

Town of Kingsville

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Residents of Bernath Street, Kingsville
Date: August 16, 2019
Subject: Opposition to Sidewalk Installation on Bernath Street

Aim:

To provide the Mayor and members of Council information as well as the rationale for the property owners opposition to the installation of sidewalks on either side of Bernath Street.

Background:

Bernath Street is part of a relatively new development located within the northwest urban area of the Town of Kingsville. It is a residential cul-de-sac street that is currently serviced by a dead-end street with agricultural property abutting the properties on the west side of the street. It contains a total of 19 lots of which 12 are currently occupied. As indicated on the attached petition, all of the current property owners are opposed to the installation of sidewalks on either side of the street.

Discussion:

Although the Bernath Street property owners do understand that the installation of sidewalks have been included in development agreements for a number of years, we would suggest to the Mayor and members of Council that they support the property owners of Bernath Street in their petition to not install sidewalks on either side of the road on Bernath Street. If this petition is supported, the property owners understand that if in the future the installation of sidewalks is initiated by the property owners, it would be considered a local improvement and totally funded by the benefiting property owners.

The rationale behind not wanting sidewalks on Bernath is outlined below:

- Sidewalks decrease frontal property and frontal greenspace
- Sidewalks will decrease driveway size which may result in parking issues as more vehicles will be required to park on the street
- There will be privacy and security loss due to sidewalks being close to homes
- The municipality would be required to maintain sidewalks which would add to annual operational budget costs
- The lifecycle costs associated with the additional sidewalks would increase the current lifecycle deficit which currently exists within the municipal budget

- Sidewalks would reduce the amount of property greenspace resulting in additional hard surface run-off rather than the natural percolation of rain water into the ground
- Property owners of Bernath prefer and appreciate the current “country” atmosphere of the street
- Vehicle and pedestrian traffic is very minimal on the street, so property owners would suggest and prefer the installation of “children at play” or “slow down” signs as a viable option to the installation of sidewalks

Financial Considerations

There are no negative financial implications with supporting the property owners desire to not have sidewalks installed on Bernath Street. The installation of sidewalks would increase the municipal annual operating budget as well as add to the annual lifecycle deficit that currently exists within the municipality.

This report is respectfully submitted by the property owners of Bernath Street.

Attachment: Petition for the cancellation of the installation of sidewalks on Bernath Street.

PETITION FOR THE CANCELLATION OF INSTALLMENT OF A SIDEWALK ON BERNATH STREET IN KINGSVILLE

The residents of Bernath Street, Kingsville, strongly oppose the installation of a sidewalk along the street. We request that this project be cancelled immediately

The following residents support this proposal

PRINT NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #	SIGNATURE
Jana Clifford	230 Bernath St. Kingsville, ON		
JOANNA Ottava	226 Bernath St. Kingsville, ON		
Ann Moran	222 Bernath St. Kingsville, ON		
BRUCE CAMPBELL	214 Bernath St. Kingsville, ON		
Meredith Loncke	210 Bernath St. Kingsville, ON		
BRENDA MATCHETT	202 Bernath St. Kingsville, ON		
DON & RITA LOEWEN	201 Bernath St. Kingsville, ON		
Jan + Jack Fisher	213 Bernath St. Kingsville, ON		
Erna + Steve Bujna	217 Bernath St. Kingsville, ON		
Jeff & Christie Armstrong	221 Bernath St. Kingsville ON		
Lisa Sowsun + Chris Almas	225 Bernath St. Kingsville, ON		
Robin Kissner	237 Bernath St. Kingsville ON		