

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Fence Exemption Request 656 Bedford Park Avenue

Date:	June 16, 2008
To:	North York Community Council
From:	District Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, North York District
Wards:	Ward 16 – Eglinton-Lawrence
Reference Number:	IBMS No. 08-100136

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 656 Bedford Park Avenue, to be exempted from Chapter 447 – Fences, section 447-2(B). This section states that the maximum height of a fence in the side and rear yard in this location is 2 metres.

The constructed fence is in the side and rear yard. It is a standard board on board fence that ranges in height from 2.03 metres to 2.41 metres. It runs parallel to the entire east wall of the garage on 658 Bedford Park Avenue which is approximately 6.4 metres and extends along the house another 4.3 metres.

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 was the subject of a public complaint. The exemption request was submitted by the owner(s).

COMMENTS

The owner(s) are requesting this exemption for reasons of aesthetics, privacy, and safety.

This fence, according to the owner(s), was constructed on their property. The portion of the fence constructed beside the garage is new and that fence covers the entire wall of that garage from view.

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.
- 2. Site plan