# Appendix B Report 2023-225

## Madison Cassar

From: Sent: To: Subject:

October 1, 2023 9:09 AM Bylaw Enforcement New Response Completed for Resident Comment Form for By-Law Variances

Hello,

Please note the following response to Resident Comment Form for By-Law Variances has been submitted at Sunday October 1st 2023 9:05 AM with reference number 2023-10-01-001.

- First name
- Last name
- Address
- City PORT COLBORNE
- Postal Code
  L3K0A7
- Phone Number
- Email
- Variance Reference No. 2023-08-23-005
- **Proximity to applicant property** Adjacent
- Have you previously registered a complaint on the application property?  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{No}}$

#### • Please provide your comments:

We have given consideration to the request put in by our neighbours and unfortunately we cannot make sense of the request. When we look at the 3 properties, we are in a bungalow and our two neighbours are in raised bungalows. Their decks are at eye level with each other and a 10 foot fence does not give either of them any more privacy. Our deck is lower and they are already fenced at the top of their deck and there is no privacy issue. We have taken pictures but cannot upload them for you.

An 8 foot fence or 10 foot fence blocks the quarry view we enjoy from our dining room

window and our back deck. Aesthetically it would be like looking out at a prison yard fence. Please let us know if we can supply any more information for you or we welcome you to our home to come and view for yourself.

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### **Diana Vasu**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Madison Cassar November 8, 2023 1:18 PM Diana Vasu FW: Pictures - RE 57 Renfield St Fence Variance IMG\_0323.jpg; IMG\_0322.jpg; IMG\_0321.jpg; IMG\_0320.jpg; IMG\_0319.jpg

Hi Diana,

Here are the photos from

Can you please attach to their comments regarding the fence variance of 57 Renfield St for consideration by Council?

Thank you!



Madison Cassar *By-law Intake Officer* City of Port Colborne

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From: Diane Chivers Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 1:13 PM To: Madison Cassar <Madison.Cassar@portcolborne.ca> Subject: Fwd: Pictures

Forwarded message
From: Diane Chivers
Date: Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 12:59 PM
Subject: Pictures
To: Diane Chivers

Hi Madison,

I am sending these from 61 Renfield, let me know if you need better views or if you would like to talk through them.

Thank you, Diane Chivers

Sent from my iPhone











### **Madison Cassar**

From: Sent: To: Subject:

October 4, 2023 6:22 PM Bylaw Enforcement New Response Completed for Resident Comment Form for By-Law Variances

Hello,

Please note the following response to Resident Comment Form for By-Law Variances has been submitted at Wednesday October 4th 2023 6:18 PM with reference number 2023-10-04-008.

- First name
- Last name
- Address
- City
  Port Colborne
- Postal Code
  L3K 0A7
- Phone Number
- Email
- Variance Reference No. 2023-08-23-005
- **Proximity to applicant property** Adjacent
- Have you previously registered a complaint on the application property? No
- Please provide your comments:

We have two comments we would like to put forward for the city's consideration on the matter of the request for a rear fence variance at 57 Renfield. We've heard from other neighbours who are concerned it will devalue their property because it will obstruct their view of the quarry pond. We empathize with their situation. We can also understand how the owners of 57 Renfield might want to ensure privacy from neighbours. From a structural perspective, has the city done its due diligence to ensure the contractors installed appropriate posts at the appropriate depth to support the weight and height of

10-foot and 8-foot tall sections of wood fencing? The posts are installed quite close to the swale, which tends to get quite swampy after rain/snow fall. Are they below frost line? It's also a high-wind corridor, which is another reason to ensure the posts are installed at the correct depth. The maximum depth we could achieve while completing our test dig in our backyard, which shares a property line with 57 Renfield was three feet. We were advised that the rule of thumb for post depth is one-third to one-half of the actual above-ground height of the fence. So were the posts for the the eight-foot tall section of the fence buried to at least four feet and the 10-foot high section even deeper? Our concern is from a safety perspective. We'd like to make sure the City has confirmed the posts were dug at the proper depths to support the integrity of this structure and keep everybody safe.

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