

Friday, March 17, 2017

Dear Betty Matthews-Malone, Nancy Wunderlich, Dan McKinnon,

I am writing on behalf of the Public Laneway Initiative, a neighbourhood association that is recognized by the City of Hamilton. We represent more than 650 neighbours who live near the Public Laneway and the Cross-Melville Heritage Conservation District in Dundas.

We are disappointed that Betty Matthews-Malone, Director of Operations for Public Works, has refused to answer the simplest question about the new signs installed beside the Public Laneway. As you know, we asked, ... **Who requested the signs be installed?**

After more than 2 weeks of waiting, we still have not received an answer to our question.

We did receive an evasive note from Dan McKinnon, written in a passive voice that seems designed to obfuscate rather than to inform.

What are you trying to hide?

The Public Laneway has been a public thoroughfare for residents of Dundas for more than 160 years. For longer than Canada has been a nation, the Public Laneway has been an intrinsic part of the connectivity and flow through the neighbourhood.

Please answer these questions about the recent government interference in our neighbourhood:

Who in the City government expressed concerns about the Public Laneway? When and how was this concern expressed?

Who is the individual who ordered the installation of the signs at both ends of the Public Laneway? When and in what form was this order given?

Who is the individual who made the decision to install the signs? When did this decision occur and how was it documented?

Who determined the wording on the signs? What is the work order number for the fabrication of these unique signs?

Who conducted the inspection in the area? When was the inspection done? Please provide the report giving results of the inspection.

Who are the "community partners" who conducted a walkabout in the area?

When Dan McKinnon refers to the inspection and the walkabout, is he referring to the same thing?

Why were the several hundred neighbours who live in the vicinity of the Public Laneway never consulted about installation of these new signs that have such a dramatic impact on their daily lives?

We look forward to our questions being answered.

Sincerely,



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