

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MAY 6, 2002

SIDEWALK DELETION ON THE EAST SIDE OF EDWARD STREET PONDVIEW ROAD SUBDIVISION

Recommendation

The Commissioner, Development Services recommends:

That the proposed sidewalk within the east boulevard of Edward Street not be constructed as provided for in the subject subdivision agreement and the City hold a non refundable payment from the Owner for its construction in the future if demands warrant it.

Purpose

This report represents a comprehensive review of the proposed sidewalk within Edward Street as it relates to the approved construction drawings for the Pondview Road Subdivision and the City of Vaughan Sidewalk Policy.

Background – Analysis and Options

As a condition of the subdivision agreement between the City and CCCCC Investment Corporation (Pondview Road Subdivision) dated January 4, 2000, the Developer was required to design and construct Edward Street with a sidewalk within the east boulevard. The design was to comply with the Engineering Department's guidelines for local roadways. Subsequent to the execution of the subdivision agreement, the Director of Engineering approved the construction drawings for this subdivision on January 20, 2000.

Presently, Edward Street and Pondview Road have been constructed as illustrated on Attachment No. 1. The homes fronting on the aforementioned roads are now occupied; however, the sidewalk proposed within Edward Street has not been constructed. Staff received a request from Mr. Sam Herzog (CCCCC Investment Corporation) on behalf of the residents of Edward Street and Pondview Road requesting the deletion of the sidewalk on Edward Street. The subject sidewalk abuts and/or fronts onto 2 lots on Edward Street. 10 residents in the area including the 2 that abut and/or front the sidewalk on the east side of Edward Street have signed a petition acknowledging and agreeing to the deletion of the subject sidewalk.

Council, at its February 26, 1996 meeting, adopted a Sidewalk Policy that authorized Staff to request Developers to install sidewalk(s) at the following locations:

1. Sidewalks are required where they will form part of a walkway system;
2. Sidewalks are required in locations where pedestrian routes connect with schools, parks transit routes, retail areas, etc as follows:
 - One sidewalk where 40 to 100 units are tributary to the sidewalk route
 - Two sidewalks where over 100 units are tributary to the sidewalk route

Where only one sidewalk is required, it shall be located on the side of the street, which provides the most direct route to local amenity areas.

3. Sidewalks are required on both sides of feeder, collector and arterial roads.

These roads normally service a transit route and generate higher pedestrian activity, which require sidewalks on both sides of the street.

4. Sidewalks are required on one side of industrial roads.

It is noted that, although the majority of people drive to and from their workplace, it is still necessary to accommodate pedestrian movement in industrial park areas.

5. Sidewalks may be located 1.2 metres from the curb for local and feeder residential roads as an alternative to the standard 3.25 metres offset.

Based on the Sidewalk Policy criteria, we summarize the observations as follows:

- Arnold Avenue is presently a rural road without sidewalk on either side;
- Pondview Road is presently a cul-de-sac without sidewalk on either side with approximately twelve residential lots fronting on it;
- Edward Street is a minor local road approximately 90 metres in length that connects Arnold Avenue and Pondview Road and has four residential lots abutting or fronting onto it; and
- There is no existing walkway system for the proposed sidewalk on Edward Street to connect to.

Conclusion

Since the proposed sidewalk within the east boulevard of Edward Street is not required to meet any of the criteria in the City's Sidewalk Policy and the Owner has agreed to provide the City with a non refundable payment at the rate of \$64.00 per lineal metre of sidewalk, should Council concur, the subject sidewalk can be deleted. If the City decides to build the sidewalk in the future, the funds for it will be available.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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ATTACHMENT No. 1

