



December 1, 2023

John Elvidge  
City Clerk  
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**RE: Administrative Inquiry: Renaming Dundas Street**

Dear Mr. Elvidge,

I am submitting this Administrative Inquiry under Municipal Code S27-7.11 for the December 13, 2023 meeting of City Council.

I am requesting answers to the following questions:

1. What is the most recent assessment by staff of the total cost of renaming Dundas Street? Specifically, (a) what are the total costs that staff estimate will have to be paid by the city, the province, businesses and residents, if the city proceeds with changing the name of the street; and (b) what is the total cost, to date, for past spending on the renaming project, including but not limited to payments for consultants, community consultations, Community Advisory Committee meetings, honoraria, speakers, etc.?
2. How have staff incorporated information published in three peer-reviewed articles about Henry Dundas in the last two years into the information provided to the Mayor and Councillors? Specifically, what steps have staff taken to inform the Mayor and Councillors about the analysis of Professor Angela McCarthy in three articles published in the peer-reviewed journal *Scottish Affairs* in 2022 and 2023, regarding (a) the accuracy of accusations against Henry Dundas, (b) the responses of Edinburgh and Toronto to these accusations, and (c) newly unearthed archival evidence that shows that Henry Dundas was genuinely seeking to end the slave trade. If they do not intend to inform the Mayor and Councillors about this scholarship, what is the rationale?

Sincerely,

Stephen Holyday  
Councillor  
Ward 2, Etobicoke Centre