



City of Hamilton Memorandum

To: Members of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee
Date: May 15, 2025
Report No: FCS25034
Subject/Title: Fence Viewers
Ward(s) Affected: 9, 10, 12, 11, 13, 15

Information

At its meeting held on December 8, 2023, the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the recruitment for Fence Viewers did not generate enough applicants for the available positions; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Committee of Adjustment and the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee appointed for the 2022 - 2026 Council Term who have the knowledge of rural areas and experience with facilitating mediation and with reviewing land surveys would fulfil the requirements of a Fence Viewer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to formally ask the members of the Committee of Adjustment and the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee appointed for the 2022 - 2026 Council Term who have the knowledge of rural areas and experience with facilitating mediation and with reviewing land surveys to forward their expression of interest to Clerks staff for the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees' consideration.

Fence Viewers arbitrate line fence disputes between adjoining property owners for the lands outside of the City urban area boundary. Fence Viewers must meet with the property owners on the site of the boundary line fence dispute and then make an award. The award will set out the type of fence to be built, the responsibility for the work and the apportionment of cost between the property owners. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and previous experience with the Line Fences Act and/or farm and rural fencing construction would be preferred.

Any interested members should submit their Expression of Interest to the Office of the City Clerk for consideration of the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees by June 6, 2025.

Prepared by: Carrie McIntosh, Legislative Coordinator
Corporate Services, Office of the City Clerk

Submitted and recommended by: Matthew Trennum, City Clerk
Corporate Services, Office of the City Clerk