



April 26, 2011

To whom it may concern:

This is my letter of support for the widening and upgrading of Cassiar Street.

Our family has lived on that street for over 50 years. I can't count the times I have come around the corner and had to reverse all the way back to the turnaround because of on coming traffic. The road was adequate when people only owned one car, but today they have two and three cars making a lot more wear and tear on the road.

Blacktopping Cassiar Street will greatly be appreciated because of all the mud and pot holes that are forever appearing and causing unnecessary car repairs. Making the improvements on Cassiar Street will make it more accessible for Emergency responders, which our family has had to rely on in the past.

Any questions concerning this matter, feel free to call me at (907)874-2082.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Churchill". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sandra L. Churchill

April 24, 2011

To Whom This May Concern,

My name is Kenneth Davidson, I have lived on Cassian St. for 33 years. We have had trouble for the last 15 or so years with maintenance on the street, Cassian is one of the last gravel streets left in Waukegan. There has been many phone calls asking Public Works to please grade the street. We are NOT asking for a two lane highway here as this is a dead end street, the people on Cassian have had a lot of promises but no actions. My wife and I will be very happy to have scheduled maint. for a change. I will be happy to talk to the city if they would like my input.

Thank you  
Ken + Linda Davidson

To: Alaska Legislature

From: Monty R. Bunes  
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Date: April 22, 2010

**RE: Cassiar St. Improvement Support Letter**

I have lived on Cassiar Street my entire life. I grew up next to the playground and played marbles on Cassiar Street. When we were kids, having a dirt road behind our house was cool and we enjoyed riding our bikes through the pot-holes and mud puddles. During the last 50 years of living on Cassiar Street, however, the novelty of a dirt road has completely worn off. I have now watched my kids grow up on this street and now my grandkids visit me and play on the same dirt road; it is time to get it paved.

The city's solution to our road condition is to occasionally grade the road. When they do grade the road, it is a dramatic improvement, but this temporary fix also comes with a price. When I moved into my current home 17 years ago, my garage was above the grade of the road; I used to have to actually climb up from the road a few inches to driving into the garage. Today, my garage is well below the grade of the road and I have experienced significant water damage over the years because of this. I have twice had to shore up my garage due to drainage erosion and had to put a drainage grate into my garage to keep the water out of my garage, but it continues to flow freely under the garage and around my foundation. These issues could be solved if the road were to be paved with the slope running toward the hills and proper drainage ditches installed.

We have had many promises made to us by the city council over the years about getting our road paved, but due to funding issues and circumstances beyond their control, the job has never gotten done. I have completely destroyed two vehicles pounding up and down this pot-hole ridden road over the years, and I am well on my way to breaking down another. I once walked down the entire street counting the pot-holes and stopped after I got to 100. That is a lot of pot-holes to dodge on a street that is barely a 1/4 mile long. The person I most feel sorry for is my 88 year-old neighbor, Lurine McGee. Lurine used to try to walk up and down the road with the aid of a cane, but the uneven terrain and dangerous pot-holes, coupled with her deteriorating health, finally caused her to be confined to a small "rascal" type mobile device. She told me that she has a terrible time navigating this street and I have watched her as she as struggled to traverse this pathetic road. It is a horrible thing to watch this kind old woman weave her way down the road as she attempts to avoid the myriad of rocks, pot-holes, and standing water in her path; Lurine deserves better, and so do the rest of us that have put up with this despicable road for the last half century.

Respectfully,



Monty R. Bunes

4-22-11

To whom it may concern;

In the middle of year 1972 I moved into the property that I had bought close to the end of Cassiar St. As I was signing up for services at City Hall I was told they were planning on resurfacing Cassiar the next year.

15-20 years ago I burned the house I was living in, regraded the lot, dynamited some of the mountain, put in a modular home, and made more room for my neighbor to the north have a wider path (it had been 17 1/2" wide). At this time I was told the city was going to put in a new road.

As I am now 88 years old I don't have much more time to see a new road put in. I would love to have, at least, regular maintenance of the road we have! The pot holes are so many and deep that it hurts me as we "bump" along from the Senior Center to home.

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A single lane hard surface would be fine for us.

Repair we need, new would be a blessing.

I remain

Lurine McLee

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