Encroachment Agreement Request
1838 Avenue Road

Date: May 15, 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. 07-277614

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 1838 Avenue Road being a one storey commercial building, general commercial zone (C1) for an encroachment agreement. The proposed encroachment consists of seven awnings with signs, one entrance canopy with illuminated channel letters, projected coping and projected lintel on the City road allowance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Municipal Licensing and Standards 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. That the life of the Agreement be limited to 10 years from the date of registration
on title or to the date of removal of the encroachment at which time, the City may
consider the Agreement for further extension, if requested by the applicant;

5. 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;

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 the following fees:
   a. Application Fee of $456.32 (paid).
   b. Legal Administration Cost and Registration on Title, plus disbursements,
      including G.S.T.
   c. One-time fee of $749.57 plus G.S.T., totalling $787.05.

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 November 2007 and was
circulated to Transportation Services, Toronto Building and the following Utilities:
Enbridge, Bell Canada, Cable and Hydro.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
The encroachments on the City road allowance are as follows:

   (a) Seven awnings with signs projecting 0.60 metre beyond the property line, two
       awnings facing Deloraine Avenue and five awnings facing Avenue Road with a
       ground clearance of approximately 3.90 metres;

   (b) One entrance canopy with 1.2 metres high illuminated channel letters facing
       Avenue Road projecting 0.76 metre into the road allowance with a ground
       clearance of approximately 3.8 metres;

   (c) A projected coping facing Avenue Road at the top of the building approximately
       0.56 metre into the road allowance;

   (d) A projected lintel facing Avenue Road located below the projecting coping and
       projects approximately 0.76 metre into the road allowance.
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 encroachments.

Toronto Building, North York District staff, as part of their review, have indicated that a sign variance to the former City of North York Sign By-law 30788 is required.

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ATTACHMENTS
1. Plans