Dear Chair and Members of the Civic Works Committee,

As the city has decided not to remove discarded needles from some places where people leave them, addressing this increasing problem may require removing some of the places themselves.

Much untoward behaviour takes place in unused sections of the unassumed laneways that exist behind the yards of homes on adjacent streets. These problems will end immediately if residents are allowed to extend their fences and enclose the areas so that they become inaccessible. Unfortunately, there is a good deal of red tape associated with the process so my suggestion to the committee is:

That staff report back on ways to expedite the process of allowing residents to take possession of unassumed laneways or unused portions thereof.

Yours truly,

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