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Re: Petition - Kennedy Neighbourhood Sidewalks - (PW08024) - (Ward 8)
Outstanding Business Item and Issue: Petition - Kennedy Neighbourhood Sidewalks

Council Direction:
Council, at its meeting of January 9, 2008, directed the attached petition (refer to Appendix A) be received and referred to the General Manager of Public Works for a report to the Public Works Committee.

Information:
Pursuant to the petition forwarded and received by the Office of the City Clerk, identifying the concerns of area residents pertaining to a request for sidewalk within the Kennedy Neighbourhood (see Appendix B) and specifically the Corpus Christi School area, staff have reviewed the same. Based on staff review, the petition consisted of 193 signatures. Due to the existing rural cross section of the roadway, along with the potential for excessive vehicular speed the residences have identified a perceived safety concern and have requested the construction of a sidewalk.

Given the existing conditions, placement of sidewalk at the subject location would result in a significant impact to the area. With the constraints of the existing road allowance, full urbanization would be required for the placement of the sidewalk. In order to urbanize roadways to provide for sidewalks and/or curb, full reconstruction is required to accommodate the installation of storm sewers.

The subject area is currently under contract PW-07-40 (HW) for the construction of a watermain replacement and the associated road resurfacing will be completed in 2008. Consideration will be given to providing a wider surface platform and improved road shoulders under this contract, therefore providing an immediate improvement to pedestrian amenities, without major reconstruction. A small section of sidewalk will be implemented immediately in front of the school to accommodate drop-off and pick-up. This can be done without the installation of any sewers.

Public Works staff have initiated the review of roadways within the urban boundary that maintain a rural cross section. The purpose of the review is to identify those roadways that would be considered for future urbanization. The key criteria to be used to
determine this need, is the impact of existing and/or future development in the surrounding area. The Kennedy Neighbourhood would meet this criteria and therefore be included for consideration. A report to Council identifying the findings of the analysis will be brought forward later this year.

On December 10, 2007, Public Works staff, along with Ward 8 Councillor Terry Whitehead did meet with representatives of the petitioners, at which time the above noted issues were discussed.

The prioritization of Capital renewal is completed on an integrated basis with all assets within the roadway corridor. The co-ordination of infrastructure needs along with the maximum life cycle of those assets is critical due to the demand for infrastructure renewal, for roadways under a local classification. With the limited resources of the road rehabilitation and replacement programs, the coordination of the right of way assets, provides the maximum impact to service levels, along with the most effective cost initiative and minimizes risk for the utilization of the right of way assets.

The proposed request for sidewalks at this location has been noted and will be given future consideration through the Infrastructure Extensions Policy.

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