

Request to change Asphalt sidewalk/trail to be Concrete Cement sidewalk/trail – 6185 Disputed Rd, LaSalle

Respond to the report from The Corporation of the Town of Lasalle:

As advised by Town of LaSalle staff, we reviewed other residential streets and roads in LaSalle where an asphalt trail was built (Disputed Rd (south of Laurier), Meo Dr, Todd Lane (from Tenth St to Elmdale) , Golfview, Malden Road, Matchette, Martin Lane, Victory, Reaume) We observed the following at all locations:

- Almost all trails were constructed at the street/road or at maximum 3 feet (0.9m) away from the street's curb. **Disputed Rd trail is proposed to be located 6.2 (1.9m) away from the streets curb – more than double the distance from the street's curb of regular trail**, see picture #1 (Todd Lane) and #2 (Matchette Rd)
- Majority of residential properties with trails crossing their front yards have extended driveways stretching from approximately 100 feet (30m) to 160 feet (50m) in length. Asphalt trail does not affect residential traffic or activities at these properties. **Average driveway length on discussed stretch of Disputed Rd is 50 feet (15m) – less than half of driveways at other residential locations**, see picture #3 and #4 (Disputed Rd) and #5 (Meo Dr)
- Some trail areas comprise of a **combination of sidewalk and trail design**, typically transitioning at wooden/park and residential areas, see picture #6 (Matchette Rd) and #7 (Normandy Rd)
- **Wide concrete trails/sidewalks** were built by Town of Lasalle – 10 feet (3m) wide, see picture #8 (Normandy Rd)

Also, Town of LaSalle plans to construct 4m asphalt trail accessing from Churon Church Line and along the back/rear of Silver Maple St residential houses towards Short Disputed, then continuing behind the residential area of Phase 3 and connecting to other trails and parks. This trail is within 2 minutes' walking distance from the trail planned to be built on Disputed Rd. We **have not seen** any other areas in the Town of LaSalle where two trails run in parallel to each in a residential area and are within couple of minutes of walk from each other.

Considering above findings, we state that the trail proposed at Disputed Rd is **substantially different and nonstandard design** with comparison to other trails in LaSalle. Safety and well-being of both residents and pedestrians on Disputed Rd will be compromised if the asphalt trail will be constructed with its currently proposed design.

We strongly believe changing asphalt to Concrete trail will serve as a very good tactile warning device to remind all pedestrians that they are currently passing thru a residential area and not treating it as passing thru trails. A good reminder for everyone involved to exercise caution.

Picture #1 (Todd Lane)



Picture #2 (Matchette Rd)



Picture #3 (Disputed Rd)



Picture #4 (Disputed Rd)



Picture #5 (Meo Dr) – large lots with driveways estimated at over 100 feet (30m)



Picture #6 (Matchette Rd)



Picture #7 (Normandy Rd)



Picture #8 (Normandy Rd)

