly for our most vulnerable residents.

I respectfully urge the municipal leadership to address this issue with urgency. Removing the pole would restore equitable access to the path and demonstrate a meaningful commitment to inclusivity. I also encourage you to consider involving accessibility advocates in future planning processes to ensure that all residents can navigate our shared spaces with dignity and independence.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and a timely resolution to this barrier.

Sincerely,
Heather McCue

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