Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment July 13, 2020

File:	A/033/20
Address:	90 Fred Varley Drive – Markham, ON
Applicant:	Jingmei Wu
Agent:	Sahand Homes Inc.
Hearing Date:	Wednesday July 29, 2020

The following comments are provided on behalf of the Central Team.

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of the "Fourth Density" Single Family Residential (R4)" zone, under By-law 11-72, as amended, as they relate to a proposed two-storey detached dwelling. The applicant has submitted revised plans, and consequently requests the following variances to permit:

a) Section 3.7:

a west side yard setback of 4.5 ft, whereas the By-law requires a minimum of 6.0 ft;

b) <u>Section 6.1</u>:

a maximum building height of 26.0 ft, whereas the By-law permits a maximum building height of 25.0 ft; and

c) Section 6.1:

a maximum lot coverage of 34.95%, whereas the By-law permits a maximum of 33.33%.

COMMENTS

This application was deferred at the July 2, 2020 Committee of Adjustment hearing as detailed in the minutes extract (Appendix "D"). The applicant submitted revised plans for the proposed development on July 9, 2020 (Appendix "B"), which maintains two of the previously requested variances as they relate to a reduced side vard setback along the west property line and an increased building height. Revisions to the plans have resulted in a reduction to the maximum lot coverage from 35.77% to 34.95%. The previous variance requests for a reduction to the east side yard setback and unenclosed porch and steps projection are no longer required.

The subject lands are located on Fred Varley Drive, which is comprised of a mix of older one-storey bungalows and newer one and two-storey detached dwellings. Staff have reviewed the revised plans and advise that the comments from the initial staff report remain applicable (Appendix "C"). Staff are of the opinion that the requested variances would result in a development that is compatible with its surrounding context and, appropriately reflects the recent infill development trend in this area to redevelop older one-storey dwellings with larger two-storey dwellings. Staff are of the opinion that the variances are minor in nature and will not result in adverse impacts to neighbouring properties.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of July 13, 2020. 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 requests meet 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 By-law, and how they satisfy the tests of the *Planning Act* required for the granting of minor variances.

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

APPENDICES

Appendix "A" – Revised Conditions of Approval Appendix "B" – Revised Plans Appendix "C" – Staff Report: June 10, 2020 Appendix "D" – Minutes Extract: July 2, 2020

PREPARED BY:

Aleks Todorovski, Planner, Zoning and Special Projects

REVIEWED BY:

Sabrina Bordone, Senior Planner, Central District

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APPENDIX "A" REVISED CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/033/20

- 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 plans attached as Appendix "B" to this Staff Report and received by the City of Markham on July 9, 2020, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from the Director of Planning and Urban Design or designate that this condition has been fulfilled to his or her satisfaction.
- 3. That prior to the commencement of construction or demolition, tree protection be erected and maintained around all trees on site in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual, including street trees, in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual (2009) as amended, and inspected by City Staff to the satisfaction of the Tree Preservation Technician or Director of Operations.
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CONDITIONS PREPARED BY:

Aleks Todorovski, Planner, Zoning and Special Projects

APPENDIX "B" REVISED PLANS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/033/20



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ROOF PLAN









SOUTH ELEVATION



APPENDIX "C" STAFF REPORT: JUNE 10, 2020

Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment June 10, 2020

File:	A/033/20
Address:	90 Fred Varley Drive – Markham, ON
Applicant:	Jingmei Wu
Agent:	Sahand Homes Inc.
Hearing Date:	Thursday July 2, 2020

The following comments are provided on behalf of the Central Team. The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of the "Fourth Density Single Family Residential" (R4) under By-law 11-72, as amended, as they relate to a proposed two-storey single-detached dwelling. The variances requested are as follows:

a) Section 6.1:

an east side yard setback of 5.0 ft (1.52 m), whereas the By-law requires a minimum side yard setback of 6.0 ft (1.83 m) for a two-storey dwelling;

b) Section 6.1:

a west side yard setback of 4.5 ft (1.37 m), whereas the By-law requires a minimum side yard setback of 6.0 ft (1.83 m) for a two-storey dwelling;

c) <u>Section 6.1:</u>

a maximum building height of 26.0 ft (7.92 m), whereas the By-law permits a maximum of 25.0 ft (7.62 m);

d) Section 6.1:

a maximum lot coverage of 35.77%, whereas the By-law permits a maximum of 33.33%;

e) <u>Section 3.7:</u>

an unenclosed covered porch and steps to project 5.91 ft (1.80 m) into the required front yard, whereas the By-law permits an uncovered platform to project no more than 5.0 ft (1.52 m) into the required front yard.

BACKGROUND

Property Description

The 594.2 m² (6,395.92 ft²) subject property is located on the south side of Fred Varley Drive, east of Village Parkway, and west of Sciberras Road, and is municipally known as 90 Fred Varley Drive. A one and a half-storey single detached dwelling exists on the subject property, with one mature tree located in the rear yard and one street tree in the front yard. The property is located within an established residential neighbourhood comprised of a mix of one and two-storey single detached dwellings. The surrounding area is undergoing a transition with newer dwellings being developed as infill developments.

Proposal

The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing one and a half-storey single detached dwelling and construct a new two-storey single detached dwelling (see Appendix "B") with a gross floor area of 382.0 m² (4,111.81 ft²).

Official Plan and Zoning

<u>Official Plan 2014 (partially approved on November 24/17, and updated on April 9/18)</u> The subject property is designated "Residential Low Rise", which provides for low rise housing forms including single detached dwellings. Section 8.2.3.5 of the 2014 Official Plan outlines development criteria for the "Residential Low Rise" designation with respect to height, massing and setbacks. This criteria is established to ensure that the development is appropriate for the site and generally consistent with the zoning requirements for adjacent properties and properties along the same street. In considering applications for development approval in a "Residential Low Rise" area, which includes minor variances, infill development is required to meet the general intent of these development criteria. Regard shall also be had for retention of existing trees and vegetation, the width of proposed garages and driveways and the overall orientation and sizing of new lots within a residential neighbourhood.

Zoning By-Law 11-72

The subject property is zoned "Fourth Density Single Family Residential" (R4) under Bylaw 11-72, as amended, which permits one single detached dwelling per lot. The proposed development does not comply with the requirements of the By-law as they relate to the interior side yard setbacks for a two-storey dwelling, building height, lot coverage and permitted yard encroachment.

Varley Village Infill Area

The subject property is within an area of the City where there is a trend to build larger houses. In response to concerns with this trend, a number of residents asked that Markham consider a residential Infill By-law for the Varley Village neighbourhood. The Unionville Sub-Committee, a Committee of Council, undertook a review of this issue with community consultation, and ultimately recommend that no action be taken on an Infill By-law. This position was endorsed by Development Services Committee on June 19, 2012. As such, the existing By-law standards continue to apply.

Applicant's Stated Reason for Not Complying with Zoning

The applicant did not provide a reason.

Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Undertaken

The applicant submitted a ZPR, which confirmed the initial variances for the proposed development. Following staff's review of the plans, the applicant confirmed that the initial request for a west side yard setback of 5.0 ft (1.52m) be revised to 4.5 ft (1.37 m) as shown on the submitted plans (Appendix "B").

It is the applicant'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 Setbacks (two-storey portion)

The applicant requests a minimum side yard setback of 5.0 ft (1.52 m) along the east property line, and 4.5 ft (1.37 m) along the west property line. The By-law permits a minimum side yard setback of 4.0 ft (1.22 m) for the one-storey portion and 6.0 ft (1.83 m) for the two-storey portion.

The request meets the minimum requirement for a one-storey portion of a dwelling, and is requesting relief of 1.0 ft (0.31 m) on the east side yard, and 1.5 ft (0.46 m) on the west side yard for the two-storey portion of the dwelling. Planning staff are of the opinion that the proposed side yard reductions will not impact the character of the neighbourhood.

Increase in Maximum Building Height

The applicant requests a maximum building height of 26.0 ft (7.92 m), whereas the By-law permits a maximum building height of 25.0 ft (7.62 m). This represents an increase of 1.0 ft (0.3 m). Building heights within the surrounding area vary. Planning staff are of the opinion that the proposed building height is generally consistent with the low rise character of the neighbourhood including existing dwellings and other infill development, and have no concerns with the variance.

Increase in Maximum Lot Coverage

The applicant requests a maximum lot coverage of 35.77%, whereas the By-law permits a maximum lot coverage of 33.33%. The proposed dwelling features a building footprint of approximately 2,287.55 ft² (212.52 m²), which includes a 39.44 ft² (3.66 m²) covered front porch. Under the provisions of the Zoning By-law, a building footprint of approximately 2,131.76 ft² (198.05 m²) would be permitted. Staff are of the opinion that the proposed lot coverage represents a minor deviation from the By-law that will not significantly add to the scale or massing of the dwelling.

Permitted Yard Encroachment

The applicant requests that the unenclosed covered porch and steps project 5.91 ft (1.80 m) into the front yard, whereas the By-law permits an uncovered platform to project no more than 5.0 ft (1.52 m).

The main portion of the proposed dwelling complies with the required front yard setback of 27.0 ft (8.23 m). The variance is attributable to a portion of the front covered porch, which extends approximately 11.0 in (0.28 m) beyond the By-law requirement. Covered porches are a common feature amongst other approved infill developments within the area. Planning staff are of the opinion that the proposed variance will not adversely impact the overall character of the neighbourhood.

Tree Preservation

The applicant has provided a revised site plan showing the location of one street tree in the front yard and one mature tree in the rear yard. The applicant proposes to preserve the tree in the rear yard and relocate or replace the street tree, should preservation not be feasible due to the location of the driveway. Should Committee approve this application,

staff recommend that any approval is subject to the related tree preservation and protection conditions provided in Appendix "A".

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of June 10, 2020. 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.

APPLICATION PROCESSING

This application was initially scheduled to be heard on April 1, 2020; however, this hearing date was scheduled prior to the Province of Ontario's decision to suspend *Planning Act* timelines for the consideration of a consent and minor variance application, as well as any appeal of an application to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT).

On June 12, 2020, the Province announced that the emergency regulations relating to *Planning Act* applications will end on June 22, 2020. After June 22, 2020, the procedural requirements (e.g. sending of notices, hearing of applications, eligibility for appeals to LPAT, etc.) of *Planning Act* applications shall proceed as they did prior to the declaration of the emergency. Revisions to the initial memorandum include an update on matters relating to application processing.

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

APPENDICES

Appendix "A" – Conditions of Approval Appendix "B" – Plans

PREPARED BY

Aleks Todorovski, Planner, Zoning and Special Projects

REVIEWED BY:

Sabrina Bordone, Senior Planner, Central District

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APPENDIX "B" PLANS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/033/20



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	COMMISSION OF ONTARIO AS IN INST. No. MA56069 ASSIGNED BY R692069.
	2. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: NOTE THE LOCATION OF THE FENCES AROUND THE SOUTHERLY, EASTERLY AND WESTERLY LIMITS OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.
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AND THE UNDERSIGNED	2400 MIDLAND AVE., #121 PHONE: (647)430–1366 FAX: (647)799–4068 SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO, M1S 1X7 E–MAIL: MANDARINSURVEYOR@GMAIL.COM
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SURVEYOR'S REAL PROPERTY REPORT PART 1 - PLAN OF SURVEY OF

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SOUTH ELEVATION













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ROOF PLAN

APPENDIX "D" MINUTES EXTRACT: JULY 2, 2020

Resolution Carried

5. A/033/20

Owner Name: Jingmei Wu Agent Name: SAHAND HOMES Inc (Shervin Farzam Behboudi) 90 Fred Varley Dr, Markham PLAN 7566 LOT 282

The applicant is requesting relief from the requirements of By-law 11-72 as amended to permit:

a) Section 6.1:

an East side yard setback of 5 ft, whereas the By-law requires a minimum of 6 ft;

b) Section 3.7:

a West side yard setback of 4.5 ft, whereas the By-law requires a minimum of 6 ft;

c) Section 6.1:

a maximum building height of 26 ft, whereas the By-law permits a maximum of 25 ft;

d) Section 6.1:

a maximum lot coverage of 35.77 percent, whereas the By-law permits a maximum of 33 1/3 percent;

e) Section 3.7:

an unenclosed covered porch and steps to project 5 ft 11 in into the required front yard, whereas the By-law permits an uncovered platform to project no more than 5 ft into the required yard;

as it relates to a proposed two-storey detached dwelling. (Central District, Ward 3)

The Secretary-Treasurer introduced the application.

The agent Shervin Behboudi appeared on behalf of the application. He cites that there have been other similar houses constructed in the area.

Committee member Jeamie Reingold comments that the overall massing here is significant.

Mr. Behboudi responded that attempts have been made to reach a more sympathetic house footprint.

Committee member Sally Yan stated that this portion of Fred Varley Drive has not seen as significant in-fill development begin to occur.

Committee of Adjustment Minutes Thursday, July 2, 2020

The Chair did comment that minor variances are not precedent setting with each proposal looked at individually and according to its specific context.

The agent requests deferral to revise the proposal.

Moved By: Sally Yan Seconded By: Jeamie Reingold

THAT Application No. A/033/20 be deferred sine die.

Resolution Carried

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Tom Gutfreund Seconded by Jeamie Reingold

THAT the virtual meeting of Committee of Adjustment be adjourned at 8: 26 PM, and the next regular meeting will be held on July 7, 2020.

CARRIED

Justin Jeung

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Chair

Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

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