

Extract of Emails re: Harlington Crescent – Proposed Wheelchair Ramp

>>> Ken Wilson 08/03/2010 1:20 pm >>>

Peter, I checked this location and we in HRM don't install a Pedestrian Ramp in the middle of a block unless it's a marked crosswalk. This location would mean that the pedestrians would have to cross from a private driveway to a private pathway that is not maintain by HRM, and if we were to do this then HRM would be liable if anyone got struck by a vehicle there because we are instructing them to cross there by installing a pedestrian ramp.

I checked with Karen MacDonald one of our Legal Solicitor and she agrees with me that if we do this then we would be come liable.

Thank you,
Ken Wilson
Superintendent
Sidewalks

>>> Taso Koutroulakis 04/03/2010 12:35 pm >>>

Hi Susan,

This location would not qualify for a marked crosswalk. However, you don't need a marked crosswalk to construct a ramp as it is clearly evident by the thousands of ramps we have constructed without having any marked crosswalks. **The Red Book guidelines state that a pedestrian ramp shall be constructed at the ends of walkways where curb and gutter is present, where wheel chair access is required and where pedestrian movement is controlled, i.e. crosswalks.** So one of these three requirements would need to be met to construct a ramp **(in this case two of the conditions are met)**. It is recognized that the red book guidelines are intended to be used when constructing new streets but as staff we try to follow when we are upgrading a street if it is physically possible and if budget allows.

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