

Friday, December 4, 2009

To: Chair and Members of the Toronto East York Community Council

Re: Request for a City Planning Report on the public assumption of private lanes adjacent to 9 Hanna Ave.
(Traffic Services - Toronto Police Services)

Recommendation: That the Chief Planner and Executive Director of City Planning, with the appropriate Departments, prepare a report for the February 9, 2010 Toronto East York Community Council regarding the appropriate and necessary steps, including timelines, for the public assumption of private lanes to the East and the West of 9 Hanna Avenue (Traffic Services - Toronto Police Services).

Discussion: As members of the Toronto and East York Community Council are aware, major re-development is occurring in the Liberty Village community which is covered under the Garrison Common North Secondary Plan. One such re-development is 5 Hanna Avenue which was the subject of a rezoning in 2005 to permit a 6-storey, 105-unit, live-work building with 144 below grade units (Zoning By-law No. 520-2005). On June 25, 2008, the Toronto East York Committee of Adjustment approved an application with conditions for 5 Hanna Avenue. One of the conditions includes the applicant entering into a Section 45 Agreement to secure the conveyance of lands required for the local laneway system to City of Toronto standards. Currently, the lane provides crucial access from Hanna Avenue to 9 Hanna Avenue, Traffic Services – Toronto Police Services. Furthermore, there has been a contemplated North-South laneway to the West of 9 Hanna Avenue where another development by Plazacorp is also underway.

Since July 2008, City Planning, Transportation Services, City Legal, Toronto Police Services and I, as the local Councillor, have been in discussion with the applicants in an attempt to resolve the issues associated with the public assumption of the private lanes. Currently, issues relating to the ownership, the width of the lane, the remediation of the lands and the requirements of Transportation Services and Traffic Services – Toronto Police Services are still unresolved.

Given the urgent need to address these issues, I recommend that the Chief Planner and Executive Director of City Planning prepare a report. Thank you for your attention to my comments.

Sincerely,

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