



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Request for Fence Exemption for 5 Wood Glen Road

Date:	February 13, 2008
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Bill Blakes, Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 36 – Scarborough Southwest
Reference Number:	IBMS No. 05-106848

SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to consider a request by the owner(s) of 5 Wood Glen Road to be exempted from Chapter 447-Fences section (2) of the Toronto Municipal Code.

This section states:

“A wood fence used in a swimming pool enclosure shall be constructed in a good, workmanlike manner as follows”:

- Vertical boards shall be not less than 19 millimetre by 89 millimetre lumber and have no element or attachment between 100 millimetres and 1.2 metres above grade that may facilitate climbing the outside of the enclosure

and

- 38 millimetres maximum mesh size for a chain link fence.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that this request to permit the proposed wood and chain link fence be refused based on non-compliance with the requirements set out in Chapter 447 of the Toronto Municipal Code.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications.

DECISION HISTORY

The City of Toronto Council enacted the amalgamated Fence By-Law on July 6, 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 swimming pool permit was received by Municipal Licensing and Standards. An inspection revealed a climbable wood lattice fence along the south side rear property line and a 50 millimetre chain link fence located along the east side rear property line.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Pictures