

Communication 6

From: peggy cheng <[REDACTED]>

Date: Nov. 6, 2020 11:33 p.m.

Subject: support the removal of the fence

To: Mayor Scarpitti <MayorScarpitti@markham.ca>, "Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton – Markham"
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Dear Mayor Scarpitti and Deputy Mayor Hamilton and Markham Councillors,

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The 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 surrounded.

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,

Communication 7

From: Winnie [REDACTED]

Date: Nov. 7, 2020 6:28 a.m.

Subject: #3 Victoria Lane

To: Mayor Scarpitti <MayorScarpitti@markham.ca>, "Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton – Markham" <DHamilton@markham.ca>, "Regional Councillor, Jack Heath - Markham" <jheath@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Amanda Collucci - Markham" <ACollucci@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Andrew Keyes - Markham" <AKeyes@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Keith Irish - Markham" <KIrish@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Alan Ho - Markham" <Alan.ho@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Khalid Usman - Markham" <KUsman@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Karen Rea - Markham" <KRea@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Reid McAlpine - Markham" <RMcAlpine@markham.ca>, "Regional Councillor, Joe Li - Markham" <JLi3@markham.ca>, "Regional Councillor, Jim Jones - Markham" <jjones@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Isa Lee - Markham" <ILee@markham.ca>, "Wokral, Peter" <pwokral@markham.ca>

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Dear Mayor Scarpitti and Councillors,

I am writing to you today in regards to item 10.1 on the Development Services Committee agenda for [November 9th](#) – Appeal of Heritage Permit Application for a Fence [3 Victoria Lane](#), Unionville.

I do not support the appeal from [#3 Victoria Lane](#) to keep the fence and that it must be removed, in line with the unanimous vote taken at the Heritage Markham Committee to have the fence removed.

Sincerely,
York Region Resident
Winnie Lee

Communication 8

From: john garofalo [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 9:12 PM
To: Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>
Subject: 3 Victoria Lane fence removal

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To Markham heritage committee

My name is John Garofalo I live at 3 Eureka st. I have seen this fence walking my 2 dogs and can't understand how it got there, does this owner know someone I don't, I'm sure this would not pass at my house. I live by the rules and the law, when I moved here I was aware of the heritage community and its charm. I always hoped that no one new to the area would change its charm no matter how small the change was. I have a new house being built next to me, I asked the carpenter if he would change the roof line the house might look better, he said it would never pass inspection. That was the right move had to keep with tradition. So now we have the owner of 3 Victoria St who thinks he can do what ever, well no way. You start with one person getting what he wants leads to everyone doing the same. Maybe I can stucco my house now never liked wood. This resident must remove the fence and start from scratch with his neighbour, remember the other side of the fence is not Mexico.

Communication 9

From: John Mayo <[REDACTED]>

Date: Nov. 6, 2020 6:16 p.m.

Subject: Unionville Heritage Conservation District Plan - Victoria Ave

To: Mayor Scarpitti <MayorScarpitti@markham.ca>, "Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton – Markham" <DHamilton@markham.ca>, "Regional Councillor, Jack Heath - Markham" <jheath@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Amanda Collucci - Markham" <ACollucci@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Andrew Keyes - Markham" <AKeyes@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Keith Irish - Markham" <KIrish@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Alan Ho - Markham" <Alan.ho@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Khalid Usman - Markham" <KUzman@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Karen Rea - Markham" <KRea@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Reid McAlpine - Markham" <RMcAlpine@markham.ca>, "Regional Councillor, Joe Li - Markham" <JLi3@markham.ca>, "Regional Councillor, Jim Jones - Markham" <jjones@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Isa Lee - Markham" <ILee@markham.ca>, "Wokral, Peter" <pwokral@markham.ca>

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Dear Mayor Scarpitti and Councillors,

I am writing with reference to a property on Victoria Avenue in Unionville. I notice that the owners of #31 have erected a clearly visible chain-link fence along the length of one side of the property and this seems completely at odds with the heritage nature of this area.

The Unionville Heritage Conservation District Plan states that “front yard and backyard fence treatment should be consistent with the guidelines found in section 9.7.” The plan clearly encompasses Victoria Avenue, describing it in section **9.1 Streetscapes** as “the most representative example of a vernacular streetscape in the District,” and has guidelines for what is appropriate in that area. Under section **9.7.3 backyard fences**, the plan says “A straight board fence or a board on board fence are appropriate styles,” and includes drawings of a number of suggested treatments. Elsewhere it is specifically stated that chain-link fencing is “inappropriate.”

I have every confidence that Markham Council will ensure that the terms of the Heritage Conservation plan are upheld and that this chain-link fence, which disregards the plans guidelines, will be removed.

Sincerely,

John Mayo

Communication 10

From: christl reeh [REDACTED]

Date: Nov. 7, 2020 8:34 p.m.

Subject: Black Chain Link Fence at the east end of Victoria Avenue, in Unionville

To: Mayor Scarpitti <MayorScarpitti@markham.ca>, "Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton – Markham" <DHamilton@markham.ca>, "Regional Councillor, Jack Heath - Markham" <jheath@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Amanda Collucci - Markham" <ACollucci@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Andrew Keyes - Markham" <AKeyes@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Keith Irish - Markham" <KIrish@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Alan Ho - Markham" <Alan.ho@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Khalid Usman - Markham" <KUzman@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Karen Rea - Markham" <KRea@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Reid McAlpine - Markham" <RMcAlpine@markham.ca>, "Regional Councillor, Joe Li - Markham" <JLi3@markham.ca>, "Regional Councillor, Jim Jones - Markham" <jjones@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Isa Lee - Markham" <ILee@markham.ca>, "Wokral, Peter" <pwokral@markham.ca>

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Dear Mayor Scarpitti and Councillors,

this morning I biked along Victoria Ave. toward the conservation area and walking paths for the first time in a few months. I met many walkers along the way.

I was horrified to see an industrial looking chainlink fence, painted black. What a stark contrast to the soft scape of the rest of the avenue - a real sore spot.

I understand this fence which looks like a stretched 'z', was put up without a permit. That is a pity, as I imagine the staff that would issue the permit might ask 'why this fence?'. There doesn't seem to be an obvious reason. A cedar hedge already separates #31 on its east side from the remainder of that land to the creek.

Then shrubs and bushery that used to run along the south side of the walkway just past the last house on the same side, and before the bridge, have been removed, exposing that same ugly fence which ends just before the creek.

Doesn't the City also request from all of us to seek permission before removal of any plants, let alone trees from City property? So many trees are planted in Markham each year for a better environment, why cut any of them down, and in this case unnecessarily and illegally?

Said fence with its odd line separates #31 Victoria Avenue from its south side neighbour, then divides that one's property from the east side land, before it comes along the walkway. What is its purpose? Keep animals in? Out?

Even with the removal of the shrubs along the walkway deer would have trouble cutting through the remaining stems and branches let alone having an adult do the same. The shrub/tree barrier to my mind was sufficient to keep animals away from the walking path, and provide visual privacy if that is a concern if that was its purpose.

A picket fence would be a lot kinder to this heritage area, although that would still look out of place in the

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generally open concept of the whole street.

This thought process still begs the question, why did the owner not get a permit, which would have undoubtedly caused a reasonable discussion as to its use and look? What is the owner afraid of? Not get his/her way?

Long-time Unionville Resident

Communication 11

From: Winnie Fung <[REDACTED]>

Date: Nov. 7, 2020 10:47 p.m.

Subject: Fence on Victoria Ave.

To: Mayor Scarpitti <MayorScarpitti@markham.ca>

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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,

Winnie Fung, Unionville Resident

Communication 12

From: Paul Marsh <[REDACTED]>

Date: Nov. 8, 2020 12:42 p.m.

Subject: Fence on #3 Victoria Lane

To: Mayor Scarpitti <MayorScarpitti@markham.ca>, "Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton – Markham" <DHamilton@markham.ca>, "Regional Councillor, Jack Heath - Markham" <jheath@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Amanda Collucci - Markham" <ACollucci@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Andrew Keyes - Markham" <AKeyes@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Keith Irish - Markham" <KIrish@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Alan Ho - Markham" <Alan.ho@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Khalid Usman - Markham" <KUzman@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Karen Rea - Markham" <KRea@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Reid McAlpine - Markham" <RMcAlpine@markham.ca>, "Regional Councillor, Joe Li - Markham" <JLi3@markham.ca>, "Regional Councillor, Jim Jones - Markham" <jjones@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Isa Lee - Markham" <ILee@markham.ca>, "Wokral, Peter" <pwokral@markham.ca>

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Item 10.1 on the Development Services Committee agenda for November 9th – Appeal of Heritage Permit Application for a Fence 3 Victoria Lane, Unionville

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

We are writing in regard to the Appeal of the Heritage Permit Application for a Fence at #3 Victoria Lane in Unionville. We have lived in the Unionville heritage district for over 20 years and we deeply value the beautiful natural settings of the ravine and trail system that is an integral part of our historic neighbourhood. Unionville heritage district is a gem of a place within the City of Markham that attracts thousands of visitors year-round. As a Unionville resident, we are proud that the City has established heritage policies, guidelines and the advisory committee to help protect the interest and character of our neighbourhood.

However, we are dismayed to witness the erosion of the City's interest to properly apply these heritage policies, guidelines and uphold the recommendations of the Heritage Markham Committee. The fence at #3 Victoria Lane is one of the latest examples that the City should demonstrate that it is consistently applying and following all the rules it established. The chain-link fence at #3 Victoria Lane was installed without a heritage permit which has resulted in a fence that is unsightly, unfit within the heritage district and it contravenes the City's heritage policies and Fence by-law. To worsen the situation, the extension of this illegal fence has destroyed areas of natural greenery and habitat; greatly segregating and impeding the natural flow of wildlife. As such, the City should uphold the decision of the Heritage Markham Committee and request the chain-link fence to be taken down. By allowing the fence to

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remain on the joint property line, the City is essentially favouring the owner of #3 and removing the rights of #31 owner to have any say in the matter, even though the fence is a “shared” matter.

We urge the City to deny the appeal for the fence to remain, as it sets a dangerous precedent that unlawful installations can take place and the City will not apply its own established policies and guidelines. Further, should the City choose not to follow the recommendation of the Heritage Markham Committee, the City is diminishing the Committee’s role to make meaningful decisions that reflect the interests of the local community.

Regards,

Paul and Shirley Marsh

Communication 13

On November 8, 2020 at 4:18:42 PM EST, WRYCRAFT <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Dear Mayor Scarpitti, Deputy Mayor Hamilton and Councillors,

I would like you all to know that I am shocked, angered and appalled that such a fence has been erected in this beautiful heritage area.

Please ensure that this is removed and if necessary, replaced with something in keeping with this area.

I have lived in Unionville for years and this is the first time I have seen such a blight around a historic home.

And it was erected without a permit - even when the owner was told to apply for one before hand.

He obviously knew his permit would be denied and hence chose to ignore the advice of our local councillor.

I hope that you will all abide by the rules for our heritage areas that if a fence is visible to the public realm that it cannot be a chain-link fence.

Sincerely

Jean Wrycraft

Unionville Resident

Communication 14

From: Michael Gannon <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 5:55 PM

To: Mayor Scarpitti <MayorScarpitti@markham.ca>; Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton – Markham <DHamilton@markham.ca>; Regional Councillor, Jack Heath - Markham <jheath@markham.ca>; Councillor, Amanda Collucci - Markham <ACollucci@markham.ca>; Councillor, Andrew Keyes - Markham <AKeyes@markham.ca>; Councillor, Keith Irish - Markham <KIrish@markham.ca>; Councillor, Alan Ho - Markham <Alan.ho@markham.ca>; Councillor, Khalid Usman - Markham <KUsman@markham.ca>; Councillor, Karen Rea - Markham <KRea@markham.ca>; Councillor, Reid McAlpine - Markham <RMcAlpine@markham.ca>; Regional Councillor, Joe Li - Markham <JLi3@markham.ca>; Regional Councillor, Jim Jones - Markham <jjones@markham.ca>; Councillor, Isa Lee - Markham <ILee@markham.ca>; Wokral, Peter <pwokral@markham.ca>; Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>; Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>

Subject: Deputation re Nov 9 DSC Item 10.1

This is a written deputation requesting that the appeal to allow the wrought iron fence at #3 Victoria Lane be denied. The owner was warned by the ward councilor, also a close neighbour, before installation, that a permit was required, yet still went ahead without a permit. That kind of arrogance should not be rewarded. Oops sorry, is exactly what the Heritage process is designed to forestall. Heritage committee has already denied the permit. The fact that a wrought iron fence is not specifically excluded for rear yards, as mentioned by staff, is not relevant, as that conversation could, and should have taken place if the permit was applied for, prior to installation.

Regards

Mike Gannon

Director URA

[REDACTED]

From: Michael Gannon <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 6:26 PM

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Subject: Re: Deputation re Nov 9 DSC Item 10.1

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Apologies, corrected version reflecting chain link fence, not wrought iron.

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