

## **BUILDING A FENCE?**



**THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE REQUIRES THAT ALL  
FENCES WITHIN THE CITY CONFORM TO THE  
REGULATIONS OF FENCE BY-LAW**

## FENCING FOR SWIMMING POOLS/HOT TUBS – SPECIAL INFORMATION

Your attention is drawn to Section 7 of this document entitled: Fencing of Privately-Owned Outdoor Swimming Pools. **Please read it carefully.**

If you are installing a swimming pool or hot tub, protection is required as well as a permit. To obtain the permit, the following is required:

1. A copy of a survey (plot plan) showing the location of the pool on the site and its distance from all other structures and property lines.
2. A simple description of the pool (in-ground or above ground).
3. A diagram of the type of protection (fence) you will be constructing around the pool or hot tub.
4. An application (obtainable from the City of Cambridge, Planning Services Department, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 50 Dickson Street, Cambridge, ON).

Many sections of the by-law are self-explanatory but your attention is drawn to the following situations:

Section 3: All swimming pools are subject to zoning by-law regulations as well as By-law No. 92-05. (Corner lots are the most complex type of lot to meet the location requirements for swimming pool installations because of setback regulations.)

Section 7(d): Many times, persons installing a pool and fence fail to observe what may be deemed a climbable object. You have to be very careful of existing fences and grades around your property that may defeat the protection required for the new pool. If there are grades existing adjacent to your property higher than yours or existing fences, then a 1.5 metre offset is required from the higher grade or existing fence (see Schedule "F").

Section 7(c)(iv): Shadow-type fences are permitted but the horizontal rails must be 1.1 metres apart (see Shadow Fence drawing).

**It is important to note that Council has approved the types of fences noted in the by-law and shown in the handout. Only these types can be approved for swimming pool protection.**

For further information or clarification we advise you to contact the Planning Services Department at (519) 740-4613. We can assist you by explaining the by-law section or, if required, will meet with you at your site to examine your yard for pool or hot tub installation.

