

# *St. Martin-in-the-Fields*

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Oban Street - 2017 Infrastructure Renewal Program

St. Martin-in-the-Fields Anglican Church borders on Oban at Pinetree, A representative attended the open house November 30, 2016 at Riverside Public School. Our Parish Council were well satisfied with the proposed reconstruction abutting Church property including curbs and more particularly with the fact that the plan contained a sidewalk on the north side of Oban between Pinetree and West Mile which is our area of interest. Our request is that this feature, ie the sidewalk plan, be maintained in this section of Oban. Our concern now is that we are aware of a petition that sidewalks be removed from the total reconstruction plan. In the section of Oban where our concern is, there are no residences fronting the street and our request doesn't impact the petitioners concerns nor do we have any position on that matter.

Rationale for retaining a sidewalk in this section of Oban follow. This section is the only corridor between West Mile and Pinetree and is exceptionally busy with both foot and vehicular traffic. The Church Hall facing Oban on the south side is a preschool center operated by Montessori School. As well as the driveway beside this hall, there is a vehicle entry/exit to/from the Church parking lot off Oban. In the evenings the Hall is used by Girl Guides. The terrain is a hill which can restrict vision. Particularly dangerous is the fact that vehicles often turn into the driveway and then back out - there have been near misses with foot traffic. The foot traffic consists of school children attending Riverside Public School, which with kindergarten now being incorporated, can be ages 4 and 5. Quite often there seems to be students on either side of the road as well as vehicular traffic. In icy conditions cars have slid back down the hill uncontrolled. Much

of the foot traffic, both children and adult, occurs in darkness. There is only one street light in this section which is inadequate. The risk with cars turning off either West Mile or Pinetree is that their line-of-vision in the act of turning is not far. A side walk on the north side of Oban would greatly alleviate these concerns and save potential injury - clearly in our view the present situation is an accident waiting to happen. It would be a shame to not have sidewalks installed there during the reconstruction project.

Fiona David, Directress of Pinetree Montessori School strongly supports this request.

Your consideration would be appreciated.

Yours in Christ,



Willi Kammerer  
Priest in Charge



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Directress, Pinetree Montessori School



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