City of Mississauga
Corporate Report

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Date: August 20, 2021

To: Chair and Members of Heritage Advisory Committee

From: Jodi Robillos, Acting Commissioner of Community Services

Originator's files:

Meeting date:
September 14, 2021

Subject

Request to Alter a Heritage Designated Property: Old Derry Road, Sidewalk (Ward 11)

Recommendation

That the request to alter the sidewalk along Old Derry Road, as per the Corporate Report from the Acting Commissioner of Community Services dated August 20, 2021, be approved.

Executive Summary

- All public right-of-ways within the Meadowvale Village Heritage Conservation District are designated under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
- Alterations which change the appearance of any public infrastructure within these right-of-ways requires heritage approval.
- The City's Transportation and Works Operations and Maintenance are proposing to widen a portion of the sidewalk on Old Derry Road to accommodate snow clearing equipment.
- The widened sidewalk will reduce the continued impact to the grassed meridian caused by snow clearing equipment.
- The impacts of a widened sidewalk to the character of Meadowvale Village are minimal. As such, the proposed alteration to a designation heritage property should be approved.

Background

The public right-of-way of Old Derry Road is designated under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as it forms part of the Meadowvale Village Heritage Conservation District (HCD). Changes to the right-of-way are subject to the Meadowvale Village HCD Plan, 2014, and substantive alterations identified in said plan require a heritage permit.

The City's Transportation and Works, Operations and Maintenance Unit are proposing to widen a portion of the sidewalk fronting 1020 Old Derry Road. The outline of the proposed area is attached as Appendix 1.

Comments

Transportation and Works is proposing to replace the existing sidewalk in front of 1020 Old Derry Road with a wider sidewalk. The existing sidewalk is approximately four feet in width, which is narrower than more modern sidewalks which have a width of five feet. The standard snow removal equipment used by the City to clear the snow from the sidewalk is five feet in width, and so the operators must veer onto the grassed median between the sidewalk and the road to avoid the retaining wall at the above address. The result is that the median is impacted and has had to be re-sod multiple times in recent years.

The proposed sidewalk will be five feet in width to match the equipment used for snow clearing and to avoid having the equipment run directly over the grassed meridian. The new proposed width will also maintain some of the existing grassed meridian. Comments received from the Meadowvale Village Heritage Subcommittee were that some of the meridian was to be maintained in order to break up a continually paved surface along this main road of the Village. The widened sidewalk would extend from the driveway at 1020 Old Derry Road to the western property limit and would taper back to the four foot width of the balance of the sidewalk, as illustrated in Appendix 1.

Heritage Planning staff have met and discussed the proposal with the Works team as well as residents in Meadowvale Village and recommend approval of a widened sidewalk as it will reduce the impact to the grassed right-of-way and allow for safer operation of the snow clearing equipment.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts resulting from the Recommendations in this report.

Conclusion

The City of Mississauga Transportation and Works Operations and Maintenance Unit are proposing to widen a portion of the sidewalk along Old Derry Road. The proposal addresses ongoing maintenance issues regarding the right-of-way in front of 1020 Old Derry Road. The proposed widening will not impact the overall character of the village. As such, the proposal should be approved.

Attachments

Appendix 1:   Drawings

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