

Hello Steve,

My name is Lorraine McColl and I am a resident on Tarbart Terrace.

There is construction scheduled for my street this spring and part of this plan is to install sidewalks.

I have a few concerns regarding this project.

First of all the city will have to remove the three trees they planted on our property to make room for the sidewalk. I am unhappy about this prospect as the trees have finally taken hold and are starting to flourish. They are about 15 feet tall and are an excellent addition made by the city which will be undone. The removal of these trees means the city not only wasted city staff time and taxpayers' money, but also the water I invested in ensuring these trees survived. The lack of forward thinking in this situation is disappointing to say the least.

Secondly, I have a mature tree and garden that will likely need to be removed if the current measurements are used. I find it completely unacceptable to lose this mature tree, given London's vision to be a Forest City it seems counterintuitive to be removing mature trees like ours along with the three the city planted.

Thirdly, the loss of our driveway space concerns me. We utilize every inch of our driveway and to lose about 9 feet is going to pose challenges for us.

Fourth, Tarbart is not a through street and it is exceptionally quiet. Our kids play hockey and basketball on the street without concern. We don't see how a sidewalk is necessary for a tertiary street.

Fifth, I am disappointed that the city seems to be moving forward with this project without any consultation with the residents who are affected. An open dialogue about our concerns and the city's needs would hopefully allow for a mutually agreeable resolution to be reached.

I am hoping you can direct me in how to have the opportunity to voice my concern about this project before it moves forward.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Lorraine McColl