



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee**

From: **Sarah Mackillican, Communication Coordinator**

Meeting Date: **October 6, 2021**

Subject: **Report AAC21-024
Sidewalk Strategic Plan Update**

Purpose

A report to introduce a presentation by the City's Transportation Demand Management Planner to the Accessibility Advisory Committee regarding an update to the City of Peterborough's Sidewalk Strategic Plan.

Recommendations

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendations outlined in Report AAC21-024 dated October 6, 2021 by the Communication Coordinator as follows:

- a) That the presentation providing an update on the Sidewalk Strategic Plan by the Transportation Demand Management Planner be received for information; and
- b) That the AAC provide feedback on the Plan.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

Background

City Council approved Peterborough's first Sidewalk Strategic Plan in 2008. The Sidewalk Policy (2013) and Sidewalk Implementation Procedure state that sidewalks should be provided on both sides of all streets and describe how to go about providing sidewalks along streets where there has not been one previously.

Sidewalk infrastructure is a key component of urban design that supports walking. Sidewalks separate pedestrians from vehicular traffic and contribute significantly to creating a pedestrian friendly environment. Ramps on sidewalks at crossing points are critical for persons with a mobility disability and beneficial to those who have difficulty with curbs, including people with strollers and older adults.

The purpose of the Sidewalk Strategic Plan is to create a process to prioritize the provision of new sidewalks within the City of Peterborough. All missing sidewalks are mapped and a set of criteria used to assign the priority for each missing section. There are about a dozen criteria, such as whether there is a sidewalk on one side of the road already and proximity to pedestrian generators such as schools and commercial areas. The City has been implementing priority 1 and 2 sidewalks since 2008, building over 20 km of missing high priority sidewalks in the last 12 years.

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