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# 'Monster home' alarms neighbours

By Melanie Hennessey  
Special to The IFP

A Georgetown couple is still reeling from the shock of a large home being built on their neighbour's property in one day within mere feet of their fence.

Now, the couple is seeking answers and petitioning the Town for change to the rules that govern new homes being built in already established neighbourhoods.

A pre-fabricated house from Guildcrest Homes/Bluestone Group was delivered and largely put together last Tuesday on Churchill Cres., much to the surprise of next door neighbours Bob Nesbitt and Anne Anderson. The two-storey structure takes the place of a previous wartime home and is located about four feet away from the couple's backyard fence, casting a shadow over their prized backyard and pool, which also serves as a showpiece for their pool and landscaping business.

"I was sick. I was shaking. I'm still emotional over it," said Nesbitt, who owns Halton Pool Guys Inc. "This home is so close to our wood privacy fence that you can practically touch it and so tall that it will completely, at most times, block all sunlight that comes into our yard. It's a real kick in the bum to us."

The small home that was originally on the property was demolished late last month to make way



Churchill Cres. residents Bob Nesbitt (centre), Anne Anderson and their son Christopher Nesbitt in their backyard, which they feel is now overshadowed by the large two-storey home that was built four feet away from their property line last week.

Photo by Melanie Hennessey

for the new house, which was erected last Tuesday, with the exception of the roof.

As Anderson works from the Pool Guys' home office in their Churchill Cres. bungalow, she saw the modular home arriving and being put in place with a crane.

"I just felt so sad," she said. "I called Bob, and we just couldn't believe that this was happening. How can a structure this high be al-

lowed in the bylaws?"

But according to Town staff, the home does comply with the rules laid out in the Ontario Building Code Act and Halton Hills' zoning bylaw, which designates Churchill Cres. as a low-density residential neighbourhood.

Town Chief Building Official Slavica Josipovic explained that such zoning requires a minimum setback of 1.2 metres from the in-

terior side yard property line. In this situation, she said the home's building permit documentation shows a setback of 1.42 metres in the front quarter and 1.32 metres near the rear of the property.

"This setback is in compliance with our zoning bylaw," she said. "We have been really closely monitoring them and so far they've complied with our requirements."

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