

# Did You Know

that not all the land around your home may be owned by you?

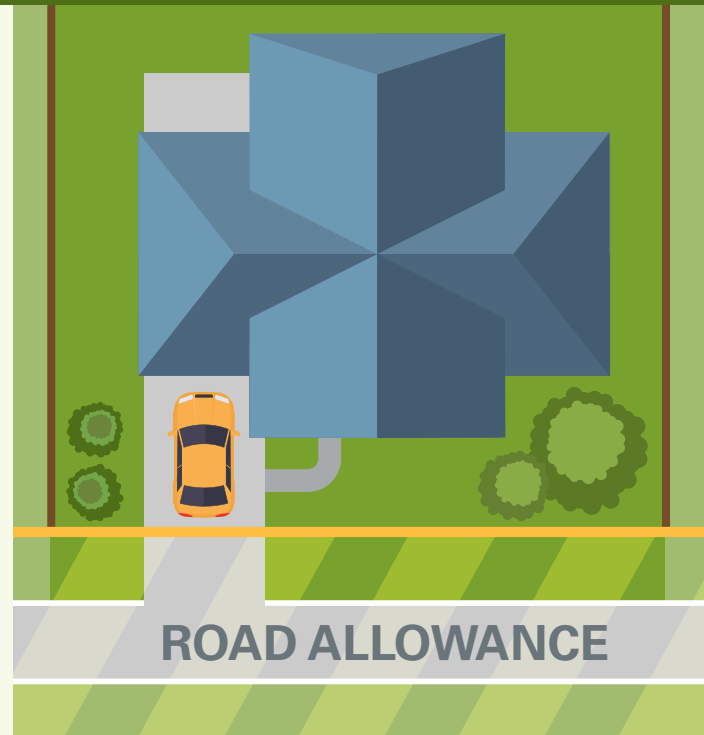
## Property Boundaries and Road Allowance

For many properties, the road fronting the property extends further into the yard than owners may be aware. This area is referred to as **road allowance** and is owned by the City. It is dedicated road area that is set aside for the City to:

- make future road improvements to serve the growing transportation needs of Surrey residents,
- install City or third party utilities such as water pipes, gas lines, or electric wires.

The City can require property owners to remove an obstruction or encroachment on road allowance at any time.

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## What is Encroachment?

Any unauthorized obstruction on road allowance is considered an encroachment and against City bylaws. Examples of encroachments include:

- Building a fence or retaining wall
- Planting hedges or trees
- Paving backyard to extend driveway/parking
- Unauthorized signage



## How to Check Your Property Line?

If you're unsure where your property line boundary is you can get a general idea by looking it up on COSMOS, the City's mapping tool. To be completely certain, contact a survey company.

## Increasing On-street Public Parking in Crescent Beach

Council is committed to increasing on-street parking for the public in Crescent Beach by using City road allowance.

**On Dec 18, 2023, Council directed staff to educate residents about encroachments to road allowance and ask residents to remove obstructions to facilitate on-street parking.**

Council also aims to increase road safety by making walking improvements on targeted streets in Crescent Beach. Plans for parking and walking improvements will be developed for targeted streets with community consultation, followed by targeted removal of obstructions/encroachment. **Questions?** Email [EngWebmail@surrey.ca](mailto:EngWebmail@surrey.ca)