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**HALTON HILLS**  
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## REPORT

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

**FROM:** Kevin Fernando, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

**DATE:** September 20, 2023

**REPORT NO.:** ADMIN-2023-029

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

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### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2023-029 dated September 20, 2023 regarding a request from the Property Owner of 8 Riverview Crescent 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-2023-029

a) be granted to the Property Owner, 8 Riverview Crescent, as requested;

OR

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

OR

c) not be granted to the Property Owner, 8 Riverview Crescent

### 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 height variance to the interior side yard to maintain a privacy screen of 2.4 metres (8 feet) in height and 1.8 metres (6 feet) wide
- The adjacent property has a window facing the applicants dwelling that provides direct view into the applicants living spaces

### **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 Riverview Crescent is seeking relief from the By-Law which restricts the height of a fence in the front, side, and rear yards. The height of a fence in the side yard cannot exceed 2.14 metres (7 feet) in height.

<b>By-law Requirement</b>	<b>Variance Requested</b>	<b>Reason for Variance</b>
The maximum height of a fence in the side yard is 2.13 metres (7 feet).	To permit a privacy screen in the interior side yard to a maximum of 2.4 metres (8 ft) in height above effective grade.	To maximize privacy for the applicants home.

### **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 the 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

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer



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