
River Run meeting request

2 messages

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Dear Mayor Gondek,

We are writing to respectfully request a meeting with you. Our concerns include:

1. Refusal to discuss fair compensation

Since 2020, the City has maintained its position that it will not discuss compensation with us based on expropriation principles. The City will meet with us, if it can isolate families and discuss what our homes might have sold for, if we wanted to sell, but that is not our situation.

2. City refusal to comply with Orders

In July 2023, the City was ordered to pay our reasonable Inquiry costs. For almost two years, the City defied this Order and paid nothing, forcing families to incur more time, effort and expense to obtain a second Order compelling the City to reimburse precisely \$310,935. In defiance of this second Order, the City issued a cheque for that amount – subject to the condition that \$167,273 of such amount either be returned to the City or be held in trust for the City, forcing the families to choose between no reimbursement at all or be reimbursed for less than half of what the City owes.

3. City refusal to provide information

For many years, the City had behind closed door discussions with Harvard culminating in agreements that undoubtedly impacted River Run. We asked for the most basic information, but the City did not respond (*see attached*). We filed an access request for City communications with Harvard and were told we had to pay \$371,001 to potentially receive these records. We narrowed our request to only the agreements, which we understand are already in a binder, and were told we had to pay \$159,016 to potentially receive these agreements.

4. What do Harvard and the City plan to build on River Run?

We understand the City and Harvard's plan for River Run is far enough along that the City has marked more mature trees on River Run for destruction. However, such plans do not appear to be public information. We wrote to our Councillor to request information (*see attached*) but, as with all our letters, he has not responded.

For years we've raised serious concerns regarding the City's lack of transparency and refusal to meaningfully engage. Please find time to meet with us. Thank you.

- Patrick and Jane Lindsay

3 attachments

17 River Run online submission Dec 14 2022 (City automated receipt).pdf
246K

18 River Run Request for Information Dec 14 2022.docx
19K

July 25 2025 email to Terry Wong requesting information.pdf
159K

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