Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

September 8, 2020

File: A.073.20

Address: 72 Royal Orchard Blvd – Markham, ON

Applicant: Chris Mandarino
Agent: JS Barmi Architect

Hearing Date: Wednesday September 16, 2020

The following comments are provided on behalf of the West Team. The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements from the "Third Density Single Family Residential (R3A)" zone requirements under By-law 2150, as amended, as it relates to a proposed second floor addition. The variance requested is to permit:

a) Section 6.1:

a minimum two-storey west side yard setback of 1.22 m (4.0 ft), whereas the By-law requires a minimum side yard setback of 1.83 m (6.0 ft).

BACKGROUND

Property Description

The 602.99 m² (6,490.53 ft²) subject property is located on the north side of Royal Orchard Boulevard, east of Yonge Street, and west of Bay Thorn Drive. There is an existing one and a half-storey detached dwelling on the property, with front and rear covered porches. The property is located within an established residential neighbourhood primarily comprised of a mix of one, one and a half, and two-storey detached dwellings. Mature vegetation exists across the property.

Proposal

The applicant is proposing to construct a 33.15 m² (356.84 ft²) second floor addition located at the front southwest corner of the existing dwelling. Accordingly, the applicant is requesting setback relief of 0.61 m (2.0 ft) along the western property line where the two-storey portion is being proposed.

Official Plan and Zoning

Official Plan 2014 (partially approved on November 24/17, and updated on April 9/18)

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 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 2150

The subject property is zoned "Third Density Single Family Residential (R3A)" under Bylaw 2150, as amended, which permits one single detached dwelling per lot. The proposed

development does not comply with the By-law with respect to the permitted side yard setback to the west property line.

Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Not Undertaken

The applicant has confirmed that a ZPR has not been conducted. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application has accurately identified all the variances to the 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 ("the Committee"):

- a) The variance must be minor in nature:
- b) The variance must be desirable, in the opinion of the Committee, 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 (two-storey portion)

The applicant is requesting a minimum westerly interior side yard setback of 1.22 m (4.0 ft) for the two-storey portion of the dwelling, whereas the By-law requires a minimum side yard setback of 1.83 m (6.0 ft) on each side except that the minimum side yard required for a one-storey portion shall be 1.22 m (4.0 ft).

The existing dwelling's building line nearest the west property line is one-storey in height, and is setback approximately 1.22 m (4.0 ft). The requested variance applies to the proposed second storey addition to the existing building along the west property line. The addition would have a depth of 6.07 m (19.91 ft) from the front of the dwelling as shown in the plans attached as Appendix "B". Staff are of the opinion that the requested variance is a minor building addition that would not adversely impact the neighbouring dwelling or street, and do not object to the requested variance.

Tree Preservation & Compensation

There are existing trees located across the property, notably within the front yard, and interior side yard next to the proposed second floor addition. Adequate tree protection measures, including the erection of tree hoarding may be required to ensure the protection and, or preservation of certain trees prior to the commencement of construction. Accordingly, staff recommend that any approval of the variance application includes the tree protection and compensation conditions attached in Appendix "A".

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of September 8, 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 request to permit a reduced side yard setback of 1.22 m (4.0 ft.) 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 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

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REVIEWED BY:

Rick Cefaratti, MCIP, RPP, Senior Planner, West District

APPENDIX "A" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/073/20

- 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 batch stamped plans attached as Appendix "B" to this Staff Report and received by the City of Markham, 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. Submission of a Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan, prepared by a qualified arborist in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual (2009), as amended, to be reviewed and approved by the City, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from Tree Preservation Technician or Director of Operations that this condition has been fulfilled to his/her satisfaction, and that any detailed Siting, Lot Grading and Servicing Plan required as a condition of approval reflects the Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan.
- 4. That prior to the commencement of construction or demolition, tree protection be erected and maintained around all trees on site, 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.
- 5. That tree replacements be provided and/or tree replacement fees be paid to the City if required in accordance with the Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Tree Preservation Technician or Director of Operations.

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APPENDIX "B" PLANS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/073/20













