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DATE: JANUARY 26, 2018

TO: MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: LARRY BENTLEY, FIRE CHIEF, FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

RE: COMMUNICATION – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION) –
JANUARY 24, 2018, ITEM #1
CRITERIA FOR PAID PERMIT – ON STREET PARKING IN ASSUMED RESIDENTIAL
AREA

This communication is being provided in response to a request from the Working Session of the Committee of the Whole for further information of the 6m requirement of laneway access for fire route/access.

The 6m requirement for fire route/access is identified in the Ontario Building Code (OBC). This is a minimum requirement and can present challenges for an aerial truck deployment and firefighting activities. Giving consideration for narrow access could be extremely problematic.

The laneway behind the homes on Via Carmine Avenue does not have fire hydrants or unobstructed access to the main entrances (as per the OBC) the laneway is not a required fire route and the width from curb to curb is approximately 4.5 m therefore, would not be an acceptable alternative to the required fire access provided by Via Carmine Avenue. The laneway does provide an alternative path for fire trucks to access Via Carmine Avenue residences and the garage/parking area and as such, it is beneficial for it to remain clear. When kept clear, this can be sufficient to drive a fire truck through; however, it would not be sufficient to stage fire ground operations, or to utilize the stabilizers on aerial fire trucks.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Bentley'.

Larry Bentley, Fire Chief
Fire and Rescue Service

Copy to:

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