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Subject: Purchase will help support Developers & Future Development Applications.

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A sidewalk is needed for the future residents of the 3 Triple Towers, as well as the most recent residents living in Green-Millen Shores development.

A safe off-road walkway has been needed in fact **for over 25 years** for citizens wishing to go to our local neighbourhood park. With the increase in development and vehicle traffic, walking, strolling and tri-cycling to the park has put our most vulnerable road users at increased risk.

Most of you have experienced disconnected sidewalks in your wards. Sidewalks that you tell your residents won't be connected until development occurs on those middle vacant lands. But what obligation do you have to provide safe passage to a local neighbourhood park on land that you are being told is undevelopable?

The grassed area, within the road allowance of 65 Francs Avenue school board property, is long overdue for a permeable sidewalk as a continuation of the existing sidewalk from the '90s built high density area as well as the vacant land at 310 Frances where the 3 skyscrapers are going. (see pic below)

The city can buy the property, and put in a sidewalk for @ the same cost as rezoning to Open Space with still no safe passage to the park.

In our opinions, it is financially, environmentally, and socially irresponsible to neglect the needs of the thousands of citizens who live in this area as well as not plan for the needs of additional citizens.

Respectfully,

Lakewood Beach Community Council

As you can see from the pic below, residents from the east currently walk/roll between parked cars/cars parking and moving vehicles at the northside, 65 Frances Ave

