

April 12, 2012

Chair and Members of the Public Safety Committee

Re: Request for Delegation – Pool Fence By-law

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Please accept this as my request to appear before the Public Safety Committee as a delegation to request that the Swimming Pool Fence By-law PS-5 be amended.

Section 5.3 of the Pool Fence By-law requires that the vertical distance between each horizontal rail to be greater than 1.2 metres (48 inches) in order to permit openings in the fence to be greater than 3.8 cm (1.5 inches), but not greater than a distance that would provide for the passage of an object with a diameter of 10 cm (4 inches).

There currently is a product on the market that is used in many communities across North America that has a vertical spacing of 46 inches between each horizontal rail. Residents that are installing this high end fence are being forced to add wrought iron bars, chicken wire or Plexiglas, to meet the City of London regulations.

I have met with staff from Building and By-law Enforcement to request that an amendment to the Swimming Pool Fence By-law be brought forward to allow for this product to be used in London, however, staff has not indicated support of this amendment request.

I therefore respectfully request that the Public Safety Committee request staff to bring forward an amendment to the Swimming Pool Fence By-law to either permit a spacing of 46 inches, or to exempt this product from the requirement.

I understand that this request for delegation will be before the Special Meeting of the Public Safety Committee on May 10, 2012 for consideration, with the delegation, if approved, being granted for the June 19, 2012 meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Steve Taylor