

February 7, 2022

Secretary, Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services

Dear Secretary:

**Re: Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee – Sidewalk Repairs in Heritage Areas and Adjacent to Heritage Properties [File No. CK. 6220-1]**

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on February 2, 2022, heard from Committee members regarding the above matter and resolved:

That a letter be forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services from the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee recommending that the sidewalks in heritage areas and adjacent to heritage properties be prioritized for repair and maintenance, from an accessibility and esthetic point of view.

During discussion, Committee members noted that sidewalks in some heritage areas and around certain heritage buildings were in a long-term state of disrepair, making access to those buildings and areas difficult. Furthermore, the lack of repairs and maintenance in these areas has the effect of creating an environment where the value of heritage buildings is fundamentally undermined.

Our rationale is that a healthy city that truly values its heritage should exemplify this in the care it takes to maintain the city-owned sidewalks that provide access to heritage properties, and which are an aesthetically important part of the setting in which heritage assets exist.

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee respectfully requests that the recommendation be considered.

Yours truly,

**Lenore Swystun, Chair**  
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

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