

Fence Viewers

Terms of Reference

Mandate

The Fence Viewers will follow the guidelines of the *Line Fences Act* and provide resolutions to disputes between owners of adjoining properties.

Under the *Act*, three fence-viewers are required to be present at a viewing, and they are only authorized to address **one or both** of the following issues:

- the apportionment of responsibility for the fencing work between the two adjoining owners
- the description of the fence that is to be constructed or reconstructed on the boundary line, including the materials to be used

After the viewing, the fence-viewers issue an award and allocate the costs of the proceeding between the two owners.

Membership

Three (3) public representatives appointed by Council for the term of Council or until reappointed.

Finances

Members shall receive remuneration for services, in accordance with the *Line Fences Act*.

Meetings

The Fence Viewers shall meet as frequently as required.

Reporting Relationship

The Fence Viewers will report to the Supervisor, By-Law Enforcement or designate, who will manage administrative functions, and provide procedural and legislative guidance.

The Supervisory, By-Law Enforcement or designate, will provide an annual update to Council on the Fence Viewer's activities.