

We the undersigned neighbours of Frampton Avenue in St. John's, Newfoundland call on the City of St. John's to re-think the proposed installation of a sidewalk on the west side of Frampton Avenue from Civic number 3 to civic number 21. The undersign represent all property owners that would be affected by the proposed construction.

Residents located on the same side of the road from civic number 23 and onward, are not affected in the same manner as noted above as the existing setbacks can accommodate the proposed sidewalk installation.

There are several reasons why we all opposed the installation of the new sidewalk and include the following:

- The current front setbacks of all noted properties in conjunction with the installation of the new sidewalk, will result in driveway lengths that will not accommodate full size vehicles (i.e.) full size pick-up trucks. Any homeowner that has a full-size vehicle that resides on the affected side of Frampton Avenue will forever be in violation of city laws that prohibit parking on sidewalks and will be subject to fines. The average length of a full-size pick-up is approximately twenty-one (21) feet, not including any accessories (i.e.) light bars and trailer hitches. The approximate width of the proposed sidewalk is four and one half (4.5') feet. Current setbacks are twenty-five (25) feet. In consideration of sufficient spacing between the front of a vehicle and the home to facilitate a vehicle walk around, a portion of a truck will always be located over the sidewalk area. Please note that fifty (50%) of the affected homeowners drive full-size pick-ups.
- The existing site grading in conjunction with the installation of the noted sidewalk in front of 5 Frampton Avenue will result in a steep transition from the sidewalk to the driveway and may result in vehicle damage. Furthermore, the resident of 5 Frampton Avenue uses a wheelchair and would find the transition difficult to traverse.
- A sidewalk is currently installed on the east side of Frampton that can accommodate the light foot traffic on the street.
- Many current homeowners have their respective landscaping completed on their properties. The construction of the sidewalk will result in damage to both landscaping and driveways where applicable.

The developer and the concerned residents have had preliminary discussions regarding the matter and the developer is onboard to utilize resources allocated for the sidewalk build in the affected area to make improvements to the neighbourhood for the benefit of all (i.e.) trails and parks.