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November 14, 2001

To: The Department or Commission Listed Below

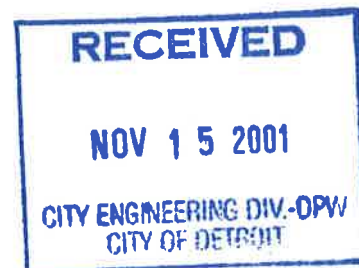
From: Jackie L. Currie  
Detroit City Clerk

The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

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/WATER AND SEWERAGE AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS -  
CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION/

**4344 DPS Program Manager Team, L.L.C.**, requesting release of easement and abandonment of sewer lines in vacated alley for construction of Howe Elementary School at 10430 Charlevoix.





4344

November 13, 2001

Jackie L. Currie, City Clerk  
The Honorable City Council  
200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: **Howe Elementary School 17000.02105NSC**

Subject: **Abandonment of Sewer Lines in Vacated Alley for New Public School  
And a Release of Easement Rights to Alley**

Dear Ms. Currie:

Construction began on the new Howe Elementary School in August and it is scheduled to be complete in August 2002. The school is located at 10430 Charlevoix.

Prior to demolition we obtained utility disconnection approvals including the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. We were unaware that we needed to petition the office of City Council. The demolition drawings that were submitted to DWSD specifically outline the bulk heading and abandonment of two sewer lines, a 12 and a 15-inch that were in a main alley that was vacated on April 10, 1962 (J.C.C. PG. 775), that runs north to south from Charlevoix to Vernor and a half alley that was deeded for on April 10, 1962 (J.C.C. PG. 775).

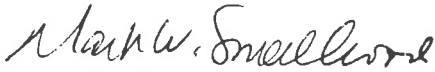
During demolition of the old Howe School Building in July we encountered the foundations of an old factory underneath the foundations of the old school, which was built in 1913. There were no records of this older factory with DWSD or with the Wayne County Registrar of Deeds. We had no choice but to remove these unknown foundations and upon doing so we partially removed the two sewer lines, a 15-inch and 12 inch, that were discovered to be embedded within the foundations of the old factory.

In order to maintain safe and dry job site and to stay on our tight schedule the Construction Manager, American International went ahead and completely abandoned the sewer lines. When DPS-PMT went to apply for a new service we were then told that we should have petitioned your office for permission to abandon the sewer lines. We sincerely apologize for this unfortunate oversight.

Attached is a copy of the grading and utilities site plan with utility requirements for the new school from Professional Engineering Associates. This drawing shows location and the position of the building on site and the vacated alley. We are also attaching the demolition plan which details the abandonment and sewer flow rerouting procedures that our construction manager, American International, Inc. followed to the letter

DPS-PMT once again apologizes for our indiscretion and we are now formally petitioning your permission to abandon these sewers and release the easement rights to alley from April 10, 1962 (J.C.C. PG. 775). If you have any questions please contact me at (313) 876-8972. Thank you for your cooperation

Sincerely,



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