

FENCES

What you need to know if you want to build a fence on your property

Specific provisions regulating fences are outlined in the Land Use Bylaw under **Part 4, General Provisions for All Zones**). Here's a quick guide:

HEIGHT

Fences in Town can be up to **2.4 meters (8 feet)** in any Residential, institutional or Parks and Open Space zone. Fences can be up to **3 meters (10 feet)** in any other zone.

POSITION

You are allowed to construct your fence on a common property boundary line, but Town does not encourage that practice. It's better to construct your fence a foot or so within your property line so you can construct, repair and maintain your fence completely on your own property.

DO YOU NEED A PERMIT?

You don't need a Municipal Development Permit if your fence is **two (2) meters in height (6.6 ft)** or less. If your fence is higher than two meters, you need to get both a development permit and a building permit from Town Hall before you start construction.

DESIGN AND MATERIALS

Although the Land Use By-law doesn't generally restrict your fence design, stockade-style fences electrified fences or fences containing barbed wire are prohibited in the Town. A stockade-style fence means a fence (and the gates in such a fence) constructed of solid boards with edges placed tightly against one another, such that no light or visual images can be seen between the boards. Fences may be constructed of brick or stone as well as wood or wrought iron.

IF YOUR PROPERTY IS A REGISTERED HERITAGE PROPERTY, OR ADJACENT TO ONE

If your property is a registered heritage property, or you are located next to one, your fence design will be reviewed by PHAC – the Town's Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee. This review helps to support and protect the Town's heritage assets and ensure compatibility of style and workmanship. The PHAC review process takes time as the committee only meets once a month and its recommendations must go to Council.

If you don't know the heritage status of your property or the ones next door, find out at Town Hall.

IF YOU ARE LOCATED IN FORTIER MILLS

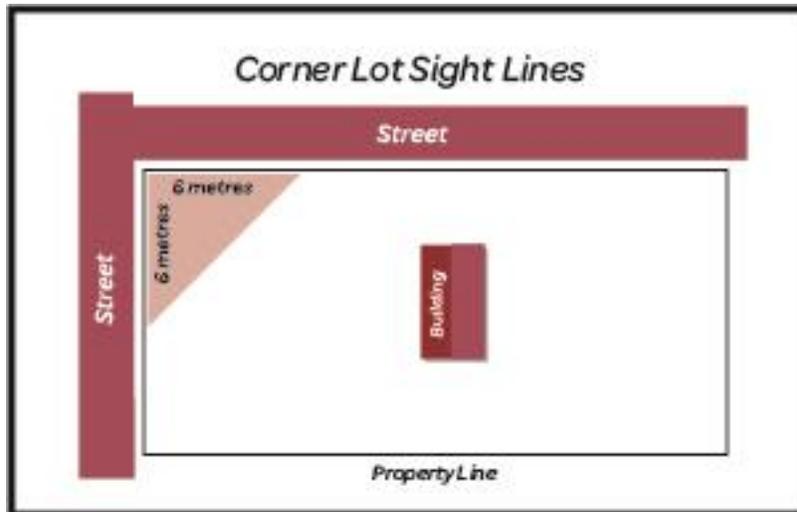
Fence construction in Fortier Mills is subject to the rules in the original Development Agreement for the subdivision, which encourages any necessary fences to complement the architecture of the house. Front fences on any lot are restricted to **1.06 meters (42 inches)** in height and must be wood pickets or wrought iron. Rear yard fencing along water edge lots is restricted to the same height.

FORTIER MILLS, cont'd

Rear yard fencing which will not block water views may be constructed to a height of **1.52 meters (60 inches)**. You may erect a screen around your private outdoor space in the back yard, but screen height must be less than **1.52 meters (60 inches)** and screen length is limited to **6 meters (20 feet)** from the rear of the house. The screen can be made of plant materials, wood or metal.

IF YOU'RE LOCATED ON A CORNER LOT

If you're located on a corner lot where two streets intersect, or on a lot next to the entrance or exit to a public parking lot, your fence cannot block the vision of approaching traffic. This means that the Corner Vision Triangle restriction of **.5 meter** applies to your fence height, but only on that portion of your fence that is within **6 meters** from where the rights-of-way intersect.



PLANNING DOCUMENT REFERENCE

The Land Use Bylaw, General Provisions for All Zones, Part 2, Definitions, and Part 4 , Sections 4.9, 4.10 and 4.14

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IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

Call Town Hall at 902 532-2043 to discuss your fence with the Community Development Coordinator.