

2018 Sidewalk Program Public Input

Name: Helen Howell **Phone:** (519) 733-9601

Address: 26 Melbourne St

Concerns: The homeowner expressed concerns about encroachment on to landscaping. Shaun discussed these concerns with the homeowner and has agreed to an on-site meeting to further discuss them.

Response/Actions to be Taken: Call homeowner to set up appointment for on-site meeting.

Name: Lena Bacco **Phone:** (519) 564-7888

Address: 30 Melbourne St

Concerns: The homeowner expressed concerns about the steep grade where the sidewalk is being placed in front of her property. An on-site meeting with the Public Works Manager was requested to discuss this issue.

Response/Actions to be Taken: Call homeowner to set up appointment for on-site meeting.

Name: Tom Melton **Phone:** (519) 733-5480

Address: 37 Pulford St

Concerns: The homeowner expressed his desire that the sidewalk be built on the north side of the street because there are only four houses on the north side, as opposed to eight on the south side. He also asked whether the sidewalk would be against the curb. He was told that it is going against the curb, but he wanted verification, due to the short driveways on the south side.

Response/Actions to be Taken: The north side has sanitary and water lines, therefore it is best that the planned sidewalk construction remain on the south side. In addition, the sidewalk that is already built on Pulford St from Division St N to Watermill St is on the south side, so it is desirable that the new construction remain on the south side for continuity.

Name: Doug Plumb

Phone: (519) 733-4454

Address: 238 Queen St

Concerns: The homeowner expressed concerns regarding the consultation process and transparency of the project. He was disappointed that the residents in the affected area were not notified and consulted about the project earlier in the process. He was told that planned capital projects are provided well in advance on the Town's website and in the Town's budget and are available to the public to look at.

He also expressed concerns about the removal of green space and the effect the project will have on four trees on his property; he said that he is an arborist and that he believes the roots of the trees would be negatively impacted.

He stated that none of the residents in the affected area wanted the sidewalk and he had on hand a petition of the residents against the project. We were not shown the list and we were not told whether he was planning on submitting the petition.

Name: Judith Gollnitz

Phone: (519) 733-2096

Address: 212 Queen St

Concerns: The homeowner expressed disappointment with the lack of consultation with the residents. She was told that planned capital projects are provided well in advance on the Town's website and in the Town's budget and are available to the public to look at. She also expressed her view that the planned sidewalk construction on Queen St is unnecessary due to the existence of a sidewalk on the other side of the street and low pedestrian traffic using it. She believes that Town funds could be better spent elsewhere.

Name: Charles Gascoyne

Phone: (519) 733-5212

Address: 160 Queen St

Concerns: The homeowner expressed concerns regarding the steep grade and how this will be addressed. Shaun showed him pictures of a retaining wall similar to what the Town is planning to construct to address the grade issues. He then inquired about the maintenance cost for the structure.

He also expressed safety concerns due to the sidewalk being placed right along the curb and the potential that a pedestrian may fall over onto the street. He said that cars always speed down Queen St and that they often run the stop sign.

He had questions regarding where the fire hydrants and utilities will be moved and was concerned that doing so is expensive. He was told that the fire hydrants would be moved by the Town to the back of the sidewalk and that the utilities companies have been called and are going to move their utility boxes.

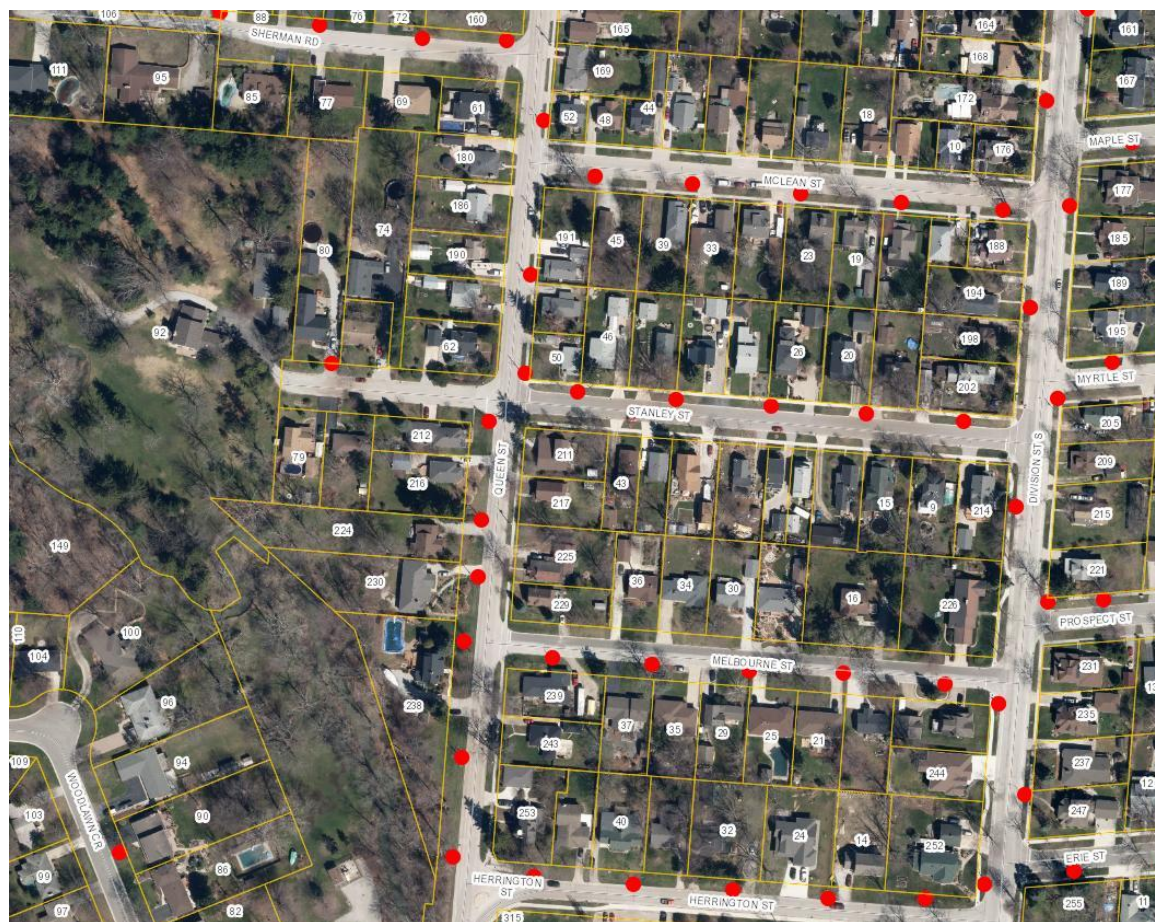
He stated concerns regarding the limited land in the R.O.W. (for the section between Stanley and Stewart) and showed us maps taken from Geocortex with the property lines. He was told that the property bars had been located to ensure there is enough room for the sidewalk and that they will be looked at once more to verify.

Another concern the homeowner conveyed is the lack of lighting on the west side of the street (the side the sidewalk is being placed), between Stanley and Stewart, and that this poses a risk at night.

He stressed that he was not opposed to the construction of sidewalks, but that he believes the construction of the sidewalk on Queen is impractical due to the concerns noted above.

Response/Actions to be Taken: Verify property bar locations. Find out maintenance costs of retaining wall.

There are lights on east side of Queen St, so the lack of street lights on west side is acceptable. There are other locations in the Town where street lights are on the opposite side of the street from the sidewalk. For example, the section of Queen St, from Stanley St to Herrington St, has a sidewalk on the east side, but the streetlights are on the west side (refer to figure below).



Name: Terri Bastien

Phone: (519) 733-4951

Address: 224 Queen St

Concerns: The homeowner expressed her belief that the sidewalk is not needed because there is already a sidewalk on the other side, which has low pedestrian traffic. She believes it is a poor choice of capital expenditure and suggested that the Banner subdivision is a better choice for sidewalk construction because there are no sidewalks there.

She also inquired about the total width of the sidewalk plus boulevard. Shaun was busy speaking with another homeowner and she did not want to wait until he was finished, so she was told that she will be contacted to address this question.

Response/Actions to be Taken: Call homeowner to tell her that the width of the boulevard is 64 inches (5.33ft) and the sidewalk is 5ft, for a total of 10.33ft.

Name: Phil Piruzza

Phone:

Address: 230 Queen St

Concerns: The homeowner expressed disappointment with the lack of consultation with the residents. He was told that planned capital projects are provided well in advance on the Town's website and in the Town's budget and are available to the public to look at.

He stated that he does not see the benefit of the sidewalk, since there is already one on the other side and that the Town's funds should be strategically optimized for long term benefits. He suggested several streets that he believes are in more need of a sidewalk. His suggestions include: Summerset Ave, Woodlawn Cr, Stonehedge Dr, and Coghill Dr.