

Delegation regarding the Bi-Annual Sidewalk Program contract.

I ask that the vote to award the Bi-Annual Sidewalk Program(Abbott Blvd) Tender CO-21-02 PWD to Dekeyser Excavating Limited in the amount of \$189,472.74 be **postponed until a delegation has the opportunity to present some safety concerns to the TAC.**

The sidewalk issue is clearly important to residents as there has been much debate in the past several year by different groups of citizens. There is no urgency as Abbott Blvd. has safely had no sidewalk for 70 years. Delaying this contract a few weeks will provide the opportunity to improve on the design and provide infrastructure that citizens want and will use.

Section 6 of the Sidewalk Priority Policy calls for the town to develop an official policy for the implementation of new sidewalks. Has this been done?

The Transportation Master Plan includes several principles:

Minimize impact on natural environment and air quality.

-trees have already been cut and fire hydrants are to be moved.

Include public support by meeting the needs and expectations of the residents of the Town.

-the Sidewalk Priority Plan states: The next steps will be for the Town to develop an official policy for the implementation of new sidewalks in the Town of Cobourg ... this is an opportunity to have more public involvement.

-there is very little public support for an east sidewalk on Abbott.

Have a capital cost that is affordable with acceptable cost-to-benefit ratio and provides funding for all modes of travel.

-the \$133,600 for the sidewalk on Abbott has increased to \$189,472.74 (before taxes) and this does not include removal of trees, surveying and town planning. The relocation of fire hydrants may not be included in this price. There are options that provide more modes of travel that need to be explored.

Thank you.