



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor Schaffer and Councillors**

Subject **Proposed Fence at East side of 20897 57 Avenue**

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## RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council agree to contribute up to a maximum of \$12,000 towards a fence at 20897 57 Avenue which represents 40% of the total cost of the fence, subject to the Arbour Lane Strata Council agreeing to pay the other 60% of the cost;
2. **THAT** funding of the City's share comes from the Council Enterprise Fund.

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## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to request authorization to use the Council Enterprise Fund to pay 40% of a proposed fence at 20897 57 Avenue.

## POLICY:

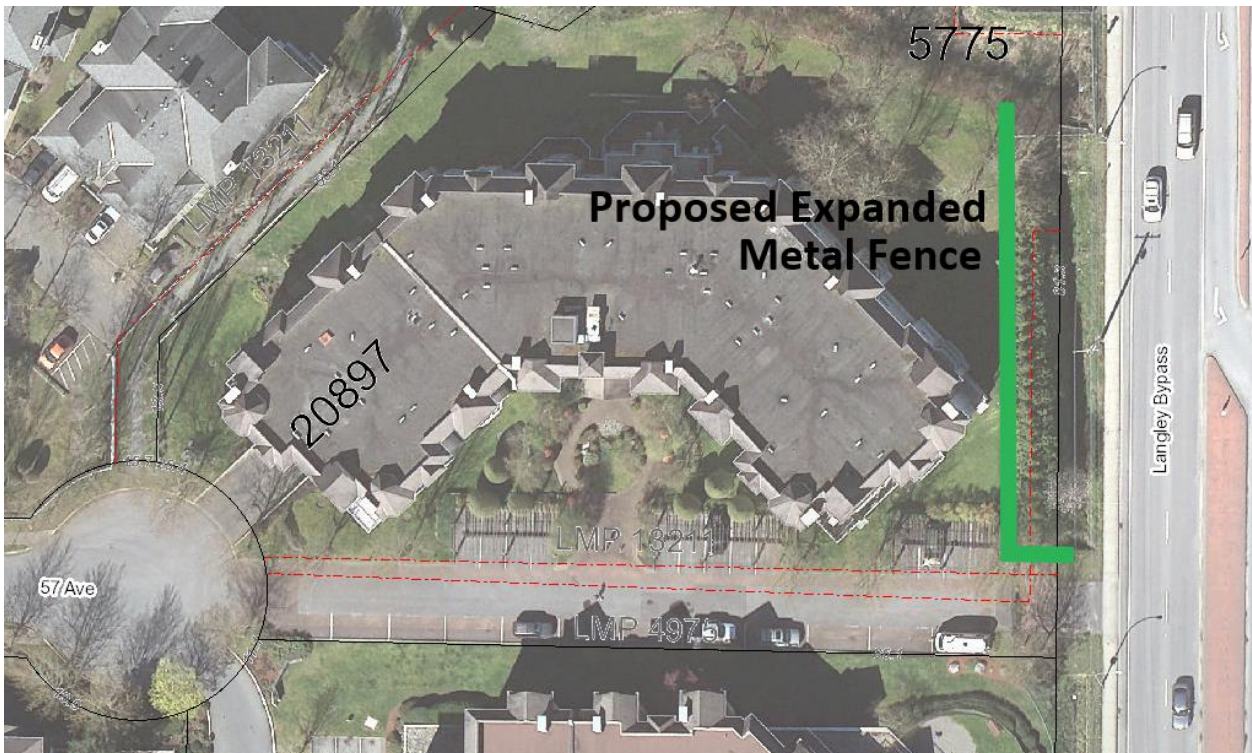
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## COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The condominium building at 20897 57 Avenue, Arbour Lane, is located just south of the Gateway of Hope facility which provides support to homeless individuals and those at risk in the community. The owners of the building have been in discussion with the City over the past several years regarding the erection of a sturdier and higher fence to prevent homeless individuals that regularly camp out on the trees just

east of the current fence, from accessing the area that is in close proximity to their building. The existing fence has been regularly cut which led to trespassing issues. This area has been prone to issues such as defecation, drug consumption, discarded needles, littering, loiter, etc. The owners on the side facing Langley Bypass regularly deal with unsightly activities and are concerned for their safety. The proposed sturdier and higher fence will mitigate these concerns and make it more difficult for individuals to cut through the fence.

Staff entered into more discussions with the Strata Council of Arbour Lane over the past few months and we have worked out an agreeable solution to deter individuals from cutting their fence, camping in the hedge area and to block the view to the eastern hedge and bypass. The agreed solution includes the installation of a 2.44m (8') vandal resistant galvanized expanded metal fence to replace the current regular chain-link fence highlighted in green below. An extension would also be added at the south end of the fence that lead to the bypass fire access lane to prevent individuals from easily rolling their shopping carts into the hedge area to camp out. The 2.44m height is needed to deter people from climbing over it. This is the same height as the noise attenuation wall that was installed along 208 Street south of 51B Avenue.



Normally, we would approach this as a local area service where the residents petition the city for the service. If approved the city would pay 40% of the cost and residents pay the other 60%. The petition process can be a long process and would mean a

delay in installing the fence to later this year or into 2019. Arbour Lane residents have been dealing with this issue for many years and have noted the problem has been getting worse lately and they have expressed a desire to have the fence installed as soon as possible. It is therefore proposed that Council approve the 40% cost share but not require the petition process. The Strata Council will present the fence cost estimate to their board and it is expected that it will be approved.

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

The City's share of the fence cost is estimated at \$12,000 with recommended funding from the Council Enterprise Fund.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Do not approve the City sharing the cost for the fence.

Respectfully Submitted,



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#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:**

I support the recommendation.



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