

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS  
REPORT**

**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**FROM:** By-law Enforcement Officer, M Wilmon  
**DATE:** March 10, 2009  
**RE:** Line Fences Act

**RECOMMENDATION:**

For information purposes only.

**ORIGIN:**

Previous correspondence to Council.


**BACKGROUND:**

The purpose of the Line Fences Act is to provide a procedure for adjacent property owners to resolve disputes concerning the construction or reconstruction of existing or proposed fences situated on a property boundary line.


- Line fences are fences that mark the boundary line between properties.
- The Act does not deal with disputes about fences that are not on a boundary line.
- Municipal Council to appoint 2 Fence Viewers by way of by-law.
- Clerk, or designate, to receive request for fence viewers & initiate arbitration procedure.
- Arbitration process can not be used if one property owner takes his/her own initiative to construct/reconstruct a line fence without written agreement of adjacent property owner(s).

If the line fence is constructed/reconstructed without written agreement or off the property boundary/line the Line Fences Act does not apply.

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