



Municipal Licensing and Standards Committee Minutes

August 23, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Present: Justin Crichlow
Heather Harty
Frank Mielewczyk
Brandon Walker

Regrets: Gowri Shakthi

Also Present: Kate Novia, Staff Liaison, Supervisor of By-law and Animal Services
Fausta Sutton, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer
Heather Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order

2. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

K. Novia, Supervisor of By-law and Animal Services, addressed the Committee and appellants and outlined the powers of the Property Standards Officer. K. Novia explained that the Committee has all of the powers of the Property Standards Officer and may confirm, rescind, or modify the Order.

3. Appeal Hearing

3.1 Property Standards Order Appeal

65 Knotty Pine Drive

Appeal # PSA 23-01, File/Order # 23-104337

F. Sutton, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, provided an overview of the Property Standards Order issued on June 13, 2023. Ms. Sutton advised that an abandoned hot tub located in the appellant's back yard was in a

state of disrepair. She stated that the appellant was required to either repair or remove the hot tub from the property.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of the Committee and Ms. Sutton regarding:

- whether the hot tub was capable of holding water;
- whether the tenants hindered the By-law Officer's inspection of the property;
- how the deadline for compliance was determined;
- whether other issues, such as lawn maintenance, were matters of concern;
- penalties for failure to comply with a Property Standards Order;
- the date the complaint was received and whether the complaint included the length of time the hot tub had been in a state of disrepair; and,
- the length of time for the Town to take remedial action should the Committee confirm the order.

Z. Rajput, the appellant, appeared before the Committee and advised that he was requesting that the compliance date outlined in the Property Standards Order be extended. Mr. Rajput advised that personal circumstances and issues accessing the back yard of the property prevented him from removing the hot tub or completing the repairs.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of the Committee and Mr. Rajput regarding:

- the location of the appellant's residence;
- whether a hot tub repair person/company was contacted to provide a cost estimate to repair or remove the hot tub;
- the length of time the hot tub had been in a state of disrepair;
- whether the hot tub was capable of holding water;
- the length of time requested for an extension to the compliance date;
- how long the tenants had been living at the residence;

- who was responsible for maintaining the back yard; and,
- who would have access to the hot tub if it was in working condition.

The Committee excused the appellant, K. Novia, and F. Sutton from the virtual meeting at 2:40 p.m. and reviewed the matter. The appellant, K. Novia, and F. Sutton returned to the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

Recommendation:

Moved by Frank Mielewczyk

That the compliance date for the Property Standards Order # 23-104337 be extended to September 30, 2023.

Carried

4. Adjournment

Recommendation:

Moved by Frank Mielewczyk

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.