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To Paul Hubert

From: Douglas Farr / Elizabeth Farr

Subject : Petition Sheets Against Sidewalks in Oakridge Acres

Improvements to the subdivision in Oakridge are scheduled for 2017 and 2018, including road paving, and installation of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks.

The paving, curbs , and gutters have been in the plans for years in our area and are accepted and approved by most residents. However, the approval of the "**London Plan**" by city council this year added sidewalks to the original concept. We are requesting that our area in Oakridge be "grandfathered" back to the original concept of no sidewalks.

The engineering departments of both the city and the contractor doing the design are telling us that they cannot do anything unless council approves our request. We are asking for your help to make this happen.

Attached are petition sheets against the installation of sidewalks in the Oakridge subdivision scheduled for installation in 2017 and 2018. These signatures are from the following streets:

- East Mile Road
- West Mile Road
- Green Lane
- Oban Crescent
- Glen Crescent
- North Mile Road

We surveyed a total of (111) houses. There were a total of eight (8) people who refused to sign the petition, and one of these was a conflict of interest because he worked for the engineering firm that is designing the project.

THAT WORKS OUT TO 92.7% OF THE HOME OWNERS DO NOT WANT SIDEWALKS.

People live and also move into Oakridge Acres because of the openness. One couple moved here from Toronto in 2016 because it feels like it is in the country. We do not want the "rubber stamp" type of subdivision. Everyone agrees that we need storm sewers and curbs and these will not distract from our neighborhood.

We have people in our area that have lived here over 60 years. (One resident turned 100 years old in 2016). We also have new young people moving in every year and they are loving the open "non city" atmosphere.

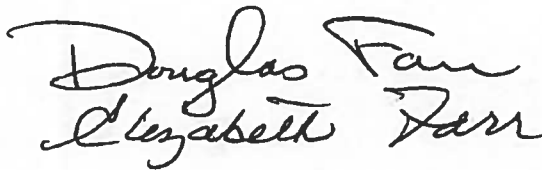
I would like to share some of the comments that the canvas volunteers received at the door:

- >I am 90 years old and can not look after city sidewalks
- >we have all kinds of wildlife—deer, wild turkeys, raccoons, skunks, birds squirrels, chipmunks, ground hogs and sidewalks will spoil that
- >the sidewalks will destroy front yard landscaping, trees, bushes, stonework, rocks and brick driveways
- >The last thing we need is more concrete. The addition of sidewalks means the covering of approximately 40,000 sq. ft. of lawns and gardens with concrete
- >the money saved by not putting in sidewalks could be used to improve playgrounds.
- >sidewalks are not needed-traffic is minimal

We would appreciate your help in getting the council and/or engineering to reverse their decision on sidewalks in our area. Thank you in advance for your efforts in achieving our request.

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