

19. Re: Petition Against Construction of Sidewalks
Avondale Street from Boundary Road to Smith Avenue
(Item 22, Report No. 35, Council Meeting May 7, 1973)

Appearing on the Agenda for the May 28, 1973 meeting of Council is a petition dated May 17, 1973 from R. A. Marshall, 3731 Avondale Street and others against the construction of sidewalks on Avondale Street from Boundary Road to Smith Avenue.

Council will recall that at its meeting of May 7, 1973 a petition dated April 18, 1973 from R. A. Marshall and others opposing the construction of sidewalks on Avondale Street was received. Council reaffirmed its earlier decision to proceed with construction of pavement 28 feet wide plus 5 foot wide concrete curb sidewalks on both sides of the street in question. On May 9, 1973 the Deputy Municipal Clerk by letter advised Mr. R. A. Marshall of Council's decision of May 7, 1973.

Mr. Marshall's letter of May 17, 1973 to Council includes:

"Preference to curb to curb black top with filled in ditches. This would, amongst other benefits, prevent the destruction of beautiful landscaped boulevards (trees and shrubs)."

Council is referred to Item 22, Manager's Report No. 35, Council Meeting May 7, 1973, which included reference to the effect upon trees and the boulevards, as follows:

"Council should be advised that the construction of curb sidewalks with 28' wide pavement will not cause the removal of any trees or adversely affect the boulevards."

The Municipal Engineer confirms his earlier report and advises that although some pruning of low branches over the sidewalk site may be required for clearance purposes, the trees and boulevards will not be damaged as a result of construction.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the approved standard, which calls for construction of 28' pavement with 5' curb sidewalks on both sides between Avondale Street from Boundary Road to Smith Avenue be reaffirmed; and

THAT a copy of this report be sent to the petitioners.