

From: Michele Freeling
Sent: July 26, 2017 6:11 PM
Subject: Request for continuance of resolution passed in 2014

Dear members of council,

As you may or may not be aware, I took over the property 109 Elizabeth St. in Walter's Falls in October of 2014 through tax sale tender. When I found out the condition the house and buildings were in, all literally full of junk from floor to ceiling, I appealed to council to assist in the garbage disposal costs which was approved by motion # 335-2014, on November 19th, 2014.

At the time I was asked how long I thought it would take to clean up the property, and I honestly responded that I had no way of knowing. I am self employed, and an independent parent. There is no hydro or water on the property, so my clean up efforts are limited to the spring and summer on weekends. Although in the beginning I had friends and neighbours helping, I am doing most of the work myself, which also helps to ensure that everything is sorted properly. I have been very diligent in my waste diversion efforts.

To date I have removed tonnes and tonnes of various materials, including donations to the annual firefighters yard sale. My sorting method is to make piles and then periodically take them to their respective destinations. Some of you may recall the load I brought to hazardous waste day... I have collected almost as much again! As for the waste brought to the landfill, the total costs to the municipality to date is \$1457, \$1,107 of which was from 2014, my first months working on the project.

As you can imagine, this entire project has been overwhelming at times, and the various buildings are in such disrepair I have had to work on one at a time. My focus this year is to finish off the house so I can decide, with the help of the building department, what is the best way to go about rebuilding. To be clear, I have never asked for the municipality to share in any demolition disposal costs.

I am happy to report that the house is almost empty! However, the other 4 buildings are not quite there yet, in fact I haven't even attempted to get into one of them.

Staff have requested that I submit a letter to you in order to update you and to also request a continuance to the above mentioned motion as there had never been a deadline indicated.

As such, even though I still can't be sure of how much time it will take me to clear out the remaining buildings, I am requesting that the Municipality continue to support my efforts until December 2019 by sharing the waste disposal costs.

I still maintain that as the neighbour of the previous owners, I hadn't seen anything put to the curb for many years, and if the Municipality had been tasked with the clean up, there would have been additional costs.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

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