

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Encroachment Agreement Request 71 Caribou Road

Date:	April 16, 2008
То:	North York Community Council
From:	District Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, North York District
Wards:	Ward 16- Eglinton-Lawrence
Reference Number:	IBMS No. 07-279952

SUMMARY

This Staff Report is about a matter that the Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

The purpose of this report is to consider a request by the owner(s) of 71 Caribou Road being a one-family detached dwelling seventh density zone (R7) for an encroachment agreement. The existing encroachment consists of a stone walkway, landscaping stones, tree, spotlight, sprinklers, stone retaining walls with stairs and hedge located on the City road allowance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Municipal Licensing and Standards recommend that the Encroachment application be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the owner(s) maintain the hedge to its existing height of 2.13 metres and 1.52 metres so it does not obscure the street signs, to the satisfaction of Transportation Services, North York District;
- 2. That the owner(s) install pop-up sprinkler heads, to the satisfaction of Transportation Services, North York District;
- 3. That the owner(s) enter into an Encroachment Agreement with the City to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards;

- 4. That the appropriate City Officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- 5. That no claims will be made against the City by the owner(s) for damages occurring to the area of the encroachment or its elements during snow removal;
- 6. That the life of the Agreement be limited to 10 years from the date of registration on title or to the date of removal of the encroachment at which time, the City may consider the Agreement for further extension, if requested by the applicant;
- 7. The indemnification to the City by the owner(s) of the encroachment for all liability relating in any way to the encroachment and providing of an insurance policy for such liability for the lifetime of the Agreement in a form as approved by the City Solicitor, in an amount no less than \$2,000,000.00 or such greater amount as the City Solicitor may require;
- 8. In the event of sale or transfer of the property abutting the encroachment, Legal Services be authorized to extend the Encroachment Agreement to the new owner, subject to the approval of the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards;
- 9. The owner(s) pay the following fees:
 - a. Application fee of \$456.32 (paid).
 - b. Legal Administration Cost and Registration on Title, plus disbursements, including G.S.T.
 - c. One-time fee of \$430.49 plus G.S.T., totalling \$456.32.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact anticipated resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

The application was received from the property owner(s) in November 2007 and was circulated to Transportation Services and the following Utilities: Enbridge, Bell Canada, Cable and Hydro.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The encroachments on the City road allowance are as follows:

- (a) Stone walkway that projects a maximum of 0.79 metres into the front road allowance for a distance of 20.32 metres;
- (b) Landscaping stones adjacent to the front stairs leading to the front entrance of the dwelling;
- (c) Tree, type; hydrangea paniculata;

- (d) Spot light next to tree;
- (e) Several sprinkler heads;
- (f) Stone retaining walls and stairs leading to the front entrance of the dwelling;
- (g) A hedge curving along the east corner of Otter Crescent and Caribou Road measuring 1.52 metres in height and 1.06 metres wide and another hedge along the road allowance of Caribou Road measuring 2.13 metres in height and 1.52 metres wide.

COMMENTS

Utilities have provided clearance letters indicating that they have no objection.

Transportation Services, North York District staff, as part of their review, have indicated that the hedge be maintained to its existing height so as not to obscure the street signs. In addition, Transportation Services, North York District staff have indicated that the sprinkler heads be pop-ups.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Site Plan
- 2. Photographs