



**DATE:** February 3, 2023

**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council

**FROM:** Vince Musacchio, Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Development  
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**RE:** **COMMUNICATION – Special Council (Budget) February 8, 2023**  
  
**Item 1, Report 6**  
**Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) January 24, 2023**  
**PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET AND 2024-2026 FINANCIAL PLAN**  
**(REFERRED)**

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## 1. Purpose

To provide Mayor and Members of Council information in response to **Communication C3: Request budget allocation for building a sidewalk** of Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) January 24, 2023. The resident was “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.”

## 2. Analysis

### Location

The walkway request extends from the north limit of Marlott Road to the Vaughan City Hall Community Gardens and connects to the existing walkway adjacent to Mapleglen Manor Residence, just south of City Hall East Parking Lot. The walkway would be approximately 70m in length.

### Background

In 2007, a chain link fence was erected as part of the new City Hall construction between the north limit of Marlott Road and City Hall East Parking Lot. At that time, no Community Gardens existed. The fence remained post construction.

In 2016, a City Hall Community Garden was implemented between City Hall parking and the chain link fence, east of Mapleglen Manor Residence, following Council approval in 2015.

In late 2022, Policy Planning and Special Programs (PPSP) staff responded to a resident inquiry regarding a walkway connection from the north limit of Marlott Road to Vaughan City Hall Community Gardens. Staff indicated there may be a future

opportunity to integrate a walkway as part of a future City Hall Community Garden Expansion Project subject to further technical work. If recommended, Council approval would be required.

In early 2023, as part of the Barrie Line GO Expansion project, the old chain link fence was replaced with a new chain link fence, at the same time as the replacement of the entire City Hall fence along the GO corridor.

The subject communication was received by Council at the January 24, 2023 Special Committee of the Whole (Budget).

Currently, a walkway in this area has not been programmed or funded.

### **Standard procedure for sidewalk/walkway requests**

The City's standard procedure for sidewalk requests along existing streets or walkway connections in existing neighbourhoods is to add the requested sidewalk or walkway to the sidewalk gap program list, review and rank based on several criteria, including needs justification, connectivity to transit, preliminary constructability analysis, as well as funding requirements and availability. The sidewalk gaps that are prioritized through this review are put forth for consideration in the following years' budget. There may also be an opportunity to integrate a walkway as part of the future City Hall Community Garden Expansion Project or the future development of the remainder of the City Hall lands. Once the project is brought forward as part of the budget approval process, it would require Council approval.

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