RESIDENTS OF GENTILE CIRCLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Date: October 07, 2019

Mr./Madam Chair and Members of the Committee of the Whole:

Thank you for providing me an opportunity to present the Petition signed by some of the residents of Gentile Circle.

There are still some questions that we have, and we respectfully request some additional answers, namely:

1. We have occupied our homes in Phase One of this development for the past 8 years, and it is our understanding that the City has not assumed ownership of the services for Phase One.

   (A) Our question is what specific requirements, infrastructure or services from the Subdivision Agreement have not been completed by the developer?

   (B) Can the City access the Line of Credit and/or Funds made available by the developer to complete the deficiencies in order that the City may assume Phase One?

   (C) When will the City assume ownership of Phase One?

   (D) It has been communicated to us that Phase 1 is in legal discussions and litigation. Is there any information as to what are the unresolved issues and is there a specific time line for resolution?

2. The growth of weeds and lack of maintenance has been a continuous issue in the back ravine and along the east hillside adjacent to the train tracks. Please note, this year the only maintenance that has been done was a one-time cutting of the weeds/grass, approx 5 ft in width along the ravine fence line and along the pathway in the ravine that occurred at the end of August 2019. This was only addressed after numerous complaints by residents.

   (A) Is the east hillside adjacent to the train tracks part of the weed/grass maintenance requirement?

   (B) Can you specified what exactly should be maintained and what is the expected frequency that this weed/grass maintenance should take place?

   (C) Currently, is this the developer’s responsibility or the city’s?

   (D) What steps can be taken to ensure the weeds in the back ravine, along the pathway and along the hillside adjacent to the train tracks is maintained in a timely fashion and monitored by the city?

   (E) What’s steps can be taken by the city if this is not addressed and maintained as required?
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Please see photos below of the current state of the unmaintained weeds along the pathways, along residents’ fence line’s and the east side hill adjacent to the train tracks. Constant and multiple resident complaints to have this maintained is not the answer.

3. As part of the Phase Two development, there are two huge mounds of dirt, which we have been advised are to be cleared by the developer by December 31, 2019.

   (A) Our question is, in the event the developer is unable to clear the noted two mounds of dirt by this date, what steps, including specific timelines, are available to the City to clear the two mounds of dirt in a timely fashion?

In conclusion:

As I have stated, we have lived in this community for the past 8 years and we would like to see the completion of the Phase One and Two of the development in a timely manner. We are concerned that matters seem to be at a standstill and we lack information, and most importantly, some indication of when we can anticipate the completion of the same.

We hope that the developer and city can come to a mutual resolution and find a way to move forward.

Thank you Mr./Madam Chair and Members of the Committee of the Whole for your consideration of the matters raised in this presentation.