# Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

November 5, 2019

# File:A/109/19Address:79 Green Lane, ThornhillApplicant:Gatzios Planning & Development Consultants Inc. (Maria Gatzios)Hearing Date:Wednesday, November 13, 2019

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

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of By-law 77-73 as amended:

#### a) <u>Section 8.3.1.1:</u>

to permit pet care services including daycare, grooming, training and treatment, including associated pet retail sales, whereas the By-law only permits business offices and veterinary clinics;

as it relates to a proposed dog day care.

## BACKGROUND

#### **Property Description**

The 4046.86 m<sup>2</sup> (43,560.04 ft<sup>2</sup>) subject property is located on the south side of Green Lane, east of Bayview Avenue and north of John Street. The subject property has two buildings on site, one towards the front of the property and one towards the rear. The front building is approximately 258.87 m2 (2786.45 ft<sup>2</sup>) and is currently vacant. It was previously used as a veterinary clinic. The building towards the rear is an auto repair facility.

#### Proposal

The owner would like to lease the vacant building, located at the front of the property, for pet care services including daycare, grooming, training and treatment, and retail sales.

#### **Official Plan and Zoning**

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

The subject property is designated "Service Employment" in the 2014 City of Markham Official Plan. The designation is intended to accommodate a range of employment uses as well as small-scale retail and service uses that serve and support other business uses and employees, and that may also serve the general public. "Service Employment" uses are generally located within a variety of configurations and building forms, and typically adjoin and are accessible from larger established employment areas.

#### Zoning By-Law 77-73

The subject property is zoned M (Industrial) & BC (Business Corridor) under By-law 77-73, as amended (See Appendix "C"). Only the portion of the site zoned BC is proposed to be used for pet care services. The only uses permitted on this portion of the site are business offices and veterinary clinics. The proposal does not comply with the By-law with respect to use.

## Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Not Undertaken

The owner 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.

#### 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.

#### Use Variance

The "Service Employment" designation includes uses that provide goods and services to businesses in Markham, but may also serve resident needs. These include office, small-scale retail, and service uses. The applicant is requesting to permit a dog day care with grooming, training and treatment, and associated retail sales. Currently, the only permitted uses are business offices and veterinary clinics.

There are no proposed changes to the exterior of the building. The proposed dog day care and veterinary clinic are comparable in so far as they both provide services to dog owners and their pets. Staff are of the opinion that the proposed use will not have a significant impact on neighbouring properties, is desirable, and the general intent of the Zoning By-law and Official Plan will be maintained.

#### PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of November 5, 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 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.

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David Miller, Development Manager, West District

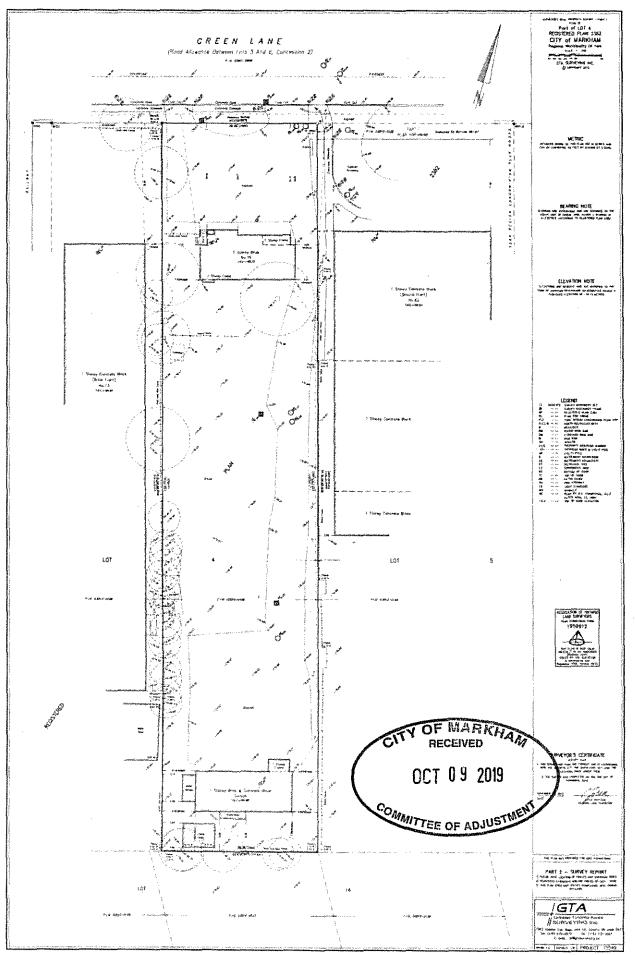
#### APPENDIX "A" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/109/19

- 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 plan(s) attached as Appendix "B" to this Staff Report and received by the City of Markham on October 9, 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;
- 3. That retail sales only be permitted as accessory to the dog day care business;
- 4. That the retail portion of the proposed development be limited to the Reception and Seating Area as shown on drawing A2 of Appendix "B", dated October 9, 2019.

CONDITIONS PREPARED BY:

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# APPENDIX **B**



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## **DOGGY HOUSE: INTERIOR ALTERATIONS**

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#### KEY MAP

#### PROJECT SCOPE:

INTERIOR ALTERATIONS OF AN EXISTING VET FACILITY INTO A DOG DAY CARE

STATISTICS: (TO REMAIN UNCHANGED)

BASEMENT AREA: 104.91 SM (1129.30 SF) GROUND FLOOR AREA: 153.96 SM (1657.28 SF) TOTAL GFA: 258.87 (2786.58 SF)

#### DRAWING INDEX

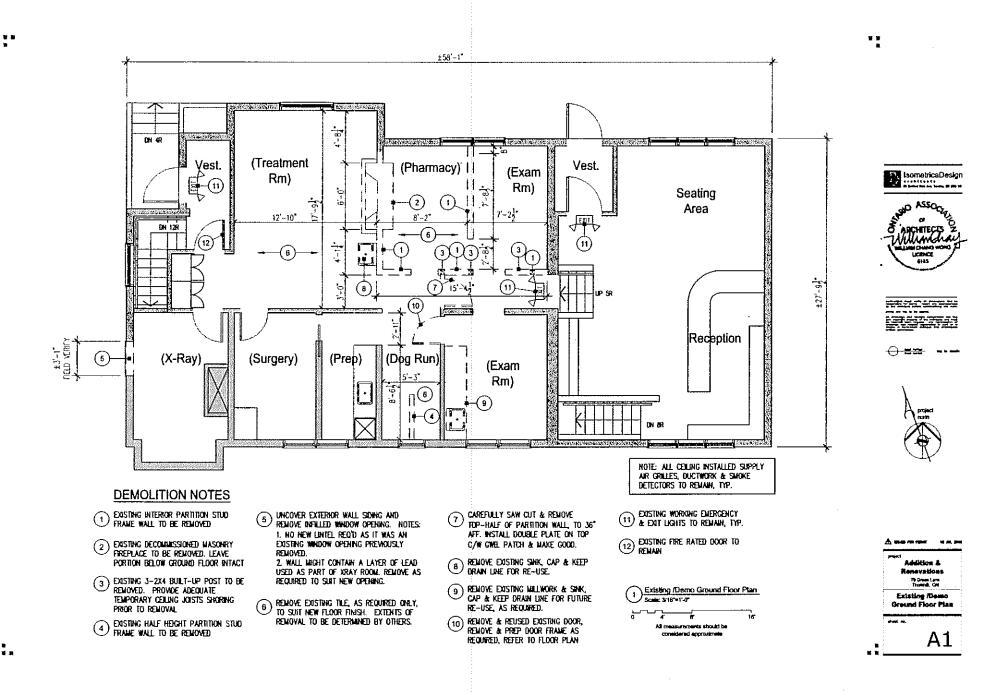
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- A4 BASEMENT PLAN
- A5 BUILDING SECTION & ELEVATION

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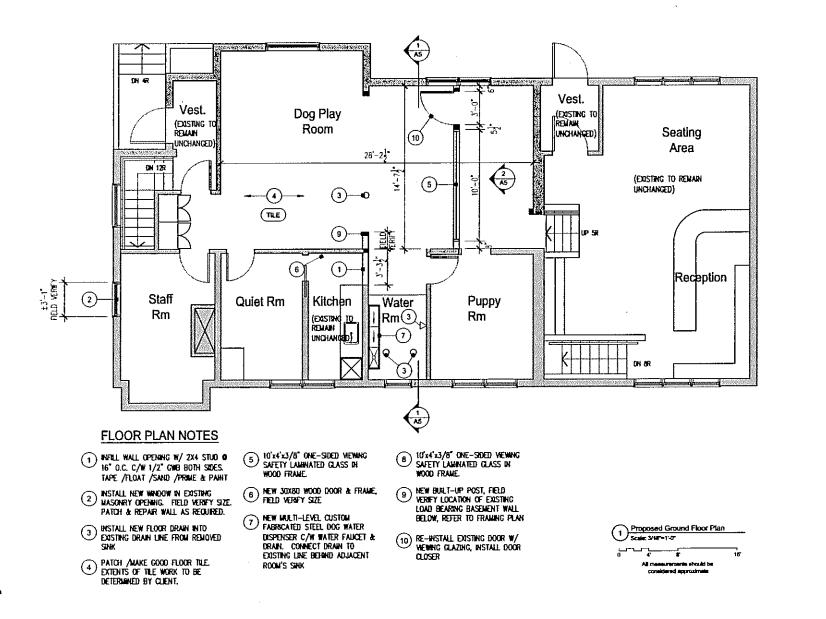
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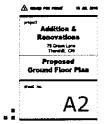


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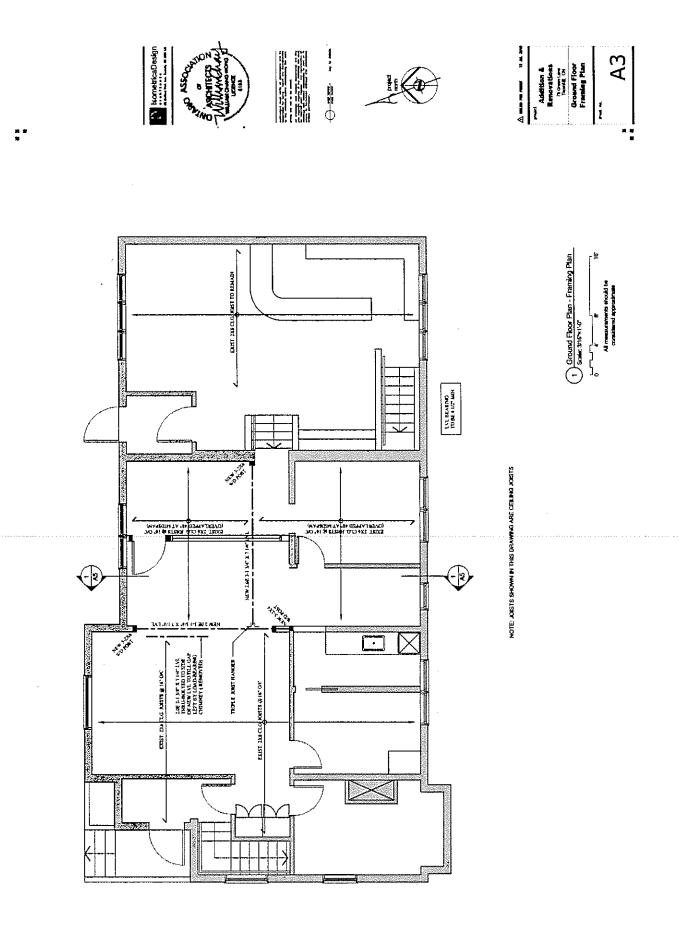




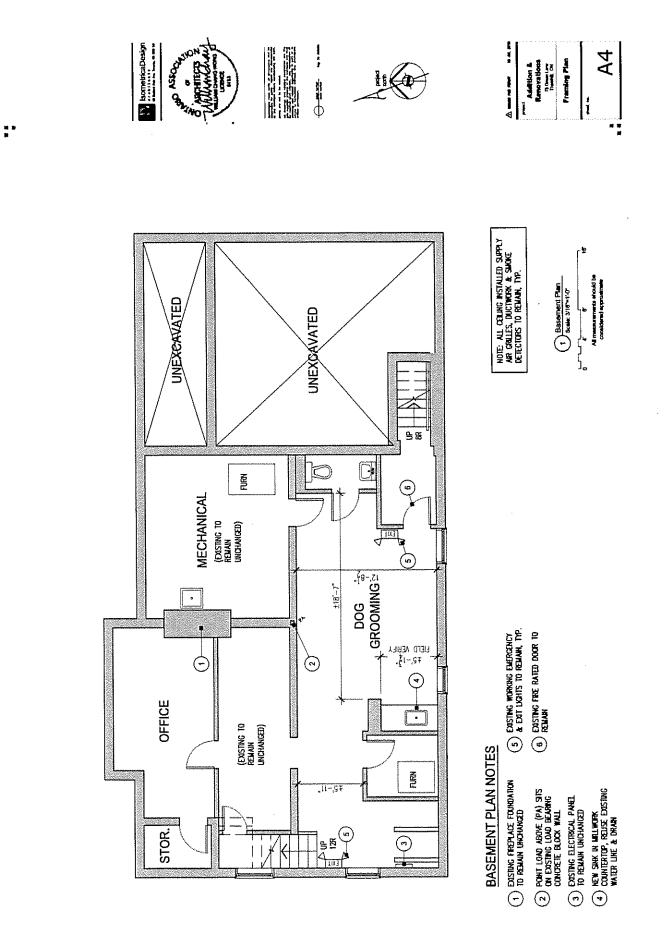




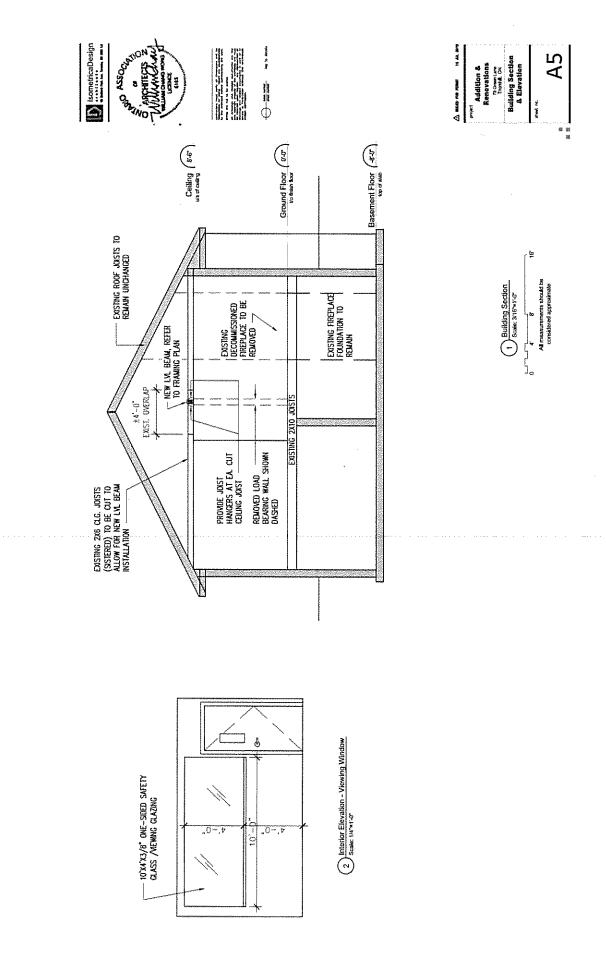
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