

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Donegal Place Traffic Calming

Date Prepared: August 5, 2020

Report To: Committee of the Whole

Councillor and Role: Councillor Sandy Hickman, Transportation & Regulatory Services

Ward: Ward 4

Decision/Direction Required:

Decision is required on whether to install a curb extension on Larkhall Street at Donegal Place.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

Residents in the area have requested a crosswalk with curb extensions at the end of Donegal Place on Larkhall Street. Residents are concerned about vehicle speeds and children crossing the street to reach the school.

School crosswalk improvements are being designed at Larkhall Academy and Leary's Brook Junior High School as part of the Road Safety Initiatives. Staff evaluated adding a crosswalk on Larkhall Street at Donegal Place as part of this project for the nearby schools. However, a pedestrian count done on a regular school day in 2019 showed that almost all pedestrians crossed the street about 110 metres east of Donegal Place at the existing crosswalk in front of the schools. This factor was included in a technical evaluation which found that a crosswalk is not warranted at Donegal Place.

A curb extension at this location would contribute to a traffic calming effect in the area. However, Larkhall Street does not currently qualify under the Traffic Calming Policy.

The benefits of this extension are less than would be achieved by a more isolated project because the improvements planned as part of the Road Safety Initiatives will have already affected driver behaviour nearby.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: A curb extension would require approximately \$20k - \$25k which currently isn't budgeted.
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: n/a
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans: n/a

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4. Legal or Policy Implications: n/a
5. Privacy Implications: n/a
6. Engagement and Communications Considerations: Staff and Councillors have met with residents several times to discuss concerns in this area.
7. Human Resource Implications: n/a
8. Procurement Implications: n/a
9. Information Technology Implications: n/a
10. Other Implications: n/a

Recommendation:

That Council maintain status quo and not allocate special funding for the requested curb extension on Larkhall Street at Donegal Place.

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