
TITLE: SIDEWALK / CURB CONSTRUCTION POLICY
SECTION: ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS
POLICY NO.: 31600-18

APPROVAL DATE: February 24, 2025

CAO Signature: 

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to define materials to be used for sidewalk and curb construction or maintenance.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Sidewalk construction is an important part of the Town of Amherst infrastructure. The following will be used by staff when developing plans for sidewalk and curb reconstruction or construction.

1. **New Sidewalk Construction**

Materials used in the construction of all new sidewalks in the Town of Amherst will be concrete and include the installation of tactile warning indicator plates as needed. Other construction materials may be recommended by staff and reviewed and approved by Amherst Town Council during the capital budget process.

2. **Repair of Existing Sidewalks**

Existing concrete, asphalt or interlocking brick paver sidewalks will be repaired using the same materials used in the original construction.

3. **Reconstruction of Existing Sidewalks**

When entire sections of existing concrete, asphalt or interlocking brick paver sidewalks are replaced the material used for reconstruction shall be concrete and include the installation of tactile warning indicator plates as needed

4. **New Curbs**

All new curbs will be concrete with barrier curbs required on arterial streets to provide safety relative to higher speed traffic. Roll over curbs will be installed on local and collector streets except at tee intersections and sharp corners where barrier curbs will be used to reduce the possibility of vehicles sliding into the sidewalk.

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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Title/Role	Responsibilities
Director of Operations	Ensure policy is reviewed on a regular basis to determine if any updates / changes are required.

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Amendment Description	Policy Owner	Approved By	Approval Date
Amended policy language; brick pavers will be replaced with concrete when reconstructing downtown sidewalks	Director of Operations, Bourgeois	Council	February 24, 2025

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