

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Feb. 09, 2021 Report to Civic Works Committee: Agenda Item 2.6 re. Friars Way

We recently learned of a recommendation to the Civic Works Committee, scheduled to be presented on Tues. Feb. 09, 2021, concerning the inclusion of new sidewalks in neighbourhood street reconstruction projects for 2021. Friars Way is one of the streets recommended to receive a new sidewalk where none currently exists.

As residents on Friars Way, we received a letter on June 05, 2020 informing us of a future infrastructure renewal project on our street. We were told that “more detailed information about the project will be communicated in due course”. We have had no further communication.

We appreciate the goal of Environmental and Engineering Services to ensure accessibility, safety and walkability in our communities. On Friars Way we have seniors and young families who are active in our neighbourhood and we believe that we can have constructive input into the future design and livability of our home environment.

The Report to the Civic Works Committee reiterates that “community engagement typically occurs ” in regard to infrastructure construction projects. Before a decision is made to remove 30 trees and put in a sidewalk on Friars Way, we request that there be an opportunity for public input.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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