



# POLICY

## PROVISION OF SIDEWALKS

**Department:** Utility Services **Effective Date:** 2013-01-01  
**Division:** Transportation **Approval Level:** Council  
**Section/Facility:** Transportation Demand Management **Policy #:** 0002  
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### 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This Policy responds to the Pedestrian needs identified in the Access Plan, Vision 2010, 2002 Comprehensive Transportation Plan, the Official Plan and Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.
- 1.2 This Policy establishes guidelines for the provision of new Sidewalks in the City of Peterborough and to support the basic transportation principles of Accessibility, Equity, Health and Well-Being, Environmental Sustainability and Community Cohesion and Vitality.

### 2.0 POLICY STATEMENT(S)

- 2.1 Barrier-free Sidewalks shall be provided for Pedestrians to improve walkability, Accessibility, community vitality, the environment, Equity, health and safety and to minimize conflict with motorized vehicles.
- 2.2 Sidewalks shall be provided on both sides of all new City streets, and should be provided on both sides of all existing streets.
- 2.3 Sidewalk Ramps shall be provided at all intersections on local, collector and arterial roadways where a legal crossing exists and Pedestrians are permitted to cross. In the case where Sidewalk infrastructure is not available on the opposite side, Sidewalk Ramps will be provided in case the opportunity to provide the missing infrastructure arises. Whenever possible, connecting links will be provided to facilitate crossings.



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### 2.0 POLICY STATEMENT(S)

- 2.4** A boulevard shall separate the Sidewalk from the road, where possible, to improve winter Sidewalk conditions and increase Pedestrian comfort. When restoring boulevards the City shall not be responsible for replacing private infrastructure on the public right-of-way, with driveways being the exception.
- 2.5** Sidewalks shall be built in a manner consistent with the Official Plan, Access Plan, Transportation Plan, Vision 2010 and Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.
- 2.6** Sidewalk construction for existing streets shall be performed annually, on a priority basis, following the criteria described in the Sidewalk Strategic Plan (5.8) and as per the Sidewalk Implementation Procedure # MS08-7750P1 (5.5).

### 3.0 APPLICATION

- 3.1** This Policy applies to new and existing streets within the City of Peterborough.
- 3.2** Cul-de-sacs with less than 30 residential units, where no through Pedestrian connection exists are exempt from this Policy.
- 3.3** In a site specific situation where a physical Barrier prevents the construction of a Sidewalk on a new street, Council may provide an exemption to the Policy.
- 3.4** Sidewalks on new streets shall be financed by the developer 100% on local streets and 50% on collector and arterial streets. Arterial streets serving as a boundary road shall be funded by the City.



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### 4.0 DEFINITIONS/ACRONYMS (As Required)

**Accessibility** - As a transportation principle, Accessibility includes walking as a free means of accessing local goods, services, community amenities, and public transit.

**Barrier** - Anything that prevents a person with a disability from fully participating in all aspects of society because of his or her disability, including a physical Barrier.

**Community Cohesion and Vitality** - In the context of transportation, a Pedestrian-friendly environment encourages and facilitates social interaction or cohesion and local economic vitality.

**Environmental Sustainability** - Walking, as a means of transportation, is environmentally friendly as it relies on human power and therefore has a negligible environmental impact.

**Equity** - From a transportation perspective, walking is recognized as the only mode of travel that is universally affordable, and allows children and youth, older adults and people using mobility aids, to travel independently.

**Health and Well-Being** - Walking enhances physical and mental health, and personal wellness.

**Pedestrian** - A Pedestrian is a person moving from place to place either on foot or by using an assistive mobility device.

**Safety, Personal and Community** - Creating a transportation environment that is safe and comfortable for the individual Pedestrian encourages walking and increases community safety for everyone.

**Sidewalk** - A Pedestrian corridor adjacent to a roadway or allowance.

**Sidewalk Ramp** - A section of the Sidewalk blended into the street.





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### 5.0 APPENDIX, RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & LINKS

#### 5.1 Pertinent Resources

2002 Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Access Plan

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005

Council Report #USTR08-008

Committee of the Whole Report No. 10 of a Meeting of March 17, 2008

Official Plan

Sidewalk Strategic Plan

Vision 2010

#### 5.2 Related Policies

N/A

#### 5.3 Related Procedures

Sidewalk Implementation Procedure # MS08-7750P1

#### 5.4 Related Forms

N/A

#### 5.5 Miscellaneous

N/A

### 6.0 AMENDMENTS/ REVIEWS

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2010-03-25

Date  
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N/A

Policy updated through Report USTR08-008.

2002 Sidewalk Policy rescinded (Report PL02-038).



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Revision #1 - No changes were made to the content of the Policy. Policy revised to move to new Policy Template (i.e. Policy Statements moved to Section 2.0, Application moved to Section 3.0, Definitions moved to Section 4.0) and to move to new protocol for showing defined terms (i.e. capitalizing the first letters).