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## Item No. 13.1.3 Harbour East and Marine Drive Community Council Special Meeting August 6, 2020

то:	Chair and Members of Harbour East Community Council
SUBMITTED BY:	-Original Signed-
	Kelly Denty, Director, Planning & Development
DATE:	March 11, 2020
SUBJECT:	Fence Permit #179713 – 470 Dyke Road, Cow Bay

### <u>ORIGIN</u>

Permit application by Andrew MacDonald to construct fencing in excess of 6.5 feet in height.

### LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

By-law B-201 respecting the Building Code:

10. (1) No person shall erect a fence more than 6.5 feet in height without first obtaining a permit therefore.
(2) Where a fence for which a permit is required separates a property containing a residential use from another property, the permit application shall be approved by the local Community Council.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council approve the request to construct fencing in excess of 6.5 feet in height at 470 Dyke Road, Cow Bay.

#### **BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

A permit application has been submitted to seek approval of an existing eight (8) foot tall fence at 470 Dyke Road, Cow Bay, along its common property boundary with 460 and 444 Dyke Road (see Attachment 2). In accordance with the requirements of the Building By-law, fences exceeding 6.5 feet in height are required to be approved by the local Community Council.

The fence is chain link with barbed wire topper (see Attachment 1). Confirmation of the fence's structural adequacy has been received from a Professional Architect as per the requirements of the Building By-Law.

The applicant has stated that the fence is for privacy and security purposes. The construction of the fence to a height of 8' will help to achieve the privacy and security the owner is seeking. Accordingly, it is recommended that Community Council approve the fence request.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications. The HRM costs associated with processing this permit application can be accommodated within the approved 2020/21 operating budget for C430 Building Standards.

#### **RISK CONSIDERATION**

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendation contained within this report.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Community Engagement, as described by the Community Engagement Strategy, is not applicable to this process. The procedure for public notification is set out under the Building By-law which requires the Municipality to serve notice on the adjacent property owners at least 14 days in advance of the meeting of the local Community Council, at which time, the public may speak to the application.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications.

#### ALTERNATIVES

Harbour East and Marine Drive Community Council may refuse the fence request. A decision to refuse the request will result in the refusal of the building permit, thus requiring the owner to remove the existing fence or reduce its height to 6.5 feet or less.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 Cross section details for fence posts with Professional Architect's Stamp

- Attachment 2 Site plan
- Attachment 3 Photo
- Attachment 4 Photo

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <u>halifax.ca</u> or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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# **ATTACHMENT 3**



# ATTACHMENT 4