



**Meeting Date:** October 27, 2021

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**Report No:** PWE 38-2021

**Subject:** Sidewalk and Street Light Survey Results

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**Recommendation:**

THAT Report PWE-38-2021, re: Sidewalk and Street Light Survey Results be received for information.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to share information with Council and residents regarding the results of the sidewalk and street light survey.

**Background:**

During the 2021 planned sidewalk expansion program staff and council received significant feedback from residents along Mill Street in Ilderton regarding the expansion of sidewalks. The installation on Mill Street was ultimately deferred, however staff wanted to gauge support for sidewalks and street lights within the broader community to help determine if there was support for sidewalk and street light expansion.

**Analysis:**

One of our goals as an organization is to ensure we are a modern government, one that is effective, fiscally responsible and trusted. To do that, we need to understand the priorities of the residents within the community. One of the ways staff can do this is to pose questions to residents to gather feedback and insight into priorities and areas of common interest.

A survey was prepared by the Transportation department with help and support of the Communications Specialist to develop a survey to gather feedback on sidewalks and street lights to gauge what residents in the community think of these services and their thoughts on expansion.

The survey opened June 17, 2021 and closed July 19, 2021, advertisement of the survey was through social media and the municipal website with 514 responses received. The results of the survey can be found in Appendix A. The results break down response form settlement areas and tally up respondents priorities.

### Next Steps

Staff found the survey insightful and helpful for prioritizing areas for sidewalk expansion and street light expansion, there is a clear desire from residents for this infrastructure and the desire to see expanded infrastructure and service.

As such, staff will use this information to plan accordingly in future budgets to continue with the implementation of this program.

### **Financial Implications:**

Expanded services come with both capital and operational budget impacts. The capital cost to construct 1km of sidewalk is approximately \$85,500 and the capital cost to design and construct 1km of street lights is approximately \$515,000. These costs can vary significantly depending on the location of existing utilities, grading and drainage.

### **Strategic Plan:**

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Responsive Municipal Government

This report and appended survey provide staff an opportunity to hear from residents and identify priorities.

### **Attachments:**

Appendix A- Sidewalk and Street Light Survey Results