

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS <b>POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION MANUAL</b>		<b>AM - 1.4.8</b>
Section <b>Municipal Services</b>	Subject <b>Sidewalks</b>	

## 1. APPLICATION

This policy is applicable to all streets located in rights-of-way owned by the Province or by the Municipality.

## 2. AUTHORITY

Section 59 of the *Municipal Government Act*, respecting Provincial highways and Section 312 of the *Municipal Government Act*, respecting Municipal streets.

## 3. POLICY INTENT

The policy is intended to provide the basis and control framework for the development and maintenance of sidewalks on public roads and streets in the Municipality.

Subject to approval by Council, sidewalks that were constructed in public street and road rights-of-way prior to the adoption of this policy may be included within its maintenance provisions.

Sidewalks that are installed in the Municipality in locations that do not conform to the control framework are not included in the maintenance provisions of the policy.

## 4. BASIC POLICY

As determined necessary by Council, sidewalks will be constructed and maintained by the Municipality in locations where the sidewalks are warranted on a technical basis. The technical justification of the need to develop sidewalks will be carried out in consideration of the following factors:

- Traffic Volume
- Pedestrian Density, considering development density and/or the presence of significant pedestrian or traffic attractors.
- Availability of Street Lighting
- Unique Physical Environments, e.g. older, developed areas where the combination of narrow rights-of-way and/or low building setbacks creates a hazardous pedestrian environment.
- Development Cost.

The Municipality may pay for a portion of the sidewalk capital (construction) cost, up to a maximum of 100 %, depending on the need as defined on the basis of traffic volume and development density. The difference between the total cost and that portion paid for by the Municipality will be recovered through a special area rate.

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Cost sharing between the Municipality and the benefiting area based on unique physical environments, unusual costs and unusual traffic and pedestrian attractors shall be subject to consideration by Council.

Sidewalk maintenance costs will be paid by the Municipality. The Municipality will not provide snow and ice control for sidewalks, except for those sidewalks listed in *Appendix A*.

## 5. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

Sidewalks shall be a minimum of 4 feet (1.22 metres) wide. Sidewalks shall be constructed of asphaltic pavement, unless otherwise, specifically approved, on a suitable foundation. Sidewalks shall be constructed totally within the street rights-of-way with which they are associated.

Sidewalks shall only be installed in locations where street light systems exist or where street lights are being installed in conjunction with the sidewalks.

The portion of the cost of a sidewalk that will be borne by the Municipality as a whole will be determined on the basis of traffic volume and development density and a related sliding scale scoring system, as follows:

- Measured Traffic Volume, Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT):

Fewer than 3000 trips per day (AADT)	0/10 points
4000 trips per day (AADT)	5/10 points
5000 trips per day (AADT)	10/10 points
Example: AADT = 4200 trips per day	Score = 7/10
  
- Development Density (within 1500 feet (457 metres) of the right-of-way within which the sidewalk may be located):

Fewer than 50 civic numbers per kilometre	0/10 points.
100 civic numbers per kilometre	5/10 points.
150 civic numbers per kilometre	10/10 points.
Example: Density = 120 civic numbers / km.	Score = 7/10
  
- Municipal Share of Cost:

Using the above noted calculations based on 4200 trips per day and a development density of 120 / kilometre:

$$\frac{7}{10} + \frac{7}{10} = \frac{14}{20} = 70\%$$

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**APPENDIX A**

The following sections of Sidewalk will receive winter snow and ice control services, at the cost of the Municipality:

Sidewalks in Granville Ferry on Granville Road and on North Street.

Sidewalks in Cornwallis Park on Highway #1 between the South Broadway Street intersection and Civic Number 1043.

Sidewalk on Hampton Mountain Road, Bridgetown Boundary to Pedestrian Crosswalk (to Mountain Lea Lodge).