#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 5, 2012

#### FENCE HEIGHT EXEMPTION - 157 HELEN STREET - WARD 2

### Recommendation

The Director of Enforcement Services recommends the following:

1. That the Application for Fence Height be approved.

# **Economic Impact**

N/A

### Communications Plan

Notification/Request for Comment letters were sent to surrounding neighbours within a 60 metre radius. At the time of application no letters of objection had 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 157 Helen Street has applied for a fence height exemption as provided for in the City of Vaughan Fence By-law 80-90.

The By-law permits a fence height of 4 feet in front yards. The Applicant has requested an exemption to permit an existing front yard wrought iron fence ranging in height from 4 feet to 8 feet 5 inches. The wrought iron fence is built on top of a retaining wall and the variations in height are due to the grading, which drops off at the property line.

This application exceeds the delegated authority for fence height exemptions

# Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is in keeping with 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 supports a fence height exemption for this location at its current height.

# **Attachments**

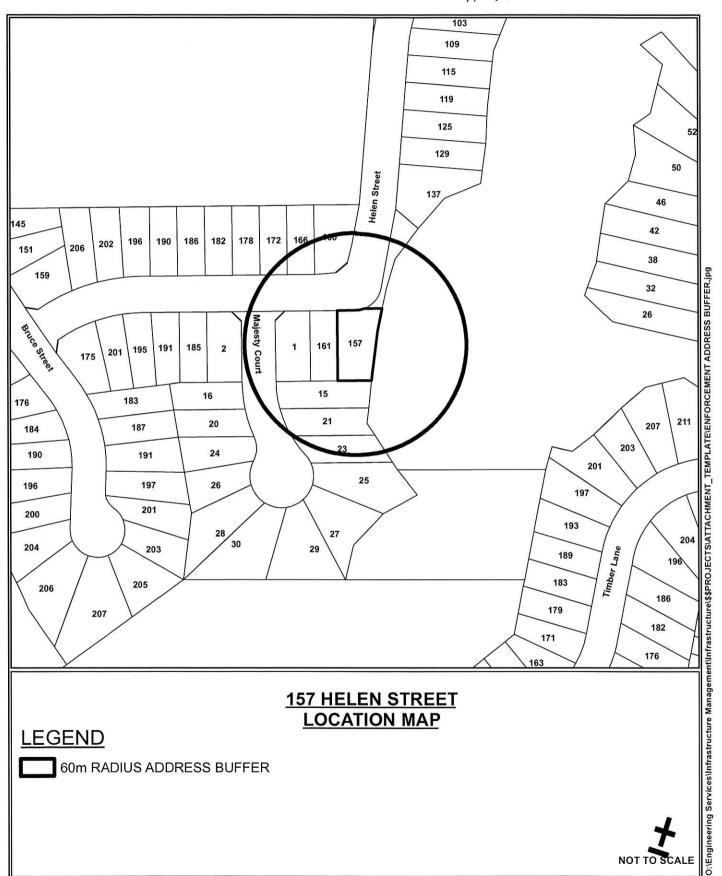
- 1. Map of surrounding streets
- 2. Photographs

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ATTACHMENT NO. 2



property drops off.

