

Seymour Valley Community Association 2003/2004 Budget Request

This is the second annual budget request from the Seymour Valley Community Association for improvements to our neighbourhood.

This is essentially divided into 3 sections: Outstanding Items from last year's budget, New Items, and Completed Items.

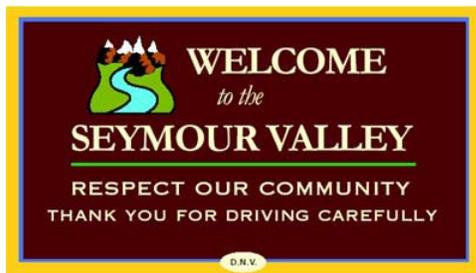
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Outstanding Items (from 2002/2003 budget)

The following items were requested in 2002/2003 but have not been delivered:

Community Entrance Sign and Notice Board



We are requesting a community sign and notice board be placed at the corner of Grantham and Riverside. A sign design was completed last fall but we are still awaiting funds to have a cedar sign representing our community made.

Design by Cameron Stewart, DNV

Shrubbery maintenance program next to sidewalks (ongoing)

This is a request for the ongoing funding required to clear shrubbery next to the sidewalk that is adjacent to district property. This is a regular budget item which is being fulfilled.

No Parking Signs

Parking should be restricted to one side only on curved areas of the road. We would like a few no parking signs installed on these sections. It is a safety hazard when cars park on both sides of the road in these areas and are frequent causes of accidents.

Remove Power Poles encroaching sidewalk

There are a number of power poles encroaching the west sidewalk on Upper Riverside Drive. We would like these power poles moved so that the sidewalk can be used by without stepping out onto the roadway.



1700 block Riverside

Resurface/Upgrade/Widen sidewalk

The west side sidewalk is too narrow in many places forcing pedestrians onto the road. Please widen the walkway to at least 4 feet so that it is usable by pedestrians, strollers, wheelchairs.

There are places where there are interruptions in the sidewalk which cannot be easily negotiated by wheeled devices.



Restore sidewalk on east side from Parkway to 1800 block

1225 Riverside

When Riverside drive was paved in 1976 property owners were assessed an improvement fee and sidewalks were installed on both the east and west side of the road. The sidewalk on the east side has fallen into disrepair and is being encroached by many property owners and the space is even being used for driveway parking on the newest property developments.

We would like this sidewalk restored and the right of way respected in new developments.

A section of paved sidewalk has been installed next to Hogans Pools between the parkway and Grantham this year. It was annoying to see that rather than moving an encroaching power pole the sidewalk was built around it. Does this not contravene the districts building code? It is quite unsightly.

Eliminate Jordan Ave and repatriate Hogans Pools into one conservation reserve

The Hogans Pools Conservation Reserve is split into 2 sections by the Jordan Ave right of way. This is a historical right of way which was used to access the old gravel pit located on the property behind the pools. We would like this access road eliminated and the land made part of Hogans Pools so that it is one contiguous park. The property behind this area can be accessed more directly from Berkeley Road and/or Browning Place.



Jordan Ave

Add Lighting to Blueridge/Seymour Valley Connector trail

Several years ago, the District installed an unlighted stairway on the very steep section of the footpath from Berkley Avenue to Rivergrove Place in the Seymour Valley. This has provided the shortest route for Riverside north area residents to the nearest bus stop, schools and playgrounds and for Blueridge residents to get to Riverside.



This is one of the few pathways between residential areas in Seymour, which does not have overhead lighting. It is the longest unlighted connecting pathway in Seymour. The stairs have been built at considerable expense. They are well used and poorly maintained. For the safety of its users and residents, adequate lighting needs to be installed. Residents do continue to use the trail in darkness and are at great risk of tripping. Also those that do not use the trail are also at risk. Some trail users build torches out of newspapers and newsletters that are left on buses. Fire risk is greatly increased due to lack of lighting.

Add Stairs to Blueridge/Seymour Valley Connector trail

One section of the trail does not have stairs and is too steep for many users. This section is dangerous to walk on, especially in wet conditions. Another set of stairs and handrail installed in this steepest section would also improve safety.

New Items

There were some changes made to the community without consultation with our community association. It continues to be a concern that the traffic department continues to make changes without adequate consultation with our community association. Further changes are now required in these areas:

Lower Riverside Parking

As the result of a complaint by a single resident regarding mountain biker parking the traffic department took it upon itself to completely eliminate parking from lower Riverside Drive next to the parkway. While this has successfully eliminated mountain bikers use of this area we would like it to continue to be available for residents living there. Please replace the “No parking” signs with “Residents only” parking signs.



Cement Barriers

As another result of the complaint about the mountain bike parking at the bottom of Riverside, someone from the district went out to the maintenance yard, picked up some highway dividers and plunked them down right next to the road. The intent of this was to stop people parking on a strip of gravel next to Riverside.



This looks very unsightly. Please remove them and replace with curbs or landscaping ties and grass in the area or use landscaping shrubbery. This is the same spot that the bike rack has been installed which will now make it difficult to park there even without the highway dividers there.

Completed Items (from 2002/2003 budget)

Thank You. The following items have been completed from last year's budget:

Traffic Signs (done)

Install "No Exit", "Curve", and "Speed Limit" signs along Riverside as part of the ongoing safety program. A full complement of these signs has now been installed.



Install bike rack near Parkway bus stop (done)

Riverside Drive is over 2 km long. To make it more convenient to "Park and Ride" install a bike rack near the bus stop so that residents and children can quickly and easily transit to/and from the bus service.



Shrubbery maintenance program next to sidewalk

This is a request for the ongoing funding required to clear shrubbery next to the sidewalk that is adjacent to district property. This is a regular budget item which is being fulfilled.

This maintenance program has been followed this year.

