

CITY OF WATERLOO SIDEWALK POLICY CONSOLIDATION

The following is the consolidated summary of approved recommendations from staff reports prepared for the subject of City of Waterloo Sidewalk Policy. This consolidated information forms the City of Waterloo Sidewalk Policy as approved by City Council in May 2005.

- (1) That Council approves a Policy statement for the installation/replacement of concrete sidewalks in the City of Waterloo as follows:
 - (i) Sidewalks would be required:
 - (a) On both sides of all arterial* roads and collector* roads
 - (ii) In new subdivisions and existing neighbourhoods:
 - (a) On both sides of all local roads, except:
 - (i) roads internal to business parks/industrial areas, a sidewalk shall only be required on one side of the road in a location determined by the City Engineer or their designate, unless the roadway is a designated transit route then sidewalk would be required on both sides;
 - (ii) roads where the projected traffic volume will be less than 500 AADT, then sidewalk would only be required on one side of the roadway;
 - (b) Sidewalks shall not be required on cul-de-sacs, except:
 - (i) where a walkway, emergency access, municipal trail, park and/or parkette, school is accessed from the cul-de-sac, a sidewalk shall be provided on one side of the cul-de-sac from the intersecting street up to the walkway, emergency access, municipal trail, park and / or parkette, school.
- (2) It is recognized that no policy can take into account every unforeseen circumstance and that this policy would allow for staff, the development industry or the general public to bring forward "site specific" proposals, that do not fall within the guidelines of this policy for staff and/or Council consideration.
- (3) Any site specific Council approved exemptions to this policy beyond which are provided in recommendation I, will require the developer to provide the City of Waterloo with a cash in lieu allowance for the future provision of sidewalk.
- (4) That this Policy apply to all existing, future and previously approved plans subject to the following:
 - a) for registered Plans of Subdivision where sidewalk has not yet been built and the residents have expressed a desire to not have a sidewalk, City Staff will prepare options for Council consideration.
 - b) This policy shall become effective May 30, 2005.

*the definitions of arterial, collector, local roads and cul-de-sacs are:

- a. arterial – intended to distribute large volumes of traffic between other arterials and major collectors. Over 12,000 AADT (Annual Average Daily Traffic – the average of 24 hour counts collected any day in the year)

- b. collector – intended to collect and distribute traffic between local roads and other collector roads. Primary purpose of a major collector is to carry through traffic between neighbourhoods. 2,000 to 12,000 AADT
- c. local – generally serve only the abutting properties and are not intended to carry through traffic. Up to 2,000 AADT.
- d. cul-de-sac – is a dead end street having only one open end providing access to another street, and a closed end providing a turn-around circle for vehicular movement. A cul-de-sac serves only the abutting properties.

Staff Reports and approved Council minutes related to this consolidated policy:

- PWS2005-35 Sidewalk Policy, May 2, 2005
- PWS2005-35.1 Sidewalk Policy, May 30, 2005

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