

# Staff Report



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To	General Committee
Subject	Property Acquisition – Sidewalk Infill Program
Date	April 22, 2026
Ward	5 & 8
From	S. Diemert, P. Eng., Director of Infrastructure
Executive Member Approval	K. Oakley, P. Eng., Acting General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management
CAO Approval	M. Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer
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## Recommendation(s):

1. That the Director of Legal Services be authorized to commence negotiations to acquire:
  - a. The properties legally described as Part 1 on 51R-44892 and shown in Appendix “A” necessary to facilitate installation of sidewalk on City Right of Way on Carol Road, Project EN1536.
  - b. The properties legally described as Part 1 on 51R-8030 and shown in Appendix “B” necessary to facilitate installation of sidewalk on City Right of Way on Edgehill Drive, Project EN1536 (the “Subject Properties”).
2. That if negotiations do not lead to acquisition of the Subject Properties, the Director of Legal Services be authorized to commence expropriation proceedings.
3. That the Corporation of the City of Barrie make an application to Barrie City Council, as approving authority, for approval to expropriate the Subject Properties, and that the City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary forms of application.
4. That the “Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate” be served and published and that any requests for inquiries received, pursuant to the “Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate” be forwarded to the Chief Inquiry Officer and that the Chief Inquiry Officer be requested to report to Council with respect to any such request.
5. That the Director of Legal Services be delegated authority to settle the expropriations or any negotiated agreements relating to the Subject Properties, and that the City Clerk be authorized to execute all associated and required documents in a form approved by the Director of Legal Services.

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## Executive Summary:

**The purpose of this report is to provide City staff with authorization to acquire**

**property required to implement the Sidewalk Infill Program.** Property is required to ensure new sidewalks are installed within the City’s right of way.

**Negotiated Agreements of Purchase and Sale are the preferred methods of property acquisition.** That is not always possible and as such, expropriation proceedings may become necessary to acquire property. Should expropriation become necessary, staff will continue in their efforts to negotiate Agreements of Purchase and Sale concurrently with expropriation proceedings until such time as the expropriations have been completed and it is no longer feasible to do so.

**Key Findings:**

**Locations identified as part of the annual Sidewalk Infill Program include Carol Road, from Innisfil Street to Little Avenue, and Edgehill Drive, from Ferndale Drive North to Pringle Drive.**

**Carol Road lacks sidewalk infrastructure with the exception of a small dead-end sidewalk at Little Avenue.** The project scope includes a new sidewalk connecting to the existing dead-end sidewalk. The legal survey determined that the existing dead-end sidewalk on Carol Road, adjacent to 75 Carol Road, is partially on private property. A small portion of the frontage of 75 Carol Road is required in order to ensure the public sidewalk is located within the City right of way.

**Edgehill Drive includes dead end sidewalks on both the north and south sides of the roadway.** The scope of work includes connecting these sections to controlled crossings at Pringle Drive and Ferndale Drive North. The legal survey was determined that the existing asphalt pathway, is on private property. A small portion of the frontage of 287 Edgehill Drive is required in order to ensure the public sidewalk is located within the City right of way.

**Financial Implications:**

The costs associated with acquiring the properties noted above are included in the 2026 Capital Budget for EN1536- Sidewalk Infill Program.

**Alternatives:**

The following alternatives are available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1 - General Committee could amend the recommendation by removing the ability for staff to commence expropriation and direct staff to complete the acquisition of the Subject Properties solely through negotiated Agreements of Purchase and Sale. This alternative is not recommended given the potential for unsuccessful negotiations which would prevent the City from advancing the projects.

**Strategic Plan Alignment:**

Affordable Place to Live		
Community Safety	X	This project supports community safety by

		installing new sidewalks provides a safe and accessible space for pedestrians
Thriving Community		
Infrastructure Investments	X	This project supports Infrastructure Investments improving pedestrian connections.
Responsible Governance		

**Additional Background Information and Analysis:**

Ensuring timely purchase or expropriation of the subject properties will allow Staff to move forward with the construction of the sidewalk, which align with the strategic plan as well as the Transportation Master Plan recommendations.

**Consultation and Engagement:**

A public community survey was completed for the Allandale Heights Neighbourhood, through which respondents provided feedback on sidewalk installation in their neighbourhood. Overall, the feedback was positive for sidewalk installation.

Public consultation is forthcoming prior to construction for both project locations.

**Environmental and Climate Change Impact Matters:**

There are no environmental and/or climate change impact matters related to the recommendation.

**Appendix:**

Appendix A – Property Acquisition - 55-75 Carol Road  
Appendix B – Property Acquisition – 287 Edgehill Drive

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**Pending #:**

Not Applicable