

Subject: [EXTERNAL] CWC decision regarding sidewalks in Sherwood Forest

We want to express our disappointment with the decision not to exempt the streets in this unique neighbourhood from the addition of sidewalks and instead, mandating the sacrifice of 50 mature trees, home to birds and wildlife, source of shade, clean air and beauty to the community. Hundreds of members of the community, including many with impaired mobility issues, are strongly opposed to this decision and have expressed this to City Hall. It is really frustrating for the majority of the community to be completely disregarded in light of a fixed policy which is very unpopular and fast becoming outdated in a society increasingly aware of the necessity of greening our cities in a way that serves all of the community while also providing access and safety.

This issue is coming up repeatedly in the city and is a constant source of anger and disagreement. Concrete replacing trees? We should try to be an innovative "Forest City" and a leader by example.

Why not take a pause and consider other alternatives as outlined in the reports submitted to the committee such as the solutions in Holland etc. Surely there are solutions better than the expensive "one size fits all" that is being forced on taxpayers.

Future generations will be asking-
What were you thinking!

Sincerely
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