Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

August 15, 2018

File:

A/113/18

Address:

340 Main St N Markham

Applicant:

Jim Voutianitis

Agent:

Stambuk Homes (Ozren Stambuk)

Hearing Date:

Wednesday August 29, 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 1229, as amended:

a) Infill By-law 99-90, Section 1.2 (iii):

To permit a maximum building depth of 19.96 m, whereas the By-law permits a maximum building depth of 16.8 m;

b) Table 11.1:

To permit a minimum front yard setback of 23 ft 7.5 in, whereas the By-law requires a minimum front yard setback of 25 ft;

c) Section 11.2 (c) (i):

To permit a maximum front porch and steps projection of 8 ft 8 in, whereas the By-law permits unenclosed porches to project a maximum of 18 inches into any required yard;

d) Infill By-law 99-90, Section 1.2 (ii): To permit a maximum of three (3) storeys, whereas the By-law permits buildings to have a maximum of two (2) storeys within a single vertical plane;

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

The 1112.44m² property is located within the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District, on the west side of Main Street North, in a neighbourhood of older, single detached dwellings. The property contains a 2 1/2 storey brick dwelling constructed c.1910.

This application is related to Site Plan Control Application SC 17 173713, currently under review. The applicant is proposing to add an attached garage to the south side of the existing dwelling, and to undertake renovations to the dwelling. The subject property is zoned R1 (residential) under By-law 1229, as amended. The proposed use is permitted by the By-law.

The above-noted variances were identified through the Site Plan Control application review process. A Zoning Preliminary Review was applied for and obtained by the applicant.

The requested variances are to recognize existing historic conditions on the property with respect to front yard setback, front porch and steps projection, and an existing living space within the half storey (attic), and also to address the proposed increased building depth to be created by the setback of the new attached garage. The site plan and elevations are attached as Appendix 'B'.

Applicant's Stated Reasons for Not Complying with the Provisions of the By-law On the application form it is stated: "The depth variance is due to request by heritage department to push the garage as far back as possibly on the property. The other variances arise due to existing nature of house."

COMMENTS

The Site Plan Control application is under review by the City, and no issues have been identified with the proposal other than the items to be addressed through this Minor Variance application. The alterations to the building and property are compatible with the heritage dwelling and its context within the Main Street North streetscape. Heritage Markham reviewed the application at their August 8, 2018 meeting and had no objection to the requested variances.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

One written submission has been received as of the date of this memorandum. The Ward Councillor wishes to ensure that the approval of the third storey will not result in a potential full storey being added where there is currently a half storey (habitable attic space). The standard conditions that the variances apply only to the proposed development as long as it remains, and that the variances apply to the subject development, in substantial conformity with the submitted plans, will ensure that this is not an issue.

CONCLUSION

Planning staff has 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.

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APPENDIX "A" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/113/18

- 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 A' to this Staff Report and dated August 6, 2018, 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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APPENDIX 8

















