Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

December 3, 2025

File: A/084/25

Address: 76 Highland Park Boulevard, Thornhill

Agent: Aleksandar Markovic

Hearing Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025

The following comments are provided on behalf of the West Team:

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of By-law 2024-19, Residential - Established Neighbourhood Low Rise (RES-ENLR), as amended, to permit:

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a minimum west side yard setback of 1.84 m and a minimum combined interior side yard setback on both sides of 3.68 m, whereas the by-law requires a minimum side yard setback of 1.8 m and a minimum combined interior side yard setback on both sides of 4.0 m;

b) By-law 2024-19, Section 6.2.1b):

a maximum roof projection of 2.54 m above the maximum outside wall height, whereas the by-law permits a roof structure with a pitch of less than 25 degrees to project a maximum of 1 m above the maximum outside wall height;

c) By-law 2024-19, Section 6.3.2.2.c:

a maximum main building coverage of 21.4% for any storey above the first, whereas the by-law permits a maximum main building coverage of 20% for any storey above the first;

as it relates to a proposed two-storey residential dwelling.

BACKGROUND

This application was deferred sine die by the Committee of Adjustment at the September 10, 2025 meeting, to revise the variances by increasing the side yard setback and reducing the second-floor coverage.

The applicant has not conducted another Housing Review cycle for the revised drawings. Consequently, it is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the application has accurately identified all the variances to the Zoning By-law required for the proposed development. If the variance request in this application contains errors, or if the need for additional variances is identified during the Building Permit review process, further variance application(s) may be required to address the non-compliance.

COMMENTS

The applicant submitted revisions on October 22, 2025, including the increased west side and combined side yard setback and reducing the second storey coverage variance. All other variances remain unchanged from the initial submission (Refer to Staff Report – Appendix "D").

Reduced Side Yard Setback Variance

The Owner is requesting to permit a minimum west side yard setback of 1.84 m and a minimum combined interior side yard setback on both sides of 3.68 m, whereas the bylaw requires a minimum side yard setback of 1.8 m and a minimum combined interior side yard setback on both sides of 4.0 m for the two-storey portion of the dwelling.

The proposed revision is to ensure that an appropriate west side yard and combined side yard setback are provided for on the Subject Property. Though the revisions, the Owner has provided a compliant interior side yard setback, as the requested variance exceeds the required setback in the by-law of 1.8m. The combined setback is still required to build the new dwelling. The combined setback represents a 0.32 m decrease from the by-law, but provides enough space on both sides for adequate stormwater drainage and fire safety access. After reviewing the revised plans, Staff maintain the opinion that the requested variance is minor in nature and will not have an adverse impact on the neighbouring property.

Increase in Main Building Coverage Variance

The Owner is requesting to permit a main building coverage of 21.4% for the second storey, whereas the by-law permits a maximum main building coverage of 20%. This represents a 2.6% decrease from the initial variance, which requested a second storey coverage of 24%.

After reviewing the revised plans, Staff maintain the opinion that the requested variance is minor in nature, represents appropriate massing for the streetscape, and have no concerns.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of December 2, 2025. It is noted that additional information may be received after the writing of the report, and the Secretary-Treasurer will provide information on this at the meeting.

CONCLUSION

Planning Staff have reviewed the application with respect to Section 45(1) of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, and are of the opinion that the variance request meets the four tests of the Planning Act and have no objection. Staff recommend that the Committee consider public input in reaching a decision.

The onus is ultimately on the applicant to demonstrate why they should be granted relief from the requirements of the zoning by-law, and how they satisfy the tests of the Planning Act required for the granting of minor variances.

Please refer to Appendix "A" for conditions to be attached to any approval of this application.

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Theo Ako-Manieson, Planner I, West District

REVIEWED BY:



Rick Cefaratti, MCIP, RPP, Acting-Development Manager, West District

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APPENDICIES

Appendix "A" – A/084/25 Conditions of Approval

Appendix "B" – Drawings

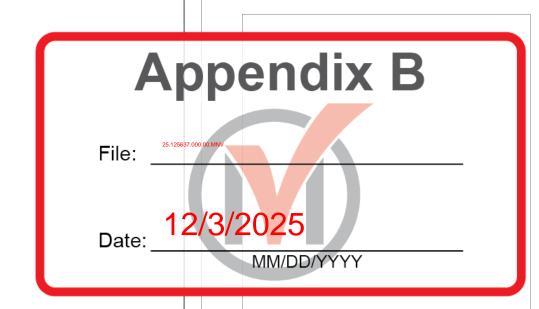
Appendix "C" - Staff Report Dated September 5, 2025 Appendix "D" - Extract from September 10, 2025 Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes

APPENDIX "A" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/084/25

- 1. The variances apply only to the proposed development as long as it remains;
- 2. That the variances apply only to the subject development, in substantial conformity with the plan(s) attached as 'Appendix B' to this Staff Report, and that the Secretary Treasurer receive written confirmation from the Supervisor of the Committee of Adjustment or designate that this condition has been fulfilled to their satisfaction;

CONDITIONS PREPARED BY:

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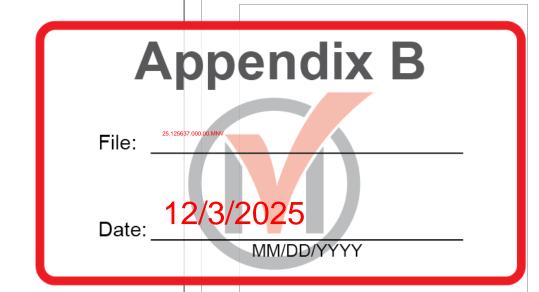
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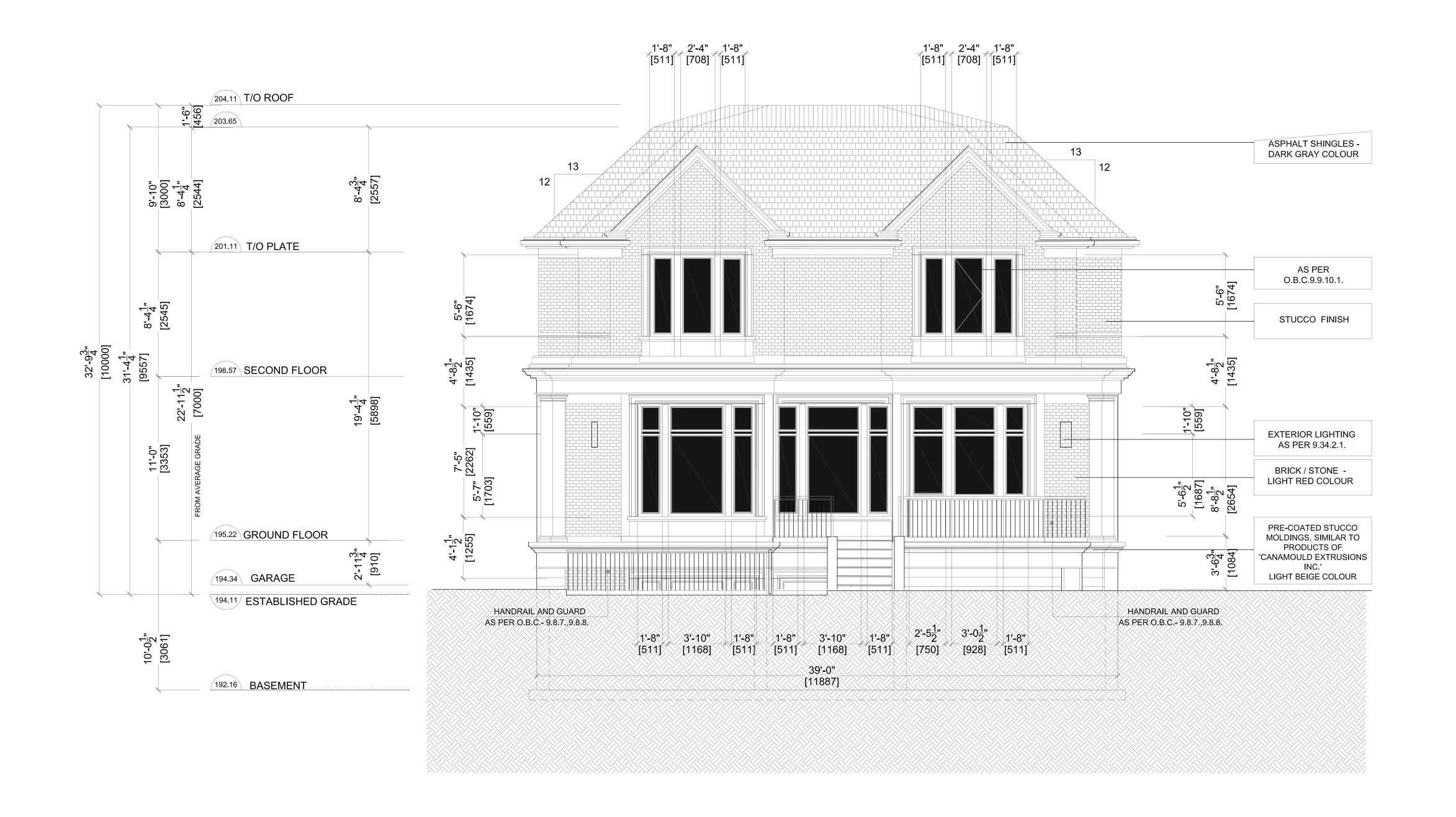
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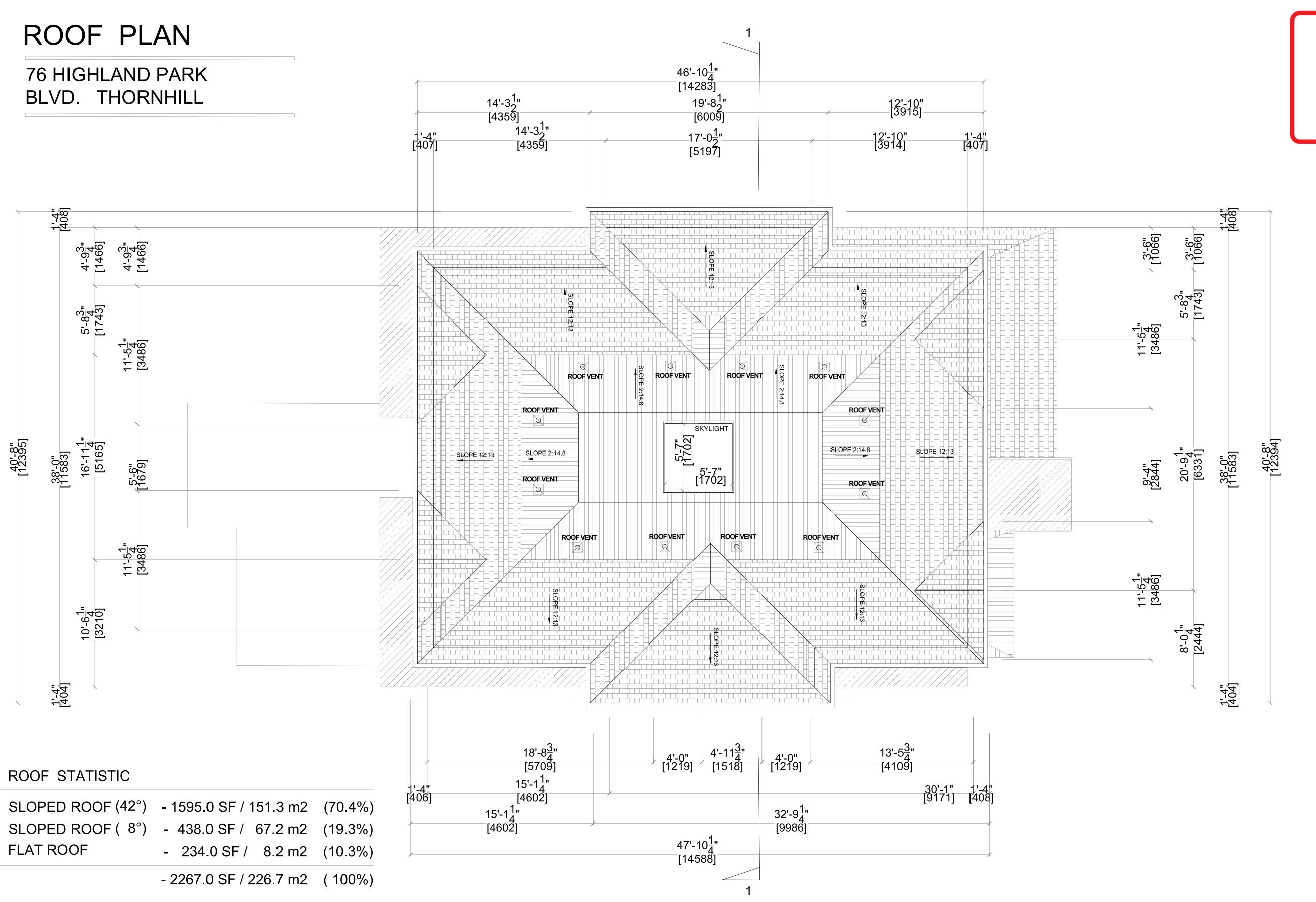
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PROPOSED ROOF PLAN

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Appendix B

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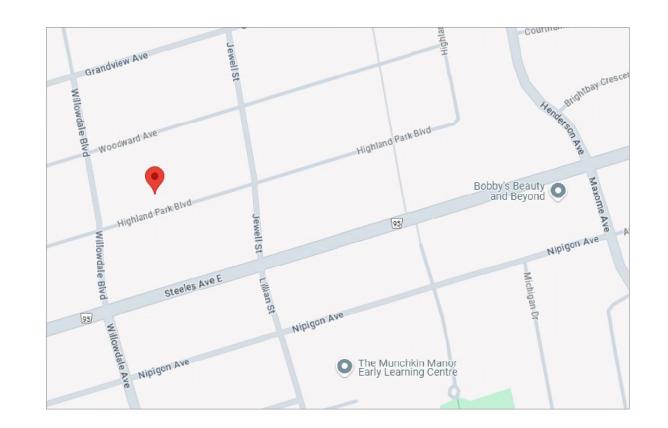
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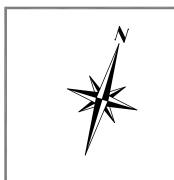
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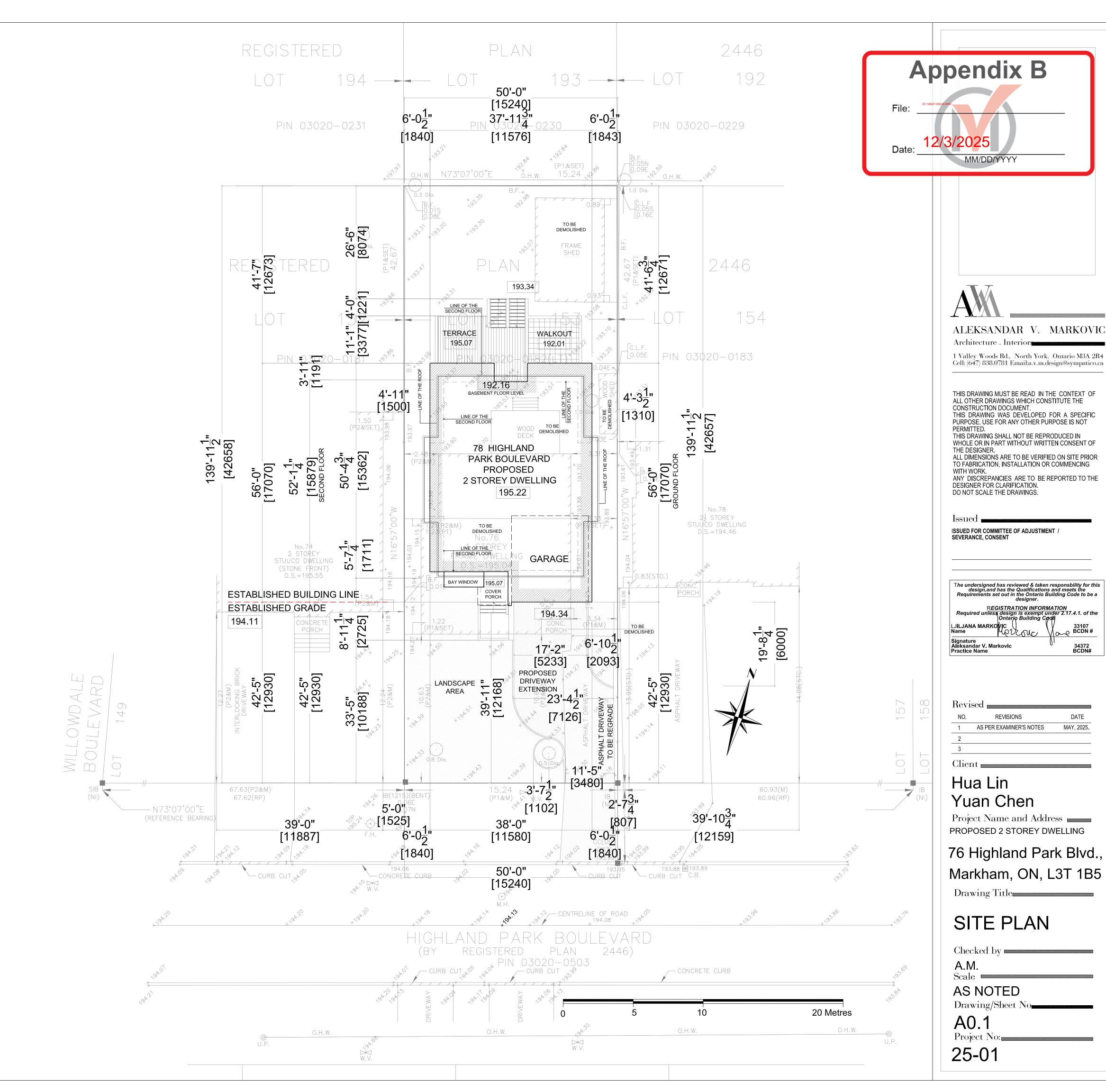
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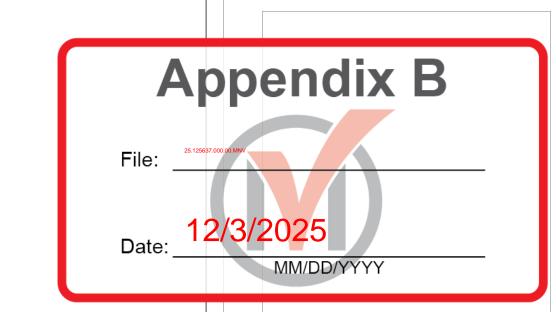


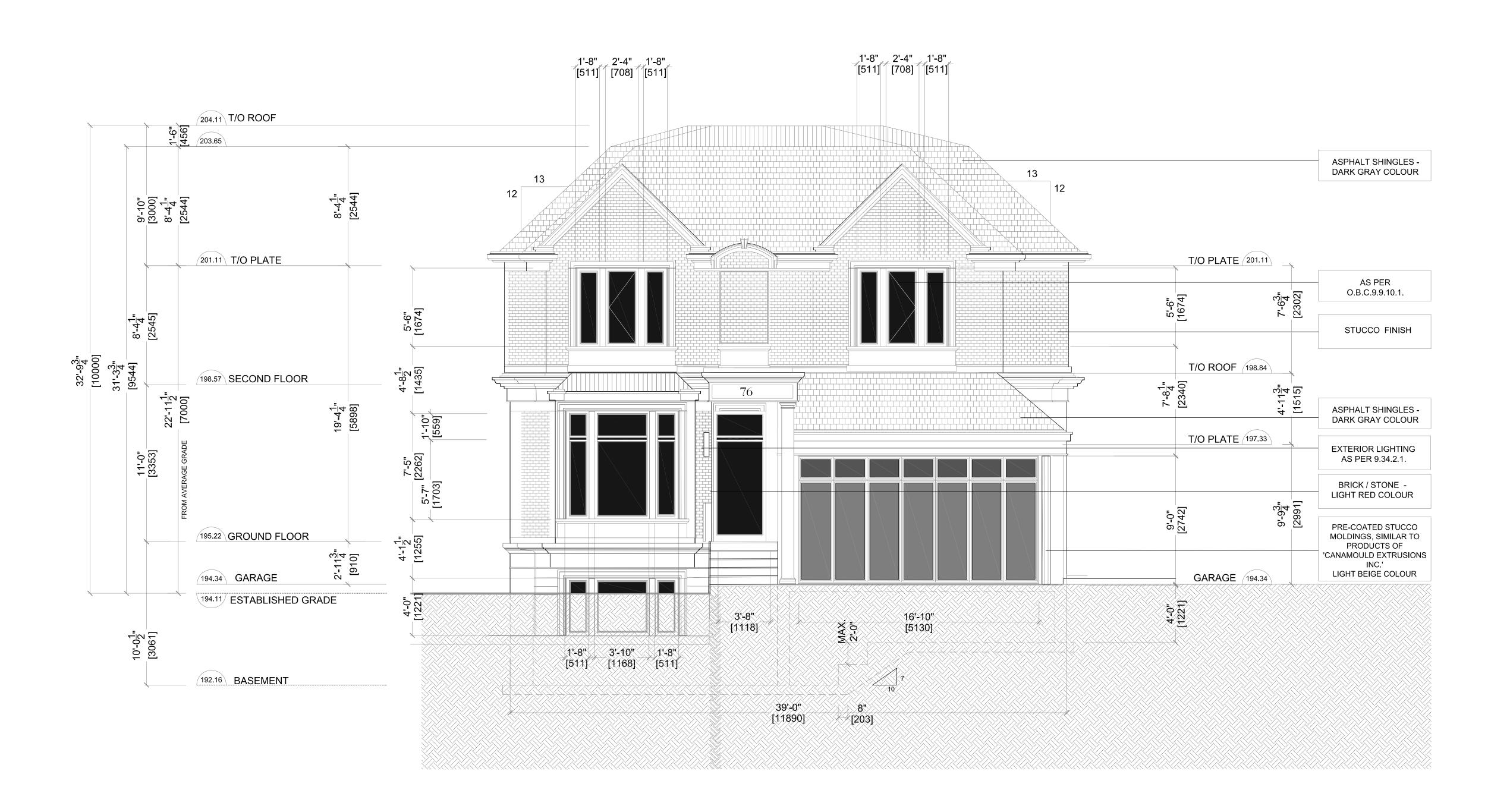
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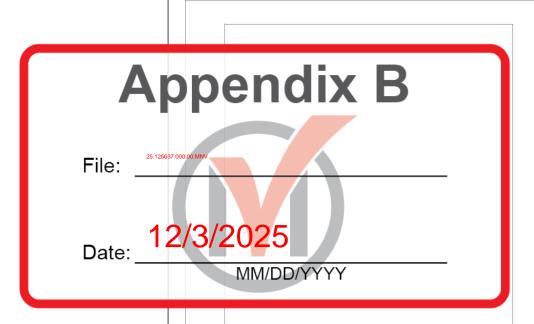
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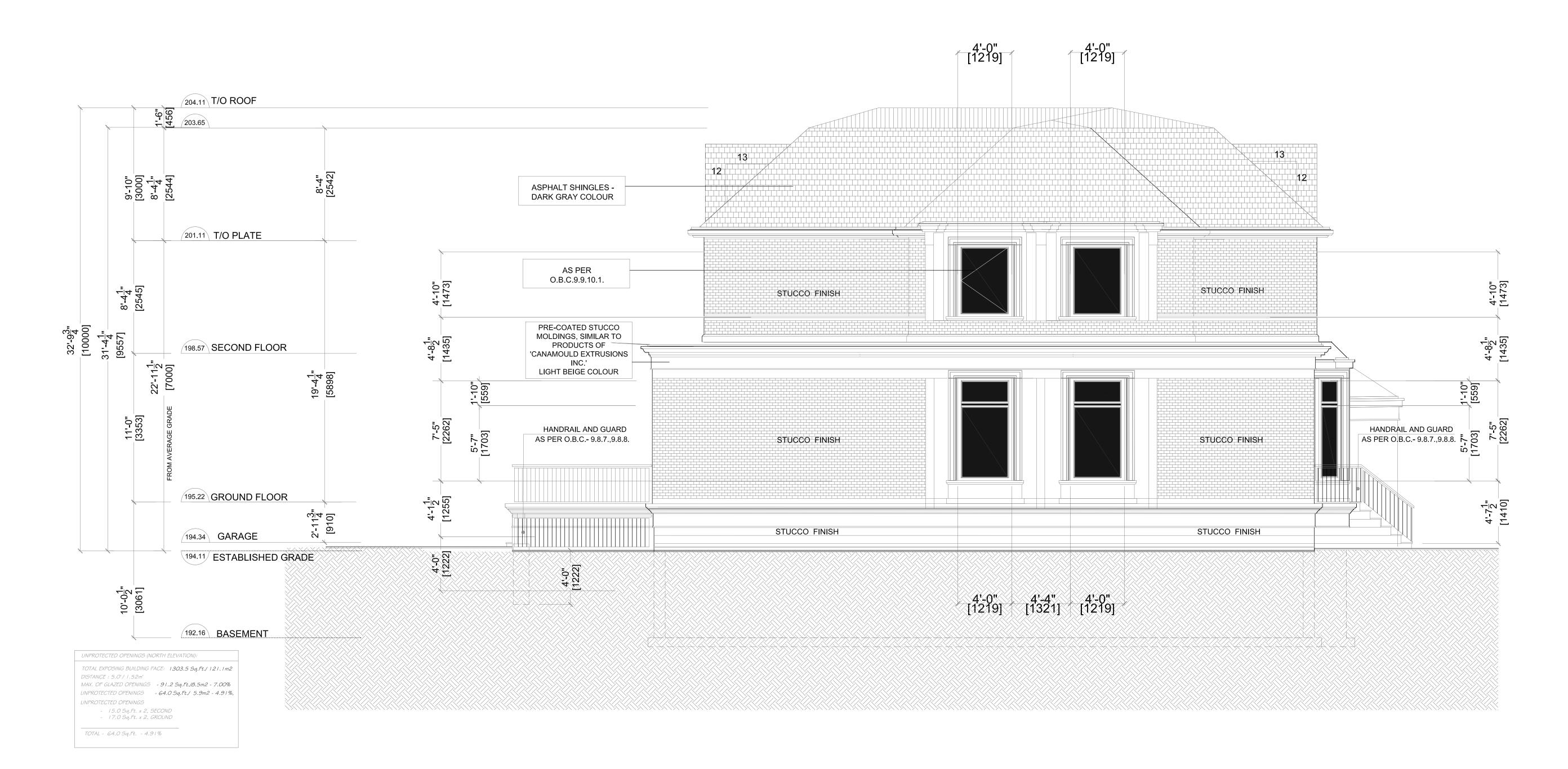
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a maximum main building coverage of 24% for any storey above the first, whereas the by-law permits a maximum main building coverage of 20% for any storey above the first;

as it relates to a proposed two-storey residential dwelling.

BACKGROUND

Property Description

The 650 m² (6996.54 ft²) subject property is located on the north side of Highland Park Boulevard, north of Steeles Avenue and east of Yonge Street. The property is located within an established residential neighbourhood comprised of a mix of one and two-storey detached dwellings. The surrounding area is undergoing a transition with newer dwellings being developed as infill developments. Mature vegetation exists across the property.

Proposal

The Owner is proposing to demolish the existing one-storey dwelling and construct a two-storey dwelling on the subject property. To facilitate this, the existing front porch and sheds within the east side yard and rear side yard will also be demolished. The driveway is expected to be regraded and extended from its original location.

Official Plan and Zoning

Official Plan 2014 (partially approved on November 24/17, and updated on July 17/24)

The Official Plan designates the subject property "Residential Low Rise", which provides for a range of lower-scale residential buildings in established neighbourhoods, including single detached dwellings.

Area Specific Policy 9.18.5 also applies to the Subject Property and intends to provide a set of development standards in the zoning by-law that limits the size and massing of new dwellings or additions, ensuring infill development respects the existing pattern and character of adjacent development. This includes development standards for lot coverage, building depth, floor area ratios, height, number of storeys, garage projections, and garage widths.

Zoning By-Law 2024-19

The subject property is zoned "Residential – Established Neighbourhood Low Rise" (RES-ENLR) under By-law 2024-19, which permits detached dwellings. The proposal does not comply with respect to the side yard setbacks, roof projection and second storey building coverage. Further details on the variances are provided in the comment section below.

Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Not Undertaken

The Owner has confirmed that a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) has <u>not</u> been conducted. However, the applicant has received comments from the building department through their permit process (HP.25.109525) to confirm the variances required for the proposed development. The applicant submitted revised drawings on August 22, 2025. The applicant has not conducted another Housing Review cycle for the revised drawings. Consequently, it is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the application has accurately identified all the variances to the Zoning By-law required for the proposed development. If the variance request in this application contains errors, or if the need for additional variances is identified during the Building Permit review process, further variance application(s) may be required to address the non-compliance.

COMMENTS

The Planning Act states that four tests must be met in order for a variance to be granted by the Committee of Adjustment:

- a) The variance must be minor in nature;
- b) The variance must be desirable, in the opinion of the Committee of Adjustment, for the appropriate development or use of land, building or structure;
- c) The general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law must be maintained;
- d) The general intent and purpose of the Official Plan must be maintained.

Reduced Side Yard Setback Variance

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The proposed combined side yard setback represents a reduction of 0.64 m from the required setback of 4.0 m, or a 16% decrease. While the requested relief will provide a reduced setback from the west side, Staff opine that the reduced interior sideyards will not adversely impact the character of the neighbourhood.

The proposed interior side yards will continue to maintain adequate space for soft landscaping drainage swales between adjacent properties. Engineering Staff note that the site is in the Thornhill area, which is known as a local flood prone area. The proposed redevelopment will require a Stormwater Management Brief for a complete Residential Infill Grading and Servicing (RGS) application, showing the control of 100-year post-development flows to 2-year or 5-year cycles, dependent on local upgrades. Staff are of the opinion that the requested variance is minor in nature, as the proposed decrease will not have an adverse impact on the neighbouring property.

Roof Projection Variance

The Owner is requesting to permit a roof projection of 2.54 m above the maximum outside wall height, whereas the by-law permits a roof structure with a pitch of less than 25 degrees to project only a maximum of 1.0 m above the maximum outside wall height.

The intent of the maximum roof projection is to maintain a consistent roofline and prevent excessive height that may adversely impact the surrounding properties. It should be noted that the design of the roof, specifically the slope at the front of the roof is consistent with the character of the neighbourhood, and is in line with the by-law's intent to create proper articulation of massing between the first and second storey. Staff are of the opinion that the proposed encroachment is minor in nature, as it maintains an appropriate roofline between neighboring dwellings, and as such, have no concerns.

Increase in Main Building Coverage Variance

The Owner is requesting to permit a main building coverage of 24% for the second storey, whereas the by-law permits a maximum main building coverage of 20%. The intent of the maximum building coverage requirements includes, but are not limited to, ensuring that appropriate angular planes are provided and that the built form and character of the neighbourhood is maintained.

The proposed increase to the main building coverage will increase the dwelling width, which, as explained in the side yard setback variance rationale, is minor in nature.

The proposed dwelling will be providing building lines, front and rear yard setbacks that will be consistent with adjacent properties, maintaining the intent of the By-law to regulate massing along the neighbourhood streetscape. The proposed second-storey and its required relief for building coverage will not significantly add to the scale and massing of the dwelling, and does not alter the character of the neighbourhood. Staff are of the opinion that the requested variance is minor in nature and have no concerns.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of September 5, 2025. It is noted that additional information may be received after the writing of the report, and the Secretary-Treasurer will provide information on this at the meeting.

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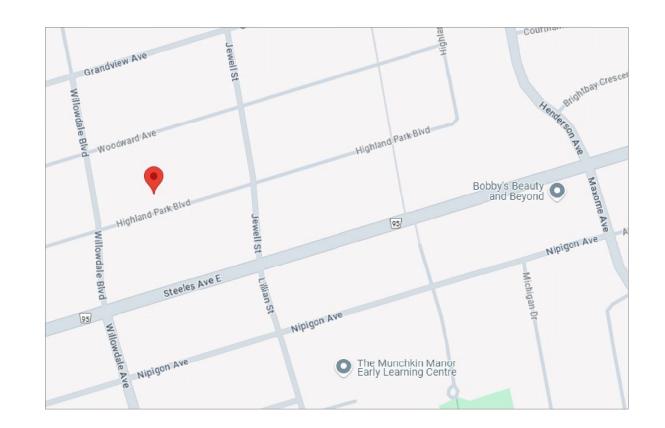
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CONDITIONS PREPARED BY:

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ISSUED FOR PERMIT 2025. **JANUARY**

KEY PLAN



ZONING INFO

ZONE - RES-ENLR							
SITE DATA	SQ.FT.	M2					
LOT AREA	7000.00	650.50	100%				
MIN. LOT FRONTAGE	15.24 m'	EXISTING LOT FRONTAGE	15.24 m'				

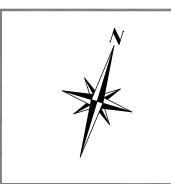
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HEIGHT TO TOP OF PLATE	7.00	30.51'		
LOT COVERAGE 29.98%	194.95	2098.40	MAX. COVE	RAGE 30.0%

PROPOSED BUILDING INFORMATION

BASEMENT	152.50	1642.00		
GROUND FLOOR AREA + GARAGE 29.73%	191.40	2060.00		
SECOND FLOOR AREA 24.00%	156.10	1680.00		
GROSS FLOOR AREA	500.00	5382.00	500.00	5382.00

DRIVEWAY / LANDSCAPE AREA

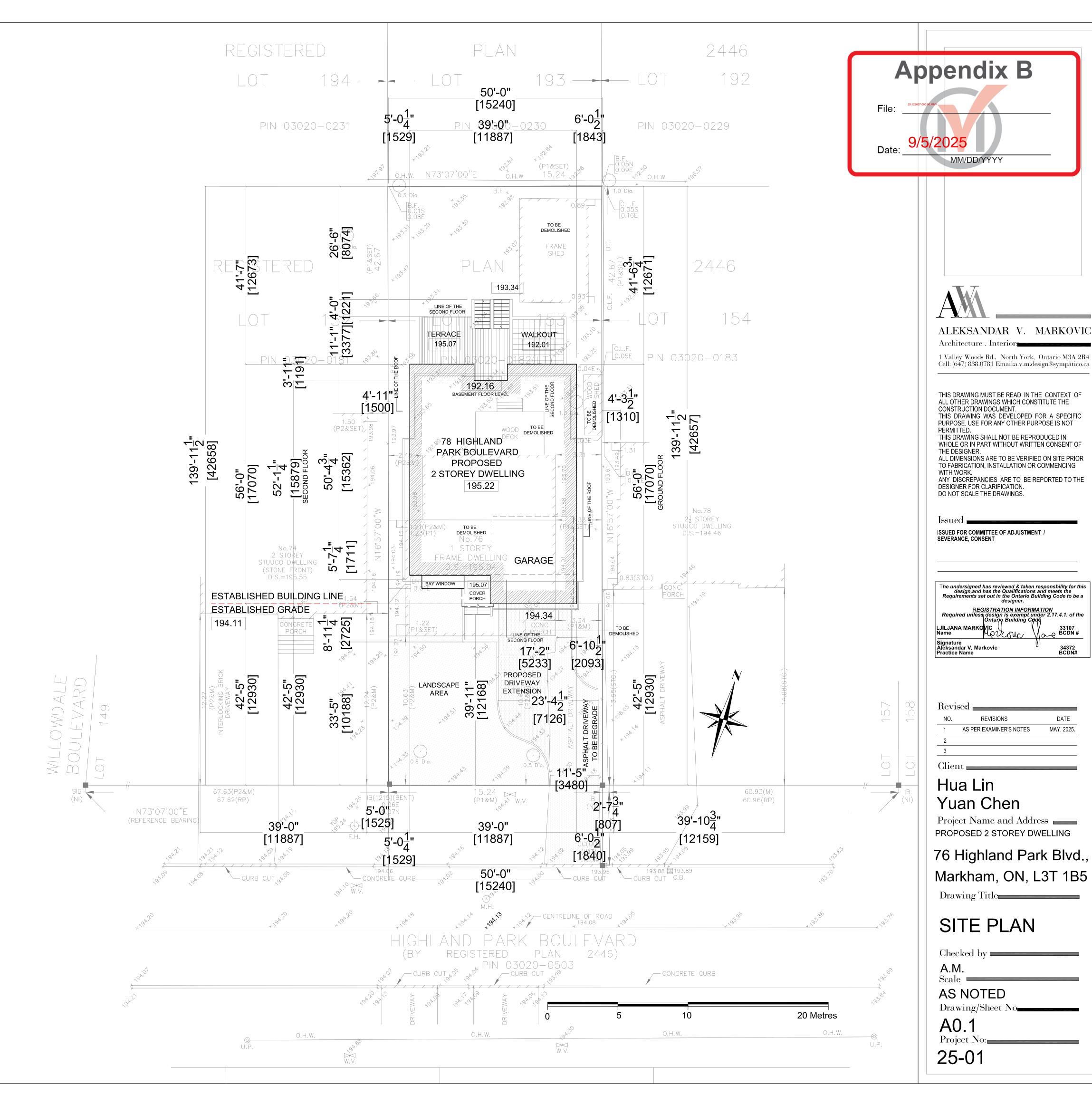
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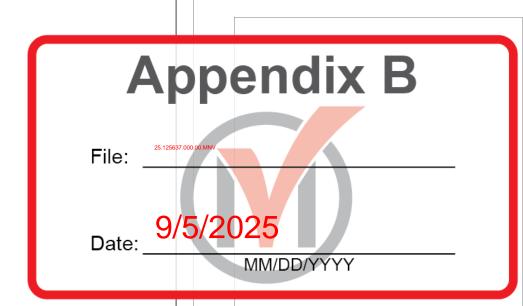
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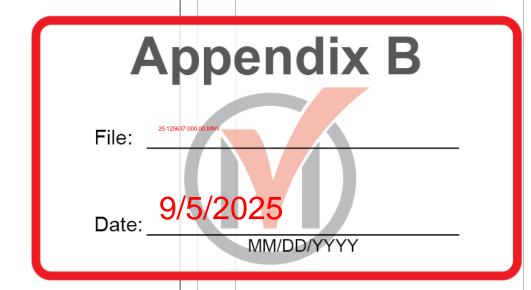
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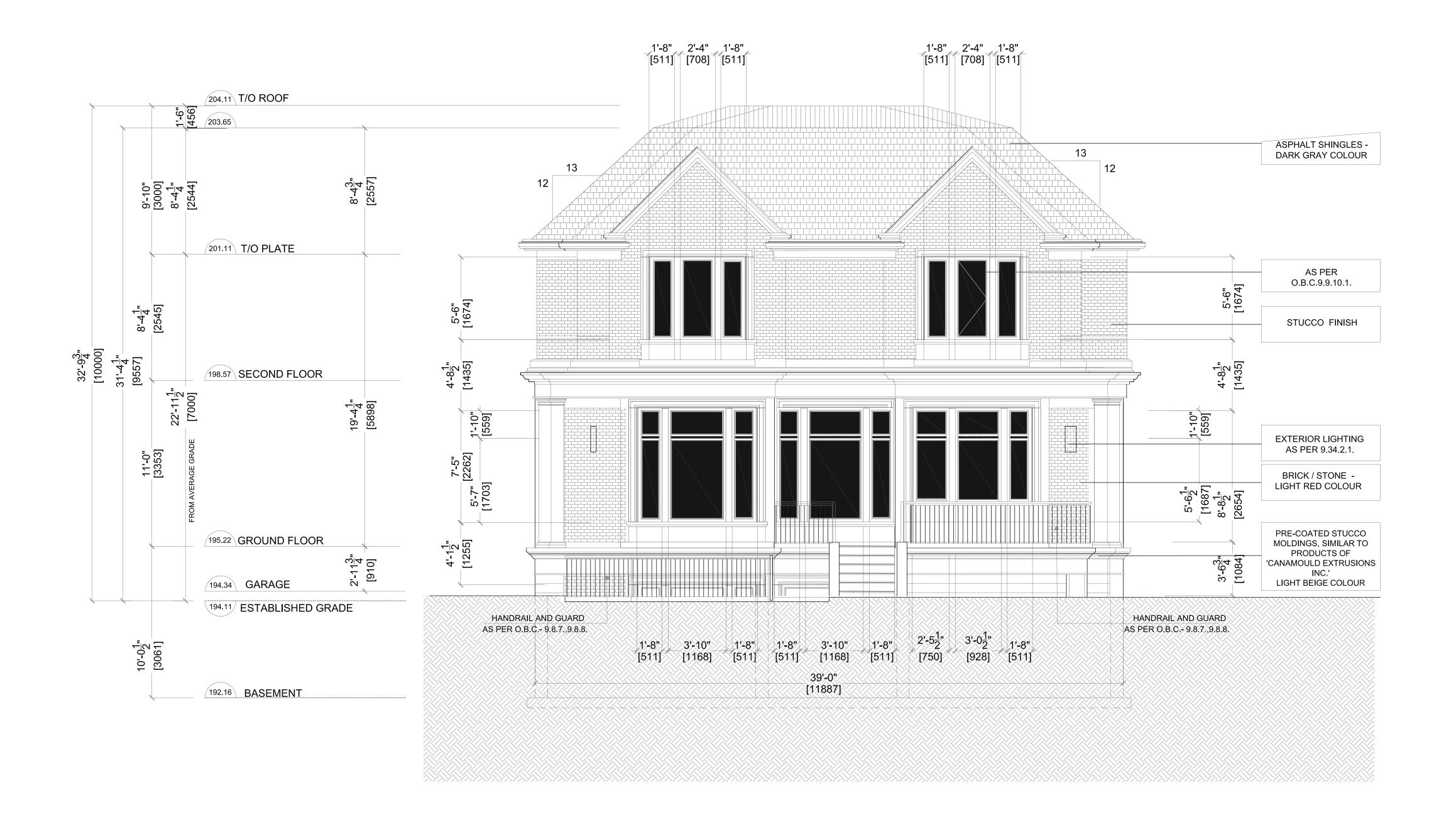
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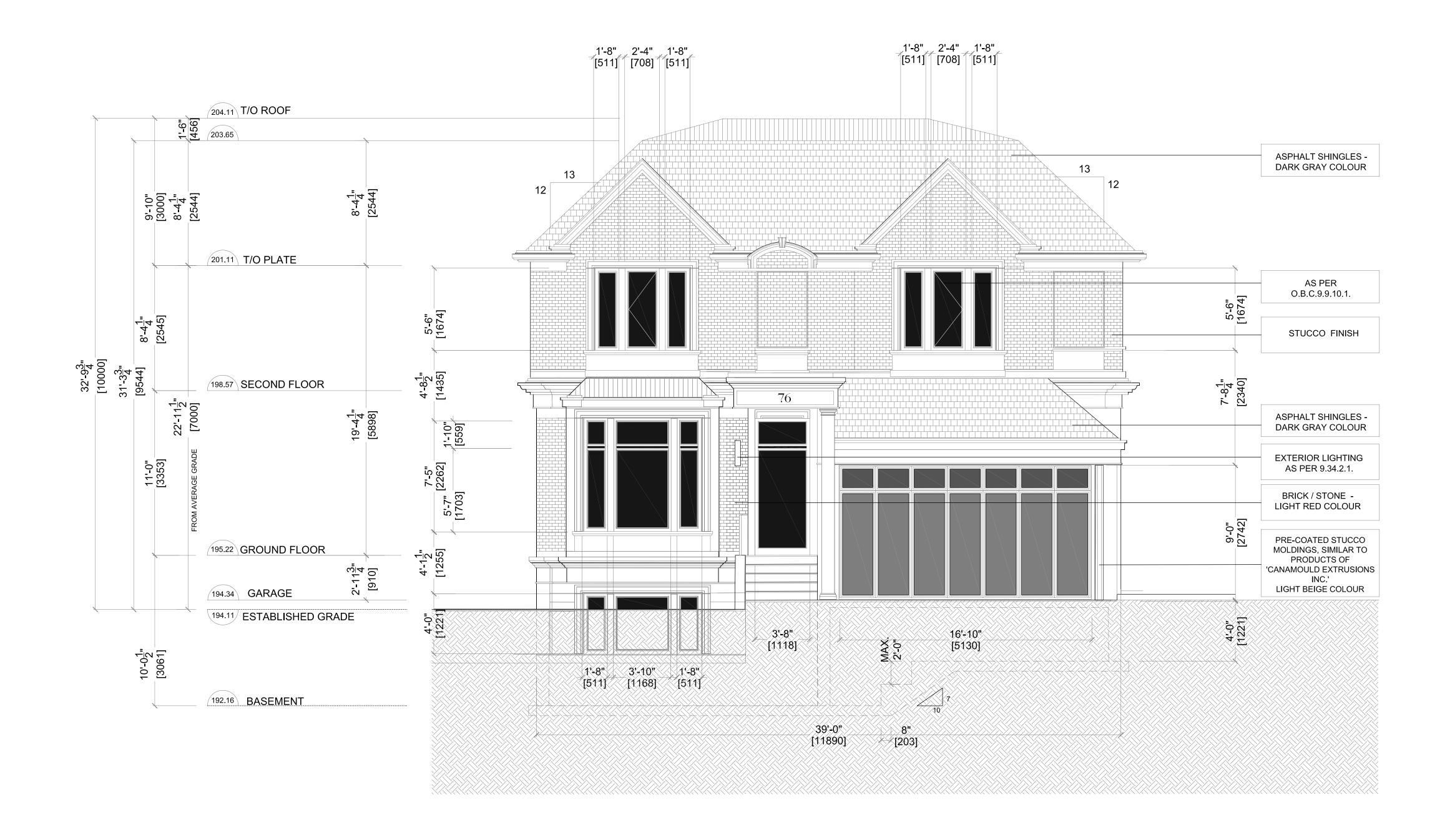
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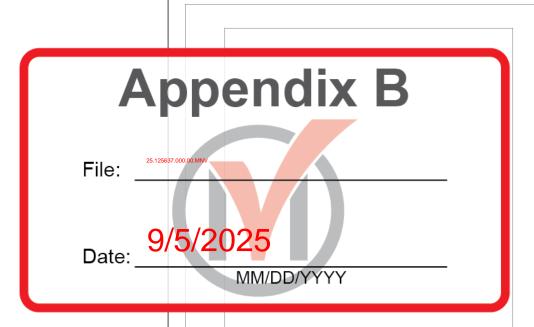


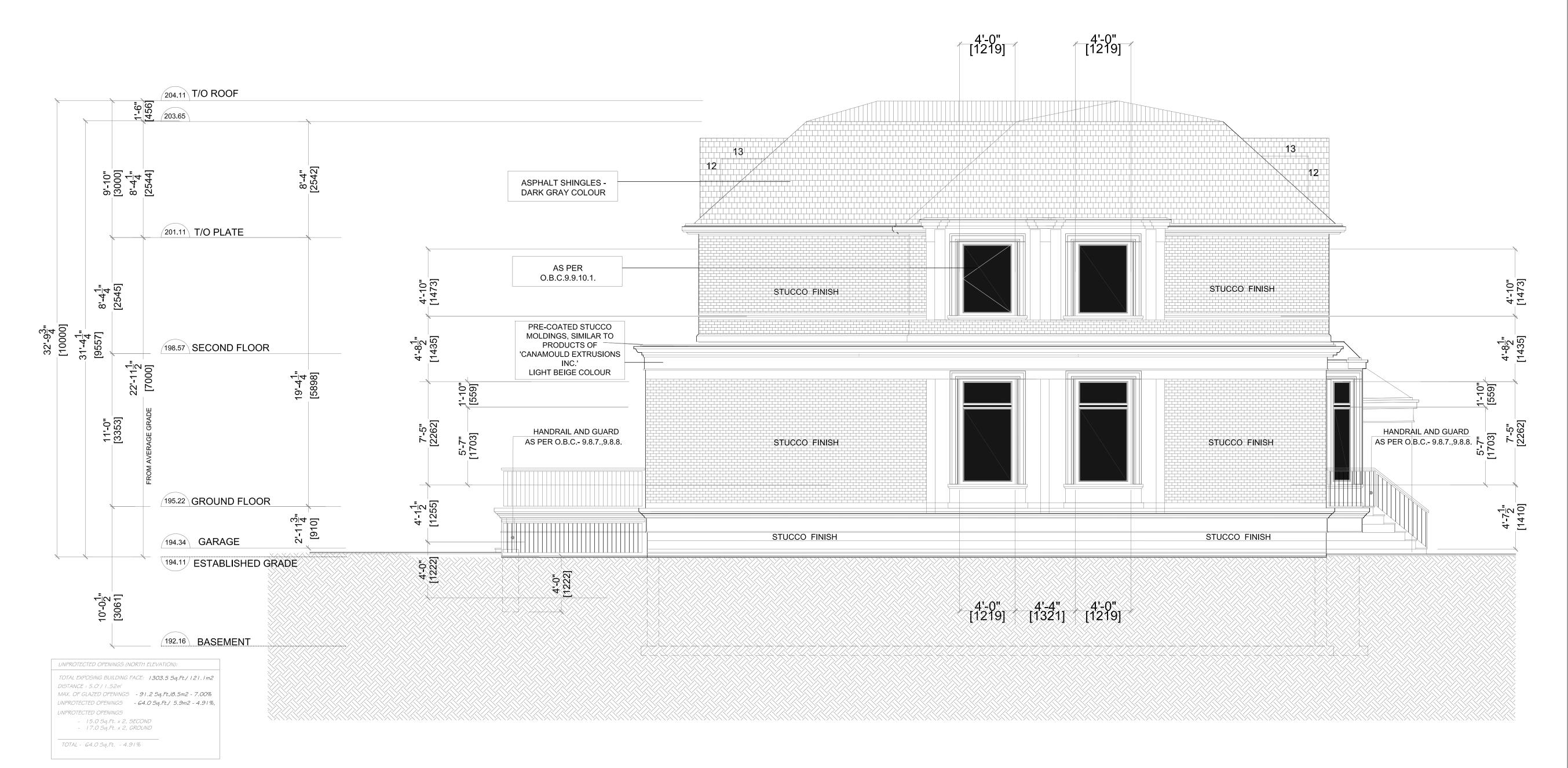
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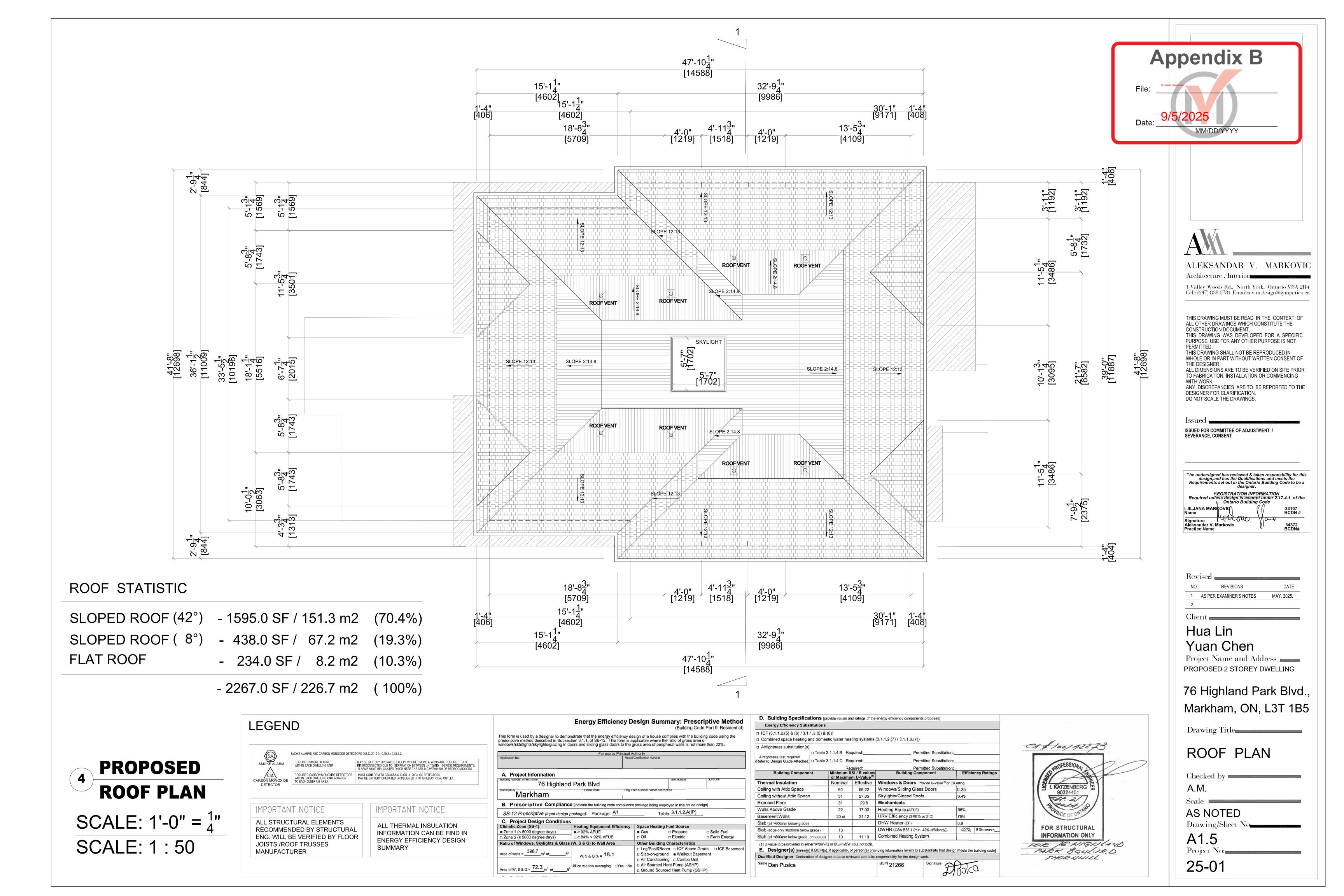
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as it relates to the existing side entrance.

The owner, Elaheh Rezaei, appeared on behalf of the application, page 12/3/2025 the condition existed before they purchased the home and the base ment was now as an additional residential unit, but also had access through the primary floor residence.

Appendix D

Member Prasad, for the safety of the residents, indicated it was not possible to approve variances without safe emergency access to the additional residential unit.

The Chair expressed that the reduced setbacks would create negative grading and drainage impacts for the adjacent property and increase potential health and safety risks for first responders and current and future residents, and agreed that the application was not in the interest of the public and could not be supported.

Member Prasad motioned to deny the application.

Moved by: Arun Prasad

Seconded by: Patrick Sampson

The Committee unanimously denied the application.

THAT Application A/052/25 be denied.

Resolution Carried

6.6 A/084/25

Agent Name: Aleksandar Markovic 76 Highland Park Boulevard, Thornhill PLAN 2446 LOT 153

The applicant was requesting relief from the requirements of By-law 2024-19, as amended, to permit the following:

a) By-law 2024-19, Section 6.3.2.2.1:

a minimum west side yard setback of 1.52 metres and a minimum combined interior side yard setback on both sides of 3.36 metres, whereas the by-law requires a minimum side yard setback of 1.8 metres and a minimum combined interior side yard setback on both sides of 4.00 metres;

b) By-law 2024-19, Section 6.2.1b):

a maximum roof projection of 2.54 metres above the maximum outside wall height, whereas the by-law permits a roof structure with a pitch of less than 25 degrees to project a maximum of 1 metre above the maximum outside wall height;

c) By-law 2024-19, Section 6.3.2.2.c:

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a maximum main building coverage of 24 percent for any storey above the first, whereas the by-law permits a maximum main building coverage of 20 percent for any storey above the first;

as it relates to a proposed two-storey residential dwelling.

The agent, Aleksandar Markovic, appeared on behalf of the application.

Member Reingold disagreed with the reduced side yard setbacks and indicated that the other variance requests were reflective of the development of the area.

Member Sampson disagreed with both the side yard setback and the massing of the second storey.

Member Prasad asked if the applicant could agree to increase the side yard setbacks and reduce the second-floor coverage.

The applicant indicated the variance requests could be reduced; however, the exact reduction could not be determined at the meeting.

The Chair recommended the application be deferred and the applicant return with new drawings after conferring with their client.

Member Prasad motioned for deferral.

Moved by: Arun Prasad

Seconded by: Jeamie Reingold

THAT Application A/084/24 be deferred sine die.

Resolution Carried

Applications B/003/25, A/049/25, A/051/25, B/004/25, and A/051/25 were heard concurrently with the discussion recorded under application B/003/25.

6.7 B/003/25

Agent Name: Anison & Associates (Tanya Roman) 21 Riverview Avenue, Markham PLAN 4365 LOT 12

The owner was requesting provisional consent to:

- a) sever and convey a parcel of land (Part 2) with an approximate lot width of 11.60 metres and an approximate lot area of 464.41 square metres; and
- **b) retain a parcel of land** (Part 1) with an approximate lot width of 22.80 metres and an approximate lot area of 916.26 square metres.