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To :Mayor in Council Tim McGonigle, Acting Mayor and Councillor

To: Kristine Sandhu Councillor

To:Lorna Vomacka Councillor

To:Carolyn Austin Councillor

To:Joseph Fernandez Chief Administrative Officer

Regarding 92 Sahtlam Ave. Lake Cowichan

Vincent Thomson & Kelly Walters

Our name is Vincent Thomson & Kelly Walters, our address is 92 Sahtlam Avenue in the Town of Lake Cowichan. We have a concern that we hope to reach a mutually agreeable resolution, at our own expense.

Our address frontage is on Sahtlam Avenue. We are at the corner of Pine Street and Sahtlam Ave.

We are not sure how many years ago that the town installed curbs along Sahtlam Ave. and bypassed the elderly lady who lived here approximately 2 or 3 home owners ago. According to neighbours she didn't drive and allowed the driveway to grow in with grass and a fence was erected along the frontage side as well as the Pine St. side. Our municipal address is on Sahtlam, our sewer flows to Sahtlam, our garbage/recycling is on Sahtlam, if ambulance service is needed that is the address we would give.

Our only access to the property for parking is on the town boulevard outside of our lot line by the rear shed on Pine St.

We went to the The Town Office to make application to get the curb lowered in the same location as where the driveway once was. The cash clerk wrote down our request and went to a rear office, apparently to query what application form that would be. Upon her return she replied there is no application for that and you can't do it. We asked, "says who?", she replied "Joseph Fernandez". We asked if we could speak with him, she said no. We felt rebuffed and inconsequential at the Town Office for asking such a ridiculous request.

In the meantime we made an appropriate gravel lane way to park our trailer and a vehicle on, so it's off of the town boulevard. We removed part of the fencing and put up a gate. However, I cannot put my small car over that high curb. Vince does cement work for a living, we intended, right from the beginning, to do this work of lowering the curb at our own expense. Neighbours said put it in, it was there, and should be there, it's your address. Vince began to do this curb lowering repair. Then Dalton Smith drove by and said cease and desist while he was on a drive by through the neighbourhood. He then went back to Mr.Fernandez to get clarification on the matter, again Joe said no. Furthermore Dalton replied, "you won't win". Again, we feel bullied, inconsequential, and devalued as a resident and property owner

in Lake Cowichan.

We don't feel that being allowed to have a driveway on our frontage is, " a win". We honestly feel that a driveway allowance from the frontage of our property is a a property right to us, as a residential property owner. Dalton asked to get the cuts cemented back up again, which is work Vince can do and will do.

Keepy Johel then popped by to say we best have it cemented by August 20th, 2020 or the Town will do it. Obviously we will have to re-cement the cross cuts to make Keepeys deadline, and before receiving council by you before this deadline. As it's only a day from now. Which is fine, we don't want to incur any costs for the Town, we just wish to resolve this amicably. Vince will take a day off work to do this.

We have never received an explanation verbally or in writing by Dalton, Keepey or Joe Fernandez, regarding our property access.

I have mobility issues that get worse with age, and have heart issues that I take medication for. We cannot wash our own vehicles on our own property, let alone a driveway. In the winter months we must snake through the rear yard with groceries and any other shopping supplies in order to get to the house door. If ambulance is called, they must also snake through the rear yard to get to our door.

We are asking for council from our Town Councillor members, and Mayor in Council to please advise us on how to get this issue resolved with our Town employee, Joseph Fernandez, Chief Administrative Officer.

We would like to come to a mutual resolve, at no cost to the Town, that will allow us access to our home from our frontage on Sahtlam Ave. We would like to park vehicles on our lane way, be able to wash vehicles on our property and allow for ambulance access if it should be necessary. We can provide pictures of many other properties within eye sight of ours that have 2 driveways with lowered curbs to their property. We would very much appreciate your assistance and guidance with this matter.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Respectfully,

Vincent Thomson

*Vincent Thomson Aug 19/2020.*

Kelly Walters

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