

SYNOPSIS

SIDEWALK AND CURB CONSTRUCTION POLICY

As part of our Accessibility Strategy, the Sidewalk and Curb Construction Policy was reviewed at the January 8, 2025 meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee. Following some discussion the committee made a motion that the language of the policy be updated to include replacing the existing brick pavers with concrete to improve accessibility.

The existing brick paver sidewalks present challenges for wheelchair users and persons with limited mobility. Amending the policy to use concrete for all new sidewalks or the reconstruction of existing sidewalks regardless of the materials used in the original construction will greatly improve the accessibility of our sidewalk network, especially in the downtown core.

Language has also been added to the policy to include the use of tactile warning indicator plates to improve accessibility for the visually impaired.

MOTION:

That Council approve the amendments to the Sidewalk and Curb Construction Policy.