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To: Mayor and Council

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RE: Public Input Session for Grandview Sidewalks

Report No.: MS 2017-21

AIM

To present Council with the concerns and input from the residents affected by sidewalk installation on Grandview Avenue.

BACKGROUND

There are currently 1.2m wide sidewalks existing on Grandview Avenue that end approximately 75 metres south of Houston Avenue. These sidewalks were identified as needing to be continued for approximately 75 metres in order to connect to the newly reconstructed Lakeview Avenue multi-use pathway.

During the 2017 Budget deliberations, it was recommended by Municipal Services to continue the sidewalks on Grandview Avenue as part of the 2017 Sidewalk Program. Council approved the 2017 Sidewalk Program with the stipulation that a public input session be held for the affected residents of Grandview Avenue.

DISCUSSION

On April 25th, 2017, a public input session was organized by Kevin Girard and administered by Robert Mackie. The invitation, questions/concerns and sign-in sheet are in the attached. Four residents from two out of the five properties affected attended the meeting and the resident of 328 Lakeview Avenue spoke to Kevin Girard over the phone to deliver their concerns. This resident's questions and concerns were recorded on the Questions/Concerns sheet attached.

The scope of construction presented to the resident's at the public input session was as follows:

- Existing 1.2m sidewalks shall be tapered to 1.5m wide sidewalks meet the requirements of the Town's *Development Standards and Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)*;
- Sidewalks shall be installed on both sides of Grandview and tie into Lakeview Avenue;
- Sidewalks shall be cut through existing driveways to maintain consistent longitudinal grade and uniform tactile walking surface in order to adhere to the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)*; and
- Sidewalk approaches at Lakeview Avenue shall be constructed with a curb cut in order to match the grade of the gutter for accessibility purposes. The approaches will also include tactile walking plates in accordance with *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)*.

After review of the scope of construction, each resident was given the opportunity to express his or her concerns with the project. The main concern expressed by Property Owners was that they did not want the Town to cut through their driveways in the public right-of-way. While those concerns are understood, the AODA sets specific requirements with respect to sidewalk construction. To ensure compliance with those requirements and to maintain a consistent longitudinal grade and uniform tactile walking surface, it is Administration's recommendation that the sidewalk be cut through the existing driveways.

No residents from the west side properties of Grandview Avenue attended the public meeting. It is assumed that those Property Owners at 212 and 216 Grandview Avenue who did not attend or reach out by telephone do not have any concerns with the proposed design.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Provide safe, adequate and affordable municipal services and infrastructure

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Municipal Services has recently tendered the contract for the 2017 Sidewalk Program (Contract No. MS17-103-01). The intention is to complete the Grandview Avenue sidewalks under this contract if the unit rates are within budget parameters.

CONSULTATIONS

Municipal Services
Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize the installation of sidewalks on Grandview Avenue based on the scope of construction provided in the discussion section herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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