Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

February 12, 2019

File:

A/07/19

Address:

127 Smoothwater Terr, Markham

Applicant:

Aris Nurmohamed

Agent:

Lasonne Engineering Limited (Daniel Falzon)

Hearing Date:

Wednesday February 20, 2019

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

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of By-law 142-95, R2*222*224*322, as amended:

a) Section 5.3 (b):

a maximum deck projection of 6.12 metres (20.1 feet) from the wall closest to the rear lot line, whereas the By-law permits a maximum deck projection of 3 metres (9.84 feet) from the wall closest to the rear lot line for decks with a height greater than 1 metre (3.3 feet); as it relates to an existing rear deck of a residential dwelling.

The applicant is applying for a variance for an existing rear uncovered deck built without a permit. The applicant is requesting a maximum deck projection of 6.12 m (20.1 ft), whereas the By-law permits a maximum deck projection of 3 m (9.84 ft). This represents a difference of approximately 3.12 m (10.24 ft) or double what the By-law permits. The subject property backs onto Bernbridge Parkette and provides a generous rear yard setback of approximately 15.52 m (51 ft) from the rear property line to the existing deck. The existing deck has a height of approximately 9 ft (2.74 m) from the ground and spans almost the entire width of the rear wall of the existing dwelling. As a result of the slope at the rear of the existing dwelling, the existing deck is elevated. Notwithstanding, it is built off the main floor of the dwelling and is generally in line with neighbouring properties.

The applicant is not applying for variances for lot coverage, height or any setbacks, even though it should be noted that a ZPR has not been done. Side yard setbacks of approximately 0.85 m (2.79 ft) on the left (north) side and 3.12 m (10.24 ft) on the right (south) side of the existing dwelling are provided. There are two other homes along Smoothwater Terrace (123 and 91) which back onto Brenbridge Parkette and which have received variances for a maximum deck projection of 4.27 m (14 ft) and 6.35 m (20.83 ft). While the existing deck is larger than what the by-law permits, it is one-storey, unenclosed, and provides a generous rear yard setback.

Applicant's Stated Reason(s) for Not Complying with Zoning

According to the information provided by the applicant, "the rear yard deck has already been built"

Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) not Undertaken

The applicant has confirmed that a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) has <u>not</u> been conducted. 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 and, the appropriateness of the deck will be re-evaluated.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of February 12, 2019. 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. 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.

PREPARED BY:

Aqsa Malik, Planney, Zoning and Special Projects

REŴJEWED BY:

Stacka/Muradali, Senior Planner, East District

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APPENDIX "A" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/07/19

- 1. The variances apply only to the existing 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 received by the City of Markham on *January 22, 2019*, 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.

CONDITIONS PREPARED BY:

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