

From: Sylvania Ng and Edward Kasprzak, December 7, 2022

To: Vaughan Committee of Adjustments regarding File A238/22

We are the owners of 38 Thomas Henry Road and have lived there for over 31 years. We are the immediate neighbours of the applicants. Of the 3 adjacent backyards, our shared property line is the closest to the proposed structure, only 70 inches.

On page 24 of the application there is a memo from Christine Vigneault to Nancy Tuckett. In the comments, the structure is described as “remaining unenclosed”. We disagree with this description. By the applicant’s own admission, the structure will be an enclosed heated living space to be used year round. It is not a covered porch. It is essentially another room added to the back of their house.

If the structure is built, we are very concerned about losing our privacy when using our backyard. As well, we believe that a future potential buyer of our house will feel the same way.

In our backyard, we have a raised wooden deck that is 18 inches in height. I am 6 feet tall, so that when I BBQ on the deck near our fence-in-common, my head is about 7 feet above the ground. The solid portion of the 6 foot fence that we share is only 5 feet tall. The top 1 foot portion is see-through lattice. I will have a clear view of occupants in the proposed structure, and they of me.

Compared to the current use of their backyard, the applicants will likely be in the space much more often, after the proposed structure is built, and year round. This will make my wife and I feel uncomfortable in our own backyard – as though someone is watching what we do. This is why we ask the Committee to reject the application.

There is a remedy to our objection. The current fence between our properties is 28 feet long, and divided into 4 sections by support posts. If the applicants would agree to install a privacy fence with no lattice, at their expense, we would not object to their application. We would ask that the fence be stepped in 4 sections – 8, 8, 7 and 6 feet tall. The 8 foot sections blocking the view of the proposed structure.

Thank you for allowing us to speak, and for your consideration.