

2021 Board of Variance Notice of Appeal Form

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Property					
Name of Owner	Carolyn Cameron				
Civic Address of Prop	erty 3814 Oxford Street, Burnaby,				
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best of my knowledge, tr	e information submitted in support of this application is, to the ue and correct in all aspects, and further that my plans have no plaws other than those applied for with in this application.				
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Date	Applicant Signature				
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Appeal Date 202	Feb OY Appeal Number BV# 6420				
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Hardship Letter from Applicant					
□ Sit	te Plan of Subject Property				

Any documents submitted in support of this Board of Variance Appeal will be made available to the public

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January 11 2021

Dear City of Burnaby BOV Committee:

I hope this finds you well. I am writing to you to apply to the board of variance for a revision/variance to permit #BLD20-00222. More specifically for hedge and fence height in my vision clearance area on the SW corner of my property. The intention is to keep the existing 111 year old laurel hedge, (it was my initial understanding that this hedge was protected under the house's heritage designation) and to keep my 6 foot high wood fence. The fence is new, but it replaced an existing 6 foot high fence that to my knowledge had been there for at least 25+ years.

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3814 Oxford Street, my home, as you may or may not know has a designated heritage status. Of which I am most proud. I have spent a great deal of time and money restoring my home to its former glory. All of the original windows have been restored, along with the floors and the plaster walls and the wood work and so on.... For the present time, I am the keeper of this home, and I want to leave it in the best shape possible for the next generation. A year ago, my husband passed away. Which has been very hard on our two children who are now 10 and 13. We had always talked about having a pool one day... life is short, so I decided to it.

When designing the pool, I took great care as to the placement. I didn't want it to distract from the house. My vision was more of a water feature then a waterpark playground. The SW corner of my lot was the perfect place. It was unused space and my existing laurel would create a beautiful backdrop, and provide the privacy and the safety needed.

To give a better understanding of the corner, as I am not sure who has seen it, there is Esmond street, then a 5 foot wide sidewalk, then 8 feet of a grassed blvd, then my hedge begins. So there is 8 feet of clearance before the sidewalk, then the 5 foot sidewalk - so 12 feet of vision clearance. The laurel hedge is about 9 feet tall and 7 feet thick. My property line is around 14.5 feet from the sidewalk, but my fence is not on my property line, but about 1.5 feet into my property, it just worked out that way.

To say that my hedge and fence provide safety and peace of mind is a given. Even more so now that I am a single parent. Sadly, my neighborhood is now the 2nd highest level of crime density in Burnaby, according to the RCMP heat map. Not that I didn't already know that. My garage has been broken into multiple times, tools and bikes stolen. My vehicle has been broken into more times then I can remember, it has been keyed, windows smashed, and even urinated in. Keeping my home and family safe is my #1 priority.

What is also relevant here, and what I would ask the board to consider is:

- (1) the hedge is 111 years old and so far the vision clearance has not been an issue;
- (2) a six foot high fence has also been there for 25+ years and the vision clearance has not been an issue, and thus created no undue burden on any neighboring residence;
- (3) the existing hedge and fence are instep with the existing neighbourhood to my knowledge, (and I've looked!) there are no properties in this entire neighbourhood that comply with bylaw #4742-6.13;
- (4) I have an exceptionally wide boulevard, so there is ample sight clearance;
- (5) All but 1 of my entire block (the owner is ill and is in the hospital) has signed a letter stating they wish to leave the fence and hedge as is, that it does not impede the vision clearance and that the hedge is an important historical feature of the neighborhood please see attached);
- (6) my project is an improvement to the neighbourhood and will result in an overall increase in property values and tax base created by improvement;(7)

Thank you for your consideration.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Cameron

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Dear City of Burnaby Variance Board,

We the undersigned are all in agreement that the existing hedge and fence at the corner of Esmond Ave and the lane behind 3814 Oxford street should remain as it. The hedge needs to be protected as it is an important historical feature of the neighbourhood. The fence is a replacement of what was previously existing. Neither impede the vision clearance.

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BOARD OF VARIANCE REFERRAL LETTER

DATE: January 8, 2021	This is not an application. Please submit this letter to the Clerk's office (ground floor) when you make your Board of Variance		
DEADLINE: January 12, 202			
APPLICANT NAME: Caroly			
APPLICANT ADDRESS: 381			
TELEPHONE: 604-657-8381	application.		
PROJECT		wild Market 1	
DESCRIPTION: Swimming P	ool to an Existing S	ingle Family Dwelling	
ADDRESS: 3814 Oxford Stree	t		
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	LOT:	DL: 186	PLAN: BCP38191

Building Permit BLD16-01702 has been issued but will require a revision that will be denied by the Building Department because the design is not in compliance with Burnaby Zoning Bylaw No. 4742:

R5 / Sections 6.13.1(b), and 6.14.2(1)(b)

COMMENTS:

The applicant currently has a building permit for a swimming pool to an existing single family dwelling. In order to allow the Building Permit application to proceed, the applicant requests that the following variances be granted:

- 1) To vary Section 6.13(1)(b) "Vision Clearance at Intersections" of the Zoning Bylaw from 1.07 m (3.51 feet) to a maximum of 2.15 m (7.04 feet) for heights of constructed retaining walls and fences located in the required vision clearance. The applicability of this variance, if granted, is limited to the scope of the proposal shown on the attached plans.
- 2) To vary Section 6.14.2 (1)(b) "Fences" of the Zoning Bylaw requirement to allow the construction of fences up to 2.07 m (6.79 feet) high to the rear of a required front yard, where no fence or other structure or structures no greater than 1.80 m (5.91feet) in height may be located. The applicability of this variance, if granted, is limited to the scope of the proposal shown on the attached plans.

Note:

- 1. The applicant recognizes that should the project contain additional characteristics in contravention of the Zoning By-law, a future appeal(s) may be required.
- 2. All new principal building projections into the resulting required yards will conform to the requirements of Section 6.12.
- 3. Fences and retaining walls will conform to the requirements of Section 6.14.

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Deputy Chief Building Inspector



