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August 28, 2020

Kevin Okimi
Director of Parks & Open Space
Town of Halton Hills
1 Halton Hills Drive
Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2

Dear Mr. Okimi:

Re: Birchway Place Neighbourhood Pathway

Thank you for our discussion last week regarding the proposed pathway in the Birchway Place Neighbourhood, via video conference with myself and the Board Members representing the Acton Legion Senior Residences Incorporated (ALSR Inc.).

I have been asked by the Board of Directors to communicate to you their position following our discussions.

As you know, the Board of Directors would prefer the "status quo". Alternatively, if Council elects to proceed with the construction of a pathway, Option #2 is the preference of the Board provided that:

- Fencing and a suitable buffer is installed along the pathway to ensure the privacy, safety and security of our residents;
- The pathway is located well away from the building and as close to the tree line as possible. Ideally, the path could be moved as close to the water's edge as possible (within the tree line) to keep the path further away from the building;
- A gate access is installed for ALSR residents' use and to keep others from entering onto the ALSR property. The location of the pathway that joins the existing pathway should be kept well away from our building;
- The Board does wish to proceed with a TEN (10) YEAR renewal of the Licensing Agreement which they propose contain an agreement that the Town of Halton Hills will maintain the pathway that leads from the ALSR to the Royal Canadian Legion Hall.

If you would kindly relay the Board's preferences to Council as planned on September 14, 2020, I believe there is no need for Board Members to present to Council that evening.

We would appreciate being informed of any progress on this matter.

Best regards,

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Lorraine Kerr

Broker of Record and Property Manager

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January 30, 2020

Kevin Okimi
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Dear Mr. Okimi:

Re: Birchway Place Neighbourhood Pathway Request for Input

Thank you for our discussion last week, via telephone, about the invitation on the Town's website for public input regarding pedestrian linkages along Fairy Lake in the Birchway Place neighbourhood.

I have been asked by the Board of Directors of the Acton Legion Senior Residences Incorporated (ALSR Inc.) who owns and operates the "Legion Terrace" at 51 Birchway Place, to communicate their concerns to the Town on their behalf.

The Legion Terrace is a 48-unit residential apartment building occupied by seniors age 55+. It is a private, non-profit registered corporation operated by a volunteer Board of Directors and managed by Kerr Realty Management Ltd. since 1997. The Board's concerns are as follows:

- There have been several incidents of people leaving the Royal Canadian Legion then walking along the existing pathway between the Legion Hall and the Legion Terrace apartment building where they have strayed off the path onto area behind the building and peered into the windows and/or knocked on residents patio doors asking to enter;
- There have been incidents where those same people stop and urinate on the wooden fence adjacent to the side of the building where the walkway ends;
- The hill located on your drawing as "Option 1" is in the location of a steep hill that is not maintained in winter. It is a lawn area only and, given its steepness, it a hazard to walk down at any time of year but, particularly in the wintertime. There are liability issues to consider;

- Snowmobiles, operated by residents residing in the single-family homes along Birchway Place, have often driven their snowmobiles down the side of the Legion Terrace building. This has caused damage to the driveway and lawn. Additionally, it is a safety hazard to have vehicles at high speeds operating very nearby exit doors. These incidents, and the hazard of the steep hill, are what instigated the installation of a fence and locked gate;
- There are currently fences with locked gates on both sides of the building that help to keep the building and surrounding property secure. Currently, anyone wishing to enter beyond the front door or onto the property beyond the fencing may not do so unless they are authorized to pass through a security door. Legion Terrace was constructed with donated funds and funds raised by hard working volunteers to fulfill the much-needed senior housing requirements in Halton Hills. The proposed "Option 2", given its close proximity to the private patios and balconies of tenants, would diminish the privacy and the security we have put in place for our senior residents.

Given the concerns expressed above, the Board of Directors of ALSR Inc. prefers to keep the situation as the "status quo". That is, retain the fence and locked gate beside the building and no walkway on the Town owned lands behind the building.

They would also like discussion going further regarding maintenance of the walkway in future.

If the Town proposes the installation of the walkway shown as "Option 2", the Board of Directors wishes the opportunity to discuss that further prior to any final plans being made.

I would be pleased if you would pass these concerns onto Council Members and the Mayor so that they are aware of the Board's position on this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (905) 876-0407.

Best regards,

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