To: Mayor and Members  
Committee of the Whole  
Outstanding Public Works, Infrastructure & Environment Committee Business Item  
No. EE and Issue: Petition - Upgrade Chester and Chesley Streets - (PW06066)

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| Date: | June 22, 2006 |
| Re: | Petition – Upgrade Chester and Chesley Streets (Ward 8) |

**Council Direction:**

Council, at its meeting of April 26, 2006, received and referred the attached petition to the General Manager of Public Works for report.

**Information:**

Staff have reviewed the petition, as received and forwarded by the Office of the City Clerk. The petition identifies concerns of the residents of the Gourley Neighbourhood, pertaining to the upgrading of Chester Street and Chesley Street from the existing rural cross section to an urban standard. The petition consisted of eighteen signatures from fifteen homes. The petition consisted of two signatures from residents of Chesley Street, two signatures from residents of Appleblossom Drive, seven residents of West 5th Street, with the remaining four signatures coming from individuals residing outside the immediate area. It should also be noted that, out of the possible forty-seven landowners abutting the rural section of the roadways in question, no residents adjacent to Chester Street and Chesley Street signed the petition.

In order to urbanize roadways, full reconstruction is required to accommodate the installation of storm sewers. Upon a recent review of the roadway in question, it was identified that the existing condition and function of the roadway meets acceptable service levels. Therefore, based on the existing condition along with the ongoing development in the area, the need to reconstruct the subject roadway is not practical at this time. The actual feasibility of roadway urbanization will be considered at the time of capital renewal; however, the roadway in question remains outside a five year window of opportunity.

Review of the pavement condition data 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 inspected again as to condition through to the Fall of 2006, and therefore the evaluation of road priorities will be completed based on the information obtained. This, along with our demand for
subsurface infrastructure renewal, will be co-ordinated and subsequently brought forward through the ongoing Capital Budget process.

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 lifecycle 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 while minimizing risk for the utilization of the right-of-way assets.

Scott Stewart C.E.T
General Manager
Public Works
Petition

We the undersigned, from the Gourley Neighbourhood, respectfully request that our streets, Chester and Chesley, be upgraded from the current rural standard to an urban standard which would include sidewalks, curbs, and closed ditches. Thank you.

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The original petition received is in the custody of the City Clerk. All personal information has been severed pursuant to Section 32 of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The petition was signed by 18 residents.