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Subject: Unauthorized Sidewalk Work on Regal Drive Delegation Status to Civic Works Committee Requested

Dear Jackie Martin,

Please forward my name to the Civic Works Committee for delegation status at the next appropriate committee meeting.

I would like to begin this request for delegation status by pointing out that I can find no reference in any of the Civic Works Committee minutes or addenda between February 21, 2017 to August 29, 2017 that approve the change in sidewalk location on Regal Drive from the EAST side between Hillcrest Avenue and Fuller Street to the WEST. The length of Regal Drive has, however, currently been tendered without authorization for the WEST side between Hillcrest Avenue, Melsandra Avenue, and another five houses further to stop mid block releasing pedestrians back into the intersection of Hillcrest Avenue at Regal Drive.

I live at 333 Regal Drive. I grew up in this house that my parents built in 1955, and I attended S.S.#2 London Township and later Hillcrest Public School after 1960, when the City of London annexed this neighbourhood and promised sewers, curbs and gutters, and sidewalks.

We have been following the Reports on the Warranted Sidewalks project since about 2010. All of the Reports on file with the City of London clearly state that the sidewalk is to be located on Regal Drive EAST between Hillcrest Avenue and Fuller Street. With the old entrance to S.S.#2 London Township P.S. remaining on the EAST side of Regal Drive as a shortcut into the school yard where Melsandra Avenue joins Regal Drive, this is ideal.

However, since the February 21, 2017 meeting where the Report on the Warranted Sidewalk Program was once again approved with the sidewalk on the EAST side of Regal Drive between Hillcrest Avenue and Fuller Street and a specific, labelled map of the proposed sidewalk was included in the report, the project that has been tendered is for the WEST side of Regal Drive. This sidewalk will extend from Fuller Street to Melsandra Avenue and then continue halfway down the block for another five houses to end via a private driveway where pedestrians will be forced back into the street at the intersection of Hillcrest Avenue whose traffic flows into Regal Drive in both directions.

We have not been able to get a proper answer from the Planning Department as to how the criteria suddenly changed for this piece of sidewalk. We were told that this bit of sidewalk has streetlights (the rest don't); therefore, streetlights become a more important consideration than the students who would use a sidewalk on the EAST side of Regal Drive to get to school daily.

Both my neighbour, a former Safety Officer with TVDSB, and I, a former Department Head with TVDSB, are shocked that very explicit directions in a Report can be ignored in this way.

If the sidewalk must be on the WEST side of Regal Drive, at the very least, it should stop where it meets the sidewalk on the north side of Melsandra Avenue. To continue for another five houses and push pedestrians back out into the street with the traffic at the intersection of Hillcrest Avenue and Regal Drive is very dangerous.

I look forward to speaking with the Civic Works Committee about this further.

Yours truly,

Dr. J. Pennycook