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Subject: Authorization to Post Correspondence on Agenda Re: **File #A-2024-0446** 

Dear Committee Members,

#### **Emotional Impact of Fence Height and Surveillance**

I am writing in response to the ongoing matter regarding the fence located at 17 Chiltern Court and to formally request that this correspondence be included on the public agenda for consideration.

This situation has had a profound and distressing impact on my mental health and overall wellbeing. I suffer from severe anxiety and depression, and the modifications made by Mr. and Mrs. Morris to their property has significantly worsened my condition.

Mr. Morris has installed surveillance cameras that are visibly directed into my backyard and toward the front of my home. The constant awareness of these cameras creates a persistent feeling of being watched, day and night. This violates my sense of privacy and personal security, contributing to a daily state of hypervigilance and emotional unease.

In addition to the cameras, the height and positioning of their 8-foot wooden fence further

contribute to my distress. The fence creates a sense of being boxed in, which amplifies the feeling of isolation and entrapment. More concerning, due to its height, I am unable to see beyond the fence, leaving me in a constant state of anxiety—especially with the fear that someone could be standing or hiding behind it. This is deeply frightening and only serves to intensify my existing mental health challenges.

What should be a peaceful space for myself and my family—my own backyard—now feels like a confined, surveilled environment where I no longer feel safe or at ease.

The emotional impact is not merely discomfort; it is deeply traumatic. I now avoid spending time outdoors, as the combination of the fence and the surveillance cameras triggers overwhelming anxiety and a loss of personal freedom within my own home.

This situation has interfered with my ability to relax, focus, and enjoy quality time with my family. My mental health has deteriorated, and I am seeking your understanding and support. I have attached a letter from my physician confirming my diagnosis and outlining how these environmental stressors are negatively affecting my condition.

I kindly ask that you take this emotional and psychological impact into serious consideration when reviewing this variance request. I am not making legal accusations, but simply sharing the real and lived consequences these property changes have had on my mental health and daily life.

### Fence Height and Noise from Clark Blvd

While Clark Blvd is a busy roadway, it is important to note that heavy trucks are not permitted to travel along this stretch. I would like to respectfully clarify that a standard wooden fence, even one built to a height of 8 feet, does not function as an effective sound barrier. Genuine noise barriers are engineered using solid, dense materials such as concrete or masonry, and are designed to specific acoustic standards. These structures are typically installed by municipalities along major highways to mitigate traffic noise.

In contrast, wooden fencing lacks the mass and density required to significantly block or absorb sound. While it may offer a degree of visual privacy, its ability to reduce ambient noise is negligible. Suggesting that the current 8-foot wooden fence provides substantial sound mitigation from Clark Blvd is both misleading and unsupported by acoustic science. Furthermore, our homes are located over 100 feet away from Clark Blvd, and in my experience as a long-time resident, traffic noise has never posed a noticeable issue.

### **School Children and Littering**

In regard to the concern raised about school children allegedly throwing garbage into the backyard, I wish to clarify that there is no verified evidence to support this claim. The rear of our property backs onto a public park, not directly onto a school or a high-traffic pedestrian area. The walking path commonly used by students is situated along Clark Blvd, which is set well beyond the immediate vicinity of our backyard—again, more than 100 feet away.

To date, we have not observed, nor have we been presented with any credible documentation or visual evidence, indicating that students are littering on or near the property in question. As such, the claim appears to be speculative rather than based on consistent or observable occurrences.

**Thanking You In Advance** Rajindai Rowena Sooklal

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23rd April 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to inform you and confirm that my patient named above is suffering from Major Depressive Disorder and severe Generalized Anxiety which in part is severely exacerbated by her unruly neighbour.

She tells me that the erection of a 8 foot wooden fence around the neighbor's property and installation of video surveillance cameras is having a deeply traumatic effect on her mental health.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Dr P Jones

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