
HALDIMAND COUNTY

Memorandum ECW-M02-2019 River Road and Berwick Street Sidewalk Cost Estimates



For Consideration by Council in Committee on November 19, 2019

To: Mayor Hewitt and Members of Council

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At the March 26, 2019 Council in Committee meeting staff were given direction through the following resolution:

“THAT staff be directed to report back to Council in Committee on the feasibility and cost of sidewalks from the current endpoint on Haddington Street along River Road to Highland Boulevard and along Berwick Street from Haddington Street to Forfar Street and the Riverwalk.”

Staff have reviewed the feasibility of installing a sidewalk along River Road and Berwick Street and through preliminary design have determined that the preferred location for the sidewalks are along the south side of River Road from Haddington Street to Highland Boulevard and the east side of Berwick Street from Haddington Street to Forfar Street (see Attachment 1).

As part of the preliminary design it was determined that the south side of River Road would have to be urbanized with curb to allow for the safe installation of a sidewalk and that the sidewalk on the east side of Berwick Street could be installed with curb only in certain areas.

In evaluating the Berwick Street sidewalk it was determined that a west side installation could be accommodated, however, a significant number of the mature trees in front of the existing homes would have to be removed and the existing ditch would require a shallow storm system and full length curbs resulting in significantly higher project costs (estimated at approximately \$950,000).

The cost estimates for the installation of a sidewalk on River Road and east side of Berwick Street are as follows:

Sidewalk Section	Estimated Cost
River Road – Highland Boulevard to Haddington Street	\$760,000
Berwick Street – Haddington Street to Forfar Street (east side)	\$380,000
Total Cost	\$1,140,000

Given the magnitude of these costs, any further consideration of this project should be through the capital budget process which allows all the various capital needs to be evaluated in terms of priority at the same time.