



Clerks Services Memo

To: Council
From: Jeff Smith, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
Subject: Possible Amendment to the October 24, 2023, Minutes
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Background:

On October 17, 2023, Council considered the design of George Street, High Street and Charles Street Reconstruction Project and passed the following a resolution:

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering Report IS22-2023 respecting George Street, High Street and Charles Street Reconstruction Project - Design Approval Report, direct staff to modify the design to:

1. Remove sidewalks except on George St. between Church St. and the entrance to Bolender park; and
2. Maintain the existing road width.

At the meeting on October 24, 2023, Infrastructure Services staff noted that maintaining the road width while also adding sidewalks on a portion of George St. between Church St. and the entrance to Bolender park would result in the removal of some existing trees, vegetation and hydro poles. Staff sought clarity from Council and Council directed staff to ensure the road be designed to be as wide as possible on that portion of George St. without requiring the removal of trees.

After hearing from delegations, Council passed a resolution approving the direction from Committee of the Whole (above) that may conflict with Council's direction to maximise the road width and protect existing trees. The Clerk missed this potential conflict.

Comments:

Given the direction provided by Council, staff recommend that Council may wish to amend the second part of the resolution to read as follows (emphasis added):

2. Maintain the existing road widths **except where sidewalk is to be installed, the road width is to be as wide as possible without requiring the removal of trees/vegetation.**