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Town of Aurora
Notice of Motion

Re: Sidewalk Installation Policy
To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Councillor Harold Kim
Date: September 8, 2020

Whereas in September 2009 Council has approved a “Sidewalk Installation Policy” (#67), for the installation of sidewalks on Town’s roads that ensures connectivity, safety and convenient pedestrian traffic in new development and existing areas, and the policy was subsequently revised in April 2015; and

Whereas the Transportation Master Plan Update endorsed by Council in February 2020, identified the existing traffic operational concerns and recommended “TDM, Transit, and Active Transportation Improvements” and “Operational Improvements” as viable alternative solutions to accommodate future growth;” and

Whereas “The Active and Safe Routes to School Program” implemented in Aurora has helped to encourage the physical activity of youth, enhance environmental sustainability by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and help alleviate traffic concerns in school areas; and

Whereas the Town based on the “Active and Safe Routes to School Program” has implemented “The School Travel Planning Policy (#69)” in December 2013 and set out a mechanism that would allow for student pedestrian priority; and

Whereas the Town has a duty to comply with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) that took effect January 1, 2016 that requires municipalities to remove barriers to accessibility and to construct sidewalks and pathways where gaps exist; and

Whereas while the Town’s population grows, we have to look at sustainable growth measures by implementing active transportation principles and designing complete streets that will further reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;”

1. Now therefore be it hereby resolved that staff be directed to review the “Sidewalk Installation Policy” (#67), and report back to General Committee before the end

of October 2020 with proposed revisions for consideration including an approach that provides staff the delegated authority to install sidewalks for existing areas when the road is scheduled for reconstruction.