DRIVEWAY WIDENING ENFORCEMENT

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APRIL 14 COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MOTION

- On behalf of Concerned Residents Team were thankful to city council last year 2020 for understanding & appropriate decisions at team's request!
- (Proposed Consideration by City Council April 21, 2021):
- CW191-2021WHEREAS driveway prosecutions have been on hold for over one year due to COVID-19;
- WHEREAS the number of current files has grown to over 1,000;
- WHEREAS the number of files is growing to an unmanageable size, further burdening our staff to keep up with the current case load;
- WHEREAS now that new paving, widening and other driveway expansion work has begun throughout the City of Brampton;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City resumes its prosecutions of illegal driveways that violate City by-laws once the current stay-at-home order has been lifted; and That an appropriate communications plan with residents be undertaken.

OUR CONCERNS

- Covid will not be over with this nor will the completion of the current stay-at-home order
- Numerous people have been directly affected either with loved ones being affected by Covid or economically
- The remedies offered by the City need to be further explored
- Walkways in newer subdivisions are in the middle of driveway, resulting in not enough parking spaces for the households.
- Subdivision roads are very narrow
- Poor planning approvals to help developers, there is a lack of understanding on the subject matter between planning and enforcement

CURRENT PROCESS

- If driveway is wider than city requirement, it will be required to rip it out
- We think City will overlook their own Direction to staff
- That the requested staff report on implementation of the Driveway Permit Program Will unnecessarily backlog the system and delay

OUR ASKS

- 1. City should conduct a comprehensive consultation with residents, staff, and all stake holders; prior to making any decision which will help not to end up being a backlash
- 2. Delay driveway enforcement until Covid emergency response is over, let's focus on using bylaw resources to keep people safe and protected
- 3. Development charges: Upon approving and assuming the subdivision by the city, developers are still holding back the grading deposit which should be a policy to pay out within 3 months, or the city should take over and pay to new home buyers from the grading deposit security been held by city by the developer