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**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Request to designate 32 Woodland Park Road as a Natural Garden

Date:	March 1, 2007
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Bill Blakes, Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 36-Birchcliff
Reference Number:	IBMS 06-143301

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider a request by the owner(s) of 32 Woodland Park Road to be exempted from Chapter 489-Grass and Weeds, section 489-2. This section states that the maximum height of grass and weeds cannot exceed 20 centimetres. This report is to consider this exemption request in accordance with Chapter 489, Grass and Weeds, section 489-3(E)(6) and have their yard(s) designated a Natural Garden, as follows:

- (6) An owner or occupant requesting a review of a notice, and any other interested person, shall be heard by the community council which may recommend that Council:
 - (a) Grant the exemption, with or without conditions, and cancel the notice; or
 - (b) Confirm the notice and direct that a second notice be given under this section.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Parks, Forestry and Recreation-Natural Environments, states that this is a natural garden. Therefore Municipal Licensing and Standards recommends that the exemption be granted, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The natural garden being limited to private property only; and,
 - b. The natural garden be kept to a maximum of 1 metre in height within 2.4 metres of the front property line.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact anticipated in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

The notice of violation issued to the owner(s) of 32 Woodland Park Road applied to the rear yard which was cut as requested. The owner(s) requested by letter to Municipal Licensing and Standards for a natural garden exemption for the front yard.

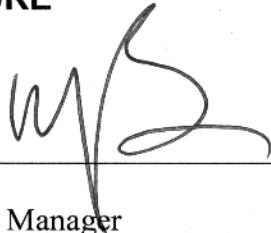
ISSUE BACKGROUND

A public complaint reported grass in excess of 20 centimetres. A notice of violation was issued and complied. The owner(s) of 32 Woodland Park Road submitted a letter requesting a natural garden exemption in the front yard. In accordance with Chapter 489, Grass and Weeds, section 489-3(E)(5), a report on the natural garden was requested from, Patricia Landry, special projects, Parks Forestry and Recreation-Natural Environments. The recommendation for approval is based entirely on that report forwarded to us on September 21, 2006.

CONTACT

Glenn Shimoda, Supervisor, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Scarborough District
416-396-7371

SIGNATURE



Bill Blakes, Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. Natural Garden Request Letter dated July 14, 2006
2. Report from "Natural Environment-Parks Forestry and Recreation"

Debbie Ayers
32 Woodland Park Road
Scarborough, ON
MIN 2X6

July 14, 2006

Executive Director of Municipal Licensing & Standards
Fax: 416-396-4266

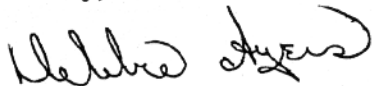
To Whom It May Concern:

RE: 32 Woodland Park Road, Scarborough, ON

Please accept this as an application to be considered as a natural garden on the above-mentioned property.

The flowers in the front yard have been there for almost 10 years with an assortment of spring flowers followed by Cornflowers, which come up annually.

Sincerely,



LGW
NOV #
06155540

Glenn Shimoda - inspections

From: Patricia Landry
To: Shimoda, Glenn
Date: 09/21/2006 12:46 PM
Subject: inspections

Hey Glen,

Re: 32 Woodland Park Rd. - Meets criteria of a natural garden

Inspected property, spoke to homeowner. She had cut back most of the plant material on her property, both good and bad plant material. She is going to start fresh in the spring and I am going to provide her with some information / literature regarding naturalized gardens.

Re: 7 Bardwell Crescent - If required action is taken, they will be in compliance. Homeowner was not home.

Required: Must remove Deadly nightshade (*Solanum dulcamara*) from cedar and maples in back yard.

Additional recommendations:

- remove thistles, and Broad-leafed plantain
- prune cedars and woody shrubs (honeysuckle, dogwood)
- remove Mulberry from foundation / base of house in back.

Re: 1549 Kingston Rd. - In compliance

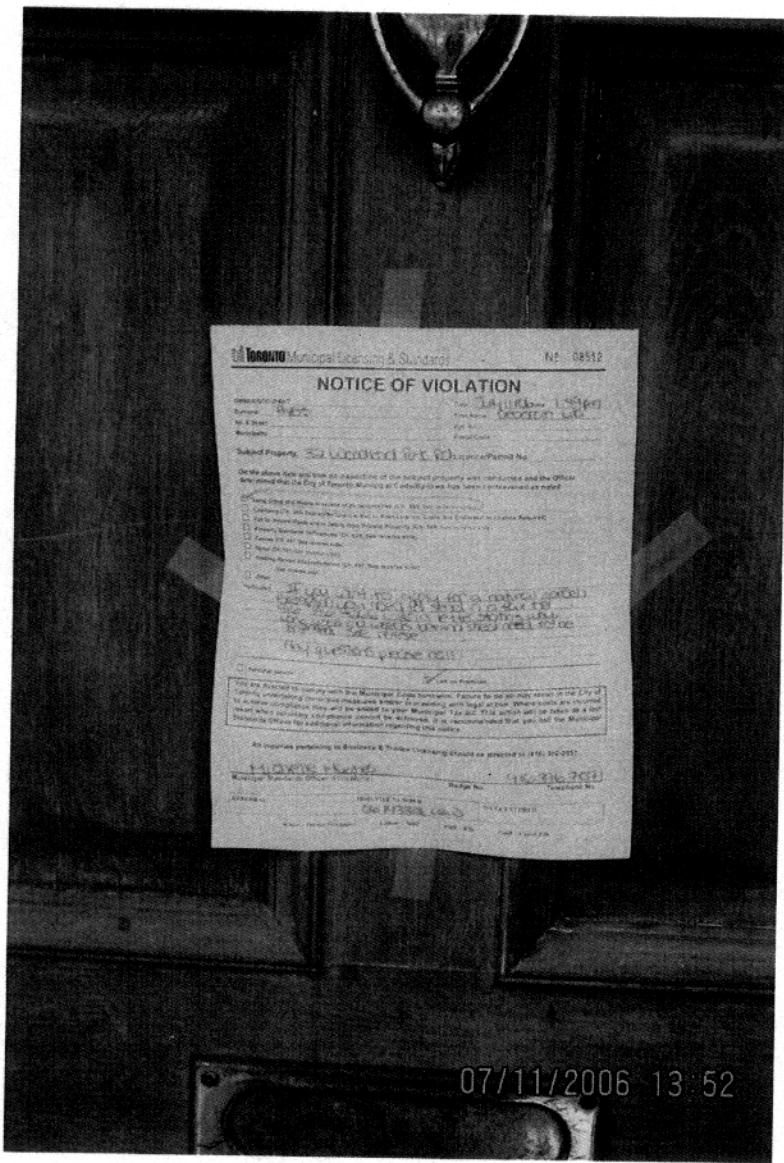
Met with homeowner, and there were a couple of weeds that he was removing, and I made some recommendations with respect to new plant material that would do well in the dry shaded area that he wishes to have a natural garden in.

Last one was 932 McCowan Rd. - Met with the homeowner and his front yard was in compliance. I did not get to see the back, he didn't invite me to go back there, so I thought I'd check with you first to see if this one has been resolved or is the back yard the issue.

Patricia

p.s. I can put these in a formal report for you, by next Wed. I'm at a conference all day Monday.





NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Reference to: 1400 Date: July 11, 2006
To: 1400 From: Inspection Unit
Address: 1400 Phone:

Subject Property: 1400 Parcel ID:

On the above date and time an inspection of the subject property was conducted and the Officer determined that the following violations were observed:

- Violation of the Town of Tomsboro Ordinance 10.11.01
- Violation of the Town of Tomsboro Ordinance 10.11.02
- Violation of the Town of Tomsboro Ordinance 10.11.03
- Violation of the Town of Tomsboro Ordinance 10.11.04
- Violation of the Town of Tomsboro Ordinance 10.11.05
- Violation of the Town of Tomsboro Ordinance 10.11.06
- Violation of the Town of Tomsboro Ordinance 10.11.07
- Violation of the Town of Tomsboro Ordinance 10.11.08
- Violation of the Town of Tomsboro Ordinance 10.11.09
- Violation of the Town of Tomsboro Ordinance 10.11.10

Officer's Name:
Signature:
Date:

Violations are subject to fines with the Municipal Code Book. Failure to do so may result in the City of Tomsboro, including the Police Department, taking further action with legal action. When such an action is taken, the violator may be liable for the Municipal Code Book. This notice will be taken as a first step unless the violator has previously been notified in writing. It is recommended that you call the Municipal Department for more information regarding this notice.

All inquiries regarding the Municipal Code Book or Ordinance 10.11.01-10.11.10 should be directed to (410) 370-0351.

 Municipal Inspector
 Municipal Inspector

07/11/2006 13:52

