

REPORT

REPORT TO: Chair and Members of the Community and Corporate Affairs Committee

REPORT FROM: Susie Spry, Acting Supervisor of Enforcement Services

DATE: May 22, 2019

REPORT NO.: ADMIN-2019-0024

RE: Request from Jacqueline Thomas for a variance to the Fence By-law 2002-0060, as amended at 12 Market Street, (Georgetown) Town of Halton Hills

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2019-0023 regarding a request from Jacqueline Thomas for a variance to the Fence By-law 2002-0060, as amended at 12 Market Street, Town of Halton Hills be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the fence variance contained in Report No. ADMIN-2019-0024;

a) be granted to Jacqueline Thomas, 12 Market Street, as requested;

OR

b) be granted to Jacqueline Thomas, 12 Market Street, with conditions as set out in the decision of the Community and Corporate Affairs Committee;

OR

c) not be granted to Jacqueline Thomas, 12 Market Street.

BACKGROUND:

The municipality has enacted legislation that controls the height of fences within the municipality, under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Jacqueline Thomas, property owner of 12 Market Street, is seeking relief from the by-law which restricts the height of a fence in the side yard to not exceed 2.13 metres (7 feet) in height. The owner proposes a 2.43 metres (8 foot) wood privacy fence along the north side lot line of the property.

COMMENTS:

A map indicating the location of the subject property is attached. The variance is described in the following table:

By-Law Requirement	Variance Requested	Reason for Variance
The maximum height of a fence in the side yard is 2.13 metres (7 feet) in height.	To permit a fence in the side yard of 2.43 metres (8 feet) in height above the effective grade.	To provide for adequate privacy as the rear yard of the property has a substantial drop in grade.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

This report is operational in nature and has no direct link to the Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated to this report.

CONSULTATION:

The applicant was consulted in preparation of this report.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Public engagement is not applicable in this matter.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

The Town is committed to implementing our Community Sustainability Strategy, Imagine Halton Hills. Doing so will lead to a higher quality of life.

The recommendation outlined in this report is not applicable to the Strategy's implementation.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The applicant has been informed of the Community and Corporate Affairs Committee's meeting, date, time, and location and given access to a copy of the report prior to the day of the meeting. The applicant has been informed that the Committee's recommendations will be brought forward to Council for final recommendation. The applicant will be notified if Council's resolution in writing.

CONCLUSION:

The Town of Halton Hills By-law 2002-0060, as amended regulates fences. The maximum allowable height of a fence in a rear yard is 2.13 metres. The applicant is requesting to build a 2.43 metre (8 foot) wood privacy fence along the north side lot line.

Reviewed and Approved by,

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Suzanne Jones, Clerk & Director of Legislative Services

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Brent Marshall, Chief Administrative Officer