



# Councillor Justin J. Di Ciano

Ward 5 Etobicoke-Lakeshore

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June 8, 2016

To: Chair and Members of Etobicoke-York Community Council

From: Councillor Justin Di Ciano

Re: **Proposed Installation of Sidewalk on Usher Avenue EY15.49**

## **SUMMARY:**

In the past few weeks, my office has been contacted by residents on Usher Avenue and the surrounding area advising concerns both for and against this project.

Despite the City's policy to build a physical environment which supports walking and accessibility, the City's policy also states that any proposed sidewalks can only be installed on an existing local street after the Ward Councillor completes a consultation of the neighbourhood and receives consensus to support the installation. Although Usher Avenue is a collector road, the residents have been overwhelmingly clear that they do not support the installation. Note that The Kingsway to the south – a street that is far more heavily used – does not have sidewalks as the residents of the area have historically opposed their installation. It is also my understanding that there have been no formal studies by staff to examine a need for a sidewalk on Usher Avenue.

Further consultation with the community is required before making a decision on this matter.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Etobicoke York Community Council refer this matter back to the Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District, with a request that Transportation staff attend a Community Meeting to be hosted by Councillor Di Ciano in late July, 2016 and report back to Community Council in September.