

July 17, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

Recently we approved the staff recommendation for the annual new sidewalks program.

During this debate some concerns were raised with regard to gaps in sidewalk infrastructure that occur in “walk to school routes”.

Resources from the City of London, the Middlesex London Health Unit, London Police Services and the school communities are used annually to develop and promote Safe and Active Routes to School for area families to encourage exercise and discourage students being driven to school and decrease the complications arising with traffic and parking when driving to school becomes the preferred option.

Given these realities, it makes sense to take appropriate steps to align new sidewalk need evaluations with school zones and routes to neighbourhood schools.

Therefore in consultation with our City Engineer and the Manager for Roads and Transportation, we have developed the following motion for consideration by the Civic Works Committee:

That staff be directed to review the current assessment process for new sidewalks and add an additional assessment criteria for filling gaps in school zones, community safety zones, and identified Safe and Active Routes to School be added to the evaluation process.

Sincerely,

Councillor Shawn Lewis

Councillor Josh Morgan