



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

To: Mayor and Members of Council

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Department: Public Works

Date of Report: August 23, 2021

Report Number: PW-29-2021

Subject: D'Amore Drive Sidewalk Petition

Recommendation

That the report of the Director of Public Works dated August 23rd, 2021 (PW-29-2021) regarding the D'Amore Dr Sidewalk Petition be received and that the recommendation to have the developer install sidewalks on the east side of D'Amore Dr from Gabriau to Sixth Concession, as agreed to in the development agreement be approved.

Report

This report is presented to Council in response to a neighbourhood petition signed by residents on the east side of D'Amore Dr between Elmgate and Gabriau. The petition is requesting eliminating the 1.5m concrete sidewalk on the east side of D'Amore in that section (sketch attached). It is the Town's recommendation to have the developer proceed with the sidewalks as agreed to within the developer's agreement.

D'Amore Dr is a collector road that was recently built as part of Phase 9 of the Head/D'Amore development. The approved design calls for a sidewalk to be installed on the east side of the road, and a multipurpose pathway that has been installed on the west side of the road, which also runs parallel with the Plains Midstream Pipeline corridor. This pathway has been constructed, as has a piece of the sidewalk just south of Gabriau.

At the time of the original development approval (2001), the Town's policy was to only have sidewalks on one side of local residential roads. This is what can be seen all phases of this development. Since that time the Town has adopted that sidewalks are to go on both sides of the local roads.

However, D'Amore Dr is a collector road. Our past practice and our current Active Transportation and Transportation Master Plan requires an active transportation facility on both sides of the collector roads. In this case the sidewalk is provided to mainly to service the local pedestrians, and the multi-use pathway is likely to be used by a larger group of active transportation users.

The proposed cross section in this phase, with pathway on the west side and sidewalks on the east side, is consistent with the existing cross section of D'Amore Drive to its extents at Cousineau.

Sidewalk Acknowledgement Sign-off Sheets:

The phase 9 development agreement was signed in June of 2019. This agreement outlines the requirements for sidewalks and is registered on title to each property.

Additionally, at this time, Town administration was working on ways to ensure the developer/builders inform purchasers of new dwellings about the sidewalks/trails that will be installed in their development. In this agreement, the developer had to provide and obtain individual sign off sheets for each lot with a sketch of the location of the sidewalk. Then supply those sheets to the municipality if we requested them. Upon receiving this petition, we requested these sheets from the developer and received them all in short order. Every one of the property owners within the location in question have signed their individual sheet acknowledging the fact that sidewalks were to go in at the specified location. Please note that two units are still owned by a builder, and thus have not been signed by the future owners/occupants.

In closing, the recommendation is adhere to the existing development agreement and Town practices and policies for Active Transportation, and have the developer install the sidewalk on the east side of D'Amore between Sixth Concession and Gabrielleau.

Consultations

NA

Financial Implications

As per the development agreement, the sidewalk is to be installed by the developer at no cost to the Town. If the sidewalk were to be deleted now, and a sidewalk was proposed sometime in the future, the cost of that would be borne by the Town of LaSalle.

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Link to Strategic Goals

1. Enhancing organizational excellence - Not Applicable
2. Strengthen the community's engagement with the Town - Not Applicable
3. Grow and diversify the local economy - Not Applicable
4. Build on our high-quality of life - Yes
5. Sustaining strong public services and infrastructure - Yes

Communications

NA

Notifications

Affected residents have been notified of this report and Council meeting.

Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	- D'amore sidewalk sketch.pdf - D'Amore Sidewalk Petition.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



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