COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 15, 2010

FENCE HEIGHT EXEMPTION - 30 AMPEZZO AVENUE - WARD 3

Recommendation

The Director of Enforcement Services recommends the following:

That the fence height exemption application for 30 Ampezzo Avenue be refused.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

Notification/Request for Comment letters were sent to surrounding neighbours within a 60 metre radius. No objections have been received.

Purpose

This report is to provide information for the consideration of a fence height exemption application.

Background - Analysis and Options

The property owner of 30 Ampezzo Avenue has applied for a fence height exemption as provided for in the City of Vaughan Fence By-law 80-90.

The Applicant is making application to permit an existing rear yard fence.

The By-law permits a fence height of 6 feet in rear yards. The Applicant has requested an exemption to permit an existing wooden fence consisting of two panels 6 feet in height with additional lattice bringing the total height of the two panels ranging from 8 foot 1 inch to 8 foot 8 inches to provide a sense of privacy.

The fence was inspected as part of a pool inspection.

Enforcement Services staff inspected the Applicant's property and also reviewed other properties within the 60 metre radius. There are no other fence panels of similar height in the immediate area.

There are no site plans registered for this property.

The fence height does not pose a potential sight line issue.

The details outlined above do not support the approval of a fence height exemption for this location. Past precedence for fence height exemptions rarely has exceeded 8 feet.

This application is outside of the parameters of the delegated authority passed by Council.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is in keeping with the Vaughan Vision as it speaks to Service Delivery and Community Safety.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Fence Height Exemption requests brought before Council should be granted or denied based on the potential impact to neighbour relations, comparables in the specific area, site plan requirements, history, and safety impacts. This case does not support a fence height exemption for this location at it's current height.

Attachments

- 1) Map of Area
- 2) Site Plan
- 3) Photos

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