

January 5, 2024

Re: Opposed Response to Report TS-01-24

Committee Members,

My name is Daniella Quattrociocchi, and I am the owner and resident of [REDACTED]. I am writing with respect to the Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda item 12.2 before Council related to report TS-01-24, regarding the proposed sidewalk infill on Bromley Road, Linwood Crescent and Maureen Court.

Having read the report, I am opposed to the sidewalk plan and I have comments I would like noted prior to the vote.

- Further to the City's own Sidewalk Warrant and Installation Policy, the **Technical Recommendation that Maureen Court, with only two dwellings, does not warrant a sidewalk.** However Staff has recommended that installation of the sidewalk on the east side of the street be approved.
- The installation of the proposed sidewalk on Maureen Court would require that the road be narrowed. Per the report, **"Reducing the width of the road comes at the cost of eliminating approximately four (4) on-street parking spaces. The loss of street parking is acceptable given that only two dwellings from Maureen Court and both have large driveways. Bromley Park is considered a local park and as such, active transportation is the preferred mode of travel to and from the park. Staff do not anticipate vehicle trips to access the park." This is simply not true.** From the onset of Spring, until late fall, cars are parked or stopped daily in front of my house on Maureen Court. On peak summer days, there are at least 1-2 cars parked outside of my house all day, every day. In addition to area families who park here, I have seen those who have mobility limitations and those who require assistance or cannot walk long distances use this parking to access Bromley Park. Where will these people park? Because in addition to the elimination of the four parking spots that make access to the park available to all, the revised Option 4A supports the elimination of all area street parking that would make the park accessible.
- The Report recommends the installation of sidewalks on the South side of Bromley Road from Linwood to White Pines, which would eliminate street parking altogether in our immediate area. Per the report, **"Reducing the road width has an additional advantage of lowering vehicle speed; however, this adjustment comes at the cost of eliminating on-street parking (approximately 70 spaces). Consultation with Parking Services staff has confirmed that the loss of potential street parking is acceptable." I heard no mention of this significant reduction of street parking in the Public Information Session that was presented on October 25, 2023, nor is this important point stated in the information package that was distributed and is available online.** When did consultation with Parking Services staff take place? And why were the updated discussions not presented to the residents?

- My main concern is the major loss of street parking, almost 75 spaces, in the area and the lack of transparency surrounding this decision to the homeowners on Bromley Road and Maureen Court that will be directly impacted by this loss of area street parking. There would be approximately 30 metres of sidewalk on Maureen Court. Is a sidewalk of this size the, “*significant opportunity to enhance safety and connectivity within the neighbourhood*” that justifies Staff’s recommendation against the existing Council Approved Sidewalk Policy and the Technical Recommendation of this Report? Certainly, it would not be enhancing the safety or connectivity for those with a mobility issue, that would perhaps need to use an area parking spot to easily access and enjoy the park.
- Why were residents not made aware of the significant reduction in parking and shown the revised Option 4A plan through a direct mail campaign or update? Why was the provided information package not revised on the website not updated to reflect this change? Names and contact details were collected at the October 25, 2023 meeting. Why was an update not sent to those interested parties when the decision to present and support Option 4A was decided?

Thank you,
Daniella Quattrociocchi

