

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Installation of Sidewalk on West Side of Alentejo Street

Date:	August 21, 2007
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Development Engineering
Wards:	Ward No. 17 – Davenport
Reference Number:	66M-2387 (55T-99201R1) - SW

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the community council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Alentejo Street is a primary local street that leads into a residential subdivision bounded by Turnberry Avenue to the north, existing residential and commercial developments to the east and west, and the Hydro Lands to the south. The original design of Alentejo Street only included a sidewalk on the east side of Alentejo Street, between Turnberry Avenue and Estoril Terrace. Residents who have since moved into this subdivision have requested that a sidewalk be constructed on the west side of Alentejo Street, between Turnberry Avenue and Estoril Terrace to improve pedestrian traffic safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 1. A sidewalk be constructed on the west side of Alentejo Street, between Turnberry Avenue and Estoril Terrace to improve pedestrian traffic safety;
- 2. The funding required for the construction of the sidewalk be deferred for consideration with Transportation 2008 Capital Budget;
- 3. That District Engineering Services in the Technical Services Division undertake the detailed design of the sidewalk and tender the works in 2008; and,

4. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

It is estimated that the construction of a sidewalk on Alentejo Street will cost \$50,000.00. The construction of the sidewalk will be debt funded and will be prioritized against other projects resulting in no net change in debt financing in 2008. A funding request for the construction of the sidewalk will be included in the 2008 Capital Budget submission.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed this report and agree with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

This report responds to Etobicoke York Community Councils request to the Acting Director, Development Engineering, to report to its September 10, 2007 meeting on the construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Alentejo Street.

COMMENTS

At its meeting of June 26, 2007, Etobicoke York Community Council considered a report from the Acting Director, Development Engineering recommending that the plan of subdivision 66M-2387 be assumed. In recommending that City Council adopt the report, Etobicoke York Community Council requested that the Acting Director, Development Engineering report back on the construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Alentejo Street.

Alentejo Street is a primary local street that leads into a residential subdivision bounded by Turnberry Avenue to the north, existing commercial and residential developments to the west and east, and the Hydro Lands to the south. The detailed design approved for this street did not include a sidewalk on the west side between Turnberry Avenue and Estoril Terrace. The warrants for sidewalks on both sides on this portion of Alentejo Street were not met as no homes were proposed to front onto the west side of Alentejo Street between Turnberry Avenue and Estoril Terrace, the street is local in nature, and there are significant grade differences between the lands proposed for development and the adjacent property.

Residents have since indicated that a sidewalk on the west side of Alentejo Street, between Turnberry Avenue and Estoril Terrace would improve pedestrian traffic safety. Development Engineering staff have undertaken site visits and have determined that constructing a new sidewalk along this stretch of Alentejo Street will cost approximately \$50,000.00 and require modifications to the existing retaining wall located along the west streetline, trimming/removal of shrubs and trees, and relocation of the existing guardrail.

Transportation Services has agreed to tentatively schedule the sidewalk works in its 2008 Transportation Capital Works Program.

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