Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

February 09, 2018

File:

A/10/18

Address:

32 Victoria Ave Markham

Applicant:

Lisa and Scott Harper

Agent:

Master Edge Homes (Nathan Proctor)

Hearing Date:

Wednesday February 21, 2018

The following comments are provided on behalf of the Heritage Districts Team. Staff has no objection to the application. The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of By-law 122-72, as amended:

a) Amending By-law 14-84, Section 1 (d):

a door sill elevation of 173.77 metres, Canadian Geodetic Datum, whereas the By-law requires a minimum elevation of 174.8 metres, Canadian Geodetic Datum:

b) Section 11.2 (c):

a minimum front yard setback of 4 feet 7.5 inches, whereas the By-law requires a minimum front yard setback of 25 feet;

c) Section 5.7:

a maximum porch projection of 4 feet 2 inches into the required front yard, whereas the By-law permits a maximum porch projection of 18 inches into any required yard;

as they relate to a proposed addition to the existing dwelling.

The 787.4m² property is located within the Unionville Heritage Conservation District, on the north side of Victoria Avenue, abutting the valleylands of the Bruce Creek. The property contains a two storey, non-heritage, single detached dwelling. This application relates to Site Plan Control Application SC 17 159335, currently under review. Minor additions are being made to the existing building, including a second storey over an existing one storey wing, a new entrance porch, and the squaring off of the floorplate. The subject property is zoned R3 under By-law 122-72, as amended. The proposed use is permitted by the By-law.

The Minor Variance Application is to recognize the existing condition of the property with respect to how the existing dwelling relates to grade level and the front lot line. The application also relates to the construction of a new entrance porch, which will project into the front yard beyond what the By-law will permit.

Applicant's Stated Reasons for Not Complying with the Provisions of the By-law On the application form it is stated: "1. Ingress/egress to the dwelling will not be viable with a 174.80 m elevation; 2. Existing dwelling already within 25 feet of front lot line; and 3. Existing conditions do not provide sufficient space for covered porch."

COMMENTS

The Site Plan Control Application has been under review by the city since it was submitted in July of 2017, and no issues have been identified with the proposal other than the items that are required to be addressed through this Minor Variance Application. The alterations to the building and property are relatively minor in nature and complementary to the neighbourhood context. Heritage Markham reviewed the Site Plan Control Application at their September 13, 2017 meeting and are in support subject to the applicant obtaining the required permits from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. The applicant has been working with the TRCA in this regard within the context of the Site Plan Control Application.

This Minor Variance Application will be reviewed by Heritage Markham at their February 14, 2018 meeting. It is not anticipated that there will be any concerns with the requested variances. Staff recommends a condition be included that the variances are supported by Heritage Markham, to address the timing issue (the staff memo is due prior to Heritage Markham's meeting).

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of February 9, 2018.

ZONING PRELIMINARY REVIEW

A detailed zoning review was completed within the context of the Site Plan Control Application, which resulted in the applicant being advised of the variances applied for in this Minor Variance Application.

CONCLUSION

Planning staff have reviewed the application with respect to Section 45(1) of the <u>Planning Act</u>, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, and are of the opinion that the proposal meets the four tests of the <u>Planning Act</u> for the approval of minor variances. Staff therefore have no objection to this application, subject to conditions outlined in Appendix 'A' attached to this report. 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:

George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner

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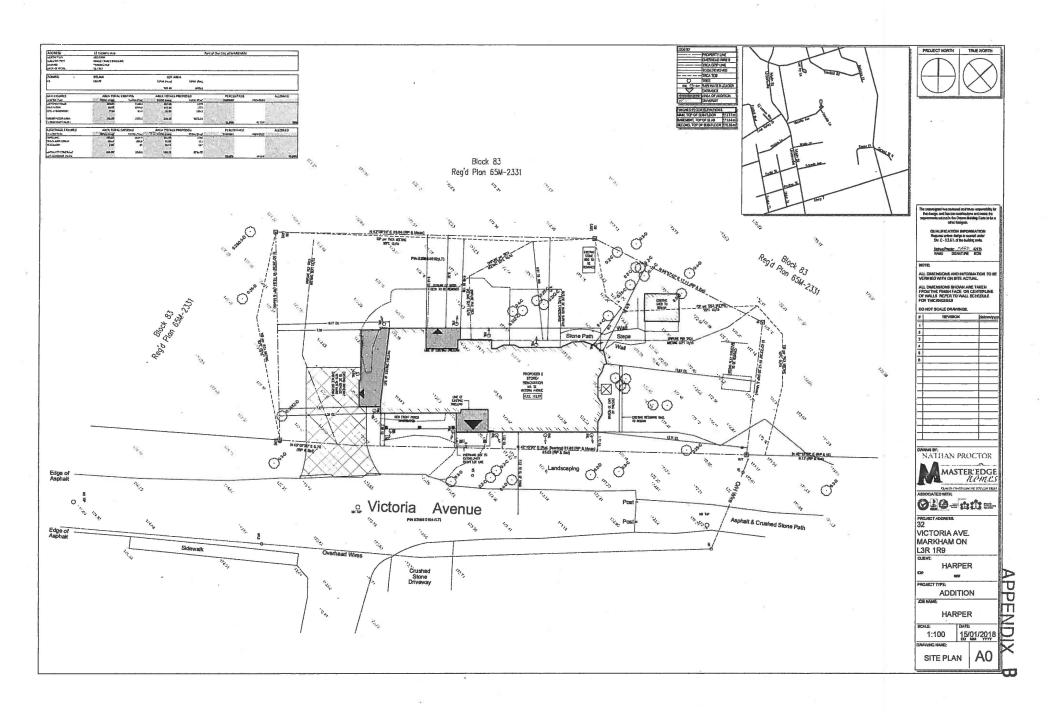
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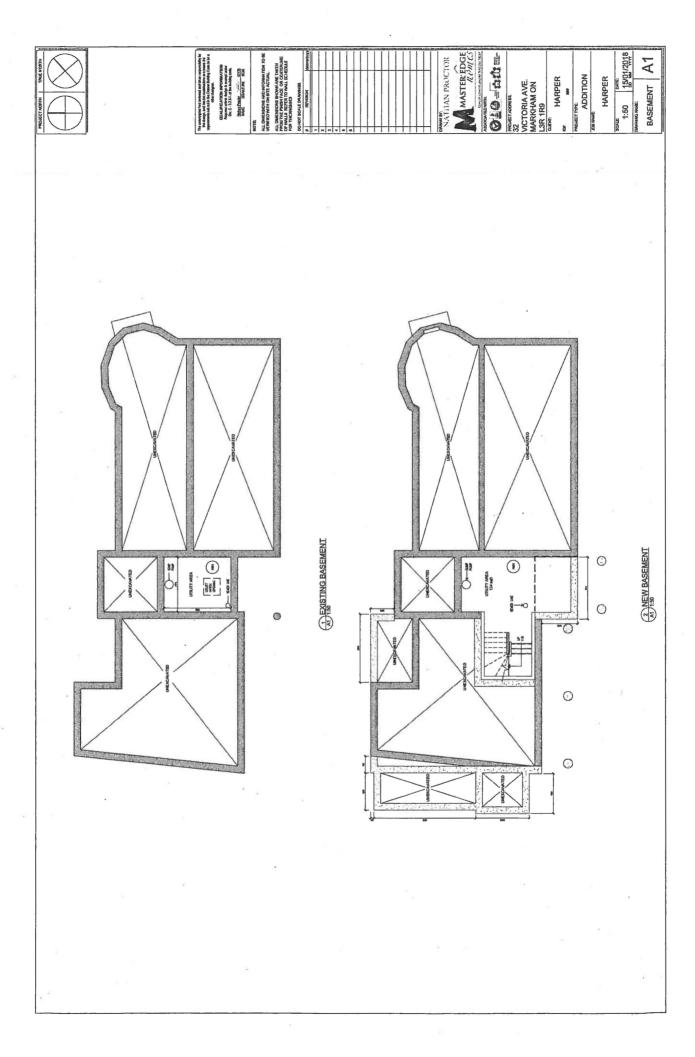
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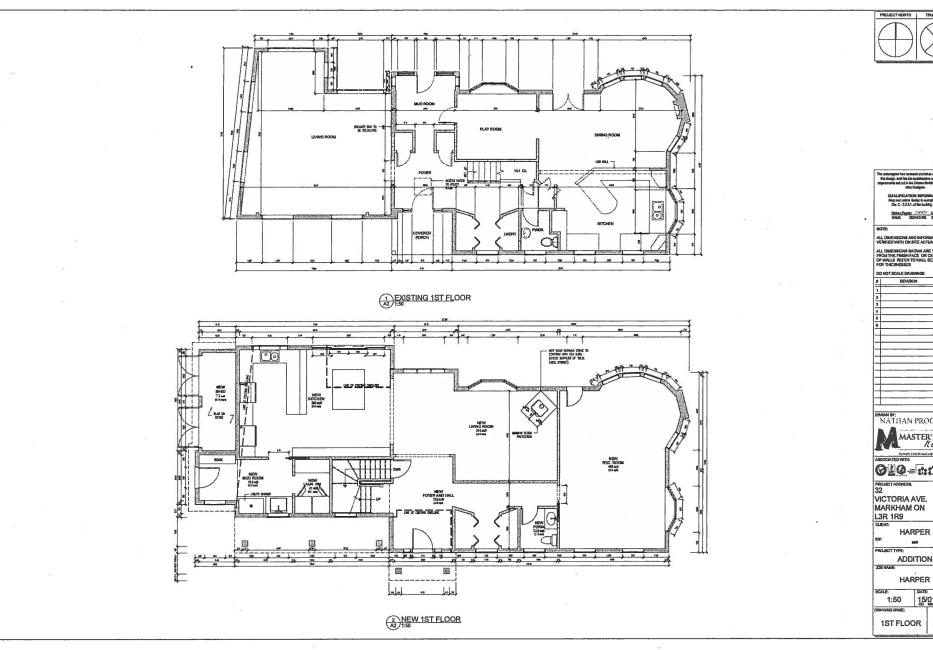
- 1. That the variances apply only to the proposed development as long as it remains;
- 2. That the variances apply to the subject development, in substantial conformity with the plans attached as Appendix 'B' to this Staff Report dated February 9, 2018, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Urban Design or designate, 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/her satisfaction;
- 3. That the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from Heritage Markham that the requested variances are supported.

CONDITIONS PREPARED BY:

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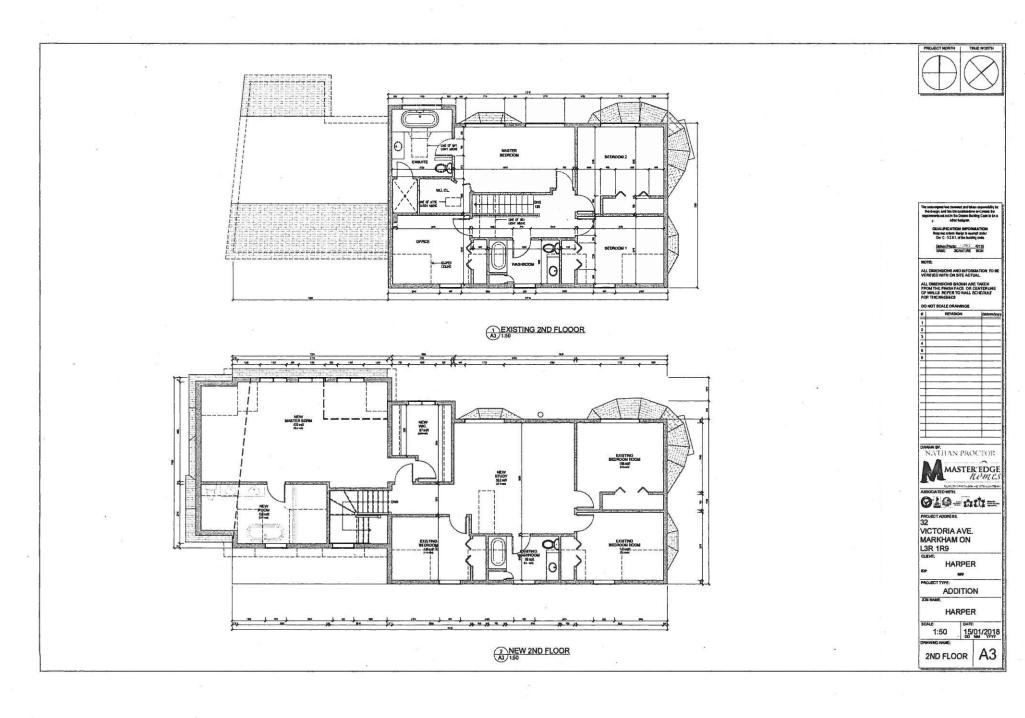
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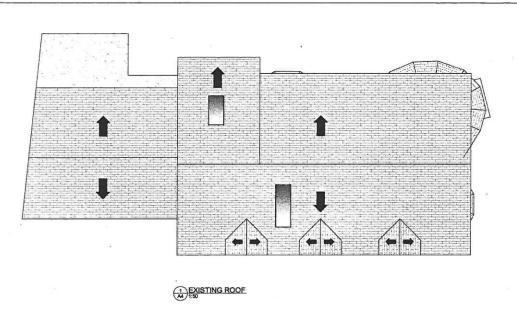
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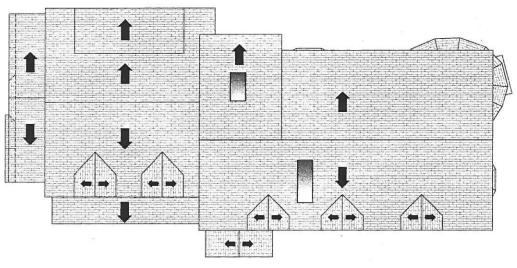
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