



MUNICIPALITY OF
West Elgin

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services

Date: 2024-05-23

Subject: Ridout Street Sidewalk Removal

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services; And

That West Elgin Council supports removal of the sidewalk along the west side of Ridout Street between Queens Line and Maple Street.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to address the deficient sidewalk along the west side of Ridout Street between Queens Line and Maple Street in Rodney.

Background:

Municipal staff have received concerns regarding the condition of sidewalk along the west side of Ridout Street in Rodney. The section in question is comprised of deteriorating asphalt and concrete with a width of only 0.9 m, which is well below the standard 1.5 m width which is now required. 'Repairs' to a sidewalk of this age and condition would not be considered, leaving full replacement as the only option.



Ridout Street runs parallel to Furnival Road and is classified as Urban Local. There is currently new sidewalk which runs along the east side between Queens Line and Centre Street, which is shown on the attached map in green. The old sidewalk in question is shown on the attached map in yellow, and there is no sidewalk in areas identified with a red line. This scenario is consistent with other areas of Rodney and West Lorne, where there is a mix of dual sidewalk, one sidewalk, and no sidewalk. Most areas with dual sidewalk tend to be in the long-established sections, closer to downtown.

The municipality currently has design standards for sidewalk in areas of new construction but does not have a policy for replacement of sidewalk on established streets. Staff have been working towards development of a municipal sidewalk policy which will be brought to Council for consideration later in 2024. One section within this new policy will cover location criteria for sidewalk placement. Streets identified as urban local would warrant no sidewalk, or sidewalk on one side, based on several factors including volume, school/community zones, illumination, and network connectivity.

Although a formal policy is not yet in place, based on the criteria listed above, sidewalk would be warranted on one side of Ridout Street only. Staff are recommending removal of the old sidewalk in question, which will address resident safety concerns and align with the comprehensive sidewalk policy being drafted.

Financial Implications:

Removal of the existing sidewalk and rehabilitation of the grass area is estimated at \$7500.00 and could be completed by public works staff. Replacement of the existing sidewalk is estimated at \$29,000.00 plus applicable tax.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Infrastructure Improvement	Recreation	Economic Development	Community Engagement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin’s infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lee Gosnell
 Manager of Operations & Community Services

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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