

MEETING AGENDA

Date of Meeting: Mar 10, 2020

Time: 3:15PM – 4:00PM

Attendees: David West, Susan Kavassalis, Tracey Steele, Justin Chen, Roya Soltani

Location: Mayor & Council Boardroom, 1st Floor , 225 East Beaver Creek Road

Questions to be answered by City of Richmond hill:

1. Is the boulevard “adjacent” or “adjoining”?

Due to the unique pie-shaped land, there is a wide tapered strip city land surrounding our land, the edge of boulevard is more than 20 feet away from edge of property frontage line, plus there is a municipal sidewalk separating our property and blvd. It’s absolutely not adjoining. City By-Law department (Tracey’s Sept 30’s email) also confirmed such boulevard is adjacent to our property.

2. Is it fair?

The adjacent boulevard area is more than 2,000 sq.ft., plus the 1,900 sq.ft. area we are maintaining for the City, the total municipal area that City asks us to maintain is 3 times of our house size. The fundamental requirements of making laws (acts or regulations) is the fairness, equality and non-discriminations in all areas including housing and the provision of municipal services, etc, which is explicitly stated (protected) under Canadian Chapter of Rights and Freedoms. Why only end units maintain municipal blvd, especially the area is completely not proportional to the house size?

3. Is it safe?

We have expressed safety concerns as stipulated by OHSA, MTO Traffic Manual and MTO Roadside Design Manual, there is no protection provided as the boulevard working areas is exposed to live traffic, we could be hit by flying stones/ errand vehicles while working on the blvd, while City staff/contractors are trained, equipped with PPE and protected under employer insurance. What if we got injured while working on City’s property? We don’t feel safe at all!

4. Does City provide liability insurance to us?

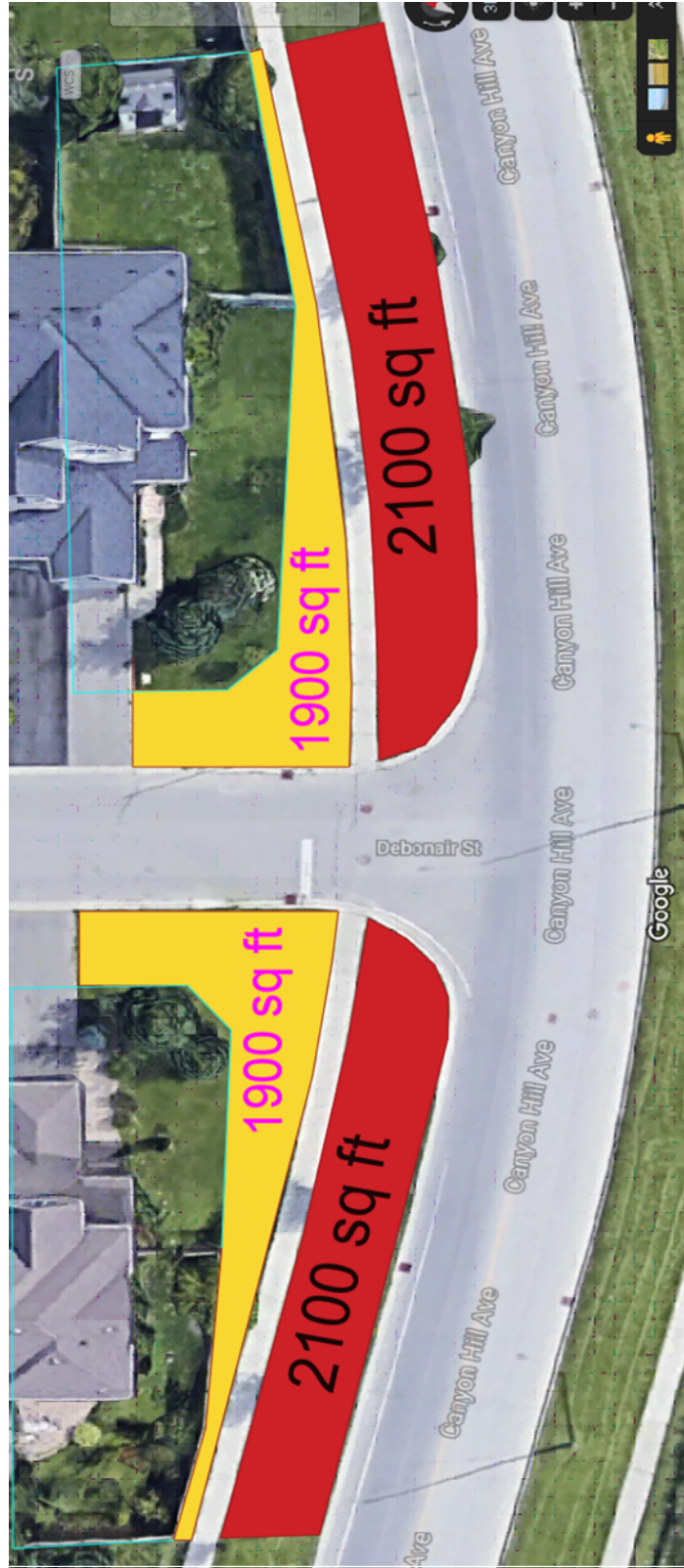
We have no contractual agreement with land owner (City) for working on the boulevard. What if the flying stones/debris from the mowers hit/damage the pedestrians/drivers/vehicles passing by when we working on City’s property, who will be liable for the body/property damages/losses?

5. Did City ever ask us before enacting the new weed by-law?

As the most-affected residents by the new by-law, we should have been be consulted at the very beginning as it’s a material change from existing. But unfortunately, we’ve never had a chance to speak up until today’s meeting. Why did City deliberately ignore us? Tracey mentioned a survey done in Sept 2018, but did the survey sample (520 participants) produce an unbiased measurement of the target population that the expected value of the sample mean is equal to the population mean? Those participants may not even live in Richmond hill. Who was the representative from our neighbourhood? Apparently, City did not do its due diligence prior to enacting the new by-law.

6. Were special cases discussed so exemptions can be granted from this by-law?

Pie-shaped, end-unit, long sideyard, super wide boulevard, beside a high speed urban collector, the by-law is just not in favour of us. It’s an extremely rare and special case, why City imposes such a huge burden to specific residents? And forces us to accept something we never agreed on.



Site Plan