

# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# **Encroachment Agreement Request 529 Westmount Avenue**

Date:	March 9, 2009
To:	North York Community Council
From:	District Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, North York District
Wards:	Ward 15 - Eglinton - Lawrence
Reference Number:	IBMS No. 08-204078

## **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 subject matter is an application for an encroachment agreement.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- 1. 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;
- 2. That the appropriate City Officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- 3. 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;
- 4. 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;

- 5. That the life of the Agreement be limited from the date of registration on title or to the date of removal of the encroachment:
- 6. 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;
- 7. The owner(s) pay all applicable fees.

#### 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 September 2008 and was circulated to Transportation Services and the following Utilities: Enbridge, Bell Canada, Cable and Hydro.

#### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

This detached house was built in 1950, in a second density residential zone (R2) in the former City of York (*Attachments 1 and 2*).

The encroachment will replace an existing pressure treated wood retaining wall along the edge of the sidewalk that is in disrepair with another of the same construction. They also propose to include a 2-metre wide swath of water saver type ground covering behind the new retaining wall (*Attachments 3 and 4*).

#### 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 they have no objections to the encroachment.

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# **SIGNATURE**

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# **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Zoning map
- 2. Survey
- 3. Photograph existing encroachment
- 4. Photograph proposed encroachment