To: Chair and Members
Public Works Committee

Outstanding Business Item and Issue: Lack of Sidewalks at Chesley and Chester Streets - Joe Menegon

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Re: Chester and Chesley Streets - Lack of Sidewalks (PW08050) - (Ward 8)

Council Direction:

Council, at its meeting of March 17, 2008, directed staff to meet with Mr. Joe Menegon to determine his specific concerns and prepare a report for Committee's consideration.

Information:

Pursuant to Council direction, Public Works staff did meet with Mr. Joe Menegon on April 2nd, at which time the following issues were discussed.

Due to the existing rural cross section of the roadway, along with the potential for excessive vehicular speed, Mr. Menegon as well as other residents, have identified a perceived safety concern and have requested the construction of a sidewalk.

Given the existing conditions, placement of a 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.

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 Chester and Chesley Streets would meet this criteria and would therefore be included for consideration. A report to Council identifying the findings of the analysis will be brought forward later this year.

The prioritization of Capital renewal is completed on an integrated basis for all assets within the roadway corridor. The coordination of infrastructure needs along with the maximum life cycle of those assets is critical due to the demand for infrastructure renewal. With the limited resources within 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 delivery for infrastructure renewal.

The proposed request for sidewalks at this location has been noted and will be given future consideration through the Infrastructure Extensions Policy and/or programmed through the Capital Budget process. In the interim, staff has notified both the Traffic, Engineering & Operations Section of the Operations and Maintenance Division and the Hamilton, Municipal Parking System Section of the Parking and By-Law Services Division to discuss possibilities in regards to parking, school safety, enforcement, and/or traffic related improvements with Mr. Menegon.

Mr. Menegon appeared pleased with the information provided and expressed that he no longer needed to appear at Committee regarding this matter.

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