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

File:	A/091/20
Address:	34 Shady Lane Cres – Markham, ON (Thornhill)
Applicant:	Tiago Dos Santos & Belinda Naccarato
Agent:	SH Design
Hearing Date:	Wednesday October 21, 2020

The following comments are provided on behalf of the West Team. The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of "Fourth Density Single Family Residential – (R4A)" under By-law 2150, as amended, as it relates to a front covered porch and building addition. The variances requested are as follows:

a) Amending By-law 2223, Section 1 - Minimum Front Yard Setback:

a minimum front yard setback of 19.84 ft (6.05 m), whereas the By-law requires a minimum front yard setback of 20.0 ft (6.10 m); and

b) Section 3.7 - Permitted Yard Encroachment:

a maximum unenclosed roofed porch and eaves encroachment of 91.0 inches, or 2.31 m (7.58 ft) into the required front yard, whereas the By-law permits a maximum encroachment of 18.0 inches, or 0.46 m (1.50 ft) into the required front yard.

BACKGROUND

Property Description

The 772.19 m² (8,311.78 ft²) subject property is located on the north side of Shady Lane Crescent, north of Royal Orchard Boulevard, west of Bayview Avenue, and south of and adjacent to a railway corridor. There is an existing single detached dwelling, with mature vegetation existing on the property. The property is located within an established residential neighbourhood that contains a mix of one and two-storey detached dwellings. The surrounding area is undergoing a transition with newer dwellings being developed as infill developments.

Proposal

The applicant is proposing to remove the existing covered front porch and construct a new covered porch, which would encroach into the required front yard. The applicant is also proposing a two-storey addition in the rear yard. Staff note that the applicant is not requesting any variances for the proposed rear yard addition.

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 development within a residential neighbourhood.

Zoning By-Law 2150, as amended

The subject property is zoned "Fourth Density Single Family Residential – (R4A)" under By-law 2150, as amended, which permits one single detached dwelling per lot. The proposed development does not comply with the By-law requirements with respect to the minimum front yard setback, and maximum encroachment into the required front yard.

Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Undertaken

The applicant completed a ZPR on September 24, 2020 to confirm the variances required for the proposed development.

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.

Reduction in Front Yard Setback

The applicant is requesting relief to permit a minimum front yard setback of 19.84 ft (6.05 m), whereas the By-law requires a minimum front yard setback of 20.0 ft (6.10 m). This is a reduction of 0.05 m (0.16 ft).

Staff are of the opinion that the proposed variance results in a main front building wall which is generally consistent with the front yard setback pattern of adjacent dwellings.

Increase in Maximum Roofed Porch & Eaves Encroachment

The applicant is requesting a maximum roofed porch and eaves encroachment of 91.0 inches, or 2.31 m (7.58 ft) into the required front yard, whereas the By-law permits a maximum roofed porch and eaves encroachment of 18.0 inches, or 0.46 m (1.50 ft) into any required yard. This is an increase of 1.85 m (6.08 ft).

This requested variance relates to a proposed 6.33 m (20.77 ft) wide, one-storey covered front porch. Staff are of the opinion that the proposed covered front porch will not significantly add to the overall bulk and massing of the dwelling provided that it remains unenclosed.

Tree Protection & Compensation

There are existing trees located throughout the property, notably within the front yard in proximity to the proposed area of work. Adequate tree protection measures, including the erection of tree hoarding may be required to ensure the protection of certain trees prior to the commencement of construction, or if agreed upon with City staff, that replacement trees or replacement fees be provided to the City in the case where removal is deemed necessary. In the event of approval, staff recommend that the tree protection and compensation conditions in Appendix "A" be adopted by the Committee.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of October 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 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 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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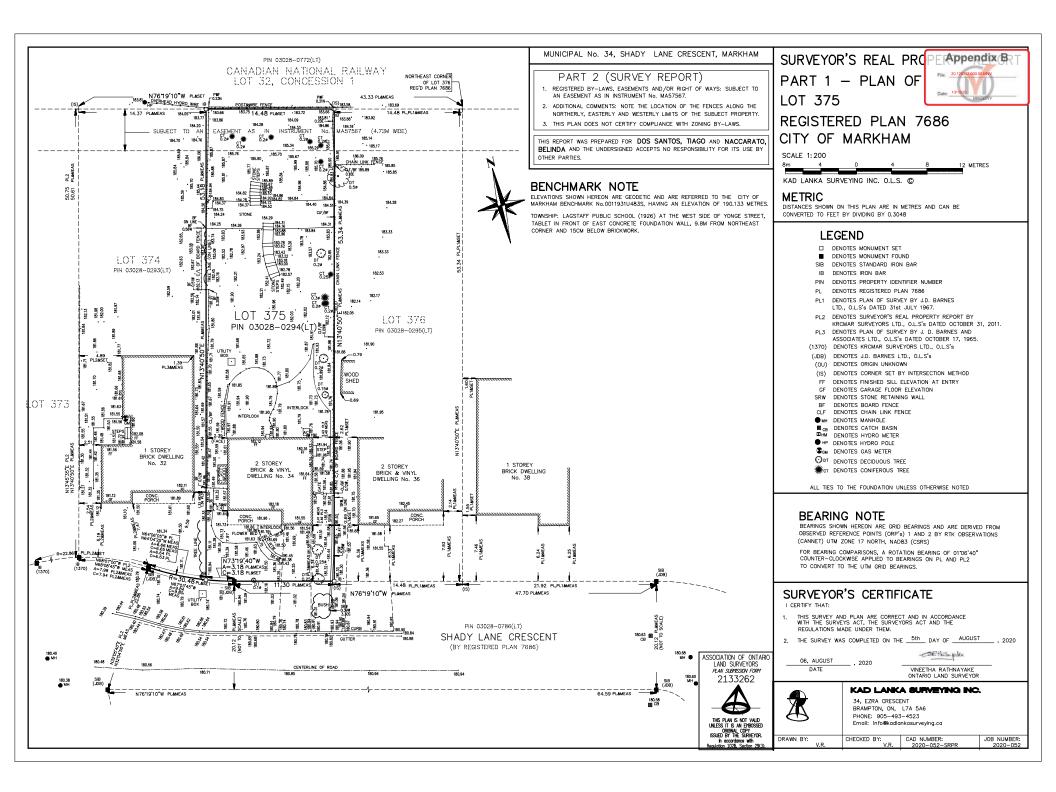
APPENDIX "A" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/091/20

- 1. That the covered front porch remains unenclosed;
- 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 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 the Tree Preservation Technician or Director of Operations that this condition has been fulfilled to his or 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, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled to his or her satisfaction; and
- 5. That tree replacements or tree replacement fees be provided 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, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled to his or her satisfaction.

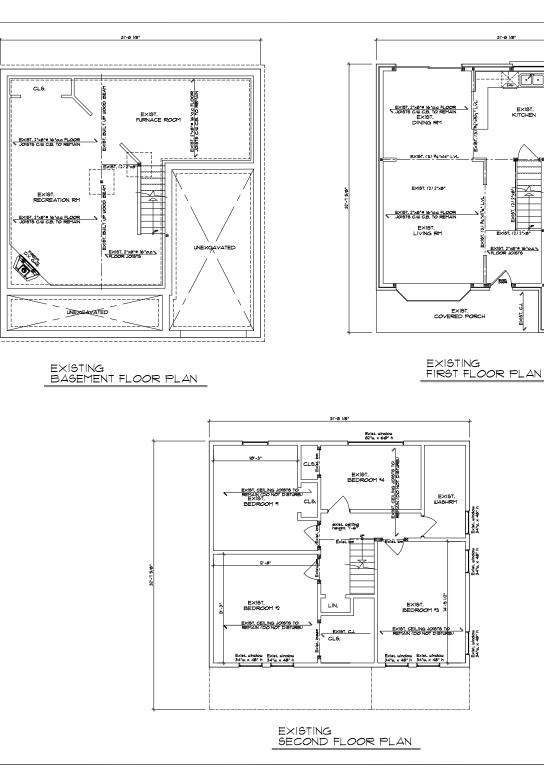
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APPENDIX "B" PLANS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/091/20







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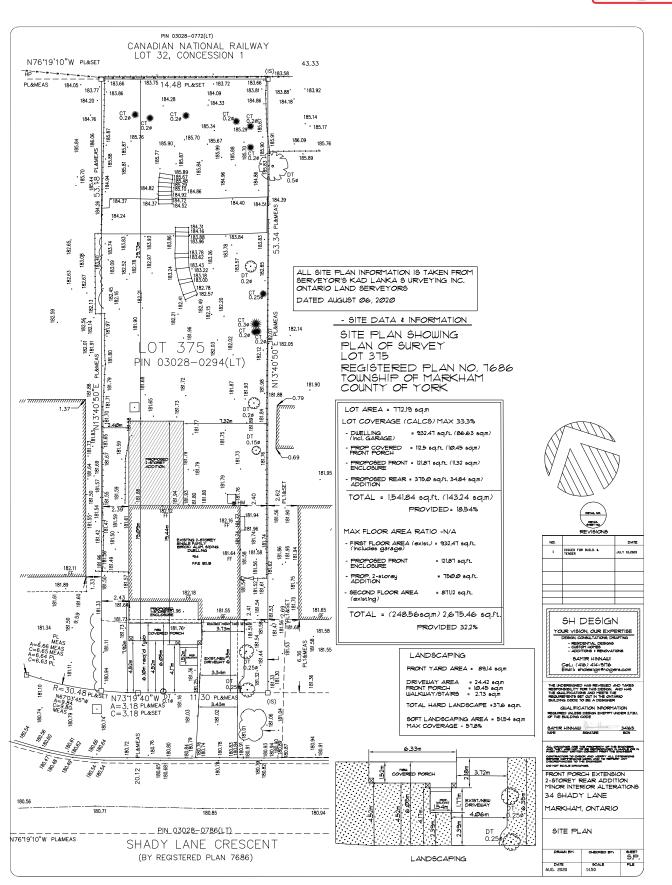
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