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Petition to Uphold the Original Sidewalk Plan for Fosterbrook Street

We, the undersigned residents of Fosterbrook Street, come together to express our collective concern regarding the recent decision to relocate the sidewalk to our side of the road, the western side of Fosterbrook Street. This petition is a plea for Greycrest Homes Inc. and the city to honour the original street plan, which indicated that the sidewalk should be situated on the eastern side of Fosterbrook Street.

We purchased our respective homes on Fosterbrook Street based on the explicit representation that the sidewalk would be located on the eastern side of the street. This unexpected change in the street plan undermines the trust we placed in Greycrest Homes Inc.'s and the city's assurances and raises significant issues for us as homeowners, as explained below.

Attached to this petition, please find signed documents from each affected homeowner that validate our claim. These documents clearly demonstrate that the original street plan, specifically for lots 25-59, did not include a sidewalk on the western side of Fosterbrook Street.

We kindly request that you review these documents as these documents, along with all of the documents signed during the house purchase process, provide undeniable evidence of the agreement that was made between the residents, Greycrest Homes Inc., and the city.

We understand the importance of maintaining safe pedestrian access within our community, and we fully support the city's efforts to ensure the well-being of our fellow citizens. We believe that the relocation of the sidewalk to our side of the road (the western side of Fosterbrook Street) is unsafe, unnecessary, disruptive, and contrary to the commitments made during the initial sale of our properties by Greycrest Homes Inc. In light of these circumstances, we respectfully request the following actions to be taken by the city:

- Honour the original street plan
 - We ask the city to adhere to the original street plan, which designates the sidewalk to be situated on the eastern side of Fosterbrook Street. Relocating the sidewalk to our side (the western side of the road) will have a detrimental impact on our property values and overall quality of life for the entire street. Not only the western side. We request that the city acknowledges and addresses these concerns, ensuring that our investment in our homes is protected.

- Safety
 - Hydro boxes are on the western side of Fosterbrook Street already. This already takes up the majority of our front lawn. Having the sidewalk on the side of the hydro boxes is also unsafe.
 - The trend in our neighbourhood is that the sidewalk is not placed on the side of the hydro box. See Castlepoint Drive, Black Cherry Drive, and Riverton Court, for examples.

- Lot Sizes
 - The lot size for the western side of Fosterbrook Street is not as large as the lot size for the eastern side of Fosterbrook Street. This extra area on the lots that are located on the eastern side of Fosterbrook justifies the sidewalk to be placed on the eastern side of Fosterbrook Street.

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- Benefits of the sidewalk being placed on the eastern side of Fosterbrook Street:
 - The walkway on the originally planned eastern side would be more convenient for the townhomes that are being constructed in Greycrest Homes Inc.'s next phase. It would provide seamless connectivity for the residents and enhance the overall accessibility of the neighbourhood.
 - The location of the mailbox on the eastern side further emphasizes the practicality and logic of having the walkway on that side. Placing the walkway on the same side as the mailbox would ensure convenience, safety, and ease of access for residents when collecting their mail.
- Sidewalk Maintenance
 - It is important to note that we were explicitly promised during the initial purchase that the sidewalk would be situated on the eastern side of Fosterbrook Street, not on the western side. Consequently, all homeowners on our side of the street specifically bought their houses on the western side, expecting that the sidewalk maintenance would not be their responsibility. This decision has a direct impact on homeowners who travel during winter months, as they deliberately chose their house location, and paid extra to be located on the western side of Fosterbrook Street to avoid the additional legal burden of sidewalk maintenance.

We believe that by upholding the original street plan and considering the interests of the affected homeowners, Greycrest Homes Inc. and the city can arrive at a resolution that is fair, equitable, and preserves the trust between the community, Greycrest Homes Inc., and the local authorities.

To support our petition, we have included the image of the original street plan on the subsequent page, which is stapled to this document. We trust that this visual representation will provide clarity and strengthen our case.

We kindly request your prompt attention and action in addressing this matter. We appreciate your understanding and willingness to work towards a satisfactory solution that aligns with the interests of all parties involved.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Signed by Marzooq Asghar, June 11, 2023, <M.F.I.P.A Sec. 14(1)>, Oshawa

22 Signatures received.

The original petition is available for viewing in the office of the City Clerk, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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GREYCREST HOMES (OSHAWA) INC.

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