

2021-05-09

Dear Committee of Adjustments,

Thank you for considering our application. This has been a long and difficult process and we appreciate the patience and professionalism that everyone at the City of Guelph has demonstrated towards us.

In August 2020, we built this fence in collaboration with our two neighbours with whom we share property lines – one beside us on Kathleen Street and one behind us on Tipperary Place. We met several times as a group to discuss the fence throughout its construction. Further, emails and text messages were exchanged throughout the entire build process and decisions were made collectively.

Due to the traffic on Kathleen Street and the lack of privacy that the previous fence offered, in addition to longstanding issues with theft in the area, we felt that a fence of approximately two metres and in line with our attached porch provided our family with greater safety, security and privacy.

With that in mind, we ask that you consider this request for a minor variance so that we can maintain the fence as built. It is a beautiful fence as neighbours and passersby often tell us, it offers our family the privacy and security we seek and was built in collaboration with our neighbours. Lastly, the cost to alter or tear down the fence would be significant, especially given the increase in the cost of materials in the last year.

Should you approve this request it will provide our family with far greater safety, security and privacy, and save us from further associated costs - both financial and emotional – with the fence.

Thank you,

Lisa Harmatuk and Hadley Carpenter