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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Matt Aldom, Chief Building Official / By-law Enforcement Officer
Date: May 5, 2026
Subject: Front and Rear Barrier-free Walkways Quote - 135 Burleigh Street, Apsley

Recommendation:

That Council approve Quote# 26-10 in the amount of \$11,350.00 provided by Rubicon General Contracting Limited for the construction of sloping barrier-free walkways at the front and rear entrances at 135 Burleigh Street and further that these funds be taken from future capital reserves.

Background:

In the regular meeting of Council on April 7, 2026 Council passed the following motion which included approval for a quote of \$4,850.00 (excluding HST) for the construction of a sloping walkway at the rear entrance to the building. Due to the time of year that the project was originally anticipated to be undertaken, there was no exterior concrete work noted in the scope of work in RFP-08-25.

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Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by - Deputy Mayor Whelan

That Council approve the additional costs of \$1,942.50 (excluding HST) provided by Rubicon General Contracting Limited in Change Order # 3 and \$ 1,794.00 (excluding HST) in Change Order # 4 R1 for the office space renovation project at 135 Burleigh Street, Apsley, and an additional \$4,850.00 (excluding HST) as quoted by Rubicon General Contracting Limited for the construction of a sloping barrier-free concrete walkway and landing at the rear entrance of the building and further that these funds be taken from future capital reserves. Carried.



Analysis:

While Council has already approved the additional quote of \$4,850.00 (excluding HST) from Rubicon General Contracting Limited for a barrier-free walkway at the rear entrance of the building, it was noted during an inspection that the front entrance of the building once the new door was installed would not comply with the barrier-free requirements of the Ontario Building Code. A barrier-free path of travel at an entrance is required to have a threshold of less than 0.5 inch. There is currently a change in elevation at the door of approximately 2 inches. Rubicon General Contracting Limited has provided a quote of \$6,500.00 (excluding HST) to construct a sloping walkway at the front entrance. The front walkway quote is more than the quote provided for the rear walkway due to the additional labour required to saw cut, chip and remove the existing concrete walkway at the new front entrance prior to pouring the new walkway which would comply with the Ontario Building Code requirements.

Although the Ontario Building Code requires that all entrances for commercial buildings be barrier-free, there is an exemption for service entrances. In order to save some cost on the project, the rear entrance could be considered a service entrance which would not require a sloped walkway. The \$4,850.00 previously approved by Council on April 7, 2026 could be reallocated towards the cost of the front entrance walkway. However, even as a service entrance it could be advantageous for a tenant to have the sloping walkway with the landing for accepting deliveries. A tenant may also choose to have the new rear entrance as their principle entrance for the business in which case a barrier-free path of travel would be required.

Financial Implications:

The front and rear entrance sloping walkways in the amount of \$ 11,350.00 (excluding HST) to be taken from Future Capital Reserves.

Strategic and/or Other Plans:

Infrastructure

1. Ensure that existing infrastructure is sustained prior to expanding and/or investing in new infrastructure, reflective of the Asset Management Plan (AMP)
2. Plan infrastructure development within demographic needs

Environment

2. Protect the human environment



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In Consultation with:

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Attachments:

None