



Council Report

Report Number: ENG2021-013
Meeting Date: June 15, 2021
Title: Request for sidewalk on Commerce Road Lindsay
Description: Capital works request
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Recommendation(s):

That ReportENG2021-013, **Request for sidewalk on Commerce Road Lindsay**, be received;

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other:_____

Chief Administrative Officer:_____

Background:

At the Council Meeting of November 17, 2020, Council adopted the following resolution:

CW2020-158

That the deputation, and supplementary correspondence, of Betty Giutsos, **regarding a request for sidewalks along Commerce Road, Lindsay**, be received; and

That Staff be requested to review the connectivity of Commerce Road, Lindsay, and report back by the end of Q2, 2021 with the options that are available for sidewalk installation.

Carried

This report is in response to the above Council resolution.

Commerce Road is considered a local road under the Lindsay Official Plan transportation schedule, as well, it is classified as a local road under the City of Kawartha Lakes transportation master plan. Commerce Road was constructed in 1986 as an industrial-commercial park and was constructed to a semi-urban cross section which did not include sidewalks. The road originally terminated as a cul-de-sac. Commerce Road now extends from Kent Street, through the industrial-commercial area, and into phase 4 of Cloverlea subdivision (as seen in Image 1). As part of the subdivision agreement, Commerce Road was extended into this phase of the subdivision for traffic flow purposes based on public comments received. As part of that extension, the developer was responsible for installing sidewalks on Commerce Road to the point of where it stops on the east side of Commerce Road (96 meters north of the intersection with Silverbrook Avenue, as seen in Image 1 and Appendix B).

Image1: Aerial image of Commerce road and Cloverlea Phase 4 subdivision



Rationale:

As outlined in the November 3, 2020 Committee of the Whole deputation by residents of the Cloverlea subdivision, residents are utilizing the provided 1.5-meter-wide sidewalk on Commerce Road from the subdivision to where it terminates near Nix Tires (commercial garage), and then walking along the road in order to access commercial amenities along Commerce Road, as well as, to access the Lindsay Square Mall. Having a completed connection of sidewalk from the subdivision to either Kent Street or an access point to the commercial mall would be in keeping with the City of Kawartha Lakes strategic priorities, as well as, policies within the Town of Lindsay Official Plan and Lindsay Secondary Plan (currently under appeal). Council could look at different options when considering this sidewalk connection of Commerce Road.

Option 1: Status quo

Council could consider not making the connection of the sidewalk installed through development to an access point to the commercial mall or Kent Street. In this option, pedestrians would have to leave the existing sidewalk on Commerce Road and walk along Commerce Road to a point of destination. As the termination point of the existing sidewalk on Commerce Road is not accessible, and as more pedestrians begin to utilize this route to walk to the commercial area, staff do not recommend this option.

Option 2: Extension of existing sidewalk on Commerce Road to Commerce Place

Option 2 would be to extend a 1.5-meter concrete sidewalk from the existing location on Commerce Road to the intersection of Commerce Place along the east and north side boulevards of Commerce Road, as seen in Appendix C. This would allow access from the Cloverlea Subdivision to an access point to the commercial mall, as well as, allow for an accessible demarcation point to cross Commerce Road to access commercial amenities along Commerce Place road. The length of sidewalk extension is estimated at 360 meters at a cost of approximately \$66,000.

Option 3: Extension of existing sidewalk on Commerce Road to Kent Street.

Option 3 would be the extension of a 1.5-meter concrete sidewalk from its existing location on Commerce Road along the eastern and northern boulevards to a point where it would terminate on the eastern side of Commerce Road. The sidewalk would commence again on the western side at #15 Commerce Road and then connect to Kent Street, as shown in Appendix D. The reason for crossing the sidewalk over from the east boulevard on Commerce Road to the west side is to avoid the existing ditch as seen in Appendix B images. This section of sidewalk would be approximately 792 meters in length at a cost of approximately \$146,000.

Other Alternatives Considered:

No other alternatives were considered then what was described above.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

The report complies with the following City strategic priorities below by creating a pedestrian connection for accessing commercial amenities through active transportation.

1. Healthy Environment
2. An Exceptional Quality of Life
3. A Vibrant and Growing Economy
4. Good Government

Financial/Operation Impacts:

If Council chooses to recommend for consideration for a capital budget decision unit, the following options would have the associated capital cost impact:

Option 2: \$66,000

Option 3: \$146,000

In addition to the Capital cost, if Council chooses to recommend one of the options for Capital budget consideration and if approved and implemented Public Works would then also have a maintenance cost associated with maintaining a new segment of sidewalk.

Consultations:

Public Works

Attachments:



Appendix A
Commerce Road loc



Appendix B
Commerce Road ima



Appendix C Option
2.pdf



Appendix D Option
3.pdf

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