

REPORT

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

REPORT FROM: Susie Spry, Acting Supervisor of Enforcement Services

DATE: May 15, 2019

REPORT NO.: ADMIN-2019-0023

RE: Request from Nicolas Beaver for a variance to the Fence By-law 2002-0060, as amended at 44 Cotswold Court, (Georgetown) Town of Halton Hills

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2019-0023 regarding a request from Nicolas Beaver for a variance to the Fence By-law 2002-0060, as amended at 44 Cotswold Court, Town of Halton Hills be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the fence variance contained in Report No. 2002-0060;

a) be granted to Nicolas Beaver, 44 Cotswold Court, as requested;

OR

b) be granted to Nicolas Beaver, 44 Cotswold Court, with conditions as set out in the decision of the Community and Corporate Affairs Committee;

OR

c) not be granted to Nicolas Beaver, 44 Cotswold Court.

BACKGROUND:

The municipality has enacted legislation that controls the height of fences within the municipality, under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Nicolas Beaver, property owner of 44 Cotswold Court, is seeking relief from the by-law which restricts the height of a fence in the rear yard to not exceed 2.13 metres (7 feet) in height. The owner proposes a 2.74 metres (9 foot) wood privacy fence along the rear 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 rear yard is 2.13 metres (7 feet) in height.	To permit a fence in the rear yard of 2.74 metres (9 feet) in height above the effective grade.	To minimize the impact of noise from the busy street directly behind the residential property as well as for privacy and security.

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 2.74 metre (9 foot) wood privacy fence along the rear 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