

Jurk, Bob

From: Cumber, Annemarie
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 1:42 PM
To: Meed Ward, Marianne; [REDACTED]
 Jurk, Bob; Ivanaj, Anton; Dennison, Jack; Clark, Trevor
Subject: RE: congrats / sidewalks

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your inquiry, we hear your concerns regarding the impact of adding a sidewalk. As we understand, staff have evaluated the roads in the Strathcona Gardens area and the findings of the sidewalk warrant demonstrated a significant need. I have consulted with staff and we are currently working towards a solution that should suffice both the residents needs and address the city's safety concerns and commitment to provide safe facilities for all road users, including both current and future residents.

There is still more preliminary work to be done, however at this time we are waiting to review a final design concept. Once that is determined, we will engage the residents and present proposed solutions. Staff are currently working through the details and require more time, but we are planning a public consultation in the new year and we will ensure staff connect with you personally to let you know the date, once the date has been finalized.

We look forward to hearing or seeing you at the information session in the new year.

Best Regards,

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From: Clark, Trevor
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 1:21 PM
To: Cumber, Annemarie <Annemarie.Cumber@burlington.ca>
Subject: FW: congrats / sidewalks

From: Meed Ward, Marianne
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 8:34 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Jurk, Bob
 <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>; Ivanaj, Anton <Anton.Ivanaj@burlington.ca>; Dennison, Jack
 <Jack.Dennison@burlington.ca>; Clark, Trevor <Trevor.Clark@burlington.ca>
Subject: Re: congrats / sidewalks

Thanks for reaching out. I do recall our conversation, and thanks for attaching the petitions.
I am committed to working with residents and am in the process of finding out what exactly is being discussed and the timeline (eg for the public meeting).
Let me get back to you.
Marianne

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On Nov 20, 2018, at 12:57 PM, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Hi Marianne, not sure if you remember me, but during your campaign i met you near the Appleby GO Train entrance. Firstly, congratulations! I was hoping you would win.

We talked a bit about our children (you have 3 and i have 5). And i asked you what i can do about the sidewalk situation in Strathcona Gardens (namely on Applevalley Lane).

Basically we do NOT want sidewalks. I got every home owner on Applevalley Lane to sign a petition stating they do not want sidewalks installed. On October 26 i sent an email to a few people at City of Burlington. I received a reply back from Trevor Clark (which you were a recipient) on November 2nd stating ..

".. the best place to bring your feedback initially will be the Public Information Centre (PIC) that will be held in the new year for this project. It is at that point that what is being proposed for Strathcona Gardens will be detailed to the residents and any impact on them will be explained. Following the presentation, the public will have the opportunity to give feedback. "

What i don't understand from that statement is this part.. "Following the presentation, the public will have the opportunity to give feedback." - I know what that sentence means, but what i do not comprehend is that WE (the public and residents of Applevalley Lane) have already provided feedback! We do not sidewalks installed.

I have attached the scanned / signed petitions in case you need them again. And I included those in the original response.

Thank you for you time. Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

<no-sidewalks-signed-petitions.pdf>

Jurk, Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 5:45 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Jurk, Bob; Mailbox, Office of the Mayor; Stolte, Shawna; Thorp, Tara; Galbraith, Kelvin; Grimshire, Francine; Kearns, Lisa; Wainman, Sheri; Nisan, Rory; Gartside, Georgie; Fitzpatrick, Rosemary; Sharman, Paul; Laufman, Kathi; Bentivegna, Angelo
Subject: Re: Strathcona sidewalks Comment sheet

Hi Bob and all the ward council members.

Yes, the meeting at the school was much appreciated.

However, I was very concerned about the number of vehicle trips that were recorded on Apple Valley Lane.

The recorded value was just under 400 trips per day on Apple Valley Lane - that is an ABSURD number (waaay too high). That piece of information should not be added to the public record because it is false.

I live at [REDACTED] and I oftentimes work from home. The room I work in is on the first floor of my home and it has a large set of windows facing the road and I notice every vehicle trip that passes (both ways).

And I doubt that the number of vehicle trips on AVL exceeds even 100 trips!

If you don't believe me, please set up a GoPro camera for a day and play it back (in fast speed) and count the trips. If you want to use my home as a location to mount the camera then I am more than willing.

My wife and I have a young family and agree that safety is important, but Apple Valley Lane is not high traffic.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

On Feb. 14, 2019 11:37 a.m., "[REDACTED]" > wrote:

Good morning Bob.

That was a great PIC meeting!

I am very much against sidewalks in this area; attached is my Input Comment Sheet with reasons.
[REDACTED]

Jurk, Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 8:09 PM
To: Jurk, Bob
Subject: Fwd: Strathcona Area

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Subject: Strathcona Area

"To Shauna Stotle New Councillor Ward 4

Congratulations on the election. The previous council stopped listening. I hope this trend stops.

The mayor started off with a bang. {thinks she is Ford} relieving the city manager with a year left on his

contract. Fine example of wasting our money. Give her my congratulations !.

The City of Burlington has been labelled as a City that can not get any thing right. Watching the past performance

of City hall The Planning and Traffic Dept. plus OMB I think the observation is true.

ex \$14m. pier- the absurd cost of J.B. Museum-, the huge Apt. been or to be built, [lost control]- Bike lanes usage

against cost -not justified- co-ordinate traffic lights- No centre turn lane for New St. Guelph Line to Walkers -

dangerous at the best of times -suicidal at rush hours the list could go on and on. I am sure you know all the list.

Strathcona /Sidewalk / Road/Construction

Hopeful this project does not get labelled

1.5 m. sidewalks is ludicrous. The resident tax payers of Apple Valley Lane {A.V.} have a sign petition against

construction Other streets have done the same.

A.V. is my resident St. This 60 yr quiet residential St is used primary for vehicle travel. The cost of this

construction is not justified .A.V. is our , resident St. for 48 yrs. We have yet to hear of any type of accident

evolving car vs. walker's or car vs car. It has been a happy marriage between foot walkers and cars
Actually

pedestrian slow vehicles down.

Safety for walkers should not be a factor in justifying sidewalkers: Sidewalks will also disrupt landscape

driveways ,parking, retaining walls a hazard the leaf collection, the garbage collection more difficult, snow

ploughing more costly.

With Vehicles being the main purpose of the road narrowing it is not a good solution A silly in fact

Road construction. Complete new roads Why?[where has common sense gone?

The road is 60yrs old The under ground utilities [water storm& sanitary sewers are said to be O.K. great

The last few years there has been a major push for renovation tear down build new bigger homes
This has

bruised the top layer of asphalt in some places This a tough question .What do you do?, Do you replace the

finished top layer or do proper repairs on the needed work. You would not or should not do a full replacement of

the road not with 60 yr underground utilities still in the ground I would do a proper repair on the need work It

would be cost saving and substantial strong repair. Not a Mickey mouse job like city try to do several times on

A.V ---[Cold Mix a hand tamper and truck tire for compaction] The situation is like a leak in a swimming pool

.the pool. Liner is 15 yrs. the life expected is 20 +yrs Do you repair the leak and get the remaining use of the

liner or do you replace the whole liner? I would do the repair .Get my money's worth out the existing liner. Same

thought for the asphalt road. That is lest you have lots of money

Street Light replacement? Why

The City a few yrs ago replaced the bulbs with LED lights Why? A complete replacement New solar panel

controlled lights are now being used .Why not wait until the light system is needed then replace with the solar

panel system Street light wiring would not be needed

Question Would the street lights system be changed if there was not unnecessary sidewalks ?

In conclusion

I think this projects smells like the Old City mentality

To hell with people- To hell with the costs= Just go on your merry way and get done. Common sense is away out he window.

Future proposal to look forward to for our quiet non sidewalk residential St

1--Do you want bike lanes on one side or both

2--Do you want parking on one side or no parking at all.

3--Do you flower boxes in the centre of the street

4-- Do you want 3.0m walks

After that will come-- please use an alternate route .there is no room for cars.

People you better get friends with Mary Poppins or Broom Hilda because they are going to your Ubur transportation if the City keeps going this route

Are you City hall listening????

As Forest Gump says --That is all I have to say about that

Sincerely ,

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From: Jurk, Bob
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 9:31 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Clark, Trevor; Gartside, Georgie; Hamilton, Scott; Ivanaj, Anton; Jurk, Bob; Magi, Allan; Ozimkovic, Danijel; Stolte, Shawna; Tolone, Vito
Subject: FW: Strathcona Project Area

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 1:29 AM
To: Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>; [REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: Strathcona Project Area

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
To: Shawna.stolte <Shawna.stolte@burlington.ca>
Sent: Thu, 7 Feb 2019 3:54 pm
Subject: Fwd: Strathcona Project Area

Main Topic -Strathcona Project

Are the tax paying residents getting their money's worth out of the existing road services?

No not if this proposed project goes thru.

Road surface

If Strathcona Dr is at the head of the list for road replacement. The City of Burlington is in fine shape as far as road replacement goes. The area surface in question appears to be in reasonable shape. Proper repairs are needed in some areas. Applevalley Lane ,our residence needs proper repairs of asphalt in some areas" **goggle Asphalt"** Tear down build up luxury homes using heavy equipment for excavation-material supplies etc.have bruised the top layer of the road surface over last few years. The previous temporary repairs made by the city on a yearly basis are short lives. Proper repairs longer lasting repairs have never been applied
The reported of 400 cars a day is so far out of wack that I have a hard time believing that person has any honest in them person would any bit of honesty in them ,That inflated number is almost laughable. ,If we get 10 cars an hour we would call that a parade Which I have timed,

Sidewalks

NOT **Popular**;;; with the full signature of all the residents on Applevalley Lane against sidewalks plus other streets have similar petition as you know.
The usage specially by the residents of the involved streets is not there. The foot traffic is low. not worth the cost against the disruption of landscape- drive ways- retaining walls for elevation differences- narrowing of the road surfaces.etc.
Safety is not a issue .As 48 yr residents A.V. Lane there has not been accidents evolving pedestrians and cars or cars with cars to our knowledge. Fine record

Curbs and Gutter

The City at the meeting stated that the C/G were not up to standard.So what ! -they work and the storm sewers are not to be replaced. Leave them be -if it is not broken do not fix it.

Street Lighting

The bulbs have a few yrs ago changed to LED seems to do.t he job. the pedestrian traffic at night is almost non existent and car travel is not far behind

Demographics

My opinion based on observation of the meeting Jan 30th.
Most of the residents in this area are seniors or close to it. Vehicles are their mode of travel The foot travel is light in comparison. If this project was to be put on hold for 10 + - yrs the curvature situation would be different .Younger people usually brings Children or teenager which would create maybe the use a side walk one side on the major street on this project Strathcona only as far as Spruce

Conclusion

There seems to be rush to get the project this year. What is the hurry?,Nothing is broke .There is nothing that is life threaten. If the project is delayed this yr or 10yrs it will be still in reasonable shape with proper repairs on the necessary damages Give the road some tender loving care. In the long run

it with save money . making the residents happy and give the decision maker time to really evaluate the situation properly with no real pressure.

The underground Util. are staple they are not being replace

The only down side is that City of this great Burlington might lose it's reputation that never gets any thing RIGHT

So saying ado I hope the City has change it's Motto LISTEN WITH INTELLIGENCE AND BE SENSIBY FURGAL

WITH CONFIDENCE I WISH YOU GOOD HEALTH GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR NEW VENTURES IN CITY HALL



Jurk, Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 2:40 PM
To: Jurk, Bob; Stolte, Shawna
Cc: Daffre, Marc; Clark, Trevor
Subject: Updated Strathcona Rehabilitation - Applevalley Lane Feedback

Hello Bob and Team

I am a homeowner and live at [REDACTED]. Per the website, I am providing feedback on the proposal by today, Feb 15th.

I have concerns / comments as follows with respect to Applevalley Lane. The form does not allow for this feedback to be written on the form. I am sending by email as offered.

Option 4 - no sidewalk

I am concerned that the form as designed seems to direct that there is not an option to have no sidewalk (unmerited) on Applevalley but to have a sidewalk on Strathcona (merited). Please clarify.

Narrowing of the road

I live directly on one of the two elbows on Applevalley that is much wider than that straight section of road. As I understand from the overview, the road will be narrowed to 9m wide - what is the plan for the elbows - I expect you will say they will remain at the current curb placement due to the storm drain placements. Please confirm.

Snow removal

We have significant concern on the North Side of Applevalley (The side you have recommended for the sidewalk) due to the 'double plowing' that occurs in winter. The South side gets one scrape to the curb, the north wide (the trucks drive west from Strathcona to Walkers require two ploughing runs in the elbows to clear the snow to the curb and this results in SIGNIFICANT SNOW piles - those piles would then be placed on the sidewalk and would need to be cleared by the city sidewalk plow.

Liability and Risk

As I understand the city bylaws, the city is responsible for the removal of all snow on sidewalks. The non-standard placement of sidewalks directly at the curb (not allowing for a small patch of grass between sidewalk and curb) means that snow will be more directly piled on the sidewalks. As a homeowner, I will not accept the legal liability for clearing snow from a sidewalk that is non-standard (no grass) and I want the City to acknowledge its responsibility with respect to clearing the snow from the Applevalley asphalt onto the sidewalk and subsequently the city's responsibility for clearing the sidewalk.

Traffic Volume Assumptions on Applevalley are NOT accurate

I have extensive experience as a telematics company in doing traffic studies for traffic volume - our company is doing this now in New York City.

While I appreciate that the calculations for yes/no sidewalk are simple:

1) pedestrian traffic at peak in the AM, peak in the PM

Agreed the AM peak is about 5 pedestrians, the 25 PM peak has not been my experience along the segment on Applevalley from Elmhurst Crescent to Strathcona - I cannot comment on the pedestrian volume at PM peak from Elmhurst to Walkers Line (which is short segment). **Both factors are under the threshold for single sidewalk.**

2) number of homes

The number of homes at 32 homes exceeds the 30 home number for a sidewalk however it is worth noting that many lots are corner lots and recessed lots at the other elbow on Applevalley so this is **not a sufficient factor to motivate the sidewalk.**

3) Average Annual Daily Traffic -

The "measured traffic volume" of 400 average daily vehicles is *outrageously inaccurate or misleading*. There are perhaps 200 cars average that pass by each of the two segments of Applevalley (segment 1 is Applevale Court to Strathcona, segment 2 is Applevale Court to Walkers Line) - **it is misleading to say 400 cars pass through Applevalley Lane** which is the implication of the summary study. Each segment **may have 200** vehicles as homeowners from the midpoint on Applevalley and Applevale Court may choose to go to Walkers or Strathcona. There is no through traffic from Walkers to Strathcona. I would like to review the 'measured traffic volume study' with our experts. In front of our home, we see an average of 12 cars per hour - **no more than 200 a day.**

There is no volume vehicle traffic, pedestrian volume or home lots justification for any sidewalk on Applevalley Lane. This is not to say that Strathcona - a Walker's Line bypass road that connects Lakeshore to New Street should not have a sidewalk as well - There is significant traffic on Strathcona, speed concerns on Strathcona (a speed bump was installed).

The way the feedback form is created it seems that the No Sidewalk option is No Sidewalk for all - this is a bad assumption - where clearly on the actual observable numbers - Applevalley does NOT require a sidewalk but Strathcona DOES require a sidewalk for pedestrian safety reasons.

Placement North or South

How did the team come to the decision to go north side vs south side? South side has less snow plow build up, less land elevation and tree obstacles?

Alternative

In the spirit of being proactive - I understand the importance of pedestrian safety and I do not believe the expense is justified on Applevalley. If the City would like a compromise to the expense of a concrete sidewalk on Applevalley Lane if, despite the facts that a sidewalk is not justified on Applevalley Lane, I would suggest that painted bike/pedestrian lanes clearly marked on the asphalt surface of Applevalley Lane will accomplish the safety interests of the very few pedestrians (5 at peak AM).

Thank you

Please respond with the city's position with respect to the homeowner's responsibility (liability) to clear the sidewalks you propose. If homeowners are taking on more risk by having sidewalks in front of their homes, this is critical information that has been missing from any of the material I have read.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this feedback.



Jurk, Bob

From: Jurk, Bob
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 8:26 AM
To: Stolte, Shawna
Cc: Magi, Allan; Tolone, Vito; Clark, Trevor; Ozimkovic, Danijel; Gartside, Georgie; Hamilton, Scott
Subject: FW: Sidewalks on Apple Valley Lane

Good morning Councilor Stolte,

Yesterday I responded to this email inquiry (see below). I inadvertently did not copy you. For all response to the public inquires going forward I will copy you.

Bob

-----Original Message-----

From: Jurk, Bob
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 3:25 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Clark, Trevor <Trevor.Clark@burlington.ca>
Subject: RE: Sidewalks on Apple Valley Lane

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

There is NO sidewalks planned for Appleby Valley Lane, east of Strathcona Drive. The roadworks are planned to extend to east limit of 4108 Appleby Valley Lane. You will notice a change in the curb style at this location, this is the proposed limit of works. While we welcome the your feedback at any time, we would ask that you attend the Public Information Centre and have all of your concerns addressed prior to completing the comment sheet.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 3:13 PM
To: Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>
Subject: Sidewalks on Apple Valley Lane

I just received the public input comment sheet for the project in my neighbourhood. I have a specific question about Apple Valley Lane. According to the project map, my house [REDACTED] located on the [REDACTED] is included. Would the proposed sidewalk be constructed on the north side of Apple Valley east of Strathcona? The paving appears to end in the middle of the block and does not involve my next door neighbour also located on the north side of Apple Valley but at the corner of Camelot. I can't imagine that the proposed sidewalk would end in the middle of the block. Perhaps the sidewalk would go to Camelot, but that isn't clear. I would like to know the plan before filling in the form.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Jurk, Bob

From: Jurk, Bob
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 8:42 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Clark, Cary; Gartside, Georgie; Hamilton, Scott; Jurk, Bob; Magi, Allan; Ozimkovic, Danijel; Stolte, Shawna; Tolone, Vito
Subject: RE: Strathcona Drive rehab

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for your comments.

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Subject: Strathcona Drive rehab

Mr. Jurk,

First off, please know that I understand this is not your initiative/idea...that you are following up on requests from politicians with "great ideas"

I have lived in this area (and on the same street) most of my life.

For the record, I am in favour of option 4. No sidewalks. Anywhere.

Off the record, this is an ill advised proposal, on par with the New St. diet that got our previous council fired.

Obviously, the politicians that proposed this project have never visited our neighborhood for more than a day (or less). Strathcona Drive gets fewer than 100 cars and 10 pedestrians per 24 hrs. My kids walk this often (delivering papers) and rarely see cars or pedestrians.

And Apple Valley...Lorraine Cr. You have got to be kidding me. What an obscene waste of money.

Spending millions of dollars on a sidewalk to nowhere makes absolutely no sense. I really hope this was the idea of the city council that we just voted out. Yes, the same ones that repaved New Street 3 times in 4 years.

This initiative is ill advise, and I hope will meet with massive push back from the people that actually live in this area.



Jurk, Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:36 PM
To: Jurk, Bob
Cc: Clark, Trevor; Gartside, Georgie; Hamilton, Scott; Magi, Allan; Ozimkovic , Danijel; Stolte, Shawna; Tolone, Vito
Subject: RE: Public Input comment sheet - Strathcona Drive Area

Thanks for your timely follow-up, Bob. The information was very helpful. I will track developments via the web sites you have provided.

Best, regards,
[REDACTED]

From: Jurk, Bob [mailto:Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca]
Sent: February 14, 2019 10:23 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Clark, Trevor; Gartside, Georgie; Hamilton, Scott; Magi, Allan; Ozimkovic , Danijel; Stolte, Shawna; Tolone, Vito
Subject: FW: Public Input comment sheet - Strathcona Drive Area

Good morning Mr. Cowan,

Thank you for your comment sheet.

You asked “Where sidewalks considered on Camelot Drive/Place?” – The following response is provided by Trevor Clark, our Transportation Department Team Lead. Sidewalks were not considered for Camelot Drive/Crt as these roads are out of scope of the Strathcona Drive Area Reconstruction project. The current practice that the City follows is to evaluate roads where a Capital Project is scheduled to determine if sidewalks are warranted. This is the best time to install new infrastructure as it will have the lowest potential cost and impact. The City also evaluates a road when a resident has requested sidewalks. If a sidewalk is found to be warranted but there is no road renewal project scheduled, the City would consider a sidewalk project independent of any road works. Please feel free to contact us if there are any further questions.

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From: 
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 7:00 PM
To: Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>
Subject: Public Input comment sheet - Strathcona Drive Area

Hi Bob,

Attached is my response for Public Input regarding the planning of road and sidewalk improvements in the Strathcona Drive Area.

Regards,



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Jurk, Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 11:46 AM
To: Jurk, Bob
Subject: Re: CW-19-02 Strathcona Drive Area

Thank you! I will try and attend. [REDACTED]

> On Jan 17, 2019, at 11:39 AM, Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca> wrote:

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> Good morning [REDACTED]

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> Thank you for your comments.

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> With respect to the comments and concerns noted in your email. Please note that we are working with our transportation group which oversees the installation of speed humps and on street parking. I can also advise you that the issue of biodiversity is a consideration when selecting replacement trees.

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> Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 11:00 AM
> To: Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>
> Subject: CW-19-02 Strathcona Drive Area

>
> Dear Mr. Jurk,

>
> I received the request for comment via mail and was hoping I could send my comments via email. I would like Option 1. I regularly walk Strathcona to the stores on New and am thankful for the traffic calming speed bump and would really like to see sidewalks. I would also like to see more speed bumps along lower Strathcona. Also I suggest you allow parking on the street. Parking acts as traffic calming as well. I would ask that if you are taking down trees that you replace with a variety native trees that reflect our Carolinian region & support biodiversity for instance red bud, burr, red & white oaks, red maples, and tulip trees.

>
> Thank you,

> [REDACTED]
> Burlington

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Jurk, Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 3:57 PM
To: Jurk, Bob
Subject: Fw: Sidewalks on Strathcona and Lorraine Crescent
Attachments: Sidewalk Warrant Review Sheet, Lorraine Crescent.pdf

Sorry Bob. I forgot to add you to my City Council email list...

From: Sam Weller <j_h_weller@hotmail.com>

Sent: February 19, 2019 3:54 PM

To: Mayor Burlington; Shawna Stolte; Ward 1 assistant Burlington; Ward 1 Burlington; Ward 2 assistant Burlington; Ward 2 Burlington; Ward 3 assistant Burlington; Ward 3 Burlington; Ward 4 assistant Burlington; Ward 5 assistant Burlington; Ward 5 Burlington; Ward 6 Assistant Burlington; Ward 6 Burlington

Subject: Sidewalks on Strathcona and Lorraine Crescent

Dear City Council.

You must be getting tired of hearing from the citizens about the idea of installing sidewalks in the Strathcona Drive area!

Here's another one...

In his email to you dated 2019-02-14, [REDACTED] brought to your attention the fact that the vehicle count on Apple Valley Lane is completely erroneous. He makes this point:

- *The recorded value was just under 400 trips per day on Apple Valley Lane - that is an ABSURD number (waaayy too high). That piece of information should not be added to the public record because it is false.*

Disturbed by this comment about one of your "facts", I had a second look at a [Sidewalk Warrant Review Sheet](#) for Lorraine Crescent from your City files [attached]. And found the value of "370 - Modelled" in the [Measured Traffic Volume](#) column. I have two points of concern:

1. The item indicates Modelled, not Measured. Which raises the question: what algorithm was used here? **Is it any more accurate than the 400 vehicles per day in your Apple Valley Lane study?**
2. As you know, Lorraine is a Crescent; it does not go anywhere. Which means there is Zero through traffic; all those "370" vehicles are local traffic. i.e. folk going to and from homes on the crescent. **Does local traffic warrant sidewalks?**

Just in case you missed it, the locals are up in arms in opposition to the installation of sidewalks in the Strathcona Drive area.

I look forward to a response on these two [above] points: 1) Is the "370" also suspect? and 2) Does local traffic warrant sidewalks?



Sidewalk Warrant Review Sheet

Road Information				Warrant Information						Sidewalk Study								
Road Name	Road Class	Budget Year	Project Number	Rehab Type	Sidewalks Present Y/N	Catchment Area	Dwellings	Measured Traffic Volume	Access to Park Y/N	Proximity to School (400m) Y/N	Transit Route Y/N	Notes	Recommendation	Review Date	Reviewed By	Field Count - AM	Field Count - PM	Recommendation Final
Lorraine Cres from Strathcona to Strathcona Dr	Local	2019	RD-RL-1548	Reconstruction	N	<30	29	370 - Model/d	Y	Y	N	Catwalk at corner that goes to school, church and park	Sidewalk Both Sides	9-Apr-18	TAC	65	72	Sidewalk Both Sides



Jurk, Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 12:09 PM
To: Stolte, Shawna; Jurk, Bob
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Projects 2019 Reference ID 75

Hello,

I reside at [REDACTED] and wanted to express my vehement opposition to installing sidewalks on our streets.

My hope is that you will listen to your constituents, as you represent our voices.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Jurk, Bob

From: Gartside, Georgie
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 3:52 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Stolte, Shawna; Jurk, Bob; Mailbox, Office of the Mayor
Subject: RE: Capital Projects 2019 - Reference ID 75

Hello [REDACTED]

First of all, our apologies for the late reply. For some reason your email went into Councillor Stolte's Junk Email folder.

Thank you for your comments about sidewalks in the Strathcona neighbourhood. A Project Update was recently mailed to residents in the area showing the various options, and inviting you to a Public Information Centre (PIC) on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019. I encourage you to attend the meeting to see the construction options, the schedule, and discuss your concerns with city staff and with Councillor Stolte.

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Please contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Georgie

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 10:30 AM
To: Stolte, Shawna <Shawna.Stolte@burlington.ca>; Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>; Mailbox, Office of the Mayor <mayor@burlington.ca>
Subject: Capital Projects 2019 - Reference ID 75

Good Morning,

I am writing to you today to express my disappointment in the plan to construct sidewalks on Lorraine Crescent.

We have lived at [REDACTED] for 2 years with two young children and have not once felt the need for sidewalks. We take walks "around the block" regularly and have always felt safe walking on the side of the road.

We moved to South Burlington for the benefits of living in an area full of trees and green space. I cannot express how negatively the construction of sidewalks on our street will impact our community.

Please let us keep the traditional charm our neighbourhood and allow our girls to grow up on a street full of trees, grass and natural beauty.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Jurk, Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 6:13 PM
To: Mailbox, Office of the Mayor; Stolte, Shawna; Jurk, Bob
Subject: CW-19-02 Strathcona Drive Area Construction

I apologize for the lateness of this e-mail on the above noted subject; to which my preference is OPTION #4 (i.e. no sidewalks) but I was trying to organize my thoughts. The following are some of the reasons why I came to this decision.

The addition of sidewalks will detract from the character of the Strathcona Garden area, which is one reason my new neighbour at [REDACTED] chose to buy in this area.

The +/- \$700k that has been set aside for sidewalks in this project could easily be deleted as line item without impacting the rest of the project and could be used to reduce the 2019 projected tax increase for the Capital and Operating Budgets. No sidewalks means no need to clear them of snow; particularly since Lorraine Crescent is one of the last streets to be plowed, and there is no point cleaning a curb side sidewalk before the road is done. The sidewalk clearing would be an ongoing cost that would add to the operating budget.

It was stated that the construction of the sidewalks would require the removal of some 30 trees and likely cause undue stress on many others. I believe that the removal of even one tree is too many given the current tree reduction in Burlington due to the Ash Borer issue and the rampant removal of private trees to satisfy current unchecked housing rebuilds and renovations.

Personally I wouldn't use the sidewalks when I walk my dog at night because it is more likely to put me in harm's way with coyotes which often use the shadows of properties to sneak up on the unsuspecting – being out in the middle of the street gives you some protection.

The catwalk seems to be the focal point of the pedestrian activity and I find two 2 hour sample sizes on one day to be a rather insignificant sample size. I suspect that trying to restrict parking on Lorraine in the vicinity of the catwalk is not likely to be very successful. I think the better bet would be to correct the source of the issue which is vehicle traffic trying to make a left onto New Street without the benefit of traffic lights. The easiest solution may be to reverse the traffic flow around the church so you have two lanes of exiting traffic with lights.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Jurk, Bob

From: Mailbox, Office of the Mayor
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 11:50 AM
To: Stolte, Shawna; Gartside, Georgie; Clark, Trevor
Cc: Jurk, Bob
Subject: FW: City of Burlington Roadways Capital Projects 2019 Reference RD-RL-1548

Good morning

I am forwarding this to Trevor Clark who is compiling a list of residents for the public consultation in January and coordinating this project. I will not respond to resident as Mayors Office is copied only.

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 15, 2018 9:42 AM
To: Stolte, Shawna <Shawna.Stolte@burlington.ca>
Cc: Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>; Mailbox, Office of the Mayor <mayor@burlington.ca>
Subject: City of Burlington Roadways Capital Projects 2019 Reference RD-RL-1548

Hello Shawna,

I recently became aware of plans to install sidewalks on both sides of Lorraine Crescent in 2019. The issue that apparently is being addressed is the irresponsible behaviour of parents dropping off their children on the street to take them through the walkway in the morning and afternoon to St. Raphael's Catholic School.

Ripping up the residents driveways, landscaping and large old trees to install unnecessary sidewalks on Lorraine Crescent is not an acceptable or effective answer to the behaviour of a few parents. St. Raphael's school has a systemized drop off program with adult supervision. If these parents simply entered the parking lot from New Street, as the majority of them do, all the children would be delivered safely to school.

If a parent would like to walk their child directly to the play ground, there is the plaza parking lot across from the school (across New Street) with crossing guard and traffic lights. This is a far safer solution.

The solution that would end the unsafe practice would be to install **No stopping/parking signs from 8:00-9:00 am and 3:00-4:00 pm Monday-Friday.**

- This would allow:
 - residents to maintain their current driveways and properties, many of which have invested significant funds in landscaping over the past few years.
 - parents to conform to the drop off procedures already established at the school

- prevent children from running from the end of the walkway across St. Raphael's parking lot
- prevent children from running out the end of the walkway onto Lorraine Cr.
- maintain the integrity of driveway parking for multiple vehicles for residents, many with single lane driveways. Currently residents are able to park multiple cars in their driveways since there are no sidewalks eliminating the need for on street parking.
- significant cost saving for the city with this project.

I would appreciate your bringing our concerns for modifications to the street forward to council before this work begins. Sidewalks are unnecessary and costly on Lorraine Cr and will not solve the issues of children getting out of cars on the street.

Thank you



Jurk, Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 11:34 AM
To: Jurk, Bob
Subject: Lorraine Crescent - Vote for no sidewalks
Attachments: Lorraine Crescent - No sidewalks.jpg

Greetings Bob,

My husband and I have owned a home on [REDACTED] for nearly 20 years. It is a safe and quiet street that we have raised three children on. Most of the residents on our crescent are long time residents – some of which have grown up on the street.

There has never been a need for sidewalks on Lorraine Crescent. We do not have a lot of foot traffic aside from local residents and we are all very conscious and courteous of one another.

We do have an issue with parents of St Raphael's school who drive up the street and then abandon their cars all over at the corner of Lorraine/McIntosh. There are barely any people that walk our street to the school or church. Only some cars that drive up the New St side of Lorraine and then they ditch their cars along the area of the catwalk. We would love the city to address this issue and perhaps ticket the cars that are left unattended in the intersection – especially during the winter when we have snowbanks. I have had to maneuver my vehicle through multiple cars and that is an annoyance. This occurs around 8:30 am and 3:00 pm. If the city sent a parking officer out this could be resolved quickly – and add no parking. The school provides plenty of parking and they ask parents to park across New St in the parking lot for the plaza. Some enforcement of this would be fantastic!

Otherwise – this is an amazing street! I walked my kids to Tuck without sidewalks for 8 years. They then walked to Nelson. Residents are very aware of anyone on the street and it is a wide road with plenty of room. I am a dog walker as well. Some of our neighbors have gorgeous gardens and I would hate to see them spoiled for no reason.

Lorraine Crescent has almost zero traffic beyond residents. If you come during the nicer months you will find road hockey games and kids biking up and down the street. It is a very safe street. As stated above – the only issues we have is with the parents of St Raphael's leaving their cars all over the street, This should be a no parking area at the intersection. The city would save a ton of money simply by putting up no parking signs – rather than sidewalks.

We do appreciate the repaving of the street though. It is much needed!

I am unable to attend the meeting on this tonight but wanted my input known.

Cheers!
[REDACTED]

Jurk, Bob

From: Clark, Trevor
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 9:12 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Stolte, Shawna; Mailbox, Office of the Mayor; [REDACTED]; Clark, Trevor; Jurk, Bob; Ivanaj, Anton
Subject: RE: Proposed Sidewalks Lorraine Crescent + McIntosh Place

Good Morning Lisa,

Thank you for your response. Just to clarify, pedestrian counts that confirmed the sidewalk need were also conducted on Lorraine Cres. These results demonstrated the need independent of any results collected from Strathcona. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,
Trevor

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 9:07 AM
To: Clark, Trevor <Trevor.Clark@burlington.ca>; Stolte, Shawna <Shawna.Stolte@burlington.ca>; Mailbox, Office of the Mayor <mayor@burlington.ca>; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Proposed Sidewalks Lorraine Crescent + McIntosh Place

Thank You for your quick response. A study/pedestrian count on Strathcona does not reflect in any way on Lorraine Crescent (please see map of crescent). Please do not automatically consider them the same. I am glad to hear there are several options being considered and I hope one of the options is to not install sidewalks on Lorraine/McIntosh- regardless of plans for Strathcona which is a busier "through way" street. please keep me informed .
Sincerely, [REDACTED]

From: Clark, Trevor <Trevor.Clark@burlington.ca>
Sent: December 10, 2018 1:22 PM
To: [REDACTED] Stolte, Shawna; Mailbox, Office of the Mayor

Cc: [REDACTED]; Jurk, Bob; Ivanaj, Anton; Clark, Trevor
Subject: RE: Proposed Sidewalks Lorraine Crescent +McIntosh Place

Good Morning [REDACTED]

I apologize for the missed communication regarding Lorraine Cres. As you have noted below, new sidewalks are being proposed on your road as part of the Strathcona Drive Area Capital Project. These sidewalks were recommended following a review through the City's current warrant policy and confirmed through pedestrian counts which showed a significant need. Right now the project is in the design phase where staff is reviewing the existing conditions and exploring the options available for what is being proposed. A curb-faced sidewalk is part of what is being investigated as this would most likely have the lowest impact on trees, landscaping and parking. There is still more design work to be done and we are waiting to review a final concept. Once that is determined, we will engage the residents and present the proposed solutions. Staff are planning a public consultation in the new year and we will ensure to connect with you personally to let you know the date once it has been finalized.

Thanks,
Trevor

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Sent: Sunday, December 09, 2018 10:36 PM
To: Clark, Trevor <Trevor.Clark@burlington.ca>; Stolte, Shawna <Shawna.Stolte@burlington.ca>; Mailbox, Office of the Mayor <mayor@burlington.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Proposed Sidewalks Lorraine Crescent +McIntosh Place

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

In regards to the proposed sidewalks on the above-noted streets, the residents and taxpayers do not want this to proceed. A petition is being arranged and the expectation is that the installation of sidewalks will be unanimously opposed.

This is a quiet well-established neighbourhood with no "through traffic"; the only motor vehicles are residents and their visitors. Safety is not a concern in this area. I have attached a map view of Lorraine Crescent, for your reference.

Taxpayers dollars should not be spent on an unnecessary, unwanted project, which will significantly disrupt the landscape (i.e. removal of trees, etc.) and cause distress for the residents.

If, in spite of the above logical reasons for not having sidewalks, the City decides to go against the wishes of its citizens; to minimize distress, destruction and damage to trees and landscaping I request that a sidewalk abutting the curb be considered (such as on Belvenia Street, between Spruce and Lakeshore).

I would request someone contact me by email or phone [REDACTED], since voice-mail messages left by me have gone unanswered.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: December 9, 2018 10:32 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Sidewalk Petition

I have begun drafting the petition and will send it to you later this week.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Jurk, Bob

From: Clark, Trevor
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 4:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Maas, Andrew; Rohoman, Paul; Mailbox, Office of the Mayor; Jurk, Bob
Subject: RE: Capital Projects RD-R1548 Lorraine Cres. Sidewalk Study

Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your email and the below information regarding Lorraine Cres. As you have noted below, a Public Meeting has been scheduled for members of the public to come and view the proposed options for the project and to discuss them with City staff. This meeting has been scheduled at **6:30pm-8:30pm on Wednesday January 30th at St. Raphael Catholic Elementary School.**

As you have noted below, new sidewalks are being proposed on your road as part of the Strathcona Drive Area Capital Project. These sidewalks were recommended following a review through the City's current warrant policy and were then confirmed through pedestrian counts which showed a significant need. A number of factors including number of dwellings, traffic counts, proximity to a school, park and place of worship were all considered as part of this process. This study information will be present at the public meeting. The sidewalk being proposed is curb-faced sidewalk as this would most likely have the lowest impact on trees, landscaping and parking.

A project update document has been sent out to members of the public and should appear in your mailbox any day (if it hasn't already). This update contains information about the project process, what is being proposed, some other project information and the details of the public meeting. If you have any other questions, please contact me.

Thanks,
Trevor

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To: Maas, Andrew <Andrew.Maas@burlington.ca>; Rohoman, Paul <Paul.Rohoman@burlington.ca>; Clark, Trevor <Trevor.Clark@burlington.ca>; Mailbox, Office of the Mayor <mayor@burlington.ca>
Cc: annette@sentex.net
Subject: Capital Projects RD-R1548 Lorraine Cres. Sidewalk Study

Dear Mayor Meed Ward, Mr. Clark, Mr. Maas and Mr. Rohoman,

I am writing in reference to the City of Burlington installing sidewalks on Lorraine Crescent in Burlington (Capital Projects RD-R1548 Lorraine Cres. Sidewalk Study). As a resident who lives on [REDACTED], I witness on a regular basis the low amount of pedestrians whom use our street. As our street is not a main artery, it is not warranted to add sidewalks to this street as there is little car and pedestrian traffic. Also the cost of adding sidewalks to a street with little traffic should be removed from the budget as it is a waste of tax payers money which could be better utilized in other government business.

The City of Burlington undertook a study to look at traffic flow on our street. It is my understanding that this study was completed over one day and did not take into account the amount of traffic that occurs over a week or month. Surely, the recommendation made to add costly sidewalks was not done with a one day observation of activity? More thorough investigation should be done before a costly recommendation is provided. And when completing a study, why were residents' input not gained during this study? We are the people whom live here daily and can provide valuable information and provide more cost-effective recommendations.

It was noted that in this study, a "near-miss" occurred with a cyclist on the catwalk from St. Raphael's school to Lorraine Cres. was observed. This near-miss could be better dealt with other strategies rather than the installation of sidewalks; i.e. gates on either end of the catwalk that would prevent bikers from riding straight down the catwalk without slowing down, 30 km/hr signage, no parking/stopping signs at the end of the catwalk and/or the addition of a speed bump midway along Lorraine Cres (both N/S bound and E/W bound). These strategies would be a lot more cost-effective to taxpayers than installing sidewalks.

In an effort for the City to remain transparent and accountable to the community that you serve, I would appreciate a chance to review this study in its entirety to understand the concerns that the City has and why sidewalks would be recommended on a low traffic street. Please forward me a copy of this e-mail address so the residents of Lorraine Cres. can review it.

Of greater concern is the effect of installing sidewalks to the many trees, shrubs and gardens that the residents of Lorraine Crescent have installed and lovely maintained over the years to beautiful our community. Installation of sidewalks on the east side of Lorraine Cres. (house numbers 4121-4139) would require the removal of 5 mature trees (two 100+ years old), 3 shrubs and 5 gardens (one of these gardens at 4131 is an absolute show-stopper which has taken years and enormous cost to prefect). Installation of sidewalks on the west side of Lorraine Cres. (house numbers 4122-4140) would require the removal of 3 mature trees, 1 shrub and 2 gardens (again one of these gardens is spectacular). While it may not seem that important to preserve trees and plants, once removed there is an impact to our community and to the environment. The preservation of mature trees should be of high priority as they are often sacrificed due to human involvement (especially since the need for sidewalks is not warranted on this low-activity street).

I have been told that an information session is scheduled in the near future regarding this issue. It would be appreciated that the study is first circulated to the residents so that we can review it prior to this meeting.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Jurk, Bob

From: Jurk, Bob
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 12:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Clark, Cary; Gartside, Georgie; Hamilton, Scott; Jurk, Bob; Magi, Allan; Ozimkovic, Danijel; Stolte, Shawna; Tolone, Vito
Subject: Strathcona Area Comment

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for your comments.

As noted in the Project Update, a report with a summary of the comments and the proposed options will be brought before Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 1, 2019. You will be able to read the report at www.burlington.ca/agendasandminutes and register as a delegation if you would like to speak at the committee meeting.

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Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 12:02 PM
To: Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>
Subject: FW: Scanned from a Xerox Multifunction Printer

Bob,

I live at [REDACTED] and have been a resident for about 10 years. We live on a very quiet street and as you can see from the attached I am opposed to the sidewalk proposal being put forward. I am happy to have the street and curbs done because they have needed an upgrade since I have been there. I have spoken to other residents on the street and expect you will receive a unanimous and very vocal response against this.

Please register my response for the records.

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Jurk, Bob

From: Gartside, Georgie
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 3:43 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Stolte, Shawna; Jurk, Bob
Subject: RE: Sidewalks in Stratcona Neighbourhood

Hello [REDACTED]

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Please contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Georgie

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 12:35 PM
To: Stolte, Shawna <Shawna.Stolte@burlington.ca>
Subject: Sidewalks in Stratcona Neighbourhood

Hi Shawna

Congratulations on your new appointment on council. I understand that in the spring there is a plan to put in sidewalks on Lorraine Cres. I live on Lorraine Cres and wanted to let you know I disagree with this initiative.

1. Need:

- Why is this initiative being considered now, Lorraine is not a major street it is residential tertiary street?
- How many trees, shrubs, and other plants will be cut down as a result of sidewalks being installed?
- What is the square footage of greenspace that will not be converted to concrete?

As you know the Strathcona Gardens neighbourhood was developed almost 60 years ago. A number of homes have planted trees that now provide a canopy over the street scape (Strathcona Dr.). As well, these trees provide number of environmental benefits including oxygen, home for wild life and aesthetics. An interesting fact is two mature trees provide enough oxygen for a family of four.

As you know trees and grass also absorb rainwater. With climate change and evidence of more storms I am concerned about water run off and basement flooding from sidewalks and fewer trees. Is this a concern of yours?

2. Cost:

The cost to build and maintain sidewalks is another factor. One reason why both you and the mayor and others were elected in October was to keep growth at a moderate level and provide a forum for better participation by residents. I suggest that the way this initiative has been communicated to residence has been quite poor. Some residents were informed by the town arborist who was reluctant to disclose why he was measuring the width of trees in neighbour's front yards.

Moderate levels of growth will mean less in property tax revenues in the mid to long term. Therefore, fiscal prudence today is necessary to sustain our future. The cost of planning, design, installation and often forgotten ongoing maintenance costs - repair, cleaning, snow removal, sanding, signage, additional street lights, crosswalks are all factors. Can you please provide the costs of the above and consider the cost in the decision making?

3. Aesthetic and historical considerations:

Burlington is often cited as one of the best places to live in Canada. Some of the criteria for this selection is the aesthetic nature of our neighbourhoods. Sidewalks will change the residential character of the community – There is an existing historical character of the streets and neighbourhood. The width of Lorraine is much wider than most tertiary roads this was a design feature at the time. As sidelines as a driver are very good and provide enough room for pedestrians, bikes and cars.

As well street parking is currently almost unheard of as there is enough room in driveways for cars. Driveway parking will be reduced with sidewalks. I often time visit relatives in Headon Forest and the number of cars on the streets creates a safety issues for drivers as their site lines are compromised with the number of vehicles on the streets. I imagine that other services such as garbage collection and snow plows are more efficient in the Strathcona neighbourhood as opposed to Headon Forest due to fewer cars parked on the road.

4. City planning

Finally, there have been quite a few examples of poorly planned and executed infrastructure projects in the city. The cost to construct New Street initially with a bike lane then reconstruct the street with no bike lane was high. As well I am not sure that city staff took into account the opportunity cost and environmental impact of slower traffic on residents during both construction phases. The cost to construct the Burlington pier is another example of poor fiscal and planning choices. The pier is beautiful, yet construction was poorly managed regardless of the reasons/excuses why city staff or the former mayor may have provided. My overall suggestion to you as city counsellor is to hold the bureaucracy to account and establish strategic direction for the vision of our city, the way citizens should be engaged and costs.

In closing I would like to know your position on the sidewalks and what you can do to get this decision stopped. A couple suggestions I have is to survey the neighbourhood and see what the residents want. Review the cost and environmental considerations. And question city staff and hold them to account.

We need to sustain our city and not have staff frankly look for make work projects in order to spend operating budgets. If the only capital projects now needed in the city is to build sidewalks in established areas then maybe it's time to reduce the size of the planning and building department.

Thank you for taking time to read and respond to my email. I would be very happy to discuss this initiative with you.

Kind regards

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Jurk, Bob

From: Gartside, Georgie
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2019 10:06 AM
To: Jurk, Bob
Subject: FW: Strathcona Dr. road construction

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-----Original Message-----

From: Stolte, Shawna
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2019 7:47 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Gartside, Georgie <Georgie.Gartside@burlington.ca>
Subject: Re: Strathcona Dr. road construction

Good Morning [REDACTED]

Thanks for your feedback, you are certainly in the majority on this issue.
Look forward to hopefully meeting you at the Neighbourhood Meeting on January 30.
Shawna Stolte
Ward 4 Councillor

Sent from my iPad

> On Jan 18, 2019, at 2:20 PM, Lobb, Derek <lobbd@mcmaster.ca> wrote:
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> Shawna;
>
> I can appreciate the need for pedestrian safety improvements; but given my choice I'd still like
Strathcona Dr. to remain sidewalk free.
>
> Regards
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> [REDACTED]
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Jurk, Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: Jurk, Bob
Subject: Re: CW-19-02 Strathcona Drive Area Construction

Hi Bob....thank you..i also am concerned about bikes..dogs..and increased traffic with the addirion of sidewalks ..thx carol

From: Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>
Sent: February 11, 2019 8:19:51 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Clark, Trevor; Gartside, Georgie; Hamilton, Scott; Ivanaj, Anton; Jurk, Bob; Magi, Allan; Ozimkovic , Danijel; Stolte, Shawna; Tolone, Vito
Subject: FW: CW-19-02 Strathcona Drive Area Construction

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for your comment sheet.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2019 4:27 PM

To: Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>

Subject: CW-19-02 Strathcona Drive Area Construction

Dear Bob,

I own the house at [REDACTED], but reside in [REDACTED]

I am enclosing my vote for the construction re: sidewalks on this street. Would be in favour if they were on the west side of road but NOT the east.

Thanks, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Jurk, Bob

From: Gartside, Georgie
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 4:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Stolte, Shawna; Jurk, Bob
Subject: RE: Strathcona Drive

Hello [REDACTED]

First of all, our apologies for the late reply. For some reason your email went into Councillor Stolte's Junk Email folder.

Thank you for your comments about sidewalks in the Strathcona neighbourhood. A Project Update was recently mailed to residents in the area outlining the proposed work and showing the various options for sidewalks, as well as inviting you to a Public Information Centre (PIC) on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019. I encourage you to attend the meeting to see the construction options, the schedule, and discuss your concerns with city staff and with Councillor Stolte.

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Thank you,
Georgie

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 5:05 PM
To: Stolte, Shawna <Shawna.Stolte@burlington.ca>
Subject: Strathcona Drive

Good Afternoon Shawna,
My name is [REDACTED] and I would like to inquire about the repavement project of Strathcona Drive.

Recently we have had contractors surveying the street property lines and trees or as the contractors are calling them obstacles. It appears that the city has determined that our wait to have a our street repaired should now include a sidewalk that none of the people on our street really want.

Can you please help me understand why the city is even entertaining this while we continue to have our street falling apart when there are likely many other projects in need of funds.

Appreciate your help.



Jurk, Bob

From: Jurk, Bob
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 10:53 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Clark, Trevor; Gartside, Georgie; Hamilton, Scott; Jurk, Bob; Magi, Allan; Ozimkovic, Danijel; Stolte, Shawna; Tolone, Vito
Subject: FW: Strathcona Drive construction

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email and comments. With respect to your comments I would add the following:

- additional work of shovelling the sidewalks – currently the City of Burlington clears the snow from municipal sidewalks.
 - my taxes to go up or any charges to me as a result of the upgrades proposed. – we have been advised that the addition of municipal sidewalk(s) to a street will not increase the assessed value of a property and the construction of these sidewalks is not proposed as a local improvement as such no additional charge (tax) will be levied.
- [REDACTED]

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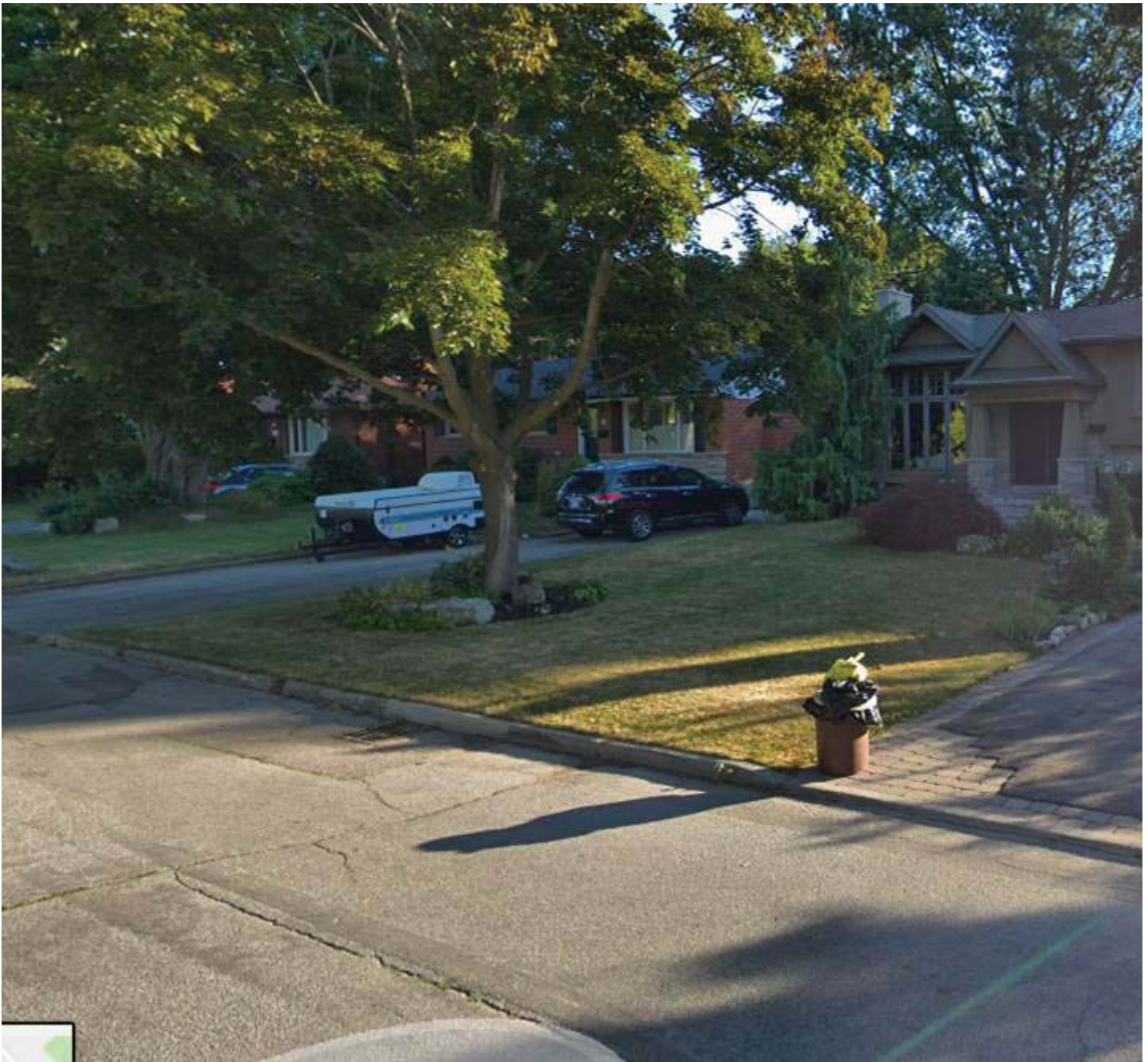
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 8:42 AM
To: Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>
Cc: Clark, Trevor <Trevor.Clark@burlington.ca>
Subject: Strathcona Drive construction

Hello Bob/Trevor,

I have been living on Strathcona Drive for 32 years, we moved here when the kids were 2 and 4 years of age and they both attended St. Raphael and Assumption High School. In those 32 years I have NEVER once thought that we should have sidewalks on our street.

I agree that the curb on both side of the street need re-building and the sewers and water mains on the west side of Strathcona have been problematic and need to be addressed but I have issues and concerns over building new sidewalks on one or both sides of the street.

These are my concerns:

Elderly residents, including myself at age 58 (I had a ski accident which resulted in a back injury) don't want the additional work of shovelling the sidewalks.

Cutting down trees changing gardens some with massive rocks in our neighbourhood would change the look and feel of our environment that we love so dearly.

My driveway is asphalt with interlocking stones which would need to be re-designed.

Since cars can't park across a sidewalk, putting in sidewalks would reduce the amount of parking space on a driveway, a particular problem as we have 3 hour parking rules in Burlington

Having sidewalks on just one side will force more people to cross the street, and the more you do that, the greater the chances of a collision.

Strathcona is not a busy street only the local resident drive on this road from New Street to Lakeshore Road, there is no room for condo's or apartments that would warrant having to accommodate an influx of residents, there's not much traffic, the kids play on the street and I have never felt that to be an issue, The speed bumps have been effective and are doing their jobs, I don't think sidewalks would add any benefits for the residents.

I am on a fix income and cannot afford my taxes to go up or any charges to me as a result of the upgrades proposed. I DO NOT WANT to consider a move from the area as I LOVE my neighbourhood.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and thank you for considering everyones needs.

I Choose option 4.

Cheers

Jurk, Bob

From: Jurk, Bob
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 8:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Clark, Trevor; Gartside, Georgie; Hamilton, Scott; Jurk, Bob; Magi, Allan; Ozimkovic, Danijel; Stolte, Shawna; Tolone, Vito
Subject: Strathcona Drive Rehabilitation

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for your comments.

With respect to your comments, should your irrigation system be impacted, sufficient notice will be provided. Also and for your information, the cost of relocation of the irrigation system impacted by the construction works will be paid by the City.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 4:22 PM
To: Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Strathcona Drive Rehabilitation

Bob,

Please see attached.

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Jurk, Bob

From: Clark, Trevor
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 11:21 AM
To: Jurk, Bob; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Strathcona Drive Rehabilitation

Good Morning [REDACTED]

Our Traffic Operations group reviews all of the project drawings for operational improvement needs on the affected streets. There have been a number of requests for traffic calming on the south portion of Strathcona Drive and as part of the drawing review, they will be looking into the feasibility for that section. Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.

Thanks,
Trevor

Trevor Clark, C. Tech
Transportation Planning Technologist
Transportation Services

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Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 8:33 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Clark, Trevor <Trevor.Clark@burlington.ca>
Subject: RE: Strathcona Drive Rehabilitation

[REDACTED]

I have copied in our team lead from the City's Transportation group, Trevor Clark. By copy of this email to him, I am asking that he respond to your inquiry.

Bob

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 8:29 AM
To: Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>
Subject: RE: Strathcona Drive Rehabilitation

Thank you Bob for your quick response. There is one other question that I neglected to ask - is any thought being given to install speed bumps on Strathcona (south of Spruce) as cars tend to travel quite quickly?

Much appreciated.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>

Sent: January-18-19 8:21 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Clark, Trevor <Trevor.Clark@burlington.ca>; Gartside, Georgie <Georgie.Gartside@burlington.ca>; Hamilton, Scott <Scott.Hamilton@burlington.ca>; Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>; Magi, Allan <Allan.Magi@burlington.ca>; Ozimkovic, Danijel <Danijel.Ozimkovic@burlington.ca>; Stolte, Shawna <Shawna.Stolte@burlington.ca>; Tolone, Vito <Vito.Tolone@burlington.ca>

Subject: Strathcona Drive Rehabilitation

Good morning [REDACTED]

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Jurk, Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 1:44 PM
To: Jurk, Bob
Subject: Project No. CW-19-02 Appendix C Public Input Comment Sheet Attached
Attachments: Project CW-19-02 Appendix C Public Input Comment Sheet.pdf

Please see the attached Project No. CW-19-02 Appendix C Public Input Comment Sheet.

We do not approve of public funds being used for plans to construct sidewalks on Strathcona Drive, as we do not feel that the expense is warranted, and we feel that the impact of the proposed construction would be devastating to the two mature trees on our property, the visual aesthetic of the area and our property value, so we have indicated Option 4: No sidewalks, on the comment sheet.



Jurk, Bob

From: Jurk, Bob
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2019 8:36 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Clark, Trevor; Gartside, Georgie; Hamilton, Scott; Ivanaj, Anton; Jurk, Bob; Magi, Allan; Ozimkovic, Danijel; Stolte, Shawna; Tolone, Vito
Subject: RE: Strathcona road project

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for your comments.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2019 8:12 AM
To: Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>
Subject: Strathcona road project

Hi there,

Thx for all the detailed info. and opportunity for feedback.
We really like option 3.

Traffic and pedestrian flow definitely calls for a safer method for walking -- kids to and from school, dog walkers, moms with strollers, etc.

Forward looking idea as area is turning over -- probably reticence among some original owners who are empty-nesters (...many still on Strathcona; one with a petition for owners to sign) and simply use their car, have adult kids, etc. They probably feel like sidewalks encroach on "their" property.

BUT as the city survey indicates, there are many pedestrians and with road construction it's a great opportunity to improve the street (more walkable), increase property value and make walking safer. This is especially true with parked cars on the street wherein walkers have to walk around them and into two way traffic. I do hope the priority of safety becomes the city's main priority in this decision, especially when their own surveys indicate the streets in question warrant a sidewalk. We really don't see a practical negative to adding sidewalks, save the loss of a few trees or shrubs.

Perhaps option 3 is a bit of a compromise for those who are stuck on keeping the status quo -- 1 sidewalk, as opposed to two. And based on survey results, it would seem like 1 sidewalk would suffice.

Thx for receiving our feedback,



Jurk, Bob

From: Gartside, Georgie
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 4:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Stolte, Shawna; Jurk, Bob
Subject: RE: Strathcona Drive and area sidewalks

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for your comments about sidewalks in the Strathcona neighbourhood. A Project Update was recently mailed to residents in the area outlining the proposed work and showing the various options for sidewalks, as well as inviting you to the Public Information Centre (PIC) on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019. Councillor Stolte looks forward to meeting you then.

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Thank you,
Georgie

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 12, 2019 1:25 PM
To: Stolte, Shawna <Shawna.Stolte@burlington.ca>
Subject: Strathcona Drive and area sidewalks

Hello Shawna,

Congratulations on your election to city council. I trust that the next four years will be rewarding and productive.

In December I became aware of the city's proposal to install sidewalks on Strathcona Drive and Lorraine Crescent.

This was from a neighbour who was circulating a petition against such installation. Prior to this all that was known was that roadway re-paving would be completed in 2019 (and in my opinion at least 5 years overdue).

I did receive a notice in the mailbox from the city dated August 21, 2018 - Strathcona Drive Area Minor Reconstruction (see attached).
But it was only to inform me of the impending presence of survey crews as a first step in making improvements to the roadway and curbs.
There is no mention at all of sidewalks or street lights.
I was curious when I saw the crews doing what seemed to be excessive survey work for just minor reconstruction of asphalt and sidewalks.
Perhaps they already knew they were going to install sidewalks. Otherwise, why do extensive survey work?

The next indication of this proposal was via email in your newsletter on Jan 11, 2019. This thankfully informed me about the new proposed extensive work on the area streets and the upcoming public open house on Jan 30, 2019.

But what about the residents who don't subscribe to your newsletter or even know about it.
How does the city disseminate information to the residents directly affected?
I have not seen any communication from the city regarding either the proposal for sidewalks or the open house meeting.
I would think that a letter in the mailbox would be a minimum - just like the one warning me about the rather benign survey crews in the area.

So, how did sidewalks and street lights creep into this project? When did it creep in?
Your newsletter states that "In addition to this work, sidewalks are also warranted on Strathcona Drive, Lorraine Crescent and Apple Valley Lane."
Warranted? How? By whom?
Is there a groundswell of demand for sidewalks from residents?
Is there some research study that has determined that these sidewalks are warranted and not on streets such as Grapehill, Fairlawn, Camelot and Elmhurst. What's the difference?

These are the issues that I see:

Sidewalk installation will necessitate the removal of trees, albeit this is mitigated with curb-faced sidewalks. However, a significant number of trees will sustain severe root damage and likely will kill off these trees quickly.

Sidewalk installation will necessitate damaging the lower part of the driveway and will have to be patched leaving an unsightly driveway prone to cracking and winter freezing upheaval and will require replacement sooner than anticipated at significant expense.

Sidewalk installation will remove 4-5 feet of usable driveway space. A visitor to my home would be required to park on the street rather than in the driveway due to the new space limitation. Perhaps I might even be forced to install a double wide driveway. This then promotes more water runoff into the sewer system rather than absorbed into the ground.

Who would be responsible to clear the snow from the sidewalk? Especially the windrow dumped by the plows on a curb facing sidewalk.

If the city is going to take ownership/responsibility of clearing the sidewalk does homeowner insurance recognize this or will homeowners still be at risk for liability and therefore still be forced to clear it of the snow.

City owned sidewalk plows and salters destroys adjacent grass and the environment. Who is going to be responsible for the repair and maintenance of the grass? What about the salt seeping into the environment and the carbon emissions from the plows?

Sidewalks are expensive to install and maintain. This money is better spent on some other useful project, or saving the money and reducing the inevitable property tax increase that now seems to be both automatic and excessive.

There is no option for no sidewalks on one street but sidewalks on another. It's a package deal. All or nothing. That is, either Strathcona, Lorraine and Apple Valley all get sidewalks or none of them get sidewalks. There is no delete option for Lorraine. I can't even imagine that Lorraine requires sidewalks whereas Grapehill, Fairlawn, Camelot and Elmhurst don't.

I look forward to attending the open house meeting on January 30 to meet with you and city staff to learn more about this proposal and the process in which we got to this point.

Regards,

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Jurk, Bob

From: Jurk, Bob
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 12:57 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Clark, Trevor; Gartside, Georgie; Hamilton, Scott; Jurk, Bob; Magi, Allan; Ozimkovic, Danijel; Stolte, Shawna; Tolone, Vito
Subject: FW: Strathcona Area - Various Streets Rehabilitation

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email and comments. With respect to your comments I would add the following:

1. Are my calculations correct? Please correct me if I have erred. – Averaging as you have done, your calculations are correct.
2. Is it the intention to recommend having the individual homeowners foot the bill for this under the guise of a local improvement? - the construction of these sidewalks is not proposed as a local improvement as such no additional charge (tax) will be levied.
3. If so, how much will each homeowner be required to pay? What is the calculation for local improvements (sidewalks). – as noted above, no additional charge.

As noted in the Project Update, a report with a summary of the comments and the proposed options will be brought before Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 1, 2019. You will be able to read the report at www.burlington.ca/agendasandminutes and register as a delegation if you would like to speak at the committee meeting. I would encourage you to attend the Public Information Centre (PIC) on Wednesday Jan. 30, 2019. This PIC will give you the chance to see the construction options, the schedule, and discuss your concerns.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 11:28 PM
To: Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>
Cc: Stolte, Shawna <Shawna.Stolte@burlington.ca>
Subject: Strathcona Area - Various Streets Rehabilitation

Dear Mr. Jurk,

I have read the budgeted project costs as updated on the web page.

As I read it the total cost to install sidewalks on one side of Apple Valley, both sides of Strathcona and both sides of Lorraine is \$681,000 calculated as:

Option one - all sidewalks = \$3,164,000.
Option four - no sidewalks = \$2,783,000
Difference equates as the total cost of all sidewalks = \$681,000

The approximate distance this covers is 3,250 metres calculated as:
Apple Valley = 450 metres
Strathcona = 1,000 metres x2 = 2,000 metres
Lorraine = 400 metres x 2 = 800 metres
Total = 3,250 metres

Therefore the total cost of sidewalks per metre is $\$681,000 / 3,250 \text{ metres} = \text{approx. } \210 per metre.

The estimated average lot size is 60 feet wide = approx. 18 metres.

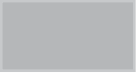
Therefore the average cost per lot is 18 metres x \$210 per metre = \$3,780 per lot.

Given the above:

1. Are my calculations correct? Please correct me if I have erred.
2. Is it the intention to recommend having the individual homeowners foot the bill for this under the guise of a local improvement?
3. If so, how much will each homeowner be required to pay? What is the calculation for local improvements (sidewalks).

The above is paramount to know before the January 30 PIC so that the residents can be fully aware of what is taking place and they may ask pertinent questions at the meeting.

Thank you



Jurk, Bob

From: Gartside, Georgie
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 10:37 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Stolte, Shawna; Jurk, Bob
Subject: RE: Strathcona Gardens and sidewalks

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for your feedback which I am sharing with the project leader, as well as with Councillor Stolte.

Georgie

Georgie Gartside
Assistant to Councillor Shawna Stolte, Ward 4 City of Burlington
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-----Original Message-----

From: Patricia Doyle <pcdoyle@cogeco.ca>
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2019 9:23 PM
To: Gartside, Georgie <Georgie.Gartside@burlington.ca>
Subject: Strathcona Gardens and sidewalks

Good evening

As you can see by the subject, I am corresponding with you in regards to the proposed sidewalks on Strathcona Drive , Lorraine Crescent and Apple Valley Lane.
I, like the majority of the neighbourhood, am opposed to sidewalks in our area.

I have lived here 32 years. I raised my family here. My grandchildren visit here now as well. All these years both my children and their children have used their scooters and bikes with no safety issues. As well I was employed by St Raphael's school for 12 years. During those years it was a daily exercise to walk a fairly large group of special needs children through our neighbourhood. Once again, we never feared for their safety. If anything, no sidewalks was a marvellous learning tool for our kids.

I also have been the owner of numerous dogs that I have walked around the neighbourhood over the years with no fear of safety

Our streets in this area do not need sidewalks.

Sidewalks will pose many more problems than eliminating problems.

There will be many trees affected.

Option 1 -26

Option 2-20

Option 3-7

Option 4-1.

There also would be 2 large bushes on Lorraine's inner circle affected.

Based on the recommended option by the city ,we would lose the benefit of 1300 lbs of carbon dioxide being absorbed and nearly 7000 lbs of oxygen produced. This translates to 65 cars CO2 emissions being absorbed and a loss of oxygen produced for over 50 people in a year.

Based on the recommended option again, the green space loss(grass) translates to 3600 sq meters of sidewalk, about half a football field of green space lost. That amount of grass releases enough oxygen for 60 families of 4 while absorbing carbon dioxide and more.

Climate change is also creating more severe storms and rains. Remember the 2014 flood? As far as I know concrete does not absorb rain but GRASS does.

I agree that we need new street lights as well as new curbs. This would certainly enhance our area.

As far as the cost of sidewalks the money would be far better spent in an effort for traffic calming. A successful example of that would be Merton Avenue in Toronto.

All we ever asked for was a speed reduction on our street. The city did put new speed limit signs up and traffic calming signs up, thank you for that. The speed bump that was erected is totally dysfunctional. We had suggested alternatives to that , better suited for our street before it was installed. Unfortunately it fell on deaf ears.

I strongly urge you to reconsider your plan of action. It would be a far greater benefit to our neighbourhood as well as our wonderful city.

I know we have a new mayor, as well as a new council representatives. We were some of the people that voted for a change.

I, along with fellow neighbours hope this doesn't fall on deaf ears.

Thanking you in advance,



Sent from my iPhone

Clark, Trevor

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2019 8:28 PM
To: Stolte, Shawna; Jurk, Bob; Clark, Trevor
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Strathcona Drive - Petition against sidewalks and comment sheet
Attachments: Petition.pdf; Comment.pdf

Hello Shawna, Bob and Trevor,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live with my husband [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

We, and a number of our neighbours, are not happy with the proposed sidewalks for our street.

Please see the attached petition against sidewalks signed by a number of residents on Strathcona Drive. We have also included a completed Public Input Comment Sheet. We hope the attached is a clear indication of our vote against sidewalks.

We look forward to the Open House on the 30th to learn more about this process and to make sure our voices are counted.

Thank you for this opportunity to have our input count.

[REDACTED]

Jurk, Bob

From: Jurk, Bob
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2019 9:34 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Clark, Trevor; Gartside, Georgie; Hamilton, Scott; Magi, Allan; Ozimkovic, Danijel; Stolte, Shawna; Tolone, Vito
Subject: RE: Yellow 'X' on trees on Strathcona Drive

Good morning [REDACTED],

Thank you for your inquiry. The yellow "x" was placed on the trees by our City survey crew when they completed the data collection for the design work. Our surveyors use a lumber crayon and the mark will dissolve with no impact on the tree.

A report with a summary of the comments and the proposed options will be brought before Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 1, 2019. You will be able to read the report at www.burlington.ca/agendasandminutes and register as a delegation if you would like to speak at the committee meeting.

Also, please review our project website at www.burlington.ca/strathcona. As new information becomes available, it will be added to the page. "Subscribe to the page" to receive update notices.

I have copied Councillor Stolte and our staff team, for their information.

Bob Jurk, C.E.T., PMP

Senior Project Manager, Design and Construction
Capital Works Department

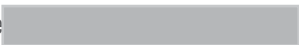

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Sent: Monday, February 04, 2019 4:38 PM
To: Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Yellow 'X' on trees on Strathcona Drive

Hi Bob,

As requested here are the pics of the yellow 'X' on my tree  and on my neighbour's tree at . I didn't look any farther than our two trees.

Thank you for your time and your thoughts today.

If you do find out what these mean, please let me know.

Thank you,







Jurk, Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 6:42 PM
To: Mailbox, Office of the Mayor; Galbraith, Kelvin; Thorp, Tara; Kearns, Lisa; Grimshire, Francine; Nisan, Rory; Wainman, Sheri; Stolte, Shawna; Gartside, Georgie; Sharman, Paul; Fitzpatrick, Rosemary; Bentivegna, Angelo; Laufman, Kathi; Jurk, Bob; Clark, Trevor
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Residents Voices RE: CW-19-02, Roadways Capital Project Strathcona Dr. Area RD-RL-1548
Attachments: Petition.pdf

Dear Mayor and Councillors of Burlington:

RE: Public Input on CW-19-02, Roadways Capital Project Strathcona Dr. Area RD-RL-1548.

I and my husband are residents/owners of a home on [REDACTED]. Over the last couple of months we have learned more and more about the intended sidewalks for our street and we are against them.

Please recognize and act on our vote for Option #4 – no Sidewalks for Strathcona Drive.

We have been encouraged to find that most of our neighbours feel the same way. On one of our colder winter days we received a warm welcome from our neighbours on Strathcona Drive, who also signed the attached petition asking that the plan to add sidewalks be stopped. Please read the attached Petition.

We have also learned that 27 trees may need to be removed along with the loss of some grassed areas on our lawns. With all the flooding we have experienced in the past few years, we don't believe the removing of further green spaces makes any sense at all. We were encouraged to hear of the Pilot Private Tree Bylaw: [43-2018 Pilot Private Tree Bylaw](#). If the bylaw is helping us recognize the value of a tree to our environment, then please use that vision to protect the beautiful older trees on our street – private or public.

When it is time for you to vote, please vote against the sidewalk portion of the project and pass the motion for Option 4.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Jurk, Bob

From: Clark, Trevor
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 2:10 PM
To: [REDACTED] Stolte, Shawna
Cc: [REDACTED]; Jurk, Bob
Subject: RE: Project No. CW-19-02

Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for this information. As you have noted below, the project update has gone out to the residents in the area which outlines some high level details about the project. I would encourage you to attend the Public Information Centre (PIC) on Wednesday Jan. 30, 2019. This PIC will give you the chance to see the construction options and their details, the project schedule, and to discuss any concerns you might have with City Staff.

Also, please review our project website at www.burlington.ca/strathcona. As new information becomes available, it will be added to the page. "Subscribe to the page" to receive update notices. Please contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Trevor

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 8:48 PM
To: Stolte, Shawna <Shawna.Stolte@burlington.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED]; Jurk, Bob <Bob.Jurk@burlington.ca>;
Clark, Trevor <Trevor.Clark@burlington.ca>
Subject: Project No. CW-19-02

Attn Councillor Stolte,

I live within the project area for Project No. CW-19-02

In the month of December 2018 this project was brought to my attention.

I have lived on Strathcona Drive for well over 30 years and I see less pedestrians today than then, there is no need for sidewalks on my street.

I have been out taking to my neighbours in this area and it is clear the grand majority do not want sidewalks.

I have started a petition to stop the installation of sidewalks on Strathcona and attached it in a PDF document. All of the people on this petition do not want sidewalks.

I have just today received the COB notice of Project No.CW-19-02 and I can see that Option 4 is the only choice I would recommend.

Thank you,



Jurk, Bob

From: Mailbox, Office of the Mayor
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 2:28 PM
To: Clark, Trevor; Jurk, Bob
Subject: FW: Sidewalks Proposed for Strathcona Dr area project CW-19-02

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 9, 2019 4:56 PM
To: Mailbox, Office of the Mayor <mayor@burlington.ca>; Thorp, Tara <Tara.Thorp@burlington.ca>; Galbraith, Kelvin <Kelvin.Galbraith@burlington.ca>; Grimshire, Francine <Francine.Grimshire@burlington.ca>; Wainman, Sheri <Sheri.Wainman@burlington.ca>; [REDACTED] Stolte, Shawna <Shawna.Stolte@burlington.ca>; Gartside, Georgie <Georgie.Gartside@burlington.ca>; Sharman, Paul <Paul.Sharman@burlington.ca>; Fitzpatrick, Rosemary <Rosemary.Fitzpatrick@burlington.ca>; Bentivegna, Angelo <Angelo.Bentivegna@burlington.ca>; Laufman, Kathi <Kathi.Laufman@burlington.ca>; Kearns, Lisa <Lisa.Kearns@burlington.ca>
Subject: Sidewalks Proposed for Strathcona Dr area project CW-19-02

I am totally in favour of option 4 (against the proposed installation of sidewalks in our neighbourhood) for a number of reasons. In an effort to not bore you with a lengthy summary, I have narrowed it down to a reason that we should all hold dear, our struggling environment.

Trees, grass, water, at the forefront and as an aside flowers and bees. All live quite harmoniously in our front yards, and the installation of side walks puts some at risk, and is a death sentence for others.

Trees to be cut down, they are the backbone of nature, cleaning our air, shading us, giving homes to the small creatures that scurry around our yards, or the birds that soar over us. Lately our tree population is being decimated by disease or mans ill-conceived plan for growth. We want to keep our remaining trees, and the grass that covers their roots.

Our water. This winter has been a prime example of what Not to do if we want to save our water...SALT. Walking on the sidewalks and roads have been like walking on gravel, with the amounts of salt being thrown on them. Our neighbourhood is close to the lake and the water table is very close to the surface. In fact we have an underground stream running directly to the lake. Recently an environmental group did testing

of rivers and found even in summer months large amounts of "salt" in these very rivers which in turn feed into our beautiful Lake Ontario. More sidewalks equates to more salt. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/road-salt-gta-water-1.4515132>

The population of our neighbourhood has not seen a surge in fact quite the opposite. We have grown old together and seen the children of the neighbourhood leave, many wanting to come back and raise their own children here to allow them the freedoms of their youth.

We walk in our "hood" several times a day with or without our dogs and have never had an issue with not having sidewalks. We do occasionally meet someone else walking, but for the most part it is stopping to converse with someone working in the yard (summer), or cleaning cars and shovelling in winter. It is a quiet neighbourhood, no hoards of walkers, green, lovely, safe and peaceful. Lets keep it that way.

Respectfully



Jurk, Bob

From: Clark, Trevor
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 10:23 AM
To: Jurk, Bob
Subject: FW: Sidewalks on Lorraine and Strathcona

From: Mailbox, Office of the Mayor
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 10:19 AM
To: Clark, Trevor <Trevor.Clark@burlington.ca>
Subject: FW: Sidewalks on Lorraine and Strathcona

Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 3:12 PM
To: Mailbox, Office of the Mayor <mayor@burlington.ca>; Stolte, Shawna <Shawna.Stolte@burlington.ca>; Thorp, Tara <Tara.Thorp@burlington.ca>; Galbraith, Kelvin <Kelvin.Galbraith@burlington.ca>; Grimshire, Francine <Francine.Grimshire@burlington.ca>; Kearns, Lisa <Lisa.Kearns@burlington.ca>; Wainman, Sheri <Sheri.Wainman@burlington.ca>; [REDACTED]; Gartside, Georgie <Georgie.Gartside@burlington.ca>; Fitzpatrick, Rosemary <Rosemary.Fitzpatrick@burlington.ca>; Sharman, Paul <Paul.Sharman@burlington.ca>; Laufman, Kathi <Kathi.Laufman@burlington.ca>; Bentivegna, Angelo <Angelo.Bentivegna@burlington.ca>
Subject: Sidewalks on Lorraine and Strathcona

Dear City of Burlington Councillors

I am a resident in Ward 4. Shawna Stolte is our Councillor. There is a proposal that will come forward to council regarding installing sidewalks in the neighbourhood. Councillor Stolte and the Mayor both attended a PIC regarding this issue and I believe both appreciated the number of interested residents and overwhelming majority who disagreed with this initiative.

Shawna suggested that the residents contact you individually regarding this issue. I am hopeful she will be talking to you about this issue. In the meantime, I thought I would send you some information regarding the environmental degradation, costs and overall impact of sidewalks in the Strathcona Gardens neighbourhood.

I am curious to learn how you plan to vote at council regarding the sidewalks in the Strathcona Neighbourhood. I would be happy as I am sure others in the neighbourhood would be to discuss any questions you may have regarding this issue as I am convinced this proposal that is not good value for taxpayer dollar.

Here are some thoughts that may help you appreciate the negative impacts of sidewalks in the neighbourhood. City staff are recommending "Option 1" which is sidewalks on both sides of the street.

How many trees, shrubs, and other plants will be cut down as a result of sidewalks being installed?

Per the options presented in the Project Update.

Option 1 - 26	Option 2 – 20	Option 3 – 7	Option 4 - 1
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This includes 2 Ash trees which require removal unrelated to construction. And there are 5 trees which may be saved, subject to root location and construction impact. There is also 2 large bushes on Lorraine’s inner circle which will be impacted if a sidewalk is installed per Option 1, 2 or 3.

Facts about trees: A single mature tree can absorb carbon dioxide at a rate of 48 lbs/year and release 260 lbs/year oxygen back into the atmosphere. Based on the above under the recommended option 1 the neighbourhood will lose the benefit of ~1,300 lbs of carbon dioxide being absorbed and nearly 7000 lbs of oxygen produced. This translates to an average of 65 cars CO₂ emissions being absorbed and the loss of oxygen produced to service over 50 people in a year. Unfortunately an official last night suggested that other trees could be planted to replace those cut down. The problem with that solution is the time for trees to mature is quite long and the environment will be negatively impacted with these trees being cut down.

Source: *McAliney, Mike. Arguments for Land Conservation: Documentation and Information Sources for Land Resources Protection, Trust for Public Land, Sacramento, CA, December 1993*

What is the square footage of greenspace that will not be converted to concrete?

Per the options presented in the Project Update.

Option 1 – approx. 3600 sqm	Option 2 – approx.. 3060 sqm	Option 3 – approx. 1900 sqm	Option 4 – 0 sqm
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Environmental impact of sidewalks: 3600 sqm of sidewalk is about half a football field in green space that will be lost. 3600 sqm of grass releases enough oxygen for 60 families of four, while absorbing carbon dioxide, hydrogen fluoride and perosyacetylene nitrate. Climate change is also creating more 100 year storms (remember summer of 2014 flood). Grass absorbs rain sidewalks create more runoff and increases the potential of flooding.

Based on the above under the recommended option the neighbourhood will lose the benefit of enough oxygen for an additional 60 families of four.

Source: <http://www.willowleesod.com/benefits.html> Michelle Conlon

The cost to build sidewalks.

Per the options presented in the Project Update.

Option 1 – \$681,000	Option 2 – \$418,400	Option 3 – \$391,000	Option 4 – \$0
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The cost to build the sidewalk is estimated at a minimum of ~\$700,000. This excludes the cost to maintain a sidewalk. A city representative mentioned at the PIC that the city would be clearing the sidewalks of snow. I understand that the budget shortfall is somewhere in the range of \$1.5M and that the tree planting program is currently unfunded. The \$700,000 could be used to fund those shortfalls. Also as a comparator below are the increased to various local boards proposed in Burlington’s 2019 budget is about \$317K. Therefore, the

cost savings of not building sidewalks could be used to pay for these expenses. I was concerned by an official who repeatedly stated that there would be “no cost to residence to build the sidewalks.” This is incorrect. Any expenditures that the city makes is accrued through either the tax base or user fees. So it is misrepresenting the facts at best and a falsehood at worst to suggest to citizens otherwise.

Looking forward to hearing back from you and appreciate your continued efforts on this issue.

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Jurk, Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2019 12:09 PM
To: Jurk, Bob
Subject: Apple Valley Lane SW etc

I object to the provision of sidewalks on Apple Valley lane .The AM ped counts are far too low.
Do the public really want these sidewalks?
How many requests has the city had for sidewalks in this area in the past 60 years?

Why do the taxpayers at large need to pay to construct and maintain these sidewalks and those on Loraine?

[REDACTED]

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Jurk, Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 09, 2019 3:44 PM
To: Jurk, Bob
Subject: Strathcona Street - Sidewalks

Hi Bob,

I'd like to express my support for the proposed sidewalks in the Strathcona area. While any of Options 1-3 presented in CW-19-02 would be a welcome improvement, my preference would be Option 2.

For reference, I live on [REDACTED] (opposite Walkers Line) and frequently walk and bike along Strathcona with my young child.

I would like to know if the city has a minimum required road width for a residential street. Is it possible to reduce the width below 9.0 m to minimize impacts on property owners? I would think that a 7 to 8 m roadway, which would still allow a fire truck to pass between two parked cars, ought to be sufficient. The reduced width would help from a traffic calming perspective as well.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Burlington, Ontario, [REDACTED]

February 14, 2019

Re: Ward 4 - **Strathcona Drive Area Review**- The choice is **option 4- NO Sidewalks**

Dear Bob.

Thank you for allowing the community to provide input on the decision whether to add sidewalks to the Strathcona Drive area street rehabilitation. Having lived in and around the Strathcona area for about 58 years I will go on record as choosing **OPTION 4 NO Sidewalks**. There are numerous reasons for this position.

- 1) This is a waste of tax payer dollars. The amount of foot traffic on the proposed street is minimal at best. I drive, walk and bike in the area and the amount of traffic to contend with is minimal at best. While the bulk of the foot traffic goes to JT Tuck and Nelson High school, the preferred paths are along Spruce or Belvenia (which both have sidewalks). Strathcona is NOT a preferred route to travel for kids in the area.
- 2) The Halton Catholic School board has discussed the elimination of St. Raphael's school. A future decision to close the school will either result in bus traffic to a new Catholic school or more kids heading to JT Tuck. Again, sidewalks not required.
- 3) There has been **NO** intensification in this area since the mid-1960s. So for over 50 years there have not been any issues with increased traffic. People who use these streets in question are residents of the area. Why the need to add sidewalks as things have been good for the past 50 years and likely will be fine for the next 100 years?
- 4) Any recent issue(s) of traffic increases came as a result of city council's "stupid" decision to narrow New Street from Walkers Line to Rossmore Blvd. This decision created a bottle neck that forced drivers down to Spruce and Lakeshore or up to Rexway Dr. Now that "common sense" has returned and New Street is back to four lanes, traffic into the sub-division has returned to a "sleepy normal".
- 5) There are areas in Burlington that do not have sidewalks... never did and never will. A good portion of Bird land does not have sidewalks. Portions of Mountianside do not have sidewalks. Selected sections of the east end do not have sidewalks. Certain areas in the city core (south of Central high school do not have sidewalks). I had a property on Oakland's Park and there were no sidewalks... nor would the residents allow it. Our community has no sidewalks and the bulk of the community in this established area prefers it that way.

- 6) We chose to move back into this "established" area for the atmosphere and the look of the properties. I don't want the sidewalks to detract from the look I moved back here for.
- 7) Adding sidewalks is only going to create more problems anyway. With the recent snow storms I have taken the initiative to snow blow parts of the sidewalks on Spruce (which do not get shovelled due either aging population or renters not looking after the rental property). Adding more sidewalks increases the chance for a pedestrian to fall and the liability the city may face (especially when the home owners do not want the sidewalks, won't look after them) ...and are NOT a necessity.
- 8) The needless environmental impact involved in the removal of trees, plants and vegetation to place concrete makes zero sense. It flies in the face of having more "green" space.
- 9) I have recently driven throughout neighbourhoods with the proposed style of sidewalks and have observed the snow situation. While the home owner may have shovelled, the plow has placed the snow from the street right back onto the sidewalk. Given the density of the snow from the road, the average citizen will not be able to shovel off the sidewalk. The sidewalks observed had been cleaned by a city sidewalk plows. Strathcona and surrounding streets are not a high priority streets thus it may take days to the sidewalks to be cleared by the city. The city will incur additional ongoing costs for snow removal and this is again a waste of tax payer money.

Bob as a final thought, This past fall we saw a change in government here in the city. Residents voted to stop the wasted spending and the non- common sense decision making as it pertained to our city. The mayor was elected on her common sense approach in dealing with the city. A simple decision like this (to add sidewalks where they are not wanted/ needed) could be a deciding factor as to whether the council gets a second term.

As stated earlier, **I vote No to Sidewalks** as you complete the Strathcona Rehabilitation.

Sincerely,



cc,

Marianne Meed Ward- Mayor

Kelvin Galbraith- Ward 1

Lisa Kearns -Ward 2

Rory Nisan- Ward 3

Shawna Stolte- Ward 4

Paul Sharman- Ward 5

Angelo Bentivegna- Ward 6

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Jurk, Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 3:57 PM
To: Jurk, Bob
Subject: Fw: Sidewalks on Strathcona and Lorraine Crescent
Attachments: Sidewalk Warrant Review Sheet, Lorraine Crescent.pdf

Sorry Bob. I forgot to add you to my City Council email list...

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: February 19, 2019 3:54 PM
To: Mayor Burlington; Shawna Stolte; Ward 1 assistant Burlington; Ward 1 Burlington; Ward 2 assistant Burlington; Ward 2 Burlington; Ward 3 assistant Burlington; Ward 3 Burlington; Ward 4 assistant Burlington; Ward 5 assistant Burlington; Ward 5 Burlington; Ward 6 Assistant Burlington; Ward 6 Burlington
Subject: Sidewalks on Strathcona and Lorraine Crescent

Dear City Council.

You must be getting tired of hearing from the citizens about the idea of installing sidewalks in the Strathcona Drive area!

Here's another one...

In his email to you dated 2019-02-14, [REDACTED] brought to your attention the fact that the vehicle count on Apple Valley Lane is completely erroneous. He makes this point:

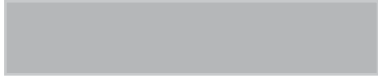
- *The recorded value was just under 400 trips per day on Apple Valley Lane - that is an ABSURD number (waaayy too high). That piece of information should not be added to the public record because it is false.*

Disturbed by this comment about one of your "facts", I had a second look at a [Sidewalk Warrant Review Sheet](#) for Lorraine Crescent from your City files [attached]. And found the value of "370 - Modelled" in the [Measured Traffic Volume](#) column. I have two points of concern:

1. The item indicates Modelled, not Measured. Which raises the question: what algorithm was used here? **Is it any more accurate than the 400 vehicles per day in your Apple Valley Lane study?**
2. As you know, Lorraine is a Crescent; it does not go anywhere. Which means there is Zero through traffic; all those "370" vehicles are local traffic. i.e. folk going to and from homes on the crescent. **Does local traffic warrant sidewalks?**

Just in case you missed it, the locals are up in arms in opposition to the installation of sidewalks in the Strathcona Drive area.

I look forward to a response on these two [above] points: 1) Is the "370" also suspect? and 2) Does local traffic warrant sidewalks?



Sidewalk Warrant Review Sheet

Road Information				Warrant Information						Sidewalk Study								
Road Name	Road Class	Budget Year	Project Number	Rehab Type	Sidewalks Present Y/N	Catchment Area	Dwellings	Measured Traffic Volume	Access to Park Y/N	Proximity to School (400m) Y/N	Transit Route Y/N	Notes	Recommendation	Review Date	Reviewed By	Field Count - AM	Field Count - PM	Recommendation Final
Lorraine Cres from Strathcona to Strathcona Dr	Local	2019	RD-RL-1548	Reconstruction	N	<30	29	370 - Modelled	Y	Y	N	Catwalk at corner that goes to school, church and park	Sidewalk Both Sides	9-Apr-18	TAC	65	72	Sidewalk Both Sides



Jurk, Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2019 10:20 AM
To: Stolte, Shawna; Mailbox, Office of the Mayor; Galbraith, Kelvin; Kearns, Lisa; Nisan, Rory; Sharman, Paul; Bentivegna, Angelo; Jurk, Bob; Clark, Trevor
Subject: Strathcona Drive - Street Rehabilitation
Attachments: sidewalks letter.docx

Please read my attached letter of concern.

With thanks,

[REDACTED]



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To Burlington City Councilors and Project Managers

Re: Strathcona Drive - Street Rehabilitation

I want to start by saying that I am appreciative of the upcoming resurfacing of my street Strathcona Drive. I attended the Information Meeting on January 30th and I am familiar with the four construction options. The comments below pertain solely to **Strathcona Drive**.

My preference for the Rehabilitation is **Option #4 – no sidewalks**.

I walk along Strathcona Drive with my dog every day at 8:30, 10:00 a.m. and then again around 5 p.m. In my experience there is very minimal traffic at these times between Lakeshore and Spruce Ave. There is considerable cross traffic at Spruce Ave heading towards Walkers' Line. Less of the traffic at Spruce also heads towards New Street. I have read the City Sidewalk Installation Policy. I understand that on Strathcona the count recorded was 828 vehicles per day and that the count was taken near the corner of Strathcona and Spruce Ave. I wonder if the count included the cross traffic on Spruce as in my experience there is very little traffic on Strathcona Drive even in the peak hours. Spruce Ave is on a main school route and the amount of vehicle/pedestrian traffic is considerably higher than on Strathcona. Including the cross traffic at Spruce would have significantly increased the vehicles /pedestrians count on Strathcona and may have given an inflated representation of the through traffic on Strathcona.

This winter I have been observing traffic patterns on streets like Belvenia that have sidewalks. With the amount of ice and snow we have had, the sidewalks have been treacherous. Most often pedestrians choose to walk on the road to avoid the icy conditions of the sidewalk. This leads to increased risk for pedestrians. Sidewalks are not always a guarantee of safety. A better option is to leave the less traveled roads wide so that pedestrians can choose a safe path when they are walking.

The majority of residents on Strathcona Drive do not want sidewalks. The residents live in this community for its established park like environment. We have modest homes, with large lots surrounded by mature trees. We value our proximity to the lake, enjoy our open space and do not want to lose our green lawns to concrete sidewalks and narrow streets.

Again, my preference is for Option #4. However, if we are doomed to the sidewalks on Strathcona Drive, I would like to suggest **another option**. The snow clearing patterns and my experience of walking and driving our street has made me aware of the difference of traffic patterns above and below Spruce Ave. There is more traffic both car and pedestrian from Spruce to New St. than from Lakeshore to Spruce. I would like to suggest sidewalks on one side from Spruce to New St. and no sidewalks from Lakeshore to Spruce as another option.

Thank you for reading my letter. I trust you will consider the information in your decision making.

Sincerely,

