

The Local Area Services Program is designed to assist property owners where there is a desire to enhance neighbourhood streetscape.

This pamphlet is intended to provide you with a basic overview of neighbourhood improvement options, with a focus on the Local Area Services Program. If you would like to receive additional information about a Local Area Services Program in your area, contact:

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Feel free to also visit our web site at richmond.ca.

The Local Area Services Program is enabled under the Community Charter.



We would like to thank you for helping us achieve our vision to make the City of Richmond:

the most appealing, livable, and well-managed community in Canada.



Local Area Services Program

If you would like to improve the appearance of your street, the City would like to provide these suggestions for local area services.



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Local Area Services Program General Information

This program is a neighbourhood improvement paid for by the owners of the properties benefiting, with some financial assistance from the City.

Typical Local Area Services include:

- enclosing of ditches
- installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk
- installation of street lighting
- planting of street trees

Be aware that illegal changes to City property are in contravention of City Bylaws. You may obtain a copy of our Bylaws if you are uncertain about City property.

Examples of illegal changes include covering of ditches, removal of trees, paving of boulevards, etc.



The Local Area Services Program (LASP) is based on actual project specific costs. The approximate costs of Local Area Services for the most common works provided are listed below:

Type of Work	Approximate Cost per Metre of Lot Frontage	Charge for a Typical 20.12 Metre Wide Lot
Basic ditch elimination, including landscaping, and asphalt driveway restoration (does not include curb, gutter or sidewalk)	\$2,600	\$34,900 (This approximate cost has been reduced by 1/3, paid by the City)
Roadway development to widen pavement, install curb, gutter, sidewalk, street lights, and boulevard trees (where ditch has previously been eliminated)	\$3,500	\$70,420 (All costs to complete project will be paid by the owners)

***Notes:** Above costs are based on 2026 prices and are subject to funding availability and exceptions approved by Council

Owners will be provided the opportunity to pay their share of the cost through a single, lump sum payment or through payments over a long-term, 15-year period for residential properties and 10-year period for industrial or commercial properties.

For payments over a long-term, the annual charge will be based on the current interest rate established by the City at the time of the application.

How to Initiate a Local Area Services Program

There are two ways to initiate this process:

- 1. Petition:** Property owners may petition Council for a LASP in their area. Petition forms are produced by the Engineering Department at City Hall.

The petition will normally be approved by Council if 1/2 of the owners representing at least 1/2 of the assessed value of the properties benefiting from the LASP, signed in favour of the work.

- 2. By Council Initiative:** Council may undertake Local Area Services on its own initiative.

Notices are published in the local newspaper and are also mailed to each property owner who would be involved. The LASP would proceed unless Council is requested otherwise.

(Contact the Local Area Services Program Co-ordinator for more information.)