

Subject: Falkner Street – Sunset Drive Sidewalk Public Consultation

Department: Infrastructure Services

Division: Transportation and Development

Report #: INS-2021-026

Meeting Date: 2021-04-12

Recommendations

That report INS-2021-026, Falkner Street – Sunset Drive Sidewalk Public Consultation be received;

Background and Analysis

At its meeting of November 9, 2020 Council received a petition to consider the approval of a sidewalk on Falkner Street and Sunset Drive. The petition presented to Council suggested the location is a safety concern for residents and students walking from Orangeville District Secondary School (ODSS) and Princess Elizabeth Public School (PEPS). Staff were directed to report back to Council on the implementation of a sidewalk and the associated installation costs. Staff reported back to Council on December 14, 2020 (Report INS-2020-013) and presented three options for Council's consideration. The three options for providing a sidewalk in this area were:

Option 1: an 80-metre section of sidewalk commencing at the north driveway into ODSS and ending across from the T-intersection of Falkner Street and Sunset Drive, ending midblock, \$47,000;

Option 2: a 290 m section of sidewalk commencing at the north driveway into ODSS and ending at the T-intersection of Sunset Drive and Northgate Drive, \$123,000 and;

Option 3; a 390 m section of sidewalk commencing at the north driveway into ODSS and ending at the intersection of Northgate Drive and Forest Park Road immediately across from the walkway connecting this intersection to Goldgate Crescent, \$166,000.

Council at their December 14th, 2020 meeting passed unanimously the following Resolution 2020-444,

“that a 390 m section of sidewalk commencing at the north driveway into ODSS and ending at the intersection of Northgate Drive and Forest Park Road immediately across from the walkway connecting the intersection to Goldgate Crescent be referred for consideration during the 2021 budget deliberations.”

Further to this resolution, Council as part of the Capital Budget deliberations requested the directly affected property owners be contacted in accordance with the Sidewalk Policy. The Policy requires that all property owners that would be directly impacted by the installation of a new sidewalk through an existing neighbourhood be consulted. The Policy also states that the outcome of the consultation process is to be considered by Council prior to final approval. Staff prepared and circulated a comment sheet to twenty-five directly affected property owners. Eighteen responses were received. From the responses received sixteen property owners did not want the sidewalk, whereas only two were in favour of installing a sidewalk. The responses from the residents are found as Attachment 1 to this report. The outcome of the consultation process has been provided for the consideration of Council and to assist in making a final decision on the implementation of a sidewalk on Falkner Street – Sunset Drive.

If Council wishes to proceed with the design and construction of the sidewalk, the report should be received, and the portion of recommendation listed as Optional should be included in the resolution. If Council does not wish to proceed with the sidewalk, it would be appropriate to simply receive this report.

Strategic Alignment

Orangeville Forward – Strategic Plan

Priority Area: Sustainable Infrastructure

Objective: Provide systems that keep people moving

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Transportation System

Strategy: Promote walking and biking by increasing the connectivity and safety of active transportation infrastructure

Notice Provisions

The Notification requirements as per the Town of Orangeville Sidewalk Policy, dated December 2011 have been met. The Policy states that all affected property owners within the limits of construction of a proposed new sidewalk will be given an opportunity to provide comments. Comment letters were circulated on March 10th, 2021 to twenty-five (25) property owners. Comments were received by Staff up to 4:00 pm on March 25th, 2021. Eighteen response letters were received. The comment letters received are provided as Attachment No. 1 to this report.

Financial Impact

Should Council consider the construction of a new sidewalk, costs will be incurred as listed above. In addition, the proposed sidewalk has not been approved as part of the 2021 Capital Budget. Should Council approve the new sidewalk, funding would be from the General Capital Reserve.

Respectfully submitted

Douglas G. Jones, M.E.Sc., P. Eng.,
General Manager,
Infrastructure Services

Prepared by

R. John Lackey, P. Eng.,
Manager, Transportation
and Development

Attachment(s): 1. Public Consultation Feedback