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# Town offers assistance with fences, disputes

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Good fences make good neighbours and there will be a lot more fences going up in Stouffville over the next few years.

If you have a question about who pays for fences and what kind is the best for your property, the town will soon have a pamphlet for you.

In past years, most fence disputes were resolved by the municipal clerk's office after neighbours called in. About 20 such calls would be received each year, town clerk Michele Kennedy said.

There was only one time in the past

20 years when a dispute couldn't be resolved, although "there were some close calls", Mrs. Kennedy said.

On that occasion, a fence viewer, appointed by the town, had to be called in to resolve the situation. Homeowners had to pay for this service, however.

But with many more houses now occupied by new residents and the warm weather coming up, the town is bracing itself for a lot more fence disputes and questions.

That's why it has passed a new bylaw guide homeowners on how to resolve the dispute themselves, including how much notice to give neighbours alerting them that they are planning to put up or repair a fence.

There haven't been any calls about fences yet this year, Mrs. Kennedy said.

They usually start around the Victoria Day weekend, which is one week away.

Fences on private property are always the responsibility of the residents.

The pamphlet on fence dispute procedures also contains helpful advice such as what kind of fence to buy, what fence material is best if you have a high water table and what can be done with a chainlink fence to provide more privacy.

Information on the new fence dispute process will be available at the town's website at [townofws.com](http://townofws.com) and at town facilities such as the Stouffville Arena and Lebovic Leisure Centre.

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