

# **Town of Riverview**

## **COUNCIL REPORT FORM**



Presented to: Mayor & Council

Department: Corporate Services

Date: March 12, 2018

Subject: Objections - Local Improvement Projects 2018

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As required in Part 12-Local Improvements of the new Local Governance Act, all property owners who will benefit from the improvements planned for Balmoral Street, Bloor Street, Byron Court, Ealey Crescent and Leonard Street Loop were sent notices advising them of this Public Hearing and giving them the opportunity to submit a written objection.

A total of four objections have been received – one from Balmoral Street, one from Byron Court and two from Leonard Street Loop. According to the Local Government Act, if no written objections are received a Public Hearing is not required. Therefore, this Public Hearing is for Balmoral Street, Byron Court and Leonard Street Loop only.

Following advice from the provincial Information Access & Privacy Unit, identifiable information that would invade a person's privacy, will not be publicly released. However, statements from each of the objections are as follows:

### **Balmoral Street**

- 1) *In regards to the notice of proposed local improvement, it would have been nice if we could have received this a couple years in advance to at least prepare for it.  
I am a single income just trying to hold on to my house and survive and this bill for \$2,173.22 is a great deal of money for a one income family especially with little notice and only given 60 days to pay it once the bill is received and if I choose the other option I have to pay a \$200 fee plus annual interest charges!!!! Not acceptable!!!!*

### **Byron Court**

- 1) *We received our letter this week regarding the upcoming roadwork for Byron Court. I had complained recently about the condition of our street which was in poor condition when I moved here in 1996. What I did not expect was having to pay for the upcoming roadwork.*

*We pay approximately \$2,000 per year in Property Tax and close to \$900 per year in Water/Sewer Tax. You are talking approximately \$3,000 per year! My question is, what on earth*

*does all this money for property tax money pay for, other than the street being ploughed in winter? I would appreciate a list of what this money pays for.*

### **Leonard Street Loop**

- 1) *I have several objections to this project, first and foremost I do not have access to this amount of money, I am a widow 88 years old with arthritis and am attempting to stay in my home as long as possible therefore I have to pay for many services which I was able to do in the past. I am lucky to have a grandson stay with me during the winter months without that I would have to leave the house I have lived in for 56 years. Second I have no problem with the street as it is, no flooding, sewer problems, etc., if I had that money to spend it would be for my backyard where I have a real problem, my crawl space has been flooded several times in the past years. A neighbor up the street chose to remove all the trees in his back yard leaving a muddy space and because we are on a hill each backyard is lower and when we have a heavy rain the muddy waters run down like a river and because I have a garage there the water stops in my yard and runs toward my house and into my basement. That amount of money would help solve some of the problem.*

*We petitioned the town to do our side of the street when they did the other side but with no success, that made us feel like the poor cousins and to make us even madder the property owners did not have to pay a cent for the work while we are being asked to contribute a unreasonable amount. We are the same street but just the other side, we are being treated as a different street.*

- 2) *Thanks a lot, I Just received in the mail today a notice that there would be a public meeting yesterday at 6:00pm. I am convinced this was done to keep people from coming to the meeting to object. I would like to put in my objection to the proposed improvement, particularly based on the fact that this work should have been done when the main portion of Leonard was done a few years back. Also at that time none of the residence on the other side of Leonard were required to pay out of pocket at that time. I also feel that we are being charged twice as we were also dinged for the improvements to Florence Street. Just because we live on a corner lot we shouldn't be penalized. What do we pay taxes for, and gas taxes? That money is supposed to go to road and town improvements not come out of our pocket. I will be going to the media on this. Also I am already paying \$2000 for the deductible on my insurance because the town sewer line collapsed last spring and flooded my basement, and the town refused to pay for the damage, so it is like I am being forced to pay for repairs that were already done. I am perfectly happy with the street the way it is and the town should not go ahead with these improvements unless they can pay for it without putting the burden on the tax payers.*

All of the above residents were contacted to answer their questions and encourage them to attend the Public Hearing in person.

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