



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager of Engineering Services
SUBJECT: Local Improvement Reballot and Projects to be Cancelled - 2009 and 2010

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the proposed Local Improvement project Numbered Court #632, Item #009, for speed humps in the lane east of Granville Street from 58th Avenue to 59th Avenue not be approved.
- B. THAT approved Local Improvement projects Numbered Court #630, Item #016 for sidewalks on the eastside of Skeena from 24th Avenue to 25th Avenue and Numbered Court #630, Item #017, for sidewalks on the eastside of Trimble from 15th Avenue and 16th Avenue be cancelled and that these sidewalks instead be constructed under the Residential Flankage Sidewalk policy.

COUNCIL POLICY

Policies governing the Local Improvement process are set out in the Vancouver Charter and the Local Improvement Procedure By-law. The projects dealt with in the report have gone through the legal requirements in the process.

At the Court of Revision #632, Council requested additional information on project Item #009 through the reballot before giving final approval.

In 2010 Council established a policy to undertake new sidewalk improvement projects on residential flankage streets outside of the Local Improvement process at no cost to the property owners.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to approve the results of the reballot from the Court of Revision #632 and for Council to cancel two previously approved Local Improvement sidewalk projects so that they may be constructed under the revised Residential Flankage Sidewalk policy.

DISCUSSION**Results of the Reballot, Court of Revision #632, Item #009 (Petition)**

This petition for speed humps in the lane east of Granville Street from 58th Avenue to 59th Avenue was signed by two-thirds of the required majority of property owners but at the Court of Revision on November 2, 2010, it was brought to Council's attention that two owners who previously signed the petition in favour of the speed humps were withdrawing their support. Council directed staff to ballot owners to determine if there is still sufficient support for this project to proceed. Staff undertook a ballot of the affected property owners and report the following to Council:

Project Approval Requirements:

Number of owners	7
Required majority	5

Ballot Results:

In Favour	4
Opposed	3
Total responses	7

The ballot did not return the required majority of five (5) owners in favour for the project. Based on the ballot results, there is insufficient support for this project to proceed. It is recommended that this project not be approved.

Cancellation of new residential flankage sidewalk Local Improvement Projects, Court of Revision #630, Items #016 and #017 (Petition)

Two residential flankage sidewalk projects were approved by Council at the Court of Revision #630 on October 22, 2009. These projects were not constructed in 2010 due to scheduling difficulties and demands from other construction projects.

On July 20, 2010, Council approved changes to policy regarding the funding of residential flankage sidewalks so that these projects would be undertaken outside of the Local Improvement process at no cost to the property owners. As these two projects have not yet been constructed, it is recommended that these two residential flankage sidewalk Local Improvement projects be cancelled so that the two sidewalks can be constructed under the current sidewalk policy at no cost to the property owners.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The property owners' share of the costs for the two residential flankage sidewalks, estimated at \$5693, will be funded within the existing 2010 New Sidewalk program budget.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that project Numbered Court #632, Item #009 not be approved. It is recommended that projects Numbered Court #630, Item #016 and #017 be cancelled as Local Improvements and that they be constructed as residential flankage sidewalks.

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