To: Chair and Members
Public Works, Infrastructure & Environment Committee
Outstanding Business Item No. MM of the November 7, 2005, Agenda - Petition for Road and Sidewalk Repair to Area Between Fennell and Queensdale PW05133

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Re: Petition - East 28th Street from Fennell to Queensdale (Ward 7) (PW05133)

Council Direction:
Council, at its meeting of September 28th, 2005, considered the attached Petition and referred the same to the General Manager of Public Works to report to the Public Works Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Information:
Pursuant to the petition forwarded and received by the Office of the Mayor, identifying the concerns of the residents of East 28th Street, from Fennell Avenue and Queensdale Avenue, pertaining to the condition of the existing road and sidewalks, staff have reviewed the same. Based on staffs review, the petition consisted of forty-eight (48) signatures. The petition consisted of two (2) signatures from residents of Upper Sherman, two (2) signatures for the municipal address of 250 East 28th Street, and one (1) unknown address being 280 East 28th Street. Therefore out of the possible sixty-four (64) eligible signatures, forty-four (44) or 69% of the residents of East 28th Street signed.

Under our 2002 pavement evaluation, it has been identified that the roadway has exceeded the point of rehabilitation, the need to reconstruct the subject roadway is required, and subsequently programmed for reconstruction through the Capital Budget process. However the roadway in question remains outside a five (5) year window of opportunity, due to the lack of sustainable funding with in the Roads Capital Replacement program.

The road assessment has identified a deficiency in our major arterial road network, which must take precedence over local roads due to the high traffic volumes these roads maintain. The existing road network will be revisited again for condition in 2006, and therefore the evaluation road priorities will be completed based on the information obtained.
The City of Hamilton has a number of roads and bridges which require rehabilitation and/or replacement and the limit funding to address the deficiencies, requires that the roads within the major arterial network are the primary projects for construction dollars. With the proposed use of future funding from the Federal Gas Tax, we wish to increase the current funding levels for roads, and therefore increase service levels. We will continue to pursue the timing of the reconstruction of East 28th Street through the Capital Budget Process.

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This petition is signed by the taxpayers / homeowners of East 28th Street, Hamilton Ontario. The area between Fennell and Queensdale which is two blocks long is in dire need of repair. The roads and sidewalks are in a state of disaster; the sidewalks have been repaired with asphalt several times over the years. After many complaints to the maintenance department the sidewalks and roads are repaired yearly, as we are told we are not on the list year after year for new sidewalks and roads. We have many elderly citizens on the street that have paid their taxes for 40 plus years. These citizens deserve to have safe sidewalks and roads as many of them walk with walkers and canes. All the homeowners should be safe to walk and drive on the roads where they live. Many of us are now victims of the sewer back up which happened on August 19, 2005. Some of us were covered with insurance and others were not. What compensation is the City of Hamilton going to do for the taxpayers of this street? Is anyone going to help us with our deductibles? This is not the first sewer back up on East 28th Street; taxpayers are concerned that if something is not done by the City regarding this situation that our insurance companies will not cover us if this should happen again. We look forward to hearing from you soon regarding this situation.

C.C. Mayor: Larry Di Ianni, MP – Bill Kelly, Maintenance Dept. – City of Hamilton.