

Barrie, ON

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To Mayor Lehman and Members of Council,

Please accept this letter and the attachments from myself and my wife Karen Gregory as a submission for the circulation list to be heard on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2014. Attached you will find a copy of the survey, the insurance report confirming a series of arson fires in the neighborhood as outlined by the OFM and pictures of the property current and prior.

A history of events leading to this submission is on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 at approximately 1:30am an arsonist in the City of Barrie ignited the original home built in 1949 that forms part of our property and was located approximately 35 feet from the center of Letitia Street. The building was transformed into the garage/drive shed when the main home was completed in 1951 and where we make our home. The delay in submission is more to do with investigation and settlement followed by a lengthy winter. Under current bylaws we have 3 options to replace what was taken away due to criminal activity.

- 1. We can pay a non-refundable \$1750 application fee to have The Committee of Adjustments hear our application and allow us to rebuild but with no guarantee it will be approved.
- 2. We could remove the severance and incur potential financial losses as a result but still need to make an application consistent with point 1 and the Committee of Adjustments, again with no guarantee.
- 3. We could apply for a building permit and place the garage on Part 1 of the survey either behind the current home or in front of the home attached to the house. In order to accommodate this option there would be a need to remove 6-8 mature trees for a driveway as the current driveway is located on Part 2 of the survey. Given the arsonist's actions required us to remove 11 trees already, taking the majority of the remaining trees should never be a consideration from an environmental standpoint.

All we are asking for is the City of Barrie to look at the circumstances surrounding the situation with its criminal nature and allow us to get back to our normal lives by foregoing the Committee of Adjustments process and granting a building permit allowing us to replace the building in the original location, which may affect any future widening of Letitia Street in years ahead, or to place a garage consistent with the building code and neighborhood look on another chosen location on Part 2 of the property thus using the existing driveway and keeping the city environmentally green. Our plan is to replant trees along the street to bring back the splendor and charm of what we once enjoyed.

Lee Perry/Karen Gregory

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014



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July 19, 2013

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Attention: Ms. Kelly Williamson

RE:

Insured

Karen Gregory and Lee Perry 014847729

Claim No.
Our File No.

D0795

Date of Loss

Thursday July 3, 2013 @ 1:24 am.

Location of Loss

REFERENCE

This is further to my Preliminary Summary dated Monday July 8, 2013.

**ORIGIN** 

The examination of this fire scene identified this fire originated immediately inside the man door located centrally and on the south side of this detached, single vehicle size garage. The fire spread from this area of origin throughout the entire structure fueled by the contents and the wood structural components. The fire spread to the upper mezzanine where stored wood was located, consuming portions of the support bracing causing the collapse of the contents into the fire area below. The fire consumed a large section of the wood roof deck on the south slope of the peaked roof assembly, plus vented from the structure through the man door and four windows. The fire was contained to the interior of the structure severely damaging the contents.

**CAUSE** 

The examination of this fire scene established that the structure was not electrically serviced, and no heat generating items were in use. Parts of the fuel load for this fire were gasoline powered appliances which contained gasoline tanks. The remains of a melted gasoline container were also located in the immediate area of the gasoline powered items. Information was obtained from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office Investigator that this fire was another in a series of vandal arson garage fires which have occurred over the past few weeks and in the same neighbourhood. Both the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office and the Barrie Police Service are treating this fire as a

### **CAUSE**

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deliberately initiated fire and are conducting an active criminal investigation. The examination of this fire scene identified there were no known ignition sources present, and this fire is consistent with being the result of a deliberately initiated fire. This fire is being classified as Arson.

### **FURTHER COURSE OF**

## **ACTION**

As requested, this Summary Report has been prepared. A full report complete with photographs, which may be required for further actions or litigation, can be prepared at a later time if required. Unless further information is made available or instructions received, please consider this to be my final report regarding this loss.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. A copy of the Incident Report as prepared by the Barrie Fire and Emergency Service.

ORIGIN AND CAUSE INC.

John R. Coull, CFEI, CFII

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# ON JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> 2013 AN ARSONIST CHANGED THIS VIEW.......



TO THIS VIEW RESULTING IN 11 TREES COMING DOWN

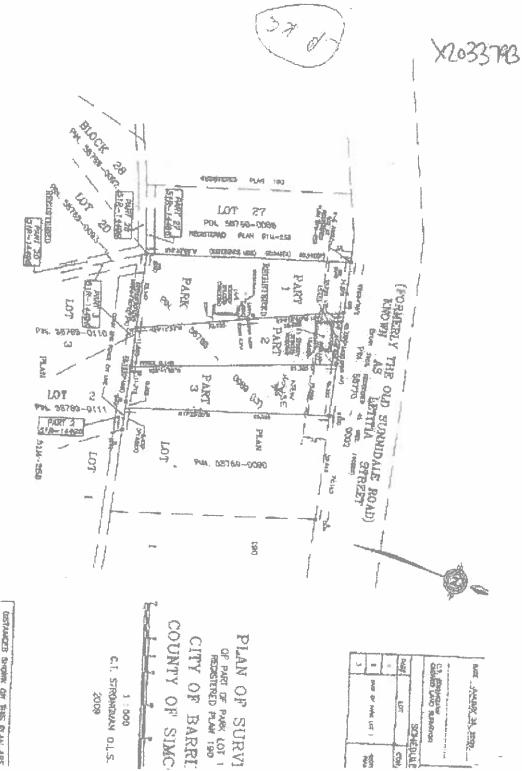


**PRIOR VIEW FROM STREET** 



**CURRENT VIEW FROM STREET** 





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