



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Natural Garden Exemption Request 189 Churchill Avenue

<b>Date:</b>	July 12, 2010
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	District Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 23 – Willowdale
<b>Reference Number:</b>	IBMS No. 09 163728

#### SUMMARY

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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 a natural garden exemption.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Municipal Licensing and Standard, North York District, recommends that:**

- 1. The North York Community Council refuse the request for an exemption for a natural garden at 189 Churchill Avenue.**

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

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There is no financial impact anticipated in this report

#### ISSUE BACKGROUND

Municipal Licensing and Standards, North York District received a complaint on August 29, 2009, in regards to long grass and weeds at 189 Churchill Avenue. An Officer responded to this matter on the same day and issued a Notice of Violation under *Chapter 489* of the *Toronto Municipal Code*. Municipal Licensing and Standards subsequently received a request for a natural garden exemption at the rear of the said property on

November 20, 2009. As a result, a request for an opinion was made to the Horticultural Section of the Parks and Recreation Division.

On May 28, 2010, the Division was advised that an inspection had been undertaken and that the Horticulturalist had determined that the growth at the address did not constitute a natural garden.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Letter received November 20 2009 from owner
2. Letter sent by MLS December 18, 2009
3. Photo of growth in rear yard
4. Photo of growth in rear yard
5. Photo of growth in rear yard