

DATE: January 17, 2014

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

RE: **FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – JANUARY 20, 2014
REPORT 17, ITEM 11.1 (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF
DECEMBER 2, 2013)
PEDESTRIAN LINKAGES AT TESTON ROAD AND BATHURST STREET
WARD 1**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works and the Director of Engineering Services recommends:

1. That this report be received for information; and
2. That Council provide staff direction on how to proceed with the information contained herein.

Economic Impact

There is no direct economic impact as a result of this report.

The estimated cost to initiate the design for a sidewalk on the north side of Teston Road, from Quail Run Boulevard to Bathurst Street, is approximately \$60,000.00. Preliminary construction costs have been estimated at approximately \$600,000.00. This sidewalk link is not identified in the Development Charges Background Study and therefore this project would be funded from taxation. There is currently no available funding from capital or taxation.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Finance & Administration Committee, at its meeting of December 2, 2013, deferred item 11.1 of Finance & Administration Committee Report No. 17- Draft 2014 Budget and 2015-2017 Plan, to continue deliberations and requested additional information on the following:

“That staff review the opportunity and the cost to erect a sidewalk on the north side of Teston Road between Quail Run Boulevard and Bathurst Street”.

The Quail Run Boulevard area was developed in 1985 and does not have sidewalk facilities

Quail Run Blvd is one of three streets located in an estate subdivision on the north side of Teston Road, east of Bathurst Street. Refer to Attachment No. 1. This area was initially developed in 1985, assumed by the City in 1990, and contains 54 residential properties. There are currently no sidewalk facilities within the subdivision.

Further to the deputation made by Mr. Marty Segal of 55 Quail Run Boulevard, at the December 2, 2013 meeting of the Finance & Administration Committee, staff has reviewed the feasibility of constructing a sidewalk on the north side of Teston Road from Quail Run Boulevard to Bathurst Street.

York Region District School Board (YRDSB) provides transportation services for students in the Quail Run Blvd community

The York Region District School Board has designated the Quail Run Boulevard area as a transportation zone, whereby any students that attend the local community school for that area, are eligible for school vehicle transportation. Students that reside in the Quail Run Boulevard area are within the school boundaries for Herbert H. Carnegie P.S. (located on Via Romano Boulevard, south of Teston Rd.)

The deputant currently resides in Richmond Hill, within the school boundaries for Pleasantville P.S. The deputant has also indicated their intent to move into the Quail Run Boulevard area in 2014 and continue sending their children to Pleasantville P.S., which crosses the boundary of the school catchment area for this community. YRDSB will not provide school vehicle transportation for students attending a school outside of their school boundaries.

Existing conditions on Teston Road create significant challenges for the construction of a sidewalk.

The greater part of the north boulevard of Teston Road, from Quail Run Boulevard to Bathurst Street, consists of a ditch with steep slopes, that conveys storm water. As a result, a platform would be required to accommodate the construction of a sidewalk. This would require considerable grading, potential tree removals, as well as the construction of a sewer to assist in the conveyance of the storm water flows currently provided by the ditch.


There are no records of request for sidewalk from this community.

In view of the cost prohibitive nature of constructing a sidewalk on this portion of Teston Road, staff recommend deferring consideration of any sidewalk within these limits, until such time that this work can be coordinated with future road widening/reconstruction work by the Regional Municipality of York.

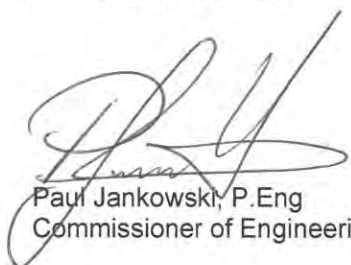
Attachments

1. Location Map

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Respectfully submitted,


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ATTACHMENT No. 1



LOCATION MAP PEDESTRIAN LINKAGE AT TESTON ROAD AND BATHURST STREET

LEGEND

■ ■ ■ Proposed Sidewalk

Note: Aerial photography acquired in spring, 2011



NOT TO SCALE