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Hamilton will spend millions to do judicial inquiry into Red Hill Valley Parkway report

In this CBC News Report, Eli S. Lederman comments on the Hamilton city council's decision to launch a judicial inquiry into the Red Hill Valley Parkway report.

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But on Wednesday, Eli Lederman, a lawyer with Toronto-based firm Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin, told council not to pursue a judicial inquiry.

Inquiries are expensive — Lederman estimated \$1 million to \$11 million — and tend to take at least a year and a half. They often go over budget, Lederman said, and take longer than anticipated.

The Red Hill issue would be better suited to an auditor general or ombudsman report, which would wrap up in a few months.

"Judicial inquiries are better suited for large, complex investigations and, as such, tend to be expensive and length," he said.

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