

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF INVERNESS
CAPITAL COST OF SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: Municipal Government Act
Section 65(aa)

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SUBJECT: SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

PREAMBLE: This Policy shall apply to the Municipality of the County of Inverness and all its residents.

TERMS: The Municipality of the County of Inverness may participate in sidewalk construction projects in built up areas of the Municipality in accordance with the following criteria.

1. Primary consideration will be given to the main business (shopping) district of a community where the main commercial, tourist, shopping and service facilities are accessed by the community on a regular basis.
2. Sidewalks will only be constructed on a cost shared basis; i.e., when sharing of at least two third of the cost is provided by other levels of government, or by some other source, leaving the Municipality's share at one third the overall cost.
3. Of the Municipality's one third share of the cost, one-half of that one-third (i.e., one-sixth) will be charged to the residents of the area benefitted by the sidewalk, by way of an area rate or uniform charge on all the taxable property and occupancy assessments in the area, set pursuant to Section 75 of the Municipal Government Act.
4. The area to be charged with a rate will be determined at a publicly advertised meeting of the whole area to be charged, at which meeting a majority vote approving the one-sixth charge is obtained.
5. In addition to the above construction, the Municipality may make a further contribution to the cost of a sidewalk project in exceptional circumstances where the need is urgent, safety requires it, some special circumstance or event makes the project particularly commendable at the time, the one-sixth sharing would be too onerous considering the general circumstances of the area, or some other extraordinary circumstance.

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6. Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraphs of the policy, the Municipality may at any time construct a sidewalk in any area of the Municipality and recover all or any portion of the cost thereof from the area by means of an area rate or a uniform charge on all taxable property and occupancy assessments in the area pursuant to Section 75 of the Municipal Government Act.

Approval:	This is to certify that the above policy was approved by Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness on the 10th day of July A.D., 2006.
Policy Committee Review: June 8, 2006	<i>Kate Beaton</i>
Council - 7 day Notice: June 12, 2006	_____ Chief Administrative Officer
Council Approval: July 10, 2006	