STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Encroachment Agreement Request
139 Cameron Avenue

Date: June 2, 2009
To: North York Community Council
From: District Manager, Municipal Licensing and Standards, North York District
Wards: Ward 23 - Willowdale
Reference Number: IBMS No. 07-211291

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:

1. The North York Community Council approve the encroachment agreement for 139 Cameron Avenue, subject to the following conditions:
   a) 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;
   b) That the appropriate City Officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
   c) 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;
d) 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;

e) 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;

f) 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;

g) 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 May 2007 and was circulated to Transportation Services. The owner was required to circulate the application to the following Utilities: Enbridge, Bell Canada, Cable and Hydro. Objections from Bell Canada that have now been cleared delayed the processing of this application.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

This single-family detached house is in a fourth density residential (R4) zone in the former City of North York (Attachment 1).

The existing encroachment consists of front entrance stairs, a flagstone patio/walkway, decorative stone along the driveway edges and low level bushes along both sides of the property and in the front yard (Attachments 2, 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 objection.
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ATTACHMENTS
1. Zoning map
2. Photograph of 139 Cameron Avenue – view to the west
3. Photograph of 139 Cameron Avenue – view to the east
4. Survey of 139 Cameron Avenue indicating the encroachment