

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Patrick Briere, By-Law Enforcement Officer

SEP 15 2014

Re: Letter dated September 4, 2014 from Mr. T. Parks, 914 Armit Avenue.

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Council will recall at their meeting held September 8, 2014 a letter dated September 4, 2014, from Mr. T. Parks, 914 Armit Avenue was referred to the Planning and Development Executive Committee for their recommendation.

The Planning & Development Executive Committee discussed this matter at their September 15, 2014 meeting. At this meeting the Planning and Development Executive Committee heard verbal reports from By-Law Enforcement Officers and the Chief Building Official. These reports outlined the process and resolutions that were employed by By-Law Enforcement and the Chief Building Official. With this stated the Planning and Development Executive Committee has accepted the fence as being compliant with By-Law #75/09 and that no further actions will be taken in regards to the fence.

The Planning and Development Executive Committee is recommending that Council accept the fence as being compliant with By-Law 75/09 and that no further actions be taken.

Respectfully submitted



Patrick Briere  
By-Law Enforcement Officer

**Council approval of this report will: authorize a letter to be sent to Mr. T. Parks, 914 Armit Avenue that advises Mr. Parks that the fence is in full compliance with By-Law #75/09 and that no further actions will be taken.**

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September 11, 2014

Terry Parks  
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Dear Sir:

At their meeting, September 8, 2013, Council referred the letter dated September 4, 2014 from T. Parks re: Fencing Issues to the Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation.

By copy of this letter, your request has been referred as directed.

Please direct any questions you may have to F. Flatt, Municipal Planner, at 274-5323, ext 275.

Yours very truly,

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE DIVISION

Kathryn M. Lawson, Deputy Clerk

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c.c. Planning and Development Executive Committee  
-Attn: F. Flatt, Municipal Planner  
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September 4, 2014

**Mayor and Council of the Town of Fort Frances**

Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

With regret I submit this letter to Council. It is a short version of time and events concerning the neighbor on the north side of my property at 914 Armit Avenue, building a rear yard fence between the properties that has the posts and structural port exposed to our side. No prior conversation on the matter with my wife or I has resulted in the involment of the By-Law Officers of Fort Frances. At first I thought the solution would be prompt as the by-law Officer had indicated to me that other town residents had been ordered to to turn the fences around in compliance with the by-Law. The result I look at now is simply the addition of fence pickets nailed at random spaces to the back of the support rails, which themselves do not meet requiremens as mentioned in number 14 of the provisions section of the By-Law. By-law Officers now say this fence is considered to be a sturdy shadow box fence. Not understanding the term , I checked the internet to find it described as a fence constucted with both sides equal. The dispute between neighbors over this fence and the exclusion of input from my wife and I in the resolution or comprmise in the matter has, in my opinion, resulted in by-Law Officers accepting a fence sub-standard to requirements of the By-Law and is doing so have overstepped their authority in this matter. I feel a resolution or comprmise has yet to be reached.

Sincerely

T. Parks

