

FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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**SUBJECT: REINSTATEMENT OF FISH HOEK STREET PAVEMENT SURFACE
AFTER FIBRE INSTALLATION**

The current reinstatement of the pavement / sidewalk surfaces being done by fibre contractors highlights the terrible state of the original surface done by the City (not affected by the fibre installers).



Beach & Recreation Roads



Main & Recreation Roads



Recreation Road
(4th & 5th Ave)

There seems to be missed opportunities and several issues, some which may be immediately resolvable and others seemingly stem from early design / planning considerations.

We request urgent consideration and feedback on what the City will action about the following observations:

1. Immediate reinstatement where pavements used to be:

Before the fibre installers started, the pavements were starting to show neglect (ravelling, cracking, break ups). The condition has become worse due to neglect over the long period taken by the fibre installers. Due to recent reinstatement by the fibre installers, the contrast with the remaining City pavement is stark. We request urgent repair and repaving of the current bare ground sections shown above.

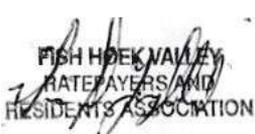
2. Immediate reinstatement observations and suggestions: (ref attached pictures)

- The current scope and design give specific criteria for re-tarring related to widths and minimum distances from edges. This prescriptive methodology, in the absence of specifically analysed and uniquely determined designs per sidewalk is resulting in:
 - patchy tarring / repairs;
 - confusing lines (in some cases splitting the sidewalks lengthways looking as though half should be utilised for walking and the other for riding bikes);
 - aesthetically poor works;
- The resulting poorly finished works may be visible for decades;
- The City has an opportunity here to make good the sidewalks, especially considering that much of the old tarring is cracked and requiring maintenance;
- Instructions regarding scope and design could be changed (and should be while there is opportunity as only two streets have been done so far) re:
 - a blanket decision to redo the full surface area of affected sidewalks, with the City covering the addition material and implementation costs (which will be a fraction of what they would be to remobilise management, contracting, equipment and people to do so);
 - allowing a City official (and urban designer) authority to review each sidewalk and chalkline the reinstatement lines in accordance with a more suitable urban solution.

3. Planning/design considerations:

- There should be a conduit / sleeve installed to allow for future service provider cabling and for other potential cabled services. And also for maintenance;
- The works provide an excellent opportunity for reviewing public interface / space like these sidewalk surfaces. Cobblestones, other paving types and driveway surfaces could be redone, having a marked affect on the street aesthetic and function (such as making streets more attractive for holding street events and family interaction).

In addition to all of the above, this is also a wonderful public relations opportunity for the City administration to show that it has indeed not forgotten about the people who actually pay the rates by actually showing respect for what it does to the pavements outside each of our properties. The City's tag line of "Making progress possible. Together" should allow its ratepayers to provide opinions and who knows, perhaps the fibre installers need some collaborative assistance. The incremental costs from a partially surface and combined surface with resurface could be minimal.

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