



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Request for a fence exemption at 24 Strathgowan Crescent

Date:	December 20, 2006
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Bryan Byng, Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, North York District
Wards:	Ward 25 - Don Valley West
Reference Number:	IBMS No. 06-197852

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider a request by the owner(s) of 24 Strathgowan Crescent to be exempted from Chapter 447 - Fences, section 447-2(B). This section states that the maximum height of a fence in the front yard not within 2.4 metres of the front lot line can be 1.2 metres.

This wood fence is in the front yard on the inside of the south property line beside the driveway for 24 Strathgowan Crescent. The fence is in two sections. The first section closest to the house is 2.2 metres long and 1.9 metres high. The second section is 2.3 metres long and 1.74 metres high.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Municipal Licensing and Standards recommends that the fence exemption not be granted.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact anticipated in this report

DECISION HISTORY

This matter came in as a complaint about the height and possible site line obstruction relative to this fence. A notice of violation was issued. The owner sent a letter requesting an exemption to the bylaw and paid the requisite fee.

COMMENTS

The fence does not represent a site line obstruction. The owner(s) are requesting the exemption for reasons of privacy and aesthetics.

Should the recommendation not be accepted and the request approved, a condition of approval should include that when the fence is replaced it should be constructed in compliance with Chapter 447 or its successor bylaw.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Fence exemption letter
2. Photos