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Dear Pat:

Please find attached a variety of background reports on the Millennium Trail. If you do not read all of the attachments the bottom line is the following:

The phases of the Millennium Trail that would have been adjacent to Drummond Road to Dorchester Road (formerly Phase #3, which includes your street) and Royal Manor Drive to Lundy's Lane (formerly Phase #4) were rejected by Council. These phases that are adjacent to residences like yours will not be developed for trail purposes.

Therefore, as you have been advised by my office, there will never be a pedestrian trail behind your property. This is clearly indicated in the minutes of the May 8th, 2000 Council meeting, which have been included and highlighted for your information.

The Council approved development of the trail south of Lundy's Lane. This portion of the trail does not affect any residences. These parts were formerly known as **Phase #5** and **Phase #6** and are in the process of going ahead. The tender you recently saw advertised was in reference to these phases of the Trail. The tender has nothing whatsoever to do with any development of the Hydro lands behind Carolyn Avenue, which as already mentioned will not be a Trail.

By the way, the Trail lands south of Lundy's Lane have now been renamed as **Phase #1** and **Phase #2** because these are the phases that are going to be initially developed. The phases that are defined as from Whirlpool Road to Thorold Stone Road (**formerly Phase #1, now known as Phase #3**) and Thorold Stone to Portage Road and Morrison (**formerly Phase #2, now known as Phase #4**) will only be developed when there are sufficient funds available. My personal guess is that it may be a number of years before these phases are even contemplated.

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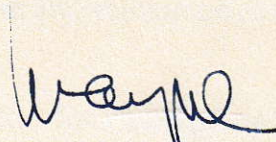
With regard to the map in the City's Leisure Guide, I would refer you to a copy of the advertisement which is attached to a memo from our Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture, Ms. Adele Kon.

The map shows a cross section of the City. Also indicated are the path of the Hydro Canal and where the Millennium Trail will be. The map shows that the Millennium Trail will only be at the section shown with the dotted bold line. Clearly, the middle portion of the Canal will not be Trail.

I will ask our Parks Department to remove the indication of the Hydro Canal in future publications because I can see how one might misinterpret the map on first blush; however, I think if you look at it and read the legend it is clear the Trail does not extend through the residential sections that are adjacent to the canal.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your patience on this matter. I know the residents on Carolyn Avenue were very concerned about the Millennium Trail proposal. I am glad that the Council agreed that the best solution was to not have any of the Trail adjacent to residential areas, now or in the future.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

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c. Ms. Adele Kon, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture