Application for Fence Exemption
24 Robaldon Road

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**SUMMARY**

This staff report is in response to an application for a Fence Exemption request submitted by the owner of 24 Robaldon Road to maintain a row of nine cedars forming a hedge, ranging from 1.80 to 2.1 metres in height, over a distance of 5.8 metres. The cedars are located in the front yard adjacent to the driveway and the property at 26 Robaldon Road. This is a matter for which the Etobicoke York Community Council has been given delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Municipal Licensing and Standards recommends that the Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Refuse the application of the owner at 24 Robaldon Road, as the height of the hedge does not comply with the provisions of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 447, Fences.

**Financial Impact**

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

As the result of a complaint being received in connection with the height of the cedar hedge at the front yard of the property an inspection was conducted and it was determined the height of the hedge at the front yard of the property was in violation with
the requirements set out in Municipal Code, Chapter 447, Fences. As a result, a Notice was sent to the owner of the property outlining the violation and action to be taken. On December 5, 2011, an application was received from the owner of the property requesting an exemption to the height requirements set out within the fence regulations.

**COMMENTS**

Municipal Code, Chapter 447-1 define fence as:

*A barrier, including one for noise attenuation, or any structure, except a structural part of a building, that wholly or partially screens from view, encloses or divides a yard or other land, or marks or substantially marks the boundary between adjoining land, and includes any hedge or shrub that has the same effect.*

Section 447-2B, Table 1, Municipal Code, Chapter 447, Fences, limits the height of fences with the front yard to 1.2 metres.

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**SIGNATURE**

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District Manager

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Site Survey
Attachment 2: Elevation Photo of Cedar Hedge
Site Survey

Attachment #1
Elevation Photo of Cedar Hedge

Attachment #2