



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Date	May 31, 2019	Report No:	PW-18-19
Directed To:	Mayor and Members of Council	Attachments:	-letter from resident
Department:	Public Works	Policy References:	
Prepared By:	Peter Marra, P.Eng. – Director of Public Works		
Subject:	Morton Drive Sidewalk Request (Matchette Road to Front Road)		

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council to receive this report for information.

For Council to concur and await the results of the grant application prepared for Morton Drive.

REPORT:

This report has been prepared in response to a letter received from Monique Hachey on May 16, 2019 (attached). In the letter, Ms. Hachey is requesting sidewalks be installed on Morton, from Matchette Road to Front Road, pointing to the issue of pedestrian safety.

Administration would concur that pedestrian facilities would be suitable and justified for Morton. However, we have not moved forward with any design or work because of the current condition of the existing infrastructure within that road are also in need of repair.

The current condition of the infrastructure on Morton Drive between Matchette and Front is as follows:

- No existing sidewalk or multi-use trail
- Pavement in poor condition, no curb and gutter
- Storm drainage consists of open ditch and various older ditch infills

- An existing concrete box culvert road crossing, on a municipal drain, is in need of replacement. Also this culvert is identified in our bridge needs study
- Watermain from 1960's which is in need of replacement
- Sanitary sewer in very good condition

As most of the infrastructure on Morton is in need of replacement, administration has held off on completing any of the singular items knowing that this road is in need of a full reconstruction.

Recognizing the needs of Morton, earlier this year, administration has applied for a grant, the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Rural and Northern Stream, to reconstruct Morton. Our estimated cost for this reconstruction work and addition of storm sewers, curb and gutter, and pedestrian facility is \$6,823,500. If successful with the grant, the Town's portion would be \$2,657,416, and construction would be in 2020. The town has yet to hear any news with respect to this grant application.

If the Town is not successful with this grant, administration will continue to work within our capital plan and see how Morton fits into the priority list.


It should also be noted that Morton is partially owned by the City of Windsor in this section, although they have no residential or commercial fronting the street. The Town would be requesting the City contribute to the cost of this project. How the City would respond to such a request is unknown.

At this time, we are recommending that Council continue to await notification on if the Town has been successful with the grant, and administration can follow up accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director of Public Works

Reviewed by:							
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Ms. Linda Jean
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I am writing to you in regards to having sidewalks installed along Morton Dr. from Matchette Rd. to Front Rd. I am deeply concerned with my children's safety when they come and go to their school bus stop. Our family has already sustained injuries from two different occasions. My son Micah, was hit by a car in front of my house in 2015 and I was brushed by an SUV while I was walking down Morton Rd. As a result, my children are afraid to walk to and from the bus stop.

I have a condition which often prevents me from walking the children to and from the bus stop. I have chronic lyme disease. My symptoms can flare up at a moment's notice, disabling me from performing my parental duties. I have spoken to the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board and the school bus company to urge them to change my children's bus stop to our driveway. Last year, they deemed our road unsafe for the children to walk along it, but according to them, it is safe this year. They refused to change the bus stop.

Sincerely yours,

Monique Hachey