

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

RETAINING WALL – CLARENCE STREET

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that this report be received for information.

Purpose

To provide information concerning the status of the retaining wall in front of No. 129 Clarence Street.

Background - Analysis and Options

At the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 28, 2004, Mr. Peter Wixson made a deputation before Committee regarding the condition of the retaining wall and railing in front of No. 129 Clarence Street, and provided a written submission to Committee on the same issue.

The section of retaining wall that is failing has been previously identified by Public Works for repair and has been put forward in Capital Budget submissions. However, due to funding limitations, this work was not approved.

Staff visited the site again this summer, and found that the top courses of the retaining wall have shifted, there is a water ponding issue with the slope of the sidewalk, and the railing is slightly bent. Inspection staff indicated that these deficiencies had not increased substantially from what was observed on previous inspections.

Public Works staff can undertake temporary measures using hot mix asphalt to correct the slope of the sidewalk. This will provide an immediate solution to the problem of water freezing on the sidewalk in the winter, thereby creating a potential hazardous condition for pedestrians. However, there are no funds available in 2004 to perform permanent repairs to the retaining wall, sidewalk and railing. As such, staff will again submit a funding request as part of the 2005 Capital Budget process for the repair/re-construction of the sidewalk, retaining wall and railing. Preliminary repair and reconstruction estimates are in the \$25,000 - \$35,000 range for this project.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council; however, the necessary resources for a permanent solution to the problems have not been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

The section of retaining wall on Clarence Street had been previously identified by Public Works as needing repairs; however, a permanent solution has not been performed due to budget limitations. Temporary measures can be taken to deal with the slope of the sidewalk, and staff will again seek funding for a permanent solution as part of the 2005 Capital Budget process.

Attachments

N/A

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