

Communication : C 3
Special Committee of the Whole (Budget)
January 24, 2023
Agenda Item # 1

Request budget allocation for building a sidewalk

- **Requesting for a walkway/sidewalk access into the Vaughan City Hall Community Garden** from Marlott Road. This area is currently fenced off, preventing access into this public space from the adjacent neighbourhood.
- Removing the fence and **creating a walkway that opens up this garden area** will allow residences a **place for walking and cycling**, allow the neighbourhood to share and participate in the beloved vegetable gardens, and to meet and interact with the seniors who grow and maintain them.
- From my interactions, City Staff have indicated their support of this initiative, however I am informed this is not being considered or discussed in the current year, and **requires support from Council for funding**.
- **Seeking Council's support for the appropriate allocation of the budget** be made for creating this walkway, and request that planning and implementing this project **be completed within 2023**. (Target completion as early in 2023 as possible).

The following slides provide an overview of the area, and highlights the current pedestrian system within the neighbourhood. This includes the system of sidewalks/walkways that connect Marlott Road to Ridgefield Crescent, Ridgefield to Foxhill Dr, Foxhill to Silver Arrow Crescent, Silver Arrow to Ardwell Crescent, Ardwell to Patina Crescent.



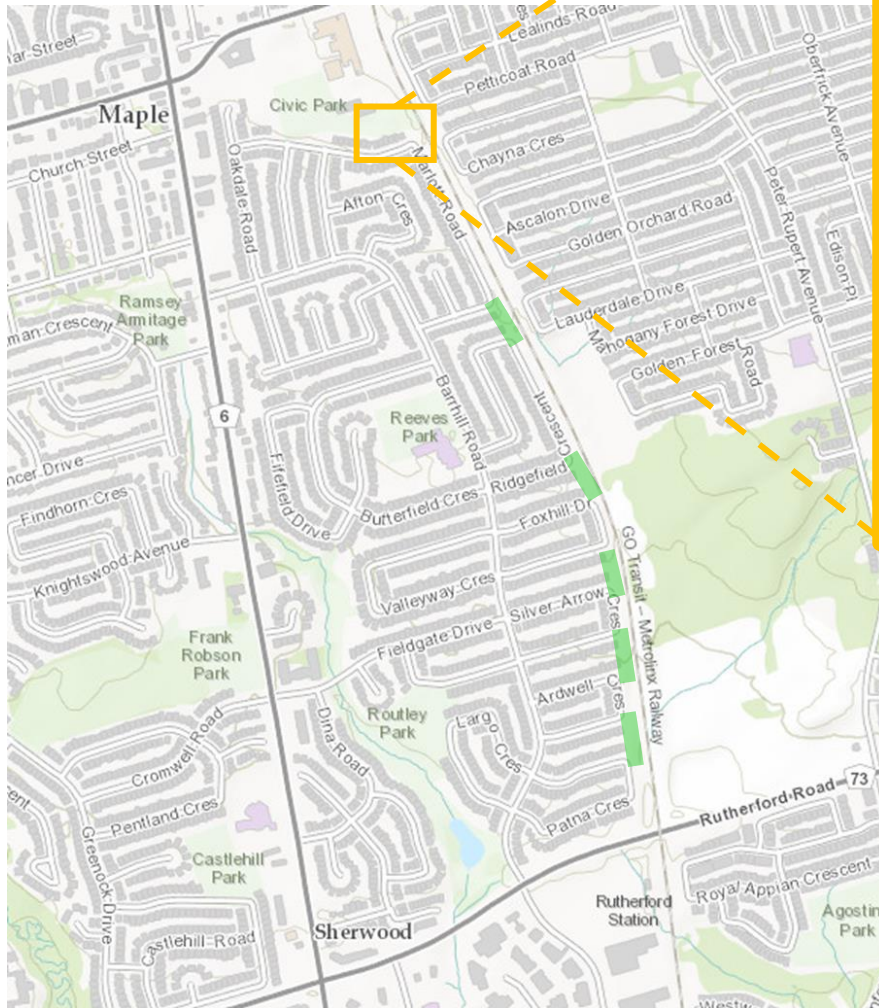
April 20, 2022

The view of Vaughan City Hall from behind the remains of an old fence left in disrepair from when the building and area was originally under construction in 2007.

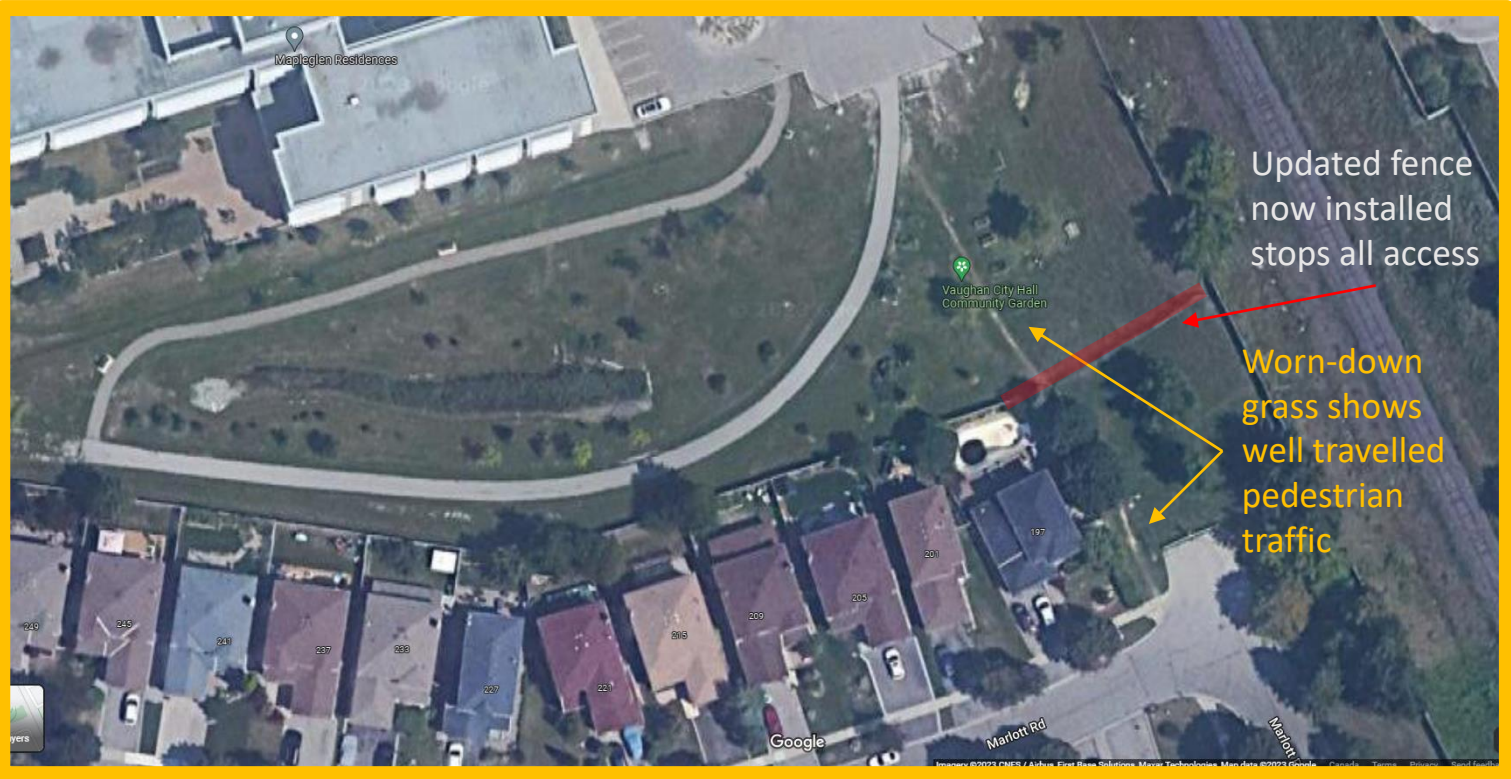


September 16, 2022

This view shows the path worn down by pedestrian traffic, passing through the remains of the old chain link fence into the Vaughan City Hall Community Garden Area. This trail continues north towards the south end of the Vaughan City Hall parking lot.



Source: Vaughan PLANit Application Viewer, <https://maps.v Vaughan.ca/planit/>



Source: Google Maps <https://bit.ly/3XLMlXP>

Existing walkway/sidewalk system

This series of existing walkways creates a continuous path that connects the various crescents and side streets in the neighbourhood between Rutherford to the south, all the way up to the north end of Marlott Road.

The need for a building a sidewalk

The worn-down grass in the photo above highlights where pedestrian traffic would benefit from having a sidewalk installed, in addition to removing the fence that currently prevents access to this public space.



January 18, 2023

Modern, updated fence recently installed prevents pedestrian access into the Vaughan City Hall Community Garden area.



January 18, 2023

The neighbourhood view of Vaughan City Hall. The modern fence prevents pedestrian access into Vaughan City Hall Community Garden, and the area continues to be used for construction material storage.

I am happy to meet with Members of Council and City Staff to provide a walkthrough of the neighbourhood.

Thank you

