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Dear Residents,

Please allow me this opportunity to provide you with an update regarding the Chimo Sidewalk project that you received a notice about a couple of weeks ago.

I spoke with many of you a few years back regarding a potential sidewalk and managed to move it for the time being from Phase 1 of the city's Transportation Master Plan (TMP), to a later phase as the majority of residents did not support a sidewalk at that time. Let me be clear, this project is different as it is part of the Province of Ontario's Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) program which has identified the Chimo Drive sidewalk implementation because these new sidewalks support pedestrian connectivity to public transit.

In accordance with the policies of the Ottawa Pedestrian Plan, the Transportation Master Plan and the Official Plan, collector roads leading directly to transit, schools and parks require a sidewalk on both sides of the roadway. Therefore Chimo does not meet the City's standard for collector roads within the City. The project has been included as a PTIF project due to its direct link to the Katimavik transit corridor and the nearby Kanata OC Transpo Park & Ride as well as the number of complaints received for pedestrian safety issues.

I have heard from many of you that you prefer no sidewalk so I have had meetings with City Staff to try to come to a compromise that takes into account the concerns that have been brought to my attention and to explore options. The Planners have assessed the roadway and have changed their design plan to the following:

- The sidewalk will be constructed immediately adjacent to the roadway, meaning there will be no boulevard between the road and the sidewalk.
- The sidewalk will also be shifted into the roadway by .3 metres or one foot.
- The average impact to your driveways will now only be about 4.5 ft or just over a metre instead of two which reduces the impact to driveways significantly.
- It is expected that no trees will need to be removed.

Unfortunately this appears to be our best compromise given the reasons outlined above for having a sidewalk. In the event that you should wish to 'fan' out your driveway to create additional parking space, please let me know and we can provide you with the information needed to proceed.

Please call my office (613) 580-2752, or email me Allan.Hubley@Ottawa.ca by **Friday April 28th, 2017 at noon** with your comments (if you have any), so that they can be passed on to the Planners prior to the start of construction.

Respectfully,

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