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From: ()
Sent: March 1, 2009 11:04 AM
To: MayorandCouncil
Subject: The cobble-stones on the North Side of Marine Drive, near 24th Street

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to draw your attention to a public hazard in Dundarave: the uneven cobble-stones on the north side, between the deli and the terrace of the pub.

I have lived for 20 years without a balance system, since mine was destroyed by the antibiotic Gentamicin in 1988, and I had never fallen, thanks to great care and attention, after relearning to walk with no balance. Then, on February 14, on the sidewalk north of Marine Drive, while walking with a cane, as usual, I tripped on a protruding cobblestone and fell with great force against a parked car on the left, suffering a multiple displaced fracture to my left upper arm and shoulder. Later I observed that the sole of my right shoe, which had tripped on the cobblestone, was half ripped off. You can imagine the pain, the shock and anguish of an interrupted life; the long convalescence as the break, mended by surgery, heals; the discipline of becoming a confident walker again.

The owners of the small meat market near where I fell told my son that people often fall there. I suggest that it is your responsibility to ensure that this much used stretch of sidewalk is made level and safe for pedestrians.

Yours,

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