

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (1) – NOVEMBER 22, 2022

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Communication : C1 Committee of the Whole (1) November 22, 2022 Presentation # 2

TO THE CITY CLERK
CITY OF VAUGHAN (COV)

AS ADVISED, I AM SUBMITTING MY STATEMENT ON THE VIOLATIONS OF MY PROPERTY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND VICTIMISATION BY THE CITY OF VAUGHAN AND ITS ABETTED ALLY, BCE.

AS I AM A VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND DISABLED SENIOR, I WISH TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL ON THE PHONE. PLEASE ADVISE ME AS TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING AND ANY OTHER NECESSARY INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES REQUIRED.

THANK YOU,
SIGNED
LIANG SWEE RON LIM
BURGUNDY TRAIL,
THORNHILL, ON
L4J 8V9

SPEAKING TO COUNCIL MY STATEMENT/SUBMISSION

ON THE VIOLATIONS OF THE INTEGRITY OF MY PROPERTY, HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER CANADIAN CHARTER AND VICTIMISATION

HI COUNCILLORS,

I AM LIANG SWEE RON LIM, A VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND DISABLED SENIOR LIVING AT BURGUNDY TRAIL, THORNHILL, ON, L4J 8V9;

I WAS NOT AWARE OR AROUND WHEN THE COV
SANCTIONED AND AUTHORISEDTHE PRIVATE CABLE COMPANY,
BCE TO EXCAVATE AND LAY CABLES ON THE FRONT OF MY
PROPERTY BORDERING CITY LANDS (PUBLIC PROPERTY) AND MY
PROPERTY. I DID NOT RECEIVE ANY OFFICIAL NOTICE FROM THE
CITY NOR WAS I PERSONALLY NOTIFIED BY THE CITY.

ANY UNOFFICIAL OR UNSOLICITED NOTICES FROM WHATEVER SOURCE DUMP ON MY PROPERTY OR MAILBOX ARE TREATED AS FILTHY GARBARGE, FIT FOR THE PIGSTY AND DUNG. THERE ARE TOO MANY SCAMS NOWADAYS.

I WAS INFORMED SOMETIME END OF JUNE 2022 THAT CABLES WERE LAID ON THE SAID SITE. I WROTE A LETTER OF COMPLAINT TO THE MAYOR OF THE COV ON JUL 2, 2022 AND ASKED MY SON TO FAX IT TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE FOR A FEW WEEKS. I CALLED THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND SPOKE TO THE ADMIN ASSISTANT, VANESSA FERRO. SHE ADVISED ME TO RESUBMIT AND SENT IT TO HER EMAIL FOR ATTENTION. I DID AND SHE ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT.

THE COV BYLAW SUPERVISOR OR COORDINATOR CAME TO SEE ME WITH A BCE REPRESENTATIVE ON JUL 22, 2022. I ASKED THE CITY AGENT WHY MY PROPERTY WAS PICKED FOR THE CABLE WORKS. HE COULDN'T GIVE ME AN ANSWER. WHEN THE BCE AGENT TRIED TO INTERFER, I ASKED HIM TO KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT. I HAVE NO DEALINGS WITH BCE, NO VESTED INTEREST IN THEIR PRODUCTS, STOCKS AND SHARES OR WHATSOVER. BCE WAS THE ROOT CAUSE OF THIS BLOODY ISSUE OF GROSS AND OUTRAGEOUS INJUSTICE OF VICTIMISATION, PROPERTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF A VULNERABLE, VISUALLY IMPAIRED, DISABLED, MINORITY SENIOR IN THE COMMUNITY.

THOUGH THE CITY HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY, MY RIGHTS OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, TO MOVE FREELY AND SAFELY WITHOUT ANY LIFE-THREATENING HINDRANCES, DANGEROUS BARRIERS, OBSTACLES, ENCUMBRANCES, ETC. UNDER THE CANADIAN CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS BREACHED AND INFRINGED. IS THE COV ABOVE THE LAW? IT ALSO IMPACTS ON MY HOME INSURANCE POLICY. IN NOV 2019, THE COV BY-LAW DIRECTOR GAVE ME THE WRONG INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOUNDARY LINES. HE MAINTAINED THAT THE HYDRANT ACTS AS THE FOCAL POINT DIVIDING CITY LANDS, MY PROPERTY AND MY NEIGHBOUR'S PROPERTY.

WITHOUT MY CONSENT, THE CABLE WORKERS HAD TRESPASSED AND VIOLATED THE INTEGRITY OF MY PROPERTY. THEY TOOK THE LIBERTY TO MOVE ABOUT FREELY ON MY FRONT YARD. THEY MADE USE OF MY PORCH TO KEEP THEIR BELONGINGS, HAD COFFEE AND LUNCH BREAKS, RESTS AND NAPS ON THE BENCH. WHEN THE WORKS WERE COMPLETED, THEY LEFT DEBRIS OF MUD SPLATTERED ON MY FRONT WINDOWS, PLANTS AND FLOWER BED. MY PORCH WAS STAINED WITH MUD, LITTERED WITH CIGARETTE BUTTS, PAPER CUPS, FOOD WRAPS, TISSUES, AND A PACK OF TROJANS. I HAD TO PAY A CLEANER CAD100 TO CLEAN

UP THE MESS IN MY FRONT PROPERTY INCLUDING THE DRIVEWAY,
THE GARDENER WHO BROKE HIS MACHINE BLADES ON THE
METAL PLATE ASKED ME FOR CAD400 TO BUY HIM A NEW
MACHINE. I REFUSED AND HE DISAPPEARED WITH MY PREPAID
CAD100 FOR LAWN CUTTING FOR THE MONTH.

I AM ASHAMED OF THE GOVERNANCE OF THE COV THAT LEFT MUCH TO BE DESIRED IN A FIRST WORLD COUNTRY, OUR CANADA. THE COV SHOULD RUN THE CITY IN CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION WITH ITS CITIZENS, FOSTERING PEACE, SAFETY, HARMONY, COMMON GOOD, COOPERATION INSTEAD OF GENERATING AND FUELLING DISCORD, ANIMOSITY, CONFRONTATION, HATRED, DISCRIMINATIONS AND RACISM. THIS IS WORSE THAN A ROGUE CITY IN A THIRD-WORLD COUNTRY.

I AM ALSO SURPRISED THAT THE CITY HAS NO OMBUDSMAN TO KEEP CHECKS AND BALANCES AND ABUSE OF POWER BY THE CITY. I WONDER WHETHER THE COV HAS ANY VESTED INTEREST IN BCE WHATSOEVER? THE CITY BY COLLABORATING WITH BCE HAS ALSO SET A PRECEDENT AND OPEN THE PANDORA BOX FOR OTHER PRIVATE CABLE COMPANIES TO DO LIKEWISE.THIS MAY ALSO LEAD TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CORRUPTION IN HIGH PLACES.

ALL THIS WHILE, I'VE BEEN DEPRIVED OF USING MY FRONT YARD FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WITH MY GRANDCHILDREN, NEIGHBOURS' KIDS AND NEIGHBOURS, ETC. BECAUSE OF THE DANGEROUS IMPEDIMENTS ON MY FRONT YARD. I FEEL VERY DEPRESSED, HARASSED, DISTRESSED, DISCRIMINATED BY THE BLATANT INJUSTICE OF THE COV INFLICTED UPON A VULNERABLE, VISUALLY IMPAIRED, DISABLED AND MINORITY SENIOR.

ON JUL 7, 2022, I TRIPPED AND FELL ON THE METAL PLATE, INJURED MY HIPS AND SUSTAINED A BRUISE ON MY KNEE. I MANAGED TO PULL MYSELF UP AND LIMPED BACK TO MY HOUSE. I WASN'T ABLE TO CLIMB UPSTAIRS TO MY BEDROOM FOR 48 HOURS I HAD TO SLEEP ON THE COUCH. ON JUL 9, 2022, THE PAIN BECAME EXCRUCIATING AND UNBEARABLE, I HAD TO CALL A CAB TO TAKE ME TO THE MACKENZIE HEALTH HOSPITAL EMERGENCY. I HAD AN X-RAY DONE AND TREATED WITH A STRONG PAINKILLER. I WAS DISCHARGED LATE IN THE NIGHT. SINCE THE FALL, THE CONDITONS OF MY HIPS HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER. I'VE TO USE A WALKER TO MOVE AROUND IN THE HOUSE. MY FAMILY OCTOR HAS ALSO ADVISED ME TO HAVE ANOTHER X-RAY OF BOTH HIPS SOON.

FINALLLY, MY LAST WORD FOR THE COV IS THIS: REMEMBER, THE CITY IS NOT ABOVE THE LAW AND ALL ITS EMPLOYEES ARE CIVIL SERVANTS. THE CITY SHOULD RULE THE CITY BY THE RULE OF LAW AND NOT BY LAW.

IN CLOSING, ALL I ASK OF THE COUNCIL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- a) TO ACEDE TO MY REQUEST TO HAVE THE BCE REMOVE ITS CABLES AND RESTORE THE SITE TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION.
- b) REQUEST THE COUNCIL TO RESOLVE THIS PROTRACTED ISSUE OF GROSS AND OUTRAGEOUS INJUSTICE BY THE COV AND BCE EXPEDITIOUSLY.
- c) I wANT AN APOLOGY FROM THE COV AND BCE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- i) THE VIOLATIONS OF THE INTEGRITY OF MY PROPERTY, TRESPASSING AND VICTIMISATION OF A VISUALLY IMPAIRED, DISABLED, VULNERABLE AND MINORITY SENIOR IN THE COMMUNITY.
- ii) VIOLATIONS OF MY HUMAN RIGHTS SUCH AS FREEEDOM OF MOVEMENT, FREE FROM HARASSMENTS, BULLY, DISCRIMINATIONS, ETC. UNDER THE CANADIAN CHARTER.
- iii) REBURSEMENTS OF 100 CAD FOR CLEANING UP. 100 CAD PREPAID LOSS TO GARDENER; 80 CAD TRANSPORTATION COST TO HOSPITAL/THORNHILL IMAGING FOR X-RAY.
- iv) A REASONABLE NEGOTIABLE "FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT" COMPENSATION FOR PAIN AND SUFFERING, FUTURE MEDICAL, REHAB AND RELATED EXPENSES.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. I JUST WANT TO LIVE IN PEACE AND SAFETY, MOVE ON IN TIMES LIKE THESE. MOST OF MY NEIGHBOURS PROTESTED AND BCE BACKED OFF COWARDLY. AND, FYI, THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I'VE BEEN VICTIMISED BY THE COV'S OUTRAGEOUS INJUSTICE.

THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME. HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON.

SIGNED RON LS LIM ADDENDUM TO STATEMENT/SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL ON "VIOLATIONS TO MY PROPERTY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND VICTIMISATION BY THE CITY OF VAUGHAN (COV) AND ITS ABETED ALLY, BCE".

FOR REFERENCE.

TO BE SENT UNDER SEPARATE COVER.









Communication : C 2 Committee of the Whole (1) November 22, 2022 Presentation # 2

DATE: November 18, 2022

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Zoran Postic, Deputy City Manager, Public Works

Peter Pilateris, Director, Transportation and Fleet Management Services

RE: COMMUNICATION – Committee of the Whole (1), November 22, 2022

Presentation #2 – Mr. Liang Swee Ron Lim

Violations of the integrity of his property, human rights and victimizing by the City

of Vaughan and BCE

Recommendation

1. That the information provided in this communication be received

Background

Bell Fibre to-the-home (Bell FTTH) infrastructure has been installed at Burgundy Trail in 2021. Resident Mr. Ron Lim (visually impaired) is disputing the location of the infrastructure installed in front of his property, while also claiming injury due to a trip and fall on the said infrastructure.

The Bell FTTH is an ongoing project within the City of Vaughan that involves upgrading telecommunications infrastructure City-wide through the installation of new cables, conduits, handwells, and grade-level boxes. This project allows all residents and businesses to have the option to run fibre directly to their homes. The improved network will significantly increase the quality of internet service available.

All infrastructure is installed within the municipal right-of-way. The *Telecommunications Act* as well as the Municipal Access Agreement allow contractors access to City boulevards to complete their work. The location/layout of such infrastructure is designed to allow the following:

- Sufficient clearance from existing utilities
- Safe access and constructability
- Locations of grade-level boxes are chosen to maximize efficiency of the network based on Bell building standards, strategically placing these to maximize the number of customers with the least amount of infrastructure and minimize disruption to the community

Infrastructure installed at Mr. Ron Lim's property is within the municipal right-of-way, confirmed by records and an in-field survey. All infrastructure is installed safely and abide by both Bell Canada and City processes. All construction permit processes were followed and approved. Consent has been obtained from the resident for service connection to the home. Sufficient notification of construction was given. This includes direct mail to the resident's home, and construction signage in the area in advance of construction.

Both City staff and Bell Canada representatives have visited the site at Burgundy Trail on multiple occasions to address Mr. Ron Lim's concerns and confirmed that the work is completed

safely, on municipal right-of-way, and in the allowable position. Concerns raised by Mr. Ron Lim have been addressed, including restoration of soft surface in the area and the grade-level box has been adjusted to more level with the surrounding area. Out of abundance of caution, Bell Canada has also offered to conduct a land survey of Mr. Ron Lim's property at Burgundy Trail to show the exact location of the property line. The completed survey confirms all infrastructure was installed in the municipal right-of-way.







Figure 2: Burgundy Trail

Conclusion

City staff have been responsive and provided Mr. Ron Lim with information regarding the project, installation, and restoration of this work. The work has been completed by Bell Canada following City processes and within the municipal right-of-way. The location of this grade-level box is strategically placed to reach the greatest number of customers and avoid existing utilities in the ground. The area has been visited multiple times in the past months and no noticeable deficiencies have been found. Bell Canada is committed to address any claims in an effort to resolve any outstanding concerns.

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