

From: Behan, Rod
Sent: June 6, 2013 2:59 PM
To: 'Kevin Sansom'; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Cul-de-sac on Wensley Drive

Infrastructure and Recreation Committee
 Town of The Blue Mountains

Re: Wensley Drive Cul-de-sac

Dear Sirs,

The majority of the residents of Wensley Drive are requesting that you reconsider the request that was made last fall by several of the Wensley Drive residents to allow for a **new, smaller and lower-maintenance island** in the new larger asphalt cul-de-sac at the east end of Wensley Drive. We are fully aware of the various issues regarding snow removal, fire truck access and island maintenance, but sincerely believe that a compromise solution can be found to satisfy all concerns. Our primary objective is to maintain the charm/aesthetics that the cul-de-sac island has offered for over 30 years, while at the same time meet the Township's objectives of low maintenance and improved accessibility.

I have attached below a copy of my email sent last fall to Kevin Sansom and Reg Russwurm. As well, by separate email, I am forwarding the supporting emails of several residents that were sent last fall.

I am planning to initiate a petition of the Wensley Drive residents in support of our cul-de-sac island proposal.

Thank you for considering this request.

Yours truly,

Rod Behan

From: Behan, Rod
Sent: October 22, 2012 3:08 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Cul-de-sac on Wensley Drive

To: Township of the Blue Mountains
 Re: Planned Reconstruction of Wensley Drive

Dear Sirs/Madames,

Regarding the planned widening of the cul-de-sac at the east end of Wensley Drive and the **removal of the island at the centre of the cul-de-sac**, for aesthetic reasons, I would ask the township to **consider allowing for a new, much smaller, very low maintenance island to replace the existing one in the cul-de-sac**. I believe this could be accomplished at a relatively modest fee.

The new island size would be determined by the amount of new available space, after widening the existing cul-de-sac, and should allow the township to meet its requirements. What I envision is a small area that would include nothing more than a few relatively small evergreens, ideally ones that are very slow growth. The annual maintenance costs would negligible.

Thank you for considering this request. Please contact me if you wish to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Rod & Susan Behan (toll free - [REDACTED])

157 Wensley Drive

From: Behan, Rod
Sent: October 30, 2012 12:38 PM
To: 'Kevin Sansom'; Paolo Illing; Rick Lovat
Cc: Collin

gwood File; Lovat Angie; [REDACTED] Steve Day
Subject: RE: Cul-de-sac on Wensley Drive (CCTA 111193)

Kevin, not just maintaining the island, but suggesting a **much smaller, extremely low maintenance island at the center of a larger cul-de-sac.** That should meet the Township objectives **and** the desires of the local residents. Rod

From: Kevin Sansom [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: October 30, 2012 10:17 AM
To: Paolo Illing; Rick Lovat
Cc: Collingwood File; Lovat Angie; [REDACTED] Behan, Rod; Steve Day
Subject: RE: Cul-de-sac on Wensley Drive (CCTA 111193)

Good morning. Thank you for your comments. They have been forwarded to the Town's Engineering and Roads Departments informing them of the local residents' requests with respect to a construction of the cul-de-sac. I will be in contact with them to discuss your proposal of maintaining the island and let you know if they reconsider their position.

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>>> Rick Lovat <[REDACTED]> 10/29/2012 6:50 PM >>>

Dear Wensley Cul – Du – Sac Association,

I am in full agreement with Mr Illing's comments and proposal.

Happy to take of it.

Regards

Rick Lovat

From: Paolo Illing <[REDACTED]>

Sent: 29.Oct.12 18:40

To: Kevin Sansom

Cc: Rick Lovat; Collingwood File; Lovat Angie; [REDACTED]; Rod Behan; Steve Day

Subject: Re: Cul-de-sac on Wensley Drive (CCTA 111193)

Good afternoon to you all,

Now that I have you all in the CC list, I would like to add that I respectfully disagree with Mr. Samson and/or the city staff because:

- a) the city is enlarging considerably the cul de sac, which will permit all emergency vehicles (including large fire trucks) to turn around without any problems
- b) the snow removal has been functioning for 30+ years, and the island has been USED BY THE CITY to pile up snow, which would have otherwise be hauled away.

The offer to spade the existing ugly tree and plant it in someone yard is disgusting. I suggest that neither official not Mr. Samson have seen such tree, and I suggest we plant it in Mr. Samson front yard.

A new island , perhaps round and smaller, must be created, with ONE new small SILVER SPRUCE tree, and some grass around, so that it could be used, as ever, as snow deposit.

Also, for us to be all on the same page, I enclose a copy of my previous email, and suggest we (residents of the cul de sac) take care of the summer maintenance (grass cutting, flowers, etc.) of the island.

And if the city does not want to listen, after they pave the cul de sac, we can always recreate our own island.....

===== COPY OF MY PREVIOUS EMAIL =====

To: Township of the Blue Mountains

Re: Planned Reconstruction of Wensley Drive

Gentlemen,

I agree with Mr. Behan (157 Wensley) that it would be better to have a small island in the center of the cul de sac. We had such island for over 30 years, and for many of these years it has been maintained by Mr. Lovat.

During the past couple of years, Mr. Nullmeyer (#159) and myself decided we would maintain it at our expenses, even though it is property of the township (I have a quote for it), but then we were notified of the impending sewer work, hence we did not proceed.

A small island with low maintenance evergreen, and/or perhaps a silver spruce in the center, can be easily maintained and up-kept by our gardeners, and would make the cul de sac aesthetically more acceptable than a large asphalt blob.

Furthermore, a proper island, with the right vegetation (grass and spruce in center), can also be used for snow removal, as it is being used now.

So I urge you to consider our suggestion. I would even be willing, during the various digging that will happen, to place a plastic conduit between the island and my home, in order to be able to add Xmas lights to the silver spruce, for the benefit of all my neighbours.

And changing subject, it would be good if you notified us of the timing of the sewer connections, in order coordinate the efforts and minimize the necessary digging and filling.

Sincerely

161 Wensley Drive

Paolo Illing

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On 2012-10-29, at 5:06 PM, Kevin Sansom wrote:

Good afternoon. I am in receipt of your emails, including an email from Paolo Illing dated October 23, 2012, regarding the island at the south end of Wensley Drive and have forward them to the Town for their consideration.

The Town advised that they appreciate your desire to maintain a center island in this area of Wensley Drive for aesthetic reasons. However, the current Town Engineering Design Standards do not contemplate a center island primarily due to snow removal operations and emergency access. This section of Wensley Drive has been a challenge for Town staff to maintain and they are taking this opportunity to upgrade the area to current standards.

The Town has offered to allow the residents to spade and replant the tree(s) in another location on private property if you wish. Please let me know if any one would like to pursue this option so I can notify the Town. Thank you.

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>>> Rick Lovat [REDACTED] 10/24/2012 5:17 AM >>>

Dear Mr Sansom,

Further the email of Mr. Behan below, I would have to agree with him and support his initiative.

I would suggest to leave the existing pine(see enclosed photo) in the centre of the cul-de-sac, perhaps trimming it and leaving a cleaner smaller area.

We would not want this open area to be used for overflow parking from the peaks. Such an open area would be very inviting.

Regards

Rick Lovat

164 Wensley Drive.

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