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Grozelle, Andy

From: Paul Watkins
Sent: October 13, 2012 12:05 PM
To: Grozelle, Andy
Subject: Un-assumed Alley way Closer Application (2 Thorndale N.) To Be Heard Monday Oct. 15th. @ 9:30 am

Hi Andy

My name is Paul Watkins and I live inside the zoning area for the ongoing un-Assumed Alley Way Closure @ 2 Thorndale North that is to be Heard on Monday Oct. 15th, 2012 @ 9:30 am. It was my intention to come and speak to the committee, however regrettably I will be unavailable .

I would like to elaborate on the matter and have it read into the record.

Firstly ; I support the closure of this unassuming alley way.

Five years ago I filled an application to have the unassuming alley way that also runs north between my property @ 11 Hollywood St. N. and Kingsmount N. closed and after a three years the end result was that I was denied .

I see nothing beneficial to deny the applicant (2 Thorndale) closure on this matter.

I have met with the applicant, he appears to be a land lord that takes great pride and care with his property and is model land lord for all land lords involed in Mac income housing in the Area .

The alley way itself has been closed for the seventeen years I lived hear.

To the best of my knowledge the unassuming alley way dose not offer a path way for home owners to access there garages with vehicles.

The alleyway itself is not paved or lined with stone, just bear earth.

I believe the cost annually to the tax payers for the City's Roads Dept, Forestry Dept. and By Law Enforcement Dept. to monitored and maintain this vacant stretch of City owned property could be immense .

Four years ago behind 2 Thorndale N. I recall seeing a contractor (Davey Tree Service) for the City's Forestry Dept. cut down a Dead sixty foot tree that took the contractor three days days to complete, nine years the City's Forestry Dept. also had to have contractor cut down a dead 70 foot Walnut tree in my un-assumed alley way that had to be accessed through my neighbour's property @ 18 Kingsmount N. due to an illegal garage that still stands in the alley way.

Make no mistake about the process or the cost of removing trees in un-assuming alley ways, they can only be accessed by Climbing and Ground Crews and not Ariel Bucket Lifting trucks or cranes on wood trucks. The trunks from these large trees have to be cut down to size so that they can be manually removed !

My point of order to you Andrew and the Committee this morning isi ; is it is viable to continue to spend tax payer funds on the up keep of such intangible propertys' that the City of Hamilton will never be able to collect an income on and if there is an opportunity for City to un-load such un-assumed alley's to responsible qualifying property owners then wouldn't it be in the best interest of the Tax Payer for you and the Committee to embrace such opportunity's ?

Many Thanks : Paul W. G. Watkins