**Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – July 5, 2017**

**Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – June 27, 2017**

**Item No. 3 Cancellation of Sidewalk Construction on Cornell Drive (East Side Linacre Road to North of Fordham Bay) and Request for Approval to Reallocate Funds to Houde Drive north from Ducharme Avenue to the Corner of the Block**

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 27, 2017, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Cornell Drive sidewalk project be cancelled.

2. That the budget from the Cornell Drive sidewalk project, in the Pedestrian and Cycling Program of the 2017 Capital Budget, be reallocated to build a sidewalk on Houde Drive (west leg) north from Ducharme Ave to the corner of the block.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

**Title:** Cancellation of Sidewalk Construction on Cornell Drive (East Side Linacre Road to North of Fordham Bay) and Request for Approval to Reallocate Funds to Houde Drive north from Ducharme Avenue to the Corner of the Block

**Critical Path:** Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – Executive Policy Committee - Council

## AUTHORIZATION

| Author | Department Head | CFO | CAO |
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Construction of a sidewalk on Cornell Drive (east side Linacre Road to North of Fordham Bay) was approved in the 2017 Pedestrian and Cycling Program with an associated budget of $80,000. A review of the proposed Cornell Drive sidewalk determined that the project will jeopardize four old growth Ash trees. These trees are considered assets to the City and are a vulnerable tree species throughout the City due to an invasive insect. It is recommended that this project not proceed and that the funds be reallocated to a similar type of sidewalk project in support of school connectivity. The Winnipeg Public Service is recommending funds be reallocated to build a sidewalk on Houde Drive (west leg) north from Ducharme Avenue to the corner of the block.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council approve the cancellation of the Cornell Drive sidewalk project.

2. That Council approve the reallocation of budget from the Cornell Drive sidewalk project, in the Pedestrian and Cycling Program of the 2017 Capital Budget, to build a sidewalk on Houde Drive (west leg) north from Ducharme Ave to the corner of the block.

3. That the proper officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

## REASON FOR THE REPORT

All Pedestrian and Cycling Program projects require Council approval.

## IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no implications to this recommendation.

## HISTORY/DISCUSSION

On December 13, 2016, Council adopted the 2017 Capital Budget which includes $4,700,000 for the Pedestrian and Cycling Program, which includes the New Regional Sidewalks, New Non-Regional Sidewalks, Bicycle Corridors, Public Education, Awareness and Promotion, and Recreation Walkways and Bicycle Paths. All recommended projects support the key directions of the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies (PCS).

Construction of a sidewalk on Cornell Drive (east side Linacre Road to north of Fordham Bay) was approved in the 2017 Pedestrian and Cycling Program with an associated budget of $80,000. In preparation for construction award of the Cornell Drive sidewalk, a detailed engineering drawing was prepared by Engineering Services. The drawing was circulated for all necessary departments for review. The construction review of the Cornell Drive sidewalk by Urban Forestry determined that the project will jeopardize four old growth Ash trees. These trees are considered assets to the City. The City's Ash Trees are currently a vulnerable tree species throughout the City due to the invasive Ash Tree Borer. Harm to the Ash Tree's lateral roots due to construction will jeopardize the trees' survival.

Houde Drive (west leg) north from Ducharme Avenue to the corner of the block is a project of similar length to Cornell Drive and likewise serves the purpose of connecting residents in the area to a school and in this case, La Barriere Crossings School. This project is considered easy to implement as there are no trees within proximity of the project and no light standards to relocate. This project would connect to an existing sidewalk south of Ducharme Avenue where there is currently a crosswalk that leads to grass (see Appendix for photo).

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

## Financial Impact Statement

**Date:** May 19, 2017

## Project Name:

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**COMMENTS:**

There is no financial impact associated with the recommendations of this report. This report deletes one location on the Capital Project Detail Sheet and replaces it with another location of approximately equal value. No changes have been made to the total amount authorized for the 2017 Pedestrian and Cycling Program (project #1832000117).

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## CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:
St. Norbert Ward Councillor

## OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

01-1 City Building – Connect and Expand our Sustainable Transportation and Infrastructure Networks. Ensuring mobility for people of all ages and abilities with active transportation options.

## SUBMITTED BY

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Division: Transportation
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Date: May 16, 2017

Attachments: Appendix - Photo of Houde Drive crossing Ducharme Avenue

Appendix - Houde Drive crossing Ducharme Ave

