



DUKE ATTORNEYS

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Bulletin 95:

A new policy is coming!

At a meeting yesterday organized by DA Councilors, City officials advised that a new policy is being formulated for road closures. They confirmed that they need to consider each application on its merits and to deviate from the policy when justified. In particular the City acknowledged the need to revisit the requirement of a twenty-four-hour guard at smaller road closures particularly for cul-de-sacs.

In the “very near future” there will be a public participation process at which residents can have their say on the proposed new policy.

Issues to be reviewed include automation, the locking of pedestrian gates, extending the time period of approval, the need for a twenty-four-hour guard at the main access point and simplifying the process.

Mention was made that the City is open to selling the roads to residents as an alternative to temporary road closures: we intend to investigate that option. Watch this space!

The meeting was characterized by a refreshingly open approach to residents and an apparent commitment to working with residents to secure their safety and security.

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