

November 1, 2018

Town of Fort Frances  
320 Portage Avenue  
Fort Frances, ON  
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**RE: ACCESSIBILITY RAMP FOR COMMUNITY LIVING, 338-342 SCOTT STREET**

Dear Mayor and Council:

We, the Board of Directors for Community Living Fort Frances and District (CLFFD) write today in reference to your letter dated July 10, 2018 stating the contract price from Tender No. 18-OF-09 from Makinga Contracting and Equipment Rentals, for the design, removal and replacement of the existing accessibility ramp fronting 338-342 Scott Street.

The contract price of \$22, 524.20 includes all works, less unistone surface of the ramp.

Community Living paid the Town of Fort Frances to construct this accessibility ramp in 1991 for a price of \$10,450. We understand that the ramp was in disrepair but it was also fully functional. We also refer to a letter dated May 8, 1991 from the Town to CLFFD where we were "assured that the materials and workmanship will be of the highest quality and procured at the most reasonable cost to the Association for Community Living". That price included the brushed aluminum railing.

The Town's decision to once again beautify the downtown area should not monetarily impact our organization to such a great extent.

The ramp is +/- 17m in length, the current contract price for hand laid concrete curb, and gutter, for the same contractor working on various projects within the town in the 2018 construction season is \$215/m. We understand that the hand formed retaining wall for the

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*To ensure that all people live in a state of dignity, sharing & participating in all elements of living in the community.*

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ramp is different than regular curb and gutter as it likely has a footing and higher curb to form the wall. CLFFD also chose to reuse the existing railing to save on costs. The original cost of this railing was \$4200.

We are not quite sure why there was a need for design as the ramp as the ramp was a basic replacement. We have also not seen a complete drawing/design and detailed estimate to justify this price, only a letter stating a final cost.

If the new retaining wall was triple in size of a regular curb and gutter as in the amount of concrete, rebar and man hours the costs would be in the neighborhood of \$11,000 +tax. If a total transparent and complete cost estimated was provided with drawings, we would be able to understand the amount being passed on to CLFFD.

As you know, Community Living Fort Frances and District is a Non Profit organization with a fixed budget, with very little room for unnecessary expenses.

We would appreciate if the Town of Fort Frances would consider adjusting the amount that CLFFD will have to pay to keep more in line with and reflect the current contract tender prices for 2018.

We look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie M. Crichton', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Julie M. Crichton

Board Chair, Community Living Fort Frances and District.