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Subject: Kerr St. Closure

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- I don't know the name of the Chairperson that hosted the meeting and would send this along but don't know who it was. A young lady.

- Residents that do not use the City or engage very often, do not know where to look to see what is happening or what to expect for the procedure.

- I was on the meeting for 2 1/2 hours and never expected it to be so long. 5 mins for people to talk and some talked for 40 mins regarding their items, I understand that they were many more important issues than my concern but never the less, I was unaware that the time would be so long. I went on the chat line with the Councillors and the Chair to say I had to leave and I don't know if they received it or not. There was no recognition that my request was acknowledged, except for me to turn off my Video in the very beginning, which I did and spent 2 1/2 hours listening. I had made a previous appointment which I could not cancel, therefore I had to relieve myself from the communication.

- **What is the purpose for the acquisition of the Laneway???**

- If it is to give the applicant more Land to give their residents more space to hang out all day. That property is a garbage dump and an eye sore. If anything, he should be made to clean it up and spend the money on the land grab to renovate and spruce up the exterior and existing grounds of the property.

- Offer Price - ?????

- Cars park along the South side of Kerr St. all day. Whether they are health care workers, or condo owners from across the Street or employees of Metro. Residents from Hatt St. have to park there in the evenings when Town Hall has meetings or events. Then we have to move them back to Hatt St. when there is availability. There is an elderly gentleman from 77 Governor's Rd, who walks daily, comes down the lane and proceeds along onto Hatt St. from Kerr. Sometimes we can't even get out of the Metro Exit and turn right without a back up. The bike lanes have now made driving along this section of Ogilvie even longer to turn right onto Hatt from Ogilvie. Parking spaces are limited already.

- What do you mean by Seasonal parking on the South side of Kerr for Snow Removal?

- There are new owners on Hatt St. and surrounding homes which were totally unaware of this proposal. They also are opposed to it but cannot be included in this Zoom process because they are working. The Notices were approx 19-20 months ago and a lot of changes with Taxpayers have gone on.

- I turn right on the Laneway approx 3 times per week so I can avoid stopping at the traffic on Ogilvie to turn right on Hatt St to my residence and avoid the lights. Especially now with the bike lanes which has left back ups with vehicles at Main & Hatt. I can hardly get out sometimes.

- You mention that the snow is not ploughed or the lane is not serviced by the City, I am unaware of this. It seems it is ploughed and serviced by the City, garbage removal etc. otherwise cars would not be able to park there.
- There are garbage cans out there all the time so I'm not sure if the garbage is picked up or not. Emergency vehicles and Garbage trucks need to get through. How does this work. I'm sure it is ploughed otherwise how could people park and use it.
- If you are concerned about the traffic lights and it being dangerous (I never go out that way and turn left) then make it a One Way Lane. Otherwise people would have to be driving down Kerr St. and having to do a 3 point turn just to park entering from Hatt St. to a DEAD END.
- Using the funds from the proceeds to widen and repave Kerr St. makes absolutely no sense. There are garages and cars parked on the north side all of the time. How can you widen it. Crazy. How can you be sure the proceeds would offset expenses.
- the process of posting on the City Web-site is ridiculous. Who looks at it without any notification. I have 4 new neighbours and none of them were aware of this process or proposal. (18 + months from the original notice I got in the mailbox, only once)
- I sent my initial issues to my Councillor Arlene several months ago and never heard anything back. I would be happy to meet her in person and point out my concerns and those of my immediate neighbours.
- Respectfully I would like some information on the outcome. Seems they rubber stamped everything.

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