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To: [Scarborough Community Council](#); [Councillor Shan](#)
Subject: [External Sender] My comments for 2026.SC33.34 on July 9, 2026 Scarborough Community Council
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the July 9, 2026 Scarborough Community Council meeting on item 2026.SC33.34, 689 Morrish Road - Request for a Fence Exemption to the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 447

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

Good morning, Councillor Shan,

I am resending my comments sent you earlier by email for inclusion with the agenda item itself and so that all councillors have this detail:

From: david.atlas@bell.net david.atlas@bell.net
Sent: June 28, 2026 12:07 PM
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Subject: SCC - 2026-07-09 - SC33.34 - 689 Morrish Road - Fence Exemption

Good morning, Councillor,

Given the long history with this property, I was very surprised to see this item on the agenda for your SCC meeting on July 9th. I thought it beneficial to provide some history as we understand it.

In 2023, the owner went before CoA to request a variance to a driveway widening (which was already done) and for a curb cut. The application was denied. They appealed to TLAB but did not provide any material so it was automatically rejected and the decision of CoA stands. In May 2024, they installed the current fence and gate system. We immediately raised this as an issue, via 311, and an order to comply was ultimately issued. It expired, July 2024. No remedial work has taken place to-date.

This property is immediately in the school zone for Cardinal Leger and with Morrish P.S.

just down the way on Canmore. As you are aware this is a very busy area, especially during school hours. Speeding is an issue with speed humps/cushions now slated for installation on Morrish. As well as the recently installed cross guard for Morrish P.S.

We object to any fence and/or gate that provides a visual obstruction to/for pedestrians and vehicles alike. Whether that be related to height or the construction material used thereby blocking visibility. There are no sidewalks on the east side of Morrish – the same side of the road as this property.

In my experience in watching community council, I know it is rare that fence exemptions are granted. You have a lot of them for this meeting! Regardless, I thought it appropriate to share this information so that you have the full picture.

Please reach out if you have any questions or require additional information related to this item or others in the community.

Cheers,

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