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River Run - City's ongoing refusal to discuss fair compensation

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Wed, Jan 15, 2025 at 1:28 PM

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Cc: Joel Gaucher <jsgaucher@gmail.com>, Petra <m155t@protonmail.com>

Dear City Council,

The City team assigned to take our homes continues to act in an impractical, hostile manner:

- On July 31, 2023, the City was ordered to pay our reasonable costs for the Inquiry. The City has yet to reimburse a single dollar for either the 2023 Inquiry or for the costs incurred, since 2020, to understand our rights in this situation.
- To decide what it would pay families, the City selected, engaged, instructed and paid an appraiser to prepare reports that do *not* consider the fact that this is an expropriation. The City has dishonestly referred to such reports as “independent” and has given the false impression that such reports consider the fact that this is an expropriation.
- The City has twice provided us with intentionally misleading information regarding the “*highest and best use*” of our property and the City has not provided any analysis regarding the cost of comparable replacement properties in our chosen community.
- In May 2024, using our own time, effort and cost, we provided a thoughtful analysis regarding fair compensation to try to get the City to finally discuss fair compensation. The City has refused to discuss or even comment on the detailed information provided.
- The City recently made a settlement proposal to just one River Run family. If the City wants to act fairly, the City will soon provide relatively similar proposals to all families.
- The City is actively destroying River Run through fire department and police drills, even though it remains uncertain whether there is any public transit need to destroy our homes.
- To try to intimidate us, the City is making the absurd, aggressive claim that River Run families owe the City money because we reasonably decided not to maintain a large reserve fund after the City confirmed, privately and publicly, that our homes will soon be destroyed.

We are 6 years into the City's process for taking our homes and the City still refuses to discuss fair compensation based on the reality that this is an expropriation. (The City will have discussions if it can isolate individual families and avoid fully considering expropriation principles.) The City's refusal to discuss fair compensation should be a huge red flag for Council that the City's process is designed to make achieving a fair result as difficult, delayed and costly as possible. The damage to this government's reputation, as a result of such unethical conduct, will increase with time.

City Council is in a position to decide whether the City will: (i) continue to bully us into accepting an amount through an unfair process, where the City will not even discuss fair compensation or, instead, (ii) finally engage with us to discuss fair compensation, for the first time. It's beyond time for Council to act to prevent the City from continuing to harm River Run families.

- River Run Families Committee (Tom, Joel and Patrick)

Mayor <TheMayor@calgary.ca>

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To: Patrick Lindsay <lindsaypatrick367@gmail.com>

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Patrick Lindsay <lindsaypatrick367@gmail.com>
To: "Finegan, Garrett" <GFinegan@blg.com>, "Shory, Grace Jiyeon" <GShory@blg.com>

Wed, Jan 15, 2025 at 1:30 PM

FYI.

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Patrick Lindsay <lindsaypatrick367@gmail.com>
To: Bryan Labby <bryan.labby@cbc.ca>

Wed, Jan 15, 2025 at 1:31 PM

Hi Bryan,
City letter attached. Happy to discuss or provide any further info if helpful. Thanks.

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Patrick Lindsay <lindsaypatrick367@gmail.com>
To: "Kanygin, Jordan" <Jordan.kanygin@bellmedia.ca>

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Bryan Labby <bryan.labby@cbc.ca>

Wed, Jan 15, 2025 at 1:37 PM

To: Patrick Lindsay <lindsaypatrick367@gmail.com>

Perfect -- thanks.

I've reached out to Councillor Wong, but I haven't heard back yet.

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Patrick Lindsay <lindsaypatrick367@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 15, 2025 at 1:38 PM

To: Yuhang Alex Jiang <alexxyuhangjiang@gmail.com>, Dayne Kells <dayne.kells@gmail.com>, Deb Buxton <deb@buxton.com>, Denise Man <denise77man@yahoo.com>, Gordon Holden <gh@esp-associates.com>, Jane Lindsay <janelindsay0715@gmail.com>, Joel Gaucher <jsgaucher@gmail.com>, "korcndn@gmail.com" <korcndn@gmail.com>, Hazel Bennett <hazel.bennett@gmail.com>, Pam McWilliams <kvingfeller@gmail.com>, Louise Halse <l.halse@hotmail.com>, Tom M <m155t@protonmail.com>, Horiguchi Masataka <mabyon@gmail.com>, "Alison Thompson (Shaw)" <malison@shaw.ca>, ICE 1 In Case of Emergency 1 <Nikki.Holden@bmo.com>, mark h <oilbull@hotmail.com>, "preya.kells@gmail.com" <preya.kells@gmail.com>, Robert Halse <rhalse@nucleus.com>, "sisiwucanada@gmail.com" <sisiwucanada@gmail.com>, Tim Thompson <tim@b-geo.ca>, Tim Thompson <tim@borealisgeopower.com>, ywang2553 <ywang2553@gmail.com>, Tom Buxton <tom@buxton.com>, Andy <xiongyanandy@hotmail.com>

Hi everyone,

FYI - attached is a River Run Families Committee letter to City Council sent today. We do not expect a response, but wanted to continue to document the City's conduct.

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Shory, Grace Jiyeon <GShory@blg.com>

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To: Patrick Lindsay <lindsaypatrick367@gmail.com>, "Finegan, Garrett" <GFinegan@blg.com>

Thanks Patrick.

As an aside, Brent Rausch has created an email address – it is rauschbrent14@gmail.com. You may want to add him to the list of families for future updates.

Grace Jiyeon Shory

Senior Associate

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Dayne Kells <dayne.kells@gmail.com>
To: Patrick Lindsay <lindsaypatrick367@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 15, 2025 at 2:11 PM

Thanks Patrick,

Has there been any communication with Provincial bodies or Politicians to explain what the City has been doing?

Regards

Dayne

On Jan 15, 2025, at 1:38 PM, Patrick Lindsay <lindsaypatrick367@gmail.com> wrote:

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Dayne Kells <dayne.kells@gmail.com>
To: Patrick Lindsay <lindsaypatrick367@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 15, 2025 at 2:12 PM

Sorry, I meant to say outside of the process we are going through with appealing expropriation.

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To: Dayne Kells <dayne.kells@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 15, 2025 at 2:50 PM

Yes. The Premier and a few Ministers have been informed. We sent them the detailed statement of facts in October. The Province has said they will not get involved and suggested we appeal to the Tribunal.

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Dayne Kells <dayne.kells@gmail.com>
To: Patrick Lindsay <lindsaypatrick367@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 15, 2025 at 4:04 PM

Thanks

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Patrick Lindsay <lindsaypatrick367@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 16, 2025 at 6:19 AM

To: Adam MacVicar <adam.macvicar@globalnews.ca>

Cc: Joel Gaucher <jsgaucher@gmail.com>, Petra <m155t@protonmail.com>, Jane Lindsay <janelindsay0715@gmail.com>

Hi Adam,

Here's our letter sent to City Council yesterday. Joel, Tom, Jane and I can all be available to chat if you like. I'm sure we can get other owners to chat as well if that would be helpful.

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