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## **ATTN: Brock/Beaverton Council**

Township Of Brock 1 Cameron Street East PO Box 10 Cannington ON LOE 1E0

Good afternoon,

My name is Joff Elliot, my wife (Karen Chiesa) and I purchased 24 Peter Street (lot 7, PL 682) as well as vacant lots (lot 9,10 &11, PL 682) in June 2019. We Currently own all of the properties located on Peter Street.

We recently had our councilor, Cria Pettingil (ward 4) visit our property as we had a few questions and concerns about our property and street, and she suggested we send an email to council.

## Background:

1) On Aug 6, 2021 the 4 properties beside us on Garden Gate # 16, 20 and vacant lands attached to these properties were sold. During the showings many prospective buyers were expressing interest in wanting to extend their driveway to connect to peter street from garden gate (which would allow them drive across our front lawn – see attached pic). When we purchased the properties, we were told that 35+ year ago there used to be an unassumed laneway that used to connect garden gate to peter street, however this has not been used in 35+ years. Furthermore, there is now a large garden in the pathway they would use with very mature trees on it that we currently manage and take care of and would not like to see cut down. We also have two very small children, ages 4 &5, and pets that play on our yard so we would like to avoid having multiple cars driving through our property as it tears up the lawn that we cut and manage and have to fix every time car drives on it as it is very wet there. What we would like to know is, is there any way ensure this cannot be opened up as a driveway connecting them to peter street it this is of interest to the new owners? If they are able to open it up, would the city now take responsibility to maintain this road as they currently do not. The above would only be an issue if the new owners wanted to open up the previously unassumed pathway.

We are very interested in purchasing Peter Street from the town. We currently own all of the properties on peter Street, we do however have a neighbor that uses Peter Street to access their property, but their address is not on peter street, however they would like it to be. If we are able to buy it we would have no problem giving them access on title, and they are in agreeance with this (they are also cc'd on this email). Furthermore, the city does not maintain this road, we are fully responsible for it. We do all of the snow removal, pot hole fixes, lawn cutting, lawn seeding, weeding, watering, graveling, planting of flowers etc. This is all at our personal cost and has always been our and the previous owners responsibility. There is no public water access from out street, and it is a dead end (ending at our house). Please see the attached pic/map from our closing packages.

In addition, Prior to us purchasing the property the previous neighbor cut down all of the mature trees on peter street, leaving a large strip of grass. On the other side of the street is 2 large vacant forested properties with a stream running through that we own and maintain. We would like to replant mature trees on the strip of grass that is currently owned by the city to keep the wildlife in the area as well as begin to re-forest the area for ascetics and noise cancellation from the train tracks. As the city owns these lands we do not want to proceed with this will be quite costly for us, but would happily proceed if we owned the property.

Can you please let us know if we can start the process of purchasing peter street and what steps are involved. If we are not able to purchase peter street can you please let me know if we are able to stop the new neighbors from applying to lengthen their driveway across our lawn to join to peter street. As you can imagine, when we purchased our properties it was not under the assumption that the roads in the future would be connected and we would have people driving on our front lawn.

We would be more than happy to give you an in-person tour so you can get a better idea of our plans as well as the lands we are referencing. If you require any further documentation please let me know.

Any information or guidance would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

Karen Chiesa & Joff Elliot









