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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Surveillance cameras on neighbouring properties

**Importance:** High

Dear Phil,

I hope this email finds you well.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/london-camera-backyard-surveillance-1.5649350>

I read this article in the CBC today and I want to express my support for the by-law to be changed at the City to allow for enforcement of privacy breaches by neighbours' security cameras. This is a growing problem in our neighbourhoods, and often times the security camera is placed as a means of intimidation and harassment to a neighbour, rather than the stated goal of "protection of property". This is particularly so when the camera can capture and record activities in a neighbouring back yard, rather than monitoring one's own front porch or steps. If the police can not do anything to enforce privacy, the City must. People have a fundamental right to privacy and enjoyment of their property, and should be free from cameras watching them, and possibly filming them. This is particularly so when you have children living in the home and playing in the back yard. In this article, the screen shot demonstrates that not only is the neighbour watching and possibly filming a number of other properties/backyards, the surveillance lens also captures the gentleman's kitchen windows to his backyard, which raises a very significant concern that his activities inside the home can be recorded as well.

Please let me know what further steps I should take to add my voice to this gentleman's concerns and ask for a change to be made by the City.

Thank you, Shauna Powell

Old North resident