

Council Memorandum

Date:	November 7, 2023
То:	Committee of the Whole
From:	Councillor Pat Warren
Re:	Decision Units for 2024 – Sidewalk Repair

Recommendation

That the Memorandum from Councillor Warren, regarding Decision Unit for 2024 – Sidewalk Repair be received;

That repair of the sidewalks between the two bridges north of the canal in Bobcaygeon be considered as a decision unit in the 2024 capital budget; and

That this recommendation be brought forward for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Rationale

It came to my attention recently that the sidewalks have deteriorated to the point where residents, including those who have limited mobility, are having difficulties travelling into town on their scooters, walkers and other mobility devices. There was an incident recently where a scooter got stuck in a pothole on the sidewalk and almost caused an accident. From a liability point of view, I believe this sidewalk should be a consideration. Now that the swing bridge is working, more people are venturing out with their mobility devices to access the downtown, and considering that Bobcaygeon has a higher demographic of seniors in the city it would be prudent to repair the sidewalks in a way that can accommodate them and their means of travel.