

Dear Civic Works Committee:

I respectfully request delegation status to address the Civic Works Committee to share concerns of the residents on Fox Mill Crescent/Steeplechase Drive affected by the planned Watermain Replacement Project and installation of a sidewalk.

A number of concerned residents on our street have spent the last number of weeks engaging our neighbours about the proposed sidewalk. Of the 43 homes on the street, 37 residents have signed a petition asking for the elimination of the installation of the sidewalk from the proposed scope of work. (Of those other 6 homes, we have not been able to reach three residents). The petition has been provided to Councillor Paul Van Meerbergen.

Our neighbourhood is approximately 55 years old. Many residents have lived on this Crescent for more than 20 years. Fox Mill Crescent is a very low traffic area; it is not a through-route, nor is it a 'destination' route.

Many residents we spoke with indicated the impact on the frontage of their properties noting the proposed sidewalk will create a situation where they will need to park more often on the street due to the shortening of their driveways. This will cause unnecessary congestion on our Crescent.

The replacement of the watermain means we will be losing 36 mature trees and 7 smaller trees. Already our neighbourhood is changing as we are losing the beautiful canopy of trees that is a hallmark of our area and a value-add to our properties. To then add more concrete to our Crescent is a travesty because it is unwanted and unnecessary.

I give written permission for my submission to be placed on the public agenda and on the City of London website, with my email and contact information removed.

My understanding is the next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2020. I respectfully request the opportunity to address our petition on this date.

Sincerely,

Jeff Lang