Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment September 19, 2018

File:	A/129/18	
Address:	49 Pomander Road, Markham	
Applicant:	Karen & Robert Repovs	
Agent:	Gregory Design Group (Shane Gregory)	
Hearing Date:	Wednesday September 26, 2018	

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

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of By-law 11-72 R4, as amended:

a) Section 6.1, Schedule "B":

a maximum lot coverage of 37.23 percent, whereas the By-law permits a maximum lot coverage of 33-1/3 percent; as it relates to an addition of rear covered porch to an existing two storey dwelling.

The applicant is requesting relief for a maximum lot coverage of 37.23 percent, whereas the Bylaw permits a maximum lot coverage of 33.33 percent. The proposed lot coverage includes a rear covered porch which adds approximately 10.27 m² (110.64 ft²) to the overall building area. Upon submission of the application, the neighbour was concerned with the proposal for a maximum lot coverage of 39.9 percent. The applicant provided revised drawings to the to the City of Markham to respond to their concerns and reduced the variance to a maximum lot coverage of 37.23 percent. Excluding the proposed porch, the building has a lot coverage of approximately 35.46 percent. The proposed porch is unenclosed, located at the rear of the dwelling and the side and rear yard setbacks are being met. The proposal will result in the removal of one tree which, will be reviewed upon the submission of a Tree Preservation Plan, which is a recommended condition of any approval.

Applicant's Stated Reason(s) for Not Complying with Zoning

According to the information provided by the applicant, the reason for not complying with Zoning is, "due to existing building configuration".

Zoning Preliminary Review Undertaken

The applicant has completed a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) to confirm the initial variances required for the proposed development. The applicant submitted revised drawings on September 18, 2018. The applicant has not conducted a Zoning Preliminary Review for the revised drawings. Consequently 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.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

As of September 19, 2918, the City received 1 letter expressing support for the application. 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.

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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. 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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REVIEWED BY:

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APPENDIX "A" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/129/18

- 1. That the rear covered porch remain unenclosed;
- 2. The variances apply only to the proposed development as long as it remains;
- '3. 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 dated September 18, 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;
- 4. 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;
- 5. That prior to the commencement of construction or demolition, tree protection be erected and maintained around all trees on site in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual, 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;
- 6. 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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