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Be advised that I wish to remain anonymous and that my email address not be shared.

To whom it may concern,

I have been a resident of Maple since 1987, and as such, long before the subject property/neighborhood was even built. I currently reside in the same neighborhood as the subject property at 35 Elena Crescent.

I am writing to voice my concerns with the subject application. I believe that by-laws and laws are enacted primarily for the benefit of the population at large and are not meant to discriminate against or afford a benefit to any one resident. As such, I find it disrespectful that a person would feel that they are above by-laws and should be allowed to do whatever they want whenever they want with no regard for the population at large or in particular, their close neighbours. It is my understanding that the subject applicant has failed to obtain any proper permits before erecting various structures. I believe that allowing an individual to disregard a by-law, or multiple by-laws, and affording them retroactive by-law variances is not appropriate. Further, it sets a very bad example and precedent for future violations. But most importantly, I can not fathom why the subject applicant should be considered above the law/by-laws and viewed as more important than any other person who follows the rules appropriately. I would imagine that over the years, many people have made decisions within the confines of and with respect to the by-laws in place. Why should this applicant be afforded special treatment when others are respectful to the laws and the community.

I will also comment on the structures already erected on the property. While I have not personally gone into the applicant's private property to measure the structures' dimensions and positions, it is clear that they are very large, cover nearly the entire backyard, are much taller than even the fencing with the neighboring properties, and are positioned almost right up against the fencing. I am assuming the fencing follows the property lines, so it would appear to me that multiple by-laws are violated. Perhaps worse of all, these structures are very tall and overlook all the neighboring properties like lookout towers. This is far different than a house's windows, as this is a natural reality of neighborhoods like this, and not an additional man-made structure in the backyard. As a member of the Maple community since the 1980's, I find it very disappointing that a structure like this could be allowed/approved for construction. These types of structures strip away a great deal of all neighboring properties' privacy. These types of man-made structures are not akin to nature itself (i.e. trees, bushes) which grow large and can create natural privacy.

I make these comments with respect and for no other reason than the referenced application.

Regards