

Councillor Lehman (Steve) ks

Thank you for the project notice. I had asked to be informed of the direction of this project in November 2020. I am concerned that I found out about this report on facebook.

I understand the principles laid out in the New Sidewalks report of February 9<sup>th</sup>. In fact I initiated 2 of the three noted previous reports. During my time on council we worked with residents to implement sidewalks with consultation and mitigations (Oak Park Drive, East mile and West Mile along with Manchester Drive south end)

I concur with the need for sidewalks and the general policy under the London Plan. However, the report also affirms the need to mitigations in older neighbourhoods. This project is a strong candidate for curb face sidewalks.

However, I do question its application to St. Anthony. St. Anthony is known as Old Hazelton neighbourhood. In the neighbourhood there is not a single sidewalk, even in the newer more easterly section of St. Anthony. Hyde Park Road south of Riverside Drive lacks curbs, gutters and sidewalks. The shoulders are degrading and unstable. inFurthermore there is no school, church, mall or gathering place for people in the neighbourhood. The vehicles are all local residents and not cut throughs.

I would like know what the overall infrastructure upgrade plan is for the neighbourhood. Is Hampton Cres on the plan for 2022? The road and drainage issues are far worse in the southerly section than St. Anthony. Is the proposed sidewalk going to connect to the easterly section and in what timeframe? Is Hyde Park slated for upgrade? Is there a rebuild for Hazel Ave?

In the absence of the larger plan in a timely way this becomes a sidewalk that does not serve any purpose. It does not safely convey people from Riverside sidewalks through the neighborhood on the east to Riverside Drive on the West. It will be a sidewalk from nowhere to nowhere.

I know there are members of council who will claim this creates inequity and a lack of safety from people with mobility challenges. A member of my household has such a disability. It actually in this application creates a false sense of safety and enhanced sense of frustration. Currently there is no sense of fear or unsafety.

I look forward to the questions outlined above as well as the detail design. I would request delegation status and request this letter be placed on the public record.

Best regards

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