

**Fence Exemption Request
23 Hedgewood Road**

Date:	May 16, 2008
To:	North York Community Council
From:	District Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, North York District
Wards:	Ward 25 – Don Valley West
Reference Number:	IBMS No. 08-154557

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 23 Hedgewood Road, to be exempted from Chapter 447 – Fences, section 447-2(B). This section states that the maximum height for a fence in this location is 2 metres.

The existing hedges adjacent to the metal picket fence located on the south property line in the rear yard meet the definition of a fence and are located in the side and rear yard. They range in height from 3 to 4 metres and extend for approximately 7 metres from the house.

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 arose as a public complaint. This exemption request was submitted after our contact with the owner(s).

COMMENTS

The owner(s) are requesting this exemption for reasons of protection and privacy from their neighbours.

The hedge meets the definition of a fence because it is located along the property line and/or it is intended to wholly or partially screen the view of their property by their neighbour.

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 by-law.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Pictures.