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# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# Fence Exemption Request - 96 Hyde Avenue

Date:	February 26, 2007
То:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Curtis Sealock, Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards
Wards:	Ward 12 - York South-Weston
Reference Number:	ML&S Folder No. 07-101489FEN

## SUMMARY

This Staff Report is about a matter for which the community council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision. The subject matter is an application for an exemption to the Fence By-law, Chapter 447 of the Toronto Municipal Code to allow the installation of 7.62 metre high fencing made of corrugated metal panels in the rear yard which is in violation of the by-law.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Municipal Licensing and Standards recommends that:

The Etobicoke York Community Council deny the request for the exemption based on non-compliance with the requirements set out in Chapter 447 of the Toronto Municipal Code.

# FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The property owner operates a second hand salvage shop know as "GB Scrap Metal Limited" at this location under City of Toronto Business License B75-3356413, which is in good standing and valid to February 2008. The property owner/applicant is proposing to erect an engineered fence/barrier with corrugated metal panels along the entire north

elevation and approximately one half the length of the east elevation (from the northeast corner of the property in a southerly direction) measuring approximately 7.62 metres (25 feet) in height (Attachment 1).

The proposed fence is a structure with a concrete foundation approximately 3.5 metres in depth supporting large steel beams with corrugated metal siding attached (Attachments 2, 3). The proposed height is approximately 7.62 metres (25 feet) similar to the structure found at 75 Hyde Avenue (Attachment 4). The owner/applicant purposes to install such a fence along the entire north elevation which measures approximately 92 lineal metres (300 feet) and along the east elevation to a point approximately 35 lineal metres (115 feet) from the northeast corner of the property, in a southerly direction.

## COMMENTS

The owner/applicant seeks the exemption from the by-law requirements for a number of reasons that include the following: provide some privacy from the neighbour to the east; and to provide a barrier to the transfer of light and noise to the residential properties on Valley Crescent and Westbury Crescent situated a number of metres in elevation above the subject property (Attachments 5, 6). The Municipal Standards and Licensing Division have active/ongoing investigations for noise and light issues at this time and the owner/applicant feels the installation of this fence/barrier will go a long way to shielding the community above from all of the salvage yard operation(s), including noise, light and visual sight of the day to day business.

The Fence By-law does not permit corrugated metal panels to be used in any fencing and permits fencing on non-residential properties to a maximum height of 2.5 metres pursuant to Section 447-2.A.(3) and Section 447-3.B.(1), respectively. The owner has requested a fence exemption voluntarily upon being advised of the by-law limitations.

#### CONTACT

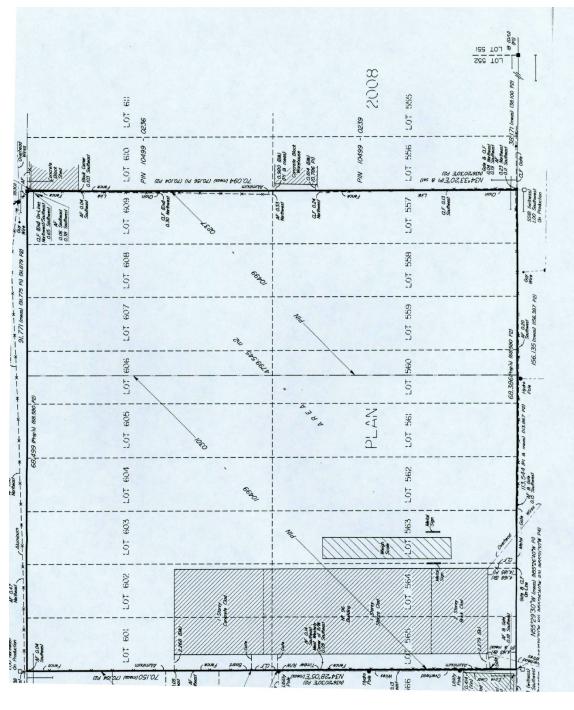
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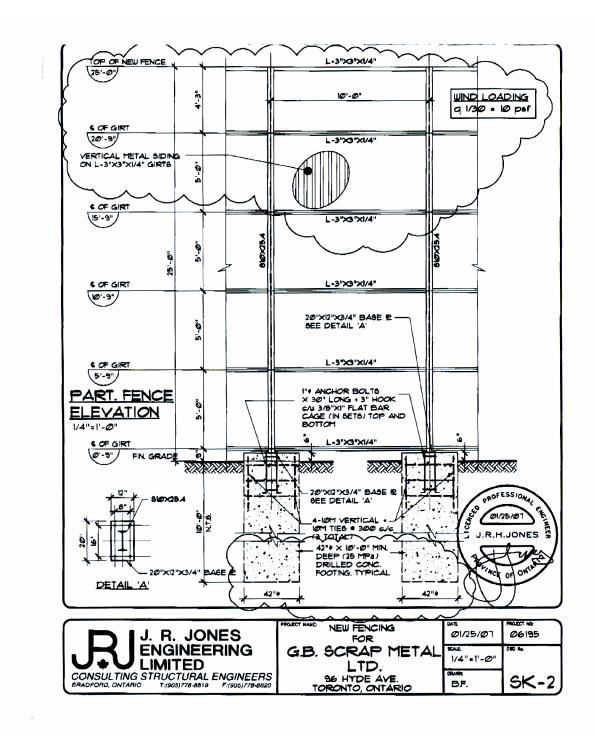
#### Attachments:

Attachment 1:	Partial Survey – 96 Hyde Avenue
Attachment 2:	Fence Detail - Engineer's Design Drawing
Attachment 3:	Fence Detail - Engineer's Notes
Attachment 4:	Photograph #1 and 2 - Showing 96 and 75 Hyde Avenue
Attachment 5:	Photograph #3 and 4 - Showing Northeast view from 96 Hyde
Attachment 6:	Photograph #5 and 6 - Showing a northeast view of residential
	properties on Westbury and Valley Crescent

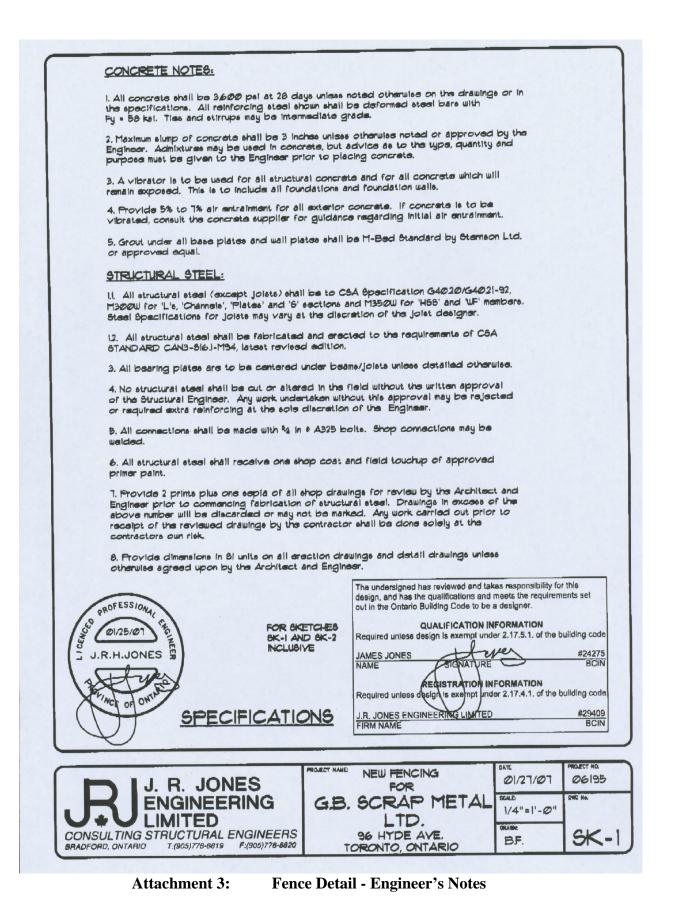


Attachment 1: Partial Survey -

Partial Survey – 96 Hyde Avenue



Attachment 2: Fence Detail - Engineer's Design Drawing





Photograph # 1 – Front Elevation of 96 Hyde Avenue



Photograph # 2 – Front View of 75 Hyde Avenue showing proposed fence for 96 Hyde Avenue

Attachment 4: Photos showing 96 and 75 Hyde Avenue



Photograph # 3 – Northeast view from 96 Hyde Avenue showing residential properties to the north.



Photograph # 4 – Northeast corner of lot at 96 Hyde Avenue

Attachment 5: Photos of Northeast view of 96 Hyde Avenue



Photograph # 5 – Northeast view from 96 Hyde Avenue showing residential properties to the north.



Photograph # 6 – Northeast view from 96 Hyde Avenue showing residential properties to the north.

Attachment 6: Photos of Northeast view and residential properties behind 96 Hyde Avenue