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- Everything we do has an impact. Impact can be positive and negative. In the case of the Assiniboine AT Bikeway, it has been a disaster.

- Despite my REPEATED attempts along with our neighbors who in good faith actively attempted to communicate with the City, our requests fell on deaf ears. We were ignored. We were lied to and taken advantage of. The audit report clearly states that proper consultation did NOT take place.

- For the record, I will state that one change that did occur was allowing traffic to continue to flow eastbound. The record also needs to state that this only occurred after a ridiculous amount of time spent having to beg the City and get them to understand that the Winnipeg Police Service, Fire and Ambulance need the quickest access to Main Street in order to get our clients to St. B in the event of a medical emergency. Having the Police come to OH to help is a daily occurrence. Councilor Gerbasi told me that emergency vehicles could overcome this obstacle by driving up on the sidewalks and boulevards. When I pointed out that we have many seniors in the area along with physically challenged individuals who can't necessarily move quickly and get out of the way, she didn't have anything to say. She also didn't have any answers when I asked how emergency vehicles would dart around the trees on the blvd. AGAIN, HAD THE APPROPRIATE CONSULTATION TAKEN PLACE, WE WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY. She did however state to the media that Osborne House was very pleased with the project and that was a COMPLETE LIE.

- The City was putting Osborne House in the position of having to publicly map out their location. This puts all our clients and staff at risk. This very subject was raised with the city and the end result was we were lied to, patronized and taken advantage of. The message we have been left with is victims of domestic violence can be lied to because they are defenseless. This is bullying of the most vulnerable in our downtown.

- The flaw here is the Downtown Delegation Committee chaired by Justin Swandel, failed to look out for our shelter. Your actions have clearly told us we're not important and don't count. All this tells us is the powers that be can and will take advantage of women and children who are victims of domestic violence. It is appalling that even after I raised concerns, that the work continued. Justin Swandel – did anyone tell you about the day our food order couldn't be delivered due to construction? I had 45 women and children in shelter that day and instead of going about my work, I had to get outside, get the construction crew to move and then get the delivery truck back to deliver food so we could feed out clients that day. I don't have the resources to ensure my cupboards are never bare thus we rely on our weekly delivery to come on time.

- The City was clearly aligned with the consultant and the direction of this project tilted towards the lobby groups. One only needs to read the list of groups consulted with so know there was a bias from the start. Our clients don't arrive at the shelter via bicycle. They usually arrive after having whisked out of their homes by the police.

- The City used our own tax dollars against us. When our neighborhood rallied together and enlisted the support of a lawyer, we reached a point where we could not afford to pursue this matter further. The City must reimburse us for all fees incurred as a result of their incompetence regarding this project. This statement is easily made because YOUR OWN AUDITORS HAVE

- We were also told that if the project didn't work out, the City would change it later. WOULD YOU SPEND YOUR OWN MONEY LIKE THAT? NOT LIKELY.

- The lost parking makes dropping off donations difficult for our donors who continue to this day, to be sworn at and called names. How would you like to be subjected to being called the c word when you are simply dropping off a donation that makes a positive difference in the lives of women and children who have experienced horrendous acts of violence and abuse in their lives? Donors have told me they just won't come back as they shouldn't have to listen to that and they are right.

- When I spoke to City Council in December regarding the WPA and their 'plan' to improve parking, I asked if anyone had any questions. There was no response. I have come to learn that Justin Swandel mentioned something to the effect that I wasn't grasping how the consultation process occurred. This is an insult and Justin, you need to publicly apologize and take that statement back. The auditor's report clearly states that proper consultation DID NOT TAKE PLACE. You also must apologize to Marty Gold who has also spoken on our behalf. Instead you have mocked him publicly. The only kind of person who carries on like this is someone who has a hidden agenda. Without guilt or shame, you attacked my intellect by stating we didn't understand. It is you that wouldn't listen and one can only conclude that Osborne House is in the way of what you want to do and you will stop at nothing to force us out of the neighborhood. This feels like a backdoor campaign to get us to leave as we're in the way.

- There is no time restraint in telling the truth.

- The Eastbound turn on Carlton must be restored. Carlton still lacks the appropriate signage on providing direction.

- No further changes can occur in our neighborhood until this fiasco is addressed with the neighbor and positive change follows.

- What happens to the likes of Kevin Nixon, Brad Sacher and the Consultants who were the drivers of this project?

- A public meeting needs to occur. Accountability is in order and the neighborhood restored to its original condition. As a last note, one should NEVER have to hear from the auditor that something was done wrong to such a large degree.