

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 02, 2003

REQUEST FOR FENCE HEIGHT EXEMPTION
23 JOHNSWOOD CRESCENT

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

That direction be provided on this matter.

Purpose

To consider the granting of 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 is requesting 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 rear yard fence. The by-law permits a fence height of 6 feet in the rear yard. The subject fencing measures 8 feet 6 inches measured from finished grade. The applicant cites privacy as the need for such a fence.

His next door neighbour has recently constructed a raised concrete balcony at the back of his home elevated approximately 4 feet 6 inches off the ground. Without the 8 feet 6 inches fence the neighbour, while standing on the deck, is able to look straight into the applicants home either through the rear sliding doors or through two existing windows. The applicant has provided a letter from an adjoining neighbour who has experienced the same privacy issues prior to the fence being erected. A copy of the letter will be provided to Members of Council at the meeting.

Conclusion

Council direction is required on the fence height exemption request.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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