

Sanitary Lateral Replacement Grant



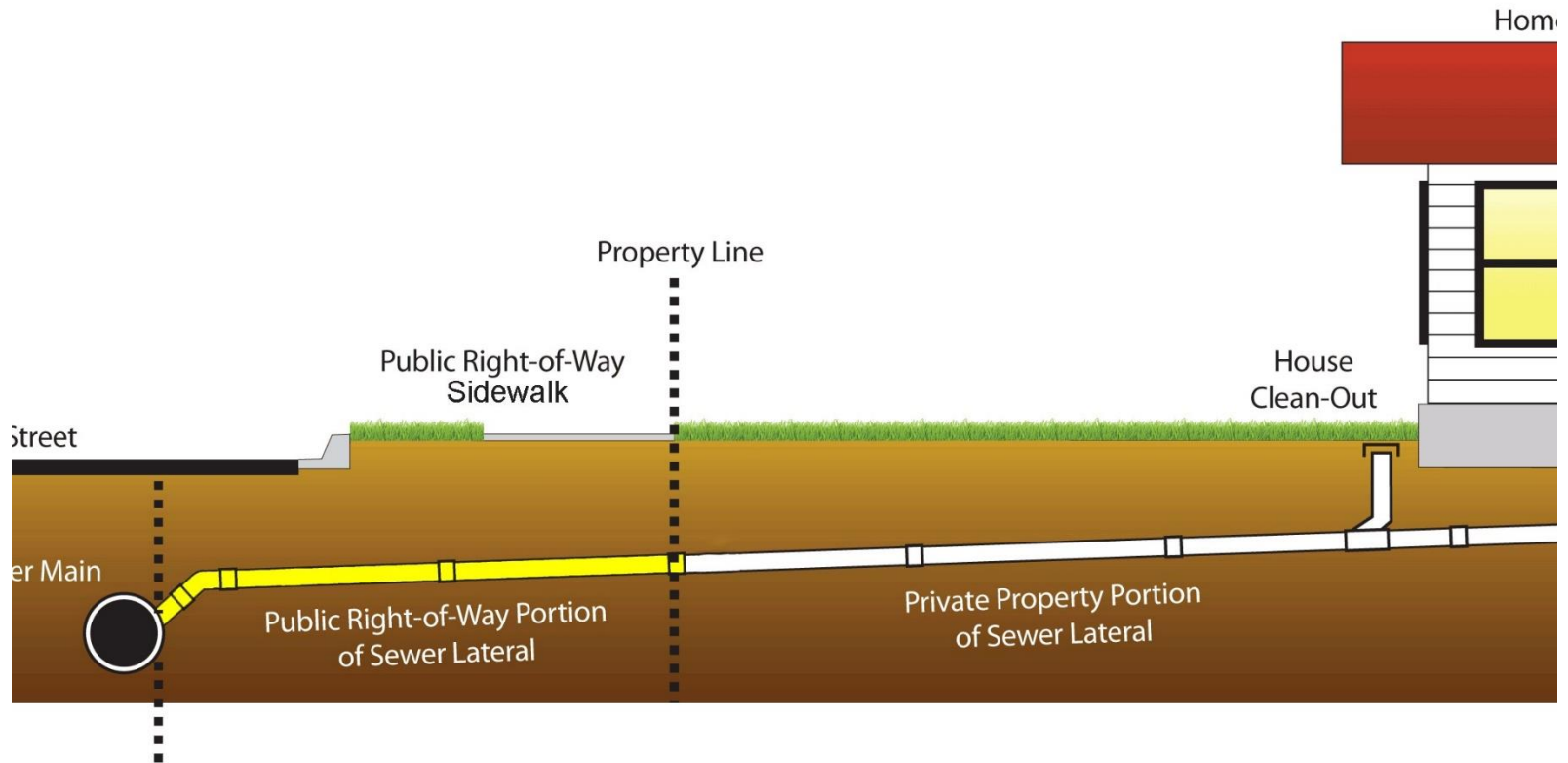
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On June 25, 2018, Council Adopted motion 18-G-170:

1. That effective immediately, the policy regarding the responsibility for sewer connections approved under motion 72-G-303 be amended by adding the following:

“Unless an object introduced to the sewer lateral from the building is the cause of the blockage the property owner shall be eligible to receive a grant funded from the Wastewater Rate Capital Reserve equivalent to costs incurred for the replacement or repair of failed sewer laterals where the blockage or failure occurs in the portion of the connection from the property line to the sewer main and the repair or replacement has been undertaken under the direction of the City of Barrie. This provision also applies to sewer replacements undertaken pursuant to the policy approved under motion 94-G-339 concerning Bituminous Fibre Pipe.”

Sanitary Lateral Layout



Background



Prior to June 25, 2018, homeowners were responsible the maintenance, repair and replacement of their sanitary lateral from the sanitary sewer main to their home. Replacing the lateral is costly, especially under the public right of way. The costs would include restoring the right of way, including road base, sidewalk, curb and asphalt.

Beginning on June 25, 2018, homeowners are eligible to receive a grant covering 100% of the costs associated with replacing their sanitary lateral between the sanitary sewer main and the property line if it fails structurally. The homeowner still owns the sanitary lateral and is responsible for it's general upkeep and maintenance.

The Replacement Process

To qualify for the grant:

1. The homeowner must hire a qualified plumber to inspect the sanitary sewer lateral using a CCTV inspection camera that shows the location and type of qualifying defect (structural failure) in the portion of sanitary lateral under City property. This includes broken pipe, root infiltration, joint separation, negative fall, etc. The video must be supplied to the Roads Operations Branch for review.
2. If the above criteria are met, the City of Barrie will reimburse the homeowner up to \$500 for the CCTV inspection and plumbing services. The Roads Operations Branch will then schedule a repair or replacement of the sanitary sewer lateral. There is no cost to the homeowner.
3. The grant is only provided if the City of Barrie approves of and conducts the repair using City of Barrie staff or its contractors. The grant will not be provided if the resident schedules or conducts the repair/replacement themselves.
4. Only the portion of the sanitary lateral between the sewer main and the property line (i.e. on City property) qualifies for the grant. The homeowner remains responsible for the repair/replacement of the sanitary lateral under private property, or between the property line and the building. The City of Barrie is not responsible for repairs resulting from neglect, such as washing cooking oil and grease down the drain or introducing foreign objects to the sewer system.

Moving Forward

2018-2019 Sanitary Lateral Replacements				
Year	# of Repairs	Total Cost*	% Budget (\$660,000)	Average Cost/Repair*
2018 (Jun. 25-Dec. 31)	25	\$ 283,700	43%	\$ 11,348
2019 (Jan. 1-Mar. 4)	7	\$ 188,875	29%	\$ 26,982
Total Annual to Date (Jun. 25, 2018 to Mar. 4)	32	\$ 472,575	72%	\$ 14,768
Original Program Estimate				
June 25, 2018 to June 25, 2019	60	\$ 660,000.00	100%	\$ 11,000.00
*costs include the \$500 rebate for plumbing services and full restoration estimates (where applicable).				

This is a one year trial program. The Roads, Parks and Fleet Department will report back to General Committee after the program has been in place for one year.

For more information

<https://www.barrie.ca/Living/Environment/Wastewater-And-Sewers/Documents/Sanitary-Sewer-Replacement-Brochure.pdf>

<https://www.barrie.ca/Living/Environment/Wastewater-And-Sewers/Pages/Drains-Sewers-Flooding.aspx>