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**From:** Dale Puskas  
**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 10:26 AM  
**To:** Darin Reimer  
**Cc:** Municipal Hall; CSEngineering  
**Subject:** RE: A Referendum on Sidewalks

Hi Darin,

Just to follow up, your correspondence and clarification went to the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Regular Council meeting. Meeting minutes can be found linked below:

<https://pub-centralsaanich.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=17677>

Council did not bring it up for discussion. As I mentioned previously, District does not have sidewalk/pathway construction for an east-west road planned within Brentwood Bay the next few years, but have Hagen in the queue based on feedback from our 2021 Active Transportation Plan public consultation. Our current Active Transportation Plan does have some sidewalk construction over the next 5 years highlighted in Tanner Ridge and Saanichton, the plan can be found on the District's website [here](#).

Regards,

**Dale Puskas, P.Eng.**

Director of Engineering

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**From:** Dale Puskas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:47 AM  
**To:** Darin Reimer [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Municipal Hall <Municipal.Hall@csaanich.ca>

**Subject:** RE: A Referendum on Sidewalks

Thank you Darin for the clarification,

The additional information you provided will go to mayor and council.

Regards,

**Dale Puskas, P.Eng.**

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**From:** Darin Reimer [REDACTED]  
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**Cc:** Municipal Hall <[Municipal.Hall@csaanich.ca](mailto:Municipal.Hall@csaanich.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: A Referendum on Sidewalks

Hi Dale. That is alright. Just for clarity, I am no longer advocating sidewalks just for one area of the municipality but for three areas that include Tanner Ridge, Brentwood Bay and Saanichton where there are no existing sidewalks.

And yes, I am in support of a full voting process and public engagement process.

And just a side note: I have discussed this proposal with a couple of my neighbors and they have either supported this idea or helped inspire me to make this proposal in the first place.

Thank you,  
Darin Reimer

On Mon, Mar 18, 2024 at 11:29 AM Dale Puskas <[Dale.Puskas@csaanich.ca](mailto:Dale.Puskas@csaanich.ca)> wrote:

Hi Darin,

Thank you for writing in, unfortunately, I was unable to find your original correspondence from last year in my quick search but from your correspondence I think get the general idea.

Currently, the District does not have sidewalk/pathway construction for an east-west road planned within the next few years, but have Hagen in the queue based on feedback from our 2021 Active Transportation Plan public consultation. Our current Active Transportation Plan can be found on the District's website [here](#).

For my understanding, are you suggesting a referendum to borrow funds to carry out sidewalk construction? And are you suggesting that the questioned voters be the residents of the area? There may be issues with just a referendum for a specific group and area with funds coming from the whole municipality and something we need to look into. Additionally, referendums require a concrete question, like "are you in support of the municipality borrowing \$XXXX to construct YYYY", with a full voting process and bureaucratic process with the Inspector of Municipalities, are you suggesting this or a fulsome public engagement process?

I am happy to discuss more with you.

Regards,

**Dale Puskas, P.Eng.**

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**From:** Darin Reimer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 11:21 PM  
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**Subject:** A Referendum on Sidewalks

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Dear Mayor, Councillors and staff at Central Saanich Municipality,

Last year I wrote a letter asking or suggesting the municipality consider setting aside a main thoroughfare and forming sidewalks alongside of it. Particularly on an east west road such as Marchant or Verdier.

I have modified my suggestion somewhat to be a little more comprehensive and specific.

My modified suggestion is that Central Saanich hold a referendum on the question of sidewalks and bring the members of our region together in order to vote on it.

The preamble could include such things as the areas requiring or needing it (Tanner Ridge, Saanichton and Brentwood Bay), and the cost of financing such a project. Then on a set date members of our community can vote on it.

I am concerned for the safety and ease of access of those who enjoy our beautiful region and wish to suggest we improve our roads with the construction of sidewalks.

Respectfully,

Darin Reimer

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