

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Strathearn Road Reconstruction Contract 20ECS-TI-104LR - Postponing Installation of New Sidewalk - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services and the Chief Engineer and Executive Director, Engineering and Construction Services, to postpone the planned installation of a new sidewalk on the south side Strathearn Road, between Bathurst Street and Glen Cedar Road through the removal of this scope from the active road construction contract, and that consideration of this location for a new sidewalk be reconsidered at a future time with reduced impact to the mature trees and landscaping features.

Summary

Strathearn Road between Bathurst Street and Glen Cedar Road is a part of an active state-of-good-repair construction contract, 20ECS-TI-104LR, which includes road reconstruction and sub-standard water service replacements. A new sidewalk was proposed on the south side of Strathearn Road as part of this project because this segment of Strathearn Road is classified a Collector Roadway. There is an existing sidewalk on the north side of the road. Immediately west of Glen Cedar Road, Strathearn Road is classified as a Local Roadway.

Several residents of Strathearn Road reached out to my office over a number of concerns around the planned sidewalk installation on the south side of Strathearn Road, between Bathurst Street and Glen Cedar Road, as part of the road reconstruction project. That side of the street has many mature trees and landscaping features that will be significantly impacted.

While City staff have made best efforts to minimize impacts in the design of the proposed new sidewalk, a petition has been submitted about the project as there are concerns about how construction impacts would be managed for driveways and landscaping including impacts on mature trees. As reconstruction has begun (is imminent), I would request that the scope of the new sidewalk be removed from the active construction contract, and consideration of this location for a new sidewalk be postponed in order to be reconsidered at a future time with reduced impact to the mature trees, and landscaping features.

Background Information (City Council)

