## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - OCTOBER 1, 2007**

# FENCE HEIGHT EXEMPTION - 64 LOOKING GLASS CRESCENT. - WARD 3

## Recommendation

The Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services and City Solicitor and the Director of Enforcement Services recommends:

That the fence height exemption application for 64 Looking Glass Crescent be approved, conditional upon meeting the requirements contained within the report.

## **Economic Impact**

N/A

#### **Communications Plan**

Notification/Request for Comment letters were sent to surrounding neighbours within a 60 metre radius, no appeals 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 64 Looking Glass Crescent has applied for a fence height exemption as provided for in the City of Vaughan Fence By-law 80-90, for the property located at 64 Looking Glass Crescent.

The Applicant is making application as a result of Court action by the City for the repair/replacement of a noise attenuation fence.

The By-law permits a fence height of 6 feet in rear yards. The Site Plan for this property stipulates a noise attenuation fence of 1.83 metres (or 6 feet) along the rear property line facing Langstaff Road and the exterior side property line facing Ansley Grove Road. The Applicant has constructed a fence in the exterior side yard along Ansley Grove and the rear yard along Langstaff which exceeds the maximum height permitted per the Site Plan.

The fence panels vary in height from 7 feet 4 inches to 7 foot 9 inches, the posts vary in height from 7 foot 11 inches to 9 foot 3 inches. The height variances are in large part due to the uneven grade of the property.

The area was inspected by Enforcement Services staff and adjacent fences are similar in height to the applicants. In this area there have been no similar fence height exemptions applied for in recent years, however 9 homes on Looking Glass Crescent have replaced their dilapidated rear yard noise attenuation fences due to Property Standards Orders being issued. All 9 homes have installed/replaced the rear yard noise attenuation fences with heights of approximately 7 foot 6 inch panels with 7 foot 9 inch posts (including caps).

There is a Site Plan registered for this property.

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

The details outlined above support the approval of a fence height exemption for this location provided that the fence posts be reduced to a maximum of 1 inch above each fence panel and the temporary gate at the corner of Langstaff Road and Ansley Grove Road be replaced with permanent panels in keeping with the existing panel height and the posts be reduced to 1 inch above each fence panel.

This application is outside of the parameters of the delegated authority recently 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 support the approval of a fence height exemption for this location.

# **Attachments**

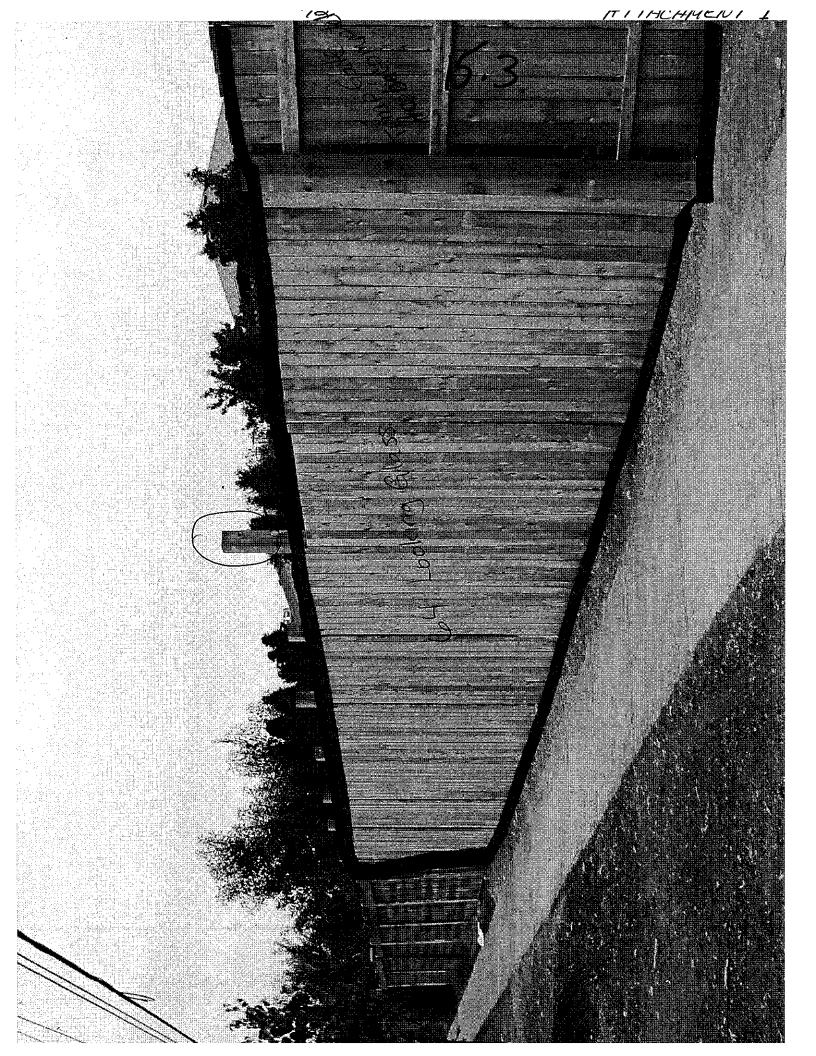
- 1) 4 Photographs
- 2) Site Plan
- 3) Site Plan Agreement (excerpt)
- Area Map of Surrounding Streets

# Report prepared by:

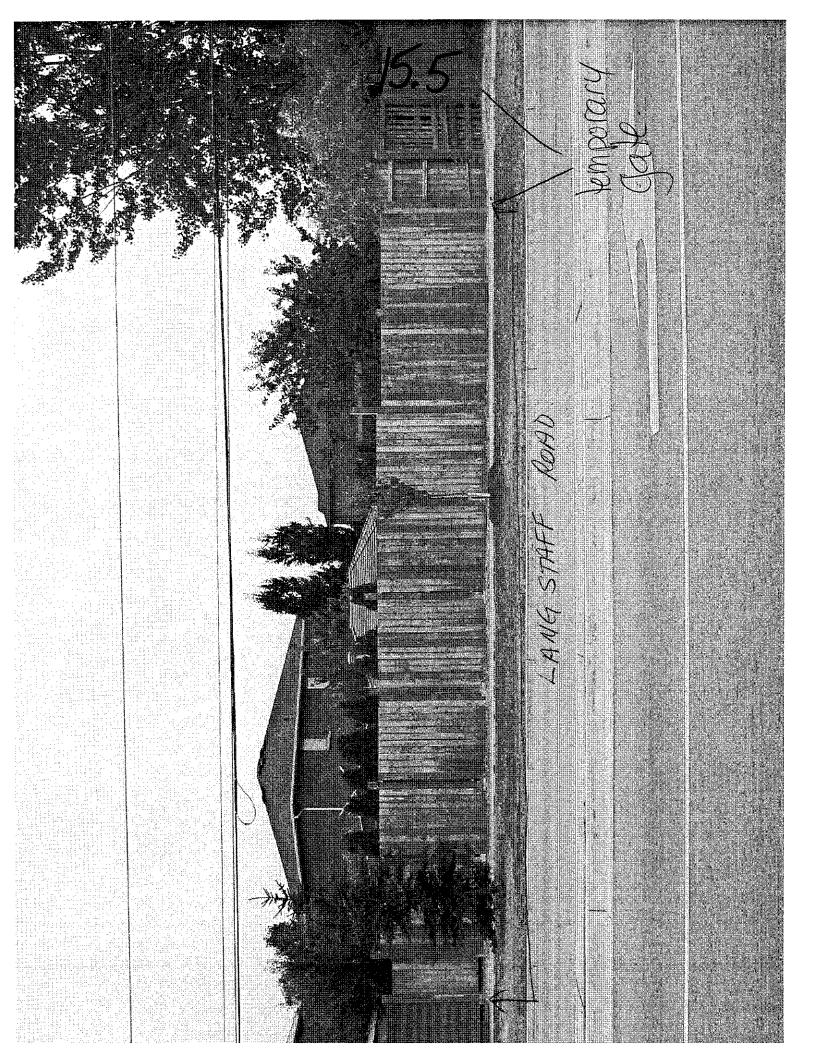
Tony Thompson Director, Enforcement Services

Respectfully submitted,

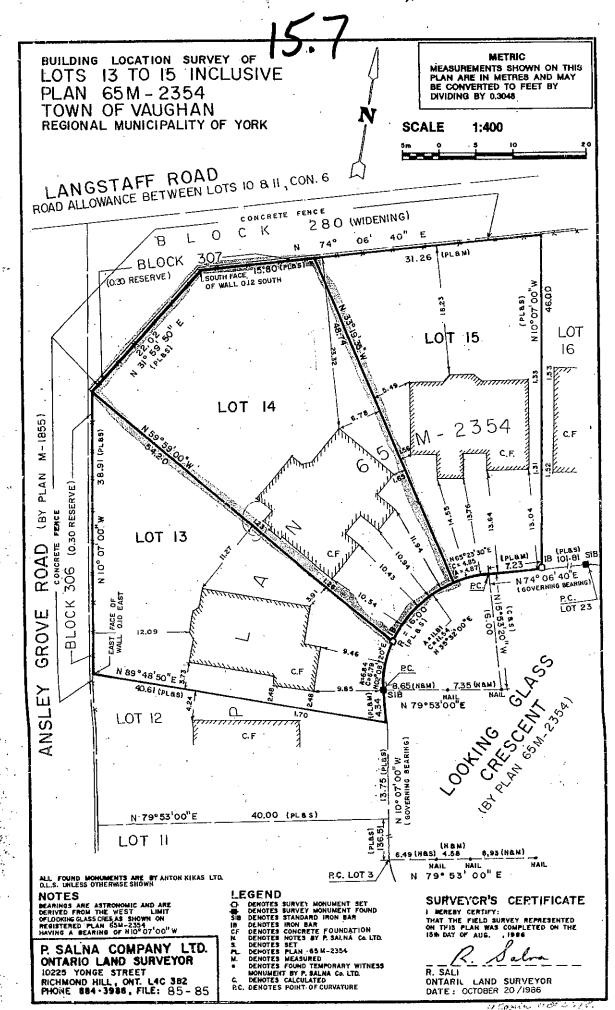
Jarrice Atwood-Petkovski
Commissioner of Legal & Administrative Services and City Solicitor











ATTACHMENT 3

- e) In no case shall a completed model home be occupied until all the other provisions of this agreement regarding the issuance of building permits or occupancy certificates are fulfilled for the lot in question.
- 21.13 No part of any noise attenuation measure shall be constructed on or within the Regional Road right-of-way on Langstaff Road. Fences adjacent to this Regional Road may be constructed on the property line provided that they are not higher than 1.83 metres.

The maintenance of noise barriers and fences and landscaping bordering on the Langstaff Road, Ansley Grove Road and Stan Gate rightsof-way and located on or abutting Lots 1 to 25 inclusive, and 28 to 50 inclusive, shall not be the responsibility of the Region or the Town and shall be maintained by the Owner as part of the municipal services as required by this Agreement. Following the Town's assumption of services in this Plan, the maintenance of the fences and barriers shall be the responsibility of the abutting lot owners, and each such owner shall be responsible for the portion abutting his lot. Any landscaping provided by the Owner for aesthetic purposes within the Regional Road allowance shall be maintained by the Owner prior to assumption and, following assumption, by the Town, with the exception of the usual grass maintenance which will be undertaken by the Region.

In the event that the Owner fails to maintain the noise barriers, fences and landscaping, the Town may draw on the municipal services Letter of Credit and carry out the necessary maintenance.

21.14 Prior to final approval of the Plan, the Owner shall pay to the Town a contribution of \$288,475.89 toward the cost of the construction of the following works:

- (a) Pine Valley Trunk Sewer \$ 47,266.10
- (b) Ansley Grove Road, including intersection improvements at Hwy #7 ~ \$ 207,466.99
- (c) Oversizing of Sanitary Sewers from Ansley Grove Rd. to Pine Valley Dr. - \$ 21,969.90
- (d) Jersey Creek Storm Outlet <u>\$ 11,772.90</u>

  TOTAL (Item 6, Schedule "I") \$ 288.475.89

ATTACHMENT, No. 4 210 SANDY'S DRIVE RIDGE 83 230 WILSHIRE BLVD DIANAWOOD 127 215 119 109 229 LANGSTAFF ROAD 72 1D2 82 92 AIRDRIE DRIVE 77 73 67 54 ROAD LIME 44 34 GROVE 23 43 38 25 34 34 26 ASHBURN CRES. AINSLEY GLASS AIRDRIE 29 33 30 28 25 18 24 22 14 21 BELVIEN AVENUE 12 54 50 ABERDEEN AVENUE FENCE HEIGHT EXEMPTION

# 64 LOOKING GLASS CRESCENT

LOCATION: Part of Lot 10, Conc. 6

LEGEND



SUBJECT LANDS



NOT TO SCALE