

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR  
POLICY**

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| Service Area: | <b>Public Works</b>                                 | Policy No.:     |   |
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**1. POLICY**

**1.1** This policy affirms Council’s intention to construct Pedestrian Generator Sidewalks on local roads and school approach streets in areas where pedestrian facilities are warranted, as determined by:

- 1.1.1** The provisions of the Official Plan, specifically Sections 7.2 and 7.2.3;
- 1.1.2** Dialogue with abutting property owners;
- 1.1.3** Dialogue with school boards and other agencies, and;
- 1.1.4** Budgetary allocations.

**1.2** A Pedestrian Generator Sidewalk is defined as a sidewalk to be located where any of the following exist:

- 1.2.1** It is located on a route leading to a significant pedestrian destination;
- 1.2.2** It is required to serve more than the abutting properties, including institutional and parkland access;
- 1.2.3** It is required on a school approach street;
- 1.2.4** It is required for the separation of pedestrians from vehicles in the community;
- 1.2.5** It is requested or endorsed by a School Board; or
- 1.2.6** It would be inequitable to charge the full cost of the walk to the abutting property owners.

**2. PURPOSE**

**2.1** This policy is intended to:

- 2.1.1** Increase pedestrian separation from vehicles;
- 2.1.2** Expand opportunities for sustainable transportation;
- 2.1.3** Improve the health and welfare of City residents; and
- 2.1.4** Implement the Pedestrian Network Policies identified in the City of Windsor Official Plan.

### **3. SCOPE**

**3.1** This policy applies to construction of all new sidewalks other than those:

- 3.1.1** To be constructed as a Local Improvement under the Municipal Act, 2001, Ontario Regulation 586/06, or superseding provincial legislation.
- 3.1.2** To be constructed under the terms of a development or servicing agreement under the Planning Act.
- 3.1.3** To be constructed on a public highway with an arterial or collector road designation and which does not serve as a school approach street.
- 3.1.4** To be constructed on a public highway designated as a Transit Windsor route.

**3.2** Where appropriate, benefiting organizations (excluding School Boards) may be asked to contribute a portion of the cost of the sidewalk.

### **4. RESPONSIBILITY**

**4.1** The Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for ensuring that the Corporation of the City of Windsor has a Pedestrian Generator Sidewalk Policy, that the policy and procedures are updated periodically to keep pace with best practices as they evolve, and that they are implemented in an efficient and effective manner.

**4.2** The City Engineer, with the General Manager of Public Works, is responsible for:

- 4.2.1** The associated implementation procedure;
- 4.2.2** Coordination of future revisions;
- 4.2.3** Providing a recommendation to Council as to whether or not construction of any sidewalk should proceed under this policy.

### **5. GOVERNING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**5.1** The City Engineer must determine the existence of the following conditions as outlined in the associated procedure prior to recommending sidewalk construction:

- 5.1.1** Acceptable pedestrian generator in vicinity of proposed sidewalk;
- 5.1.2** Sufficient pedestrian volumes from above pedestrian generator;
- 5.1.3** Lack of acceptable pedestrian/vehicular segregation;
- 5.1.4** Heightened motorized traffic volumes.

**5.2** The City Engineer must ensure that the proposed sidewalk will satisfy all of the following requirements:

- 5.2.1** Provision of dedicated pedestrian facilities;
- 5.2.2** General neighbourhood need;
- 5.2.3** Connection to other pedestrian facilities;
- 5.2.4** Other factors of benefit to pedestrian travel.

### **6. RECORDS, FORMS, AND ATTACHMENTS**

**6.1** Records created as a result of this policy will be retained in accordance with the Records Retention By-law 21-2013.