

Dear Mr. Lehman,

I am writing you this letter to strongly oppose the implementation of sidewalks on our street, St. Anthony Road, in Old Hazelden. My parents bought our family home in 1970. My dad carefully chose the lot and the perfect neighbourhood to raise his family. Sadly, my parents, Dennis and Catherine Donohue, have passed away. I know how important it was for my dad to know that I would continue to raise my family here at 1102 St. Anthony.

Old Hazelden was built by the original homeowners with a clear vision of living in a quiet, quaint, charming, and suburban community. Many of the original homeowners continue to reside here in their homes. After petitioning today, it is very clear that sidewalks are not a welcome addition to this neighbourhood. Residents, young and old, feel very secure walking, strolling, and biking throughout the neighbourhood. Many mentioned that when walking in Hazelton North they feel that the sidewalks are treacherous and move to the road as a safer choice.

I have many concerns regarding the installation of sidewalks, aside from my sentiment for Old Hazelden. The project proposed makes absolutely no sense to me. I do not understand why the project would begin in the middle of a street that leads to no other sidewalks. There are no sidewalks on Hyde Park Road or Hartson Road that connect to St. Anthony Road. There are no churches, schools, stores, or transit lines in our neighbourhood. Sidewalks are not necessary and are a colossal waste of taxpayers' money. Trees the city just planted a few years ago would have to be cut down as well as long existing mature trees. This is not good for the environment and again, a waste of taxpayers' money. Not to mention the cable/internets boxes that were installed in 2019. Our lawn was dug up for months! Is a sidewalk going to be installed over the green cable box on our front lawn? We just finished re-landscaping it last spring after the city left such a mess. It was very costly.

I strongly urge the City of London to cancel this unwanted and unnecessary project. As ratepayers, my husband and I believe that funds would be better allocated towards repairing failing municipal infrastructure elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Miller (Pardo) and Scott Miller