

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NANAIMO?B.C.

A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF CEMENT SIDEWALKS.

Whereas it is deemed necessary to provide for better and more permanent sidewalks within the corporate limits of the City of Nanaimo.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Nanaimo as follows:

1. that all Cement sidewalks to be hereafter constructed upon any public street or thoroughfare within the city limits, and to which the Corporation is expected to contribute a portion of the cost thereof, shall be constructed under the provisions of the Local Improvement General By-Law.
2. That any and all Cement sidewalks shall be of such width, as the Street Committee in consultation with the City Engineer, or other person in charge of the work shall deem necessary, but in all cases the sidewalks must be of sufficient width to accommodate the traffic. And the grade shall be such as the Street Committee in consultation with the City Engineer or other person in charge of the work shall deem best suited for the particular locality in which such sidewalk is to be constructed, but where possible the sidewalk shall be on the same grade as the street.
3. That two-thirds of the total cost of all Cement sidewalks shall be charged to and paid for by the abutting property, the remaining one-third of the total cost to be paid by the Corporation out of the general revenue of the City, or by loan if deemed advisable.
4. That the proportion of the cost to be paid by the abutting property shall be levied equally, and proportionately upon the per foot frontage, of all the property abutting on any stretch or length of sidewalk constructed at one and the same time, on the same side of a street, and of the same width, but the property abutting on each separate stretch or length of sidewalk of different widths, shall be assessed separately, and all sidewalks shall be uniform in width for at least the entire length of a block.

5. That when all the owners, lessees or agents of property abutting on any proposed Cement sidewalk, are willing to pay their proportion of the total cost, immediately on its completion, and will give a guarantee to that effect, satisfactory to the Mayor and Aldermen, the Corporation may then proceed to construct such sidewalk without any other procedure than that of passing a resolution authorizing such work to be done, and establishing its width and getting the necessary grades, and when the work is completed, assess the cost of same according to clauses 3 and 4 of this By-Law.

6. That all Cement sidewalks to which the Corporation is expected to pay one-third of their total cost, shall be constructed by the workmen of the Corporation, or under contracts let by the Council, and constructed under their supervision, and the Corporation shall be liable for the repairs of all damages to, and for the upkeep of all sidewalks constructed under the provisions of the Local Improvement General By-Law.

7. That all monies borrowed for Cement sidewalk construction under the provisions of the Local Improvement General By-Law, shall be borrowed for a term of Ten years, but where the cost of construction is exceptionally high, the Council may extend the time to fifteen years.

8. That all Cement sidewalks shall, unless the Council at any regular meeting, by resolution order otherwise, be constructed according to the specifications next following:-

(a) In business thoroughfares, the thickness of Cement sidewalks shall be Six inches, in residential streets the thickness shall be Five inches.

(b) When broken rock is used for the main body, it shall be mixed in the following proportions, viz:- five parts of broken rock, two parts of clean sharp sand, and one part of good Portland Cement.

(c) When beach gravel is used for the main body, it shall be in the proportion of seven parts of beach gravel, to one part of Portland Cement.

(d) In business streets, the finish shall be One inch thick, in the proportion of Two and a half parts of clean sharp sand, to one part of Portland Cement.

(e) In residential streets, the finish shall be three quarters of one inch thick, in the same proportions as the preceding subsection.

(f) When fine beach gravel is used for finish, it shall be in the proportion of three parts of beach gravel to one part of Portland Cement

9. All Cement sidewalks shall be constructed in alternate blocks, or proper dividers shall be inserted during construction, no single block or distance between dividers, to be more than one and a half times the width of the sidewalk, and shall have a fall of one quarter of an inch to the foot towards the gutter.

10. This By-Law may be cited for all purposes, as the Cement Sidewalk By-Law, 1907.

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Reconsidered and finally adopted by the Municipal Council, on the 3rd day of June, 1907.

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City Clerk.

W. C. Latta  
Mayor.