

Saturday, March 19, 2017

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(Director of Operations, Public Works, City of Hamilton)  
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Subject: Alma-Victoria Laneway, Dundas

Dear Ms. Matthews-Malone,

I am one of the landowners backing onto the laneway between Alma and Victoria, East of Sydenham Street, Dundas. I own the house at 71 Sydenham Street in Dundas. It is my understanding that you are involved with this laneway through your position at the Public Works Department.

I have some questions regarding the progress towards a settlement of the laneway sale:

1. When we organized around trying to comment on the sale, back in August of last year, we were told that the process of evaluation would take 6-8 months, and a report would be tabled at the Public Works Committee meeting. That time is now about up. What is the status of the report? Can we see it, please? When will it be discussed at the Committee meeting?
2. We still have not received a response to our request to know the actual identity of the applicant to buy the laneway. Can you let us have a copy of the request to buy the land, please? This is to be, I understand, a public process, so we should have the application itself, to be able to prepare our response. And if it is not to be released, can you give me a reason, please?
3. As of February 28, there are four signs (two at each end of the laneway), asking people not to use it for access to the school. Is the City of Hamilton now assuming responsibility for this laneway, thus making it an "assumed" laneway? Who was it that authorized this sign to be in place? It seems to be specific to this particular circumstance, so I assume there was a public process in place to make the decision? Since I missed the notice of this process, could you please fill me in with the details of it?

I appreciate your time and effort in preparing a response to my letter. As an adjoining landowner, the fate of this laneway affects me personally, and the answers are therefore important.

Thank you again.

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