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Grand Bend Municipal Office
4 Ontario St N
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RE: Privacy Fence at 6 Main St W

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter regarding the replacement fence built at 6 Main St W. The previous fence had been in place for more than 30 years and was in place at the time we bought our home. It needed to be replaced. The replacement fence was attached to the pre-existing post, which is the entrance to our property and, built 5 ft behind the original fence, which is well within the property lines (which have been in use for almost 100 years).

The fence serves many important purposes and is required for the following reasons:

- The property is eroding and due to this our home is experiencing damage from water draining from street level, affecting our foundation and the structure of our home. As the municipality has yet to take responsibility regarding this issue and has taken no action to properly correct the flow and drainage of excess water, the fence is required as it helps prevent this erosion, preventing further damage to our home.
- It provides privacy from pedestrians on Main St. Without the fence, we are left subjected to those who publicly expose themselves to us while urinating and/or defecating on our property which is not only inappropriate and unlawful but, also poses risks to our health as it is unsanitary.
- It prevents the large amount of litter that accumulates on the road from entering our property. This litter also poses risk to our health as it includes glass, metal cans, and used personal items such as needles and masks. These items can cause injury and illness.
- We have a large dog who has the right to live in a safe environment. Without the fence, the public has access to our property and often attempts to pet, feed, aggravate and torment him. Not only do these behaviours pose a risk to our dog, but they also pose a risk to the pedestrians who inappropriately partake in these unwanted behaviours. The fence eliminates these risks and liabilities.

- We take pride in the care of our property and the fence will help prevent the excessive amount of unwanted weeds that comes in from the surrounding properties that are not properly maintained.

For the many health and safety reasons stated above, we are requesting that the replacement fence be permitted to stay as it is. We also requesting to be given the same Grandfathering Rights as our neighbours at 4 Main St W and 10 Main St W and have use of road allowance.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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