

Communication 4

From: Marion Blum <[REDACTED]>
Date: Nov. 6, 2020 12:50 p.m.
Subject: Chain Link Fence on Victoria
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Dear Mayor Scarpitti and Deputy Mayor Hamilton and Markham Councillors,

I walk down Victoria Avenue in Unionville very often.

I was shocked to notice a very tall chain-link fence go up on the property of number 31.

You can see this fence on the property of #31 from as far back as the junction of Victoria Lane and Victoria Avenue and beyond. It is highly visible from the road and pathway and is not in keeping with the heritage district and the historic nature of the home that is surrounds.

It is a blight on our public realm and not consistent with our Heritage Conservation District Plan which clearly states that ‘Fencing is an integral part of establishing the heritage character of an area and an important visual element in the streetscape. Modern chain-link fences do not, for example, help create a heritage character. ‘

I have confidence that Markham Council will ensure that this fence is removed.

Sincerely,

Marion Blum and Steve Lusk

Communication 5

From: Tom Owen [REDACTED]
Date: Nov. 6, 2020 2:13 p.m.
Subject: Fence Issues - 3 Victoria Lane, Unionville
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Dear Mayor Scarpitti and Councillors

I have recently been made aware of an outstanding issue with an illegal fence installed at the above residence. My understanding that all development work, including fences, must be reviewed and approved by the City. My understanding that the proper procedures were not followed by the resident, and that the fence was built without submitting the proper request for review and has not been agreed to by City staff.

Further to the lack of procedure, it is also my understanding that the Heritage Markham Committee has recommended unanimously to remove this fence as it does not comply with the objective of only building structures that compliment a heritage style and design.

A modern fence installed in a Heritage Community, without the requisite permission, not only flies in the face of compliance but shows a lack of respect for the community. In light of this, I request that City staff be directed to find this fence in violation of the appropriate city ordinances and is out of character with the community it has been installed in.

Please protect the residents of Markham, ensure that ALL residents comply with the rules, and protect the lovely heritage of Unionville. This fence should be removed.

Thank you

Tom Owen