COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE APRIL 22, 2002

REQUEST FOR FENCE HEIGHT EXEMPTION 74 HAMMERSTONE CRESCENT

Council adopted the following resolution at the Council meeting of April 15, 2002:

"That this matter be deferred to the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 22, 2002, to provide the Local Councillor an opportunity to meet with both parties."

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That this matter be deferred to the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 22, 2002, to provide the Local Councillor an opportunity to meet with both parties; and
- 2) That the following deputations be received:
 - a) Mr. Leon Levy, 74 Hammerstone Crescent, Thornhill, L4J 8B4; and
 - b) Mr. Farrel Potok, 78 Hammerstone Crescent, Thornhill, L4J 8B4.

Recommendation

The City Clerk requests direction on this matter.

Purpose

To grant a fence height exemption pursuant to Section 3.5 of By-Law 80-90.

Background - Analysis and Options

The owner of the above noted property has requested an exemption to the existing fence height restrictions pursuant to Section 3.5 of By-Law 80-90 to permit the maintenance of an existing front yard fence. The by-law permits a fence height of four feet (4') feet in the front yard.

The fence consists of five sections running from the front corner of the house to the front property line. Each section has been measured by the by-law enforcement officer.

The average height of the fence boards for each section is as follows:

Section -1-49 1/2 inches

2-48 ¾ inches

3-50 inches

4-50 1/4 inches

5-50 ¾ inches Average board height - 49 ¾ inches

There are five supporting posts the height of which are as follows:

Post 1-54 1/2 inches

2- 54 ¾ inches

3- 56 ¾ inches

4- 59 1/2 inches

5-58 inches

The average height of the posts is 56 3 4 inches which exceeds the maximum height permitted by approximately 8 3 4 inches.

Conclusion

Council direction is required as to whether a fence height exemption should be granted.

Attachments

1. Three photographs of the subject fence.

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