



TOWN OF  
**HALTON HILLS**  
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## REPORT

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**TO:** Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

**FROM:** Leon Chatoori, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

**DATE:** August 19, 2022

**REPORT NO.:** ADMIN-2022-0041

**SUBJECT:** Request from Property Owner of 8 Anderson Court for a variance to the Fence By-law 2002-0060, as amended at 8 Anderson Court, (Georgetown) Town of Halton Hills

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### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2022-0041 dated August 19, 2022 regarding a request from Property Owner of 8 Anderson Court for a variance to the Fence By-law 2002-0060, as amended is received;

AND FURTHER THAT the fence variance contained in Report No. ADMIN-2021-0054

a) be granted to Property Owner, 8 Anderson Court, as requested;

OR

b) be granted to Property Owner, 8 Anderson Court, with conditions as set out in the decision of Council;

OR

c) not be granted to Property Owner, 8 Anderson Court

## KEY POINTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- The Fence By-law defines a Fence to include a railing, wall, line of posts, wire, gate, boards, pickets, privacy screens or other similar substances, used to enclose or divide in whole or in part a yard or other land or to provide privacy.
- The Fence By-law defines a Privacy Screen as a visual barrier used to shield any part of a Yard from view from any adjacent Lot or Highway.
- The applicant is requesting a variance for the rear yard to construct a fence of 3.0 metres (10 feet)
- Rear yard currently has an existing fence that measures 2.1 metres (7 feet) in height.
- The applicant is requesting an increased height due to the increase in traffic and noise due to population growth and expansion of logistic companies travelling along Mountainview Road.

## BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The municipality has enacted legislation that controls the height of fences within the municipality, under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. The property owner of 8 Anderson Court is seeking relief from the by-law which restricts the height of a fence in the rear yard. The height of a fence in a rear yard cannot exceed 2.14 meters (7 feet) in height.

An inspection of the property was performed on August 17, 2022, which identified reduced privacy in the rear yard because of the trimming and pruning of trees on Town property adjacent to the rear lot line. The applicant has an inground pool that sits above grade which further reduces privacy.

The variance is described in the following table:

By-law Requirement	Variance Requested	Reason for Variance
The maximum height of a fence in the rear yard is 2.13 metres (7 feet).	To permit a privacy screen in the rear yard to a maximum of 3.0 metres (10 feet) in height above effective grade.	To maximize privacy along Mountainview Road North for the applicant's backyard which also contains a raised inground swimming pool.

## STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report is administrative in nature and does not have an impact on the Town's Strategic Plan.

**RELATIONSHIP TO CLIMATE CHANGE:**

This report is administrative in nature and does not directly impact or address climate change and the Town's Net Zero target.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:**

Public Engagement was not needed as this report is administrative in nature.

**INTERNAL CONSULTATION:**

No internal consultation was required in preparation of this report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This report is administrative in nature and does not have any financial implications.

Reviewed and approved by,

Susie Spry, Manager of Enforcement Services

Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director of Legislative Services

John Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development and Acting Chief  
Administrative Officer

## Photos







