



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Request for Fence Exemption for 50 Gooderham Drive

<b>Date:</b>	May 25, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Scarborough Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Bill Blakes, Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Scarborough District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 37-Wexford</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	IBMS No. 06-181915

#### **SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this report is to consider a request by the owner(s) of 50 Gooderham Drive to be exempted from Chapter 447-Fences section (2) of the Toronto Municipal Code. This section states that the maximum height of the fence in the front yard within 2.4 metres of the front lot line not exceed 1 metre, a fence located in the front yard not within 2.4 metres of the lot line be 1.2 metres and any other fence not exceed 2 metres.

This staff report is about a matter for which Scarborough Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. It is recommended that the request to permit the existing 2.4 metre high board on board wood fence be refused based on non-compliance with the requirements set out in Chapter 447 of the Toronto Municipal Code.

#### **Financial Impact**

There is no financial implication

## **DECISION HISTORY**

The City of Toronto Council enacted the amalgamated Fence By-Law on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2000 to prescribe the height and description of fences on private property and to require owners of privately owned outdoor swimming pools to erect and maintain fences and gates around swimming pools. This by-law and the amendments are now found in Chapter 447 of the Toronto Municipal Code.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

A public complaint was reported to Municipal Licensing and Standards that the fence exceeded 2 metres in height in the front yard on the subject property. Therefore, a Notice of Violation was issued to the owner(s) of 50 Gooderham Drive. A letter from the owner(s) requesting an exemption to the fence by-law Chapter 447 was received by Municipal Licensing and Standards. The subject property owner has erected a privacy wood fence in the front yard and side yard approximately 2.4 metres in height along the north property line.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Correspondence dated March 2, 2007 from Guiuseppe and Rocchina Volpe (Owners).
2. Pictures