

Personal Introduction

- Dean Shea, raised in the community. Much of my family is still here.
- This was my first development agreement with East Hants Municipality, any municipality.

Issue

- I'm here because of a breach of contract in my development agreement.
- The issue is regarding a chain link fence that was installed to separate and provide privacy between the development and neighboring property.
- My development agreement stipulated an 8ft wood fence be installed. The contract issue, which is a complete oversight on my part, is that I installed an 8ft chain link.
- There was no malicious intent and I felt I was operating in the best interest of community development.
- The reason the chain link was installed was based on environmental and maintenance considerations as well as ensuring local neighbors were satisfied with esthetics and headlight concerns, and other factors to minimize impact.
- For background reference, I have provided technical input regarding wood fence and chain. Included.
- Wood fences over 5ft are not warranted by any installers and maintenance is ongoing.
- I should note that Wade Litle, neighbor's father, was engaged in the fence process from the onset to completion and satisfied with the result.
- There is an existing chain link fence that runs alongside the property from the Home Hardware location. I understand this has no bearing on my contract agreement, I just wanted to provide some perspective on where my head space was, when making this decision (see photo)
- The total investment was \$22,000.

Commitment to Accountability

- I hope we can find a viable solution. I simply overlooked the requirement for the wood structure but had the best interest of municipal requirements, and surrounding neighbors in mind, to address all concerns.
- This community is important to my family and I.
- We're very proud of the much-needed services this particular site has brought to the East Hants – from medical to a new café to creating new homes that have attracted new immigrants' tenants, including a Ukrainian family as well as a refugee family supported by the Heart Society. We have also welcomed several seniors who have sold their homes to downsize and stay in East Hants.
- This chain link fence was not a decision made to save money. To make myself accountable, I am pleased to donate \$5,000 to a not for profit serving the East Hants community.
- In closing, I made a mistake and an oversight in my development agreement and do hope there's a satisfactory compromise for both parties.

Figure 1 New fence.



Figure 2 New fence.



Figure 3 Home Hardware fence.