

Refund of Application Fees 83 White Tail Cres

ATTENTION: Committee of Adjustment City of Brampton

2 Wellington Street West Brampton, Ontario

C/O: Ms. Jeanie Myers Legislative Coordinator Secretary-Treasurer Clerk's Office.

RE: Minor variance Application No# A-2020-0140

Dear Ms. Myers,

My wife and I are the original home owners of the stated property Lot No# 494 within the City of Brampton. As of July 22nd, 2019 an unknown complaint was made towards our Royal Outdoor Product maintenance shed located in the far southwest corner of our private backyard. The structure was erected approximately 20 years ago having no issues with drainage/grading or surrounding adjacent neighbors that directly view the structure.

The City of Brampton property standards office had subsequently issued an order to comply as the structure was not within the restrictions 2 feet from all property lot lines by-law No# 270-2004. Having resided at this location for over 23 years a considerable amount of landscaping and work was completed around the structure being the shed.

In hind-sight moving the shed to meet the requirements of the by-law would have been an extremely expensive and costly process as all planted shrubs and landscaping would have to be destroyed. Between July 2019 to present, being served and having to deal with this city order to comply my wife was temporarily laid off due to the current global Covid-19 pandemic and the Province wide lock down restrictions making it impossible to perform any sort of renovation/relocation project.

I, myself on a pension, having three young adult children who all attend university move back into the matrimonial home, increasing the economic hardship and financial stressors of daily living made this order to comply an additional expense and burden.

The city property standards department continued to enforce this order, in spite of my attempts to respectfully request for an extension as we had been dealing with a terminally ill parent who we lost in November 2019, the current winter weather conditions that year as well as the loss of my wife's uncle in December 2020 due to covid-19.

As you are aware, upon being requested to attend the City of Brampton City Hall during the lockdown restrictions, we as dedicated taxpayers and community members who contributed towards past city projects, were directed (23rd November 2020) to pay the \$619.00 minor variance application fee after fulfilling all the necessary requirements, in order to deal with this minor variance/order to comply directive.

Moving forward adding to my family's mental stress, we were instructed to again attend City Hall on 9th December 2020 during lockdown restrictions to pick up and sign documents to publicly post an official sign at our residence, advising all our neighbors that we have applied for a minor variance (in our backyard) for a shed set back by-law violation.

Shortly after posting the request for a minor variance signage, we received a letter on 18th December 2020 from Ms. Shelby Swinfield Planner I Development City of Brampton supporting our shed set back minor variance as long as conditions stated were imposed.

On January 5th, 2021 my wife and I participated in a Committee of Adjustment virtual meeting presenting our shed set back minor variance application, which we were granted the exemption complying to the order with conditions supported by the committee and chair Mr. Ron Chatha moved by Mr. Marques, seconded by Mr. Colp.

In submission to this original City of Brampton order to comply by-law 270-2004, my wife and I had to experience and deal with the loss of family members, duress, undue financial hardship mental stress and added economic strain during this period. We therefore, are respectfully requesting of the Committee of Adjustment, that the application fee for the minor variance A-2020-0140 be refunded taking into consideration the totality of the whole process factored in, and what we both experienced as property owners and long- time taxpayers in Brampton.

Regards,

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