Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

October 1, 2018

File:

A/139/18

Address:

39 Wild Cherry Lane, Thornhill

Applicant:

Thomasina Whitehead

Agent:

Don Whitehead

Hearing Date:

Wednesday October 10, 2018

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

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of By-law 2150, R3A, as amended:

a) Section 6.1: a maximum lot coverage of 38.6 percent (215.47 sq. m), whereas the Bylaw permits a maximum lot coverage of 33.33 percent (186 sq. m); as it relates to a proposed one-storey addition to a residential dwelling.

BACKGROUND

Property Description

The 558 m² (6,006 ft²) subject property is located on the south side of Wild Cherry Lane south of Royal Orchard Boulevard and east of Yonge Street. The property is located within an established residential neighbourhood comprised of two-storey detached dwellings. There is an existing two-storey detached dwelling that is approximately 134.44 m² (1,447 ft²), and a shed on the property. According to assessment records the dwelling was constructed in 1966.

Proposal

The applicant is proposing to construct a one-storey addition (with a basement) at the rear of the existing two-storey detached dwelling and, an unenclosed rear covered patio.

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 "Residential – Low Rise", which provides for low rise housing forms including single detached dwellings. Infill development is required to meet the general intent of the 2014 Official Plan with respect to height, massing and setbacks to ensure that the development is appropriate for the site and also generally consistent with the zoning requirements for adjacent properties and properties along the same street. Regard must also be had for retention of existing trees and vegetation, as well as the width of proposed garages and driveways. Planning staff have had regard for the infill development criteria in the preparation of the comments provided below.

Zoning By-Law 2150

The subject property is zoned R3A 'Third Density Single Family -Residential' under By-law 2150, as amended, which permits a single detached dwelling. The proposed development does not comply with the by-law with respect to maximum lot coverage.

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, "Increase area is required to facilitate interior space planning function".

Zoning Preliminary Review 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.

Increase in Maximum Lot Coverage

The applicant is requesting relief for a maximum lot coverage of 38.6 percent, whereas the Bylaw permits a maximum lot coverage of 33.33 percent. The proposed lot coverage includes an uneneclosed rear covered patio and a rear one-storey brick addition (with a basement) which add approximately 16.72 m² (179.97 ft²) and approximately 64.1 m² (689.97 ft²) to the overall building area. Excluding the proposed rear covered patio and rear addition, but including the existing front covered porch and the rear yard shed, the building has a lot coverage of approximately 24 percent.

Records indicate that no other dwelling within the immediate vicinity has been subject to such an increase in lot coverage. Further that the area is generally not expereincing a transition to larger homes. Staff note that the increase in lot coverage will add to the dwelling however, the proposal is generally in line with what the by-law permits. The proposed rear addition does note deviate significantly from the rear yard setback pattern on the street and, does not extend significantly beyond the property to its west. Given this, Staff are of the opinion that the proposed increase in lot coverage is appropriate.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

As of October 1, 2018, 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.

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:

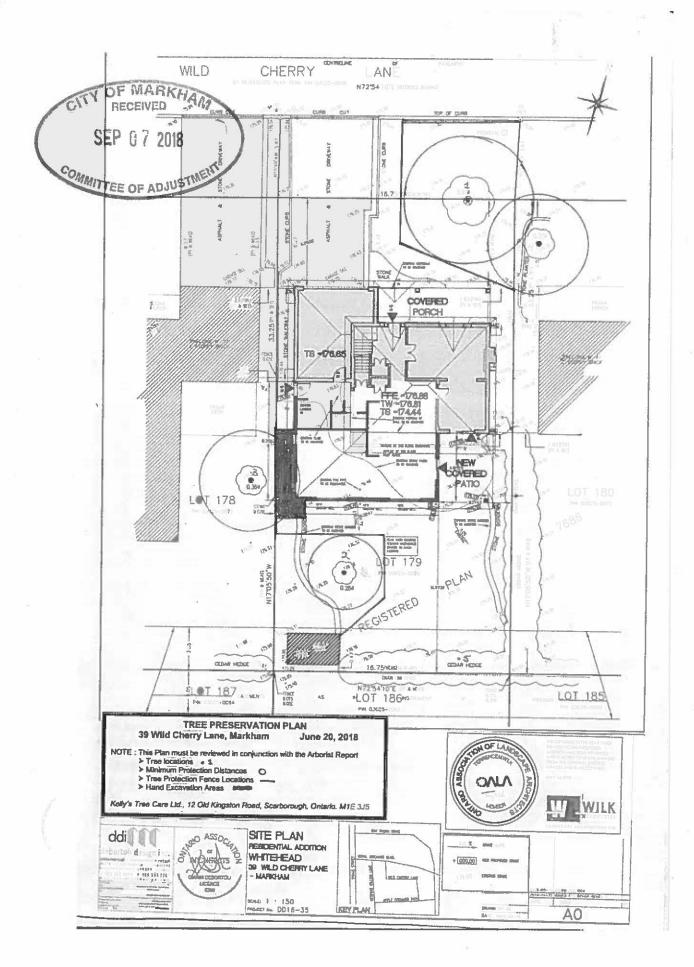
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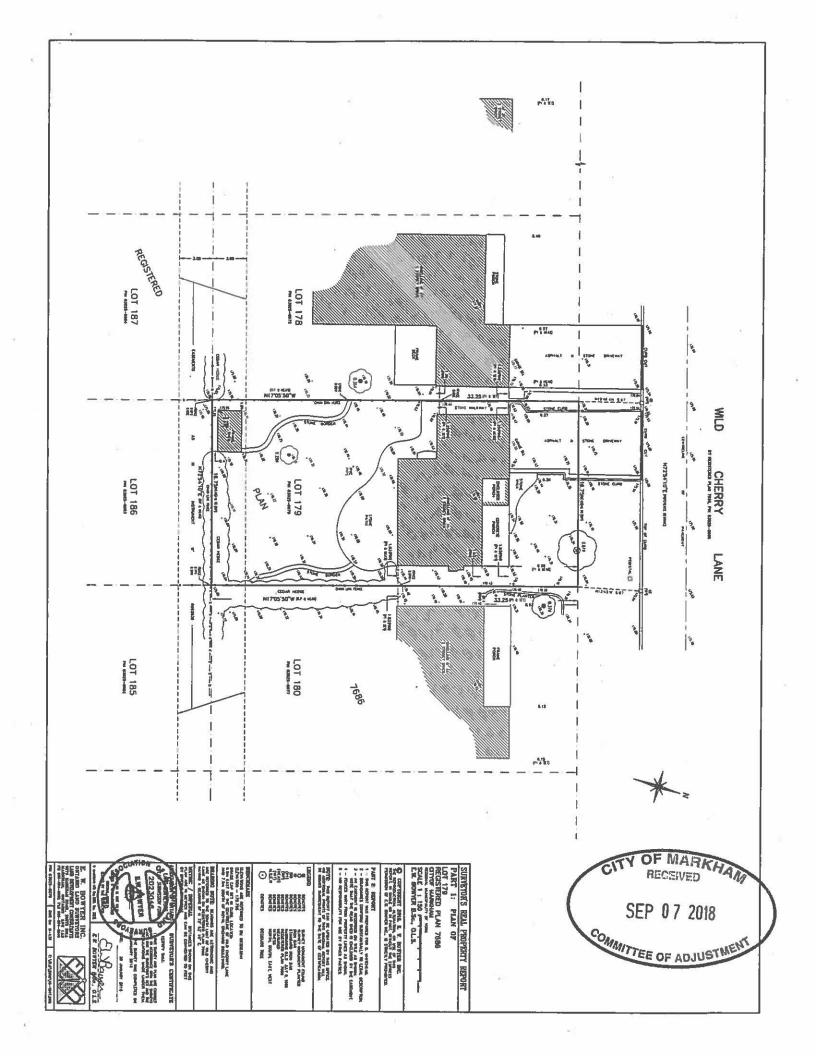
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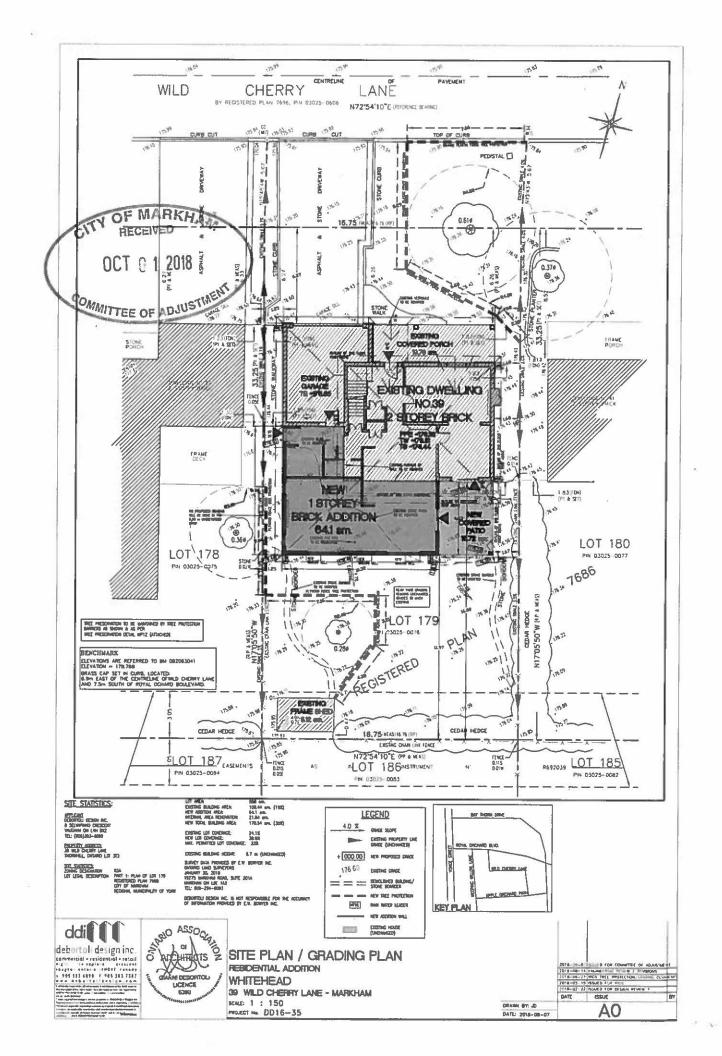
- 1. That the rear patio remain unenclosed;
- 2. The variances apply only to the proposed development as long as it remains;
- 3. That the variances apply only to the subject development, in substantial conformity with the plan(s) attached as 'Appendix B' to this Staff Report and dated September 07, 2018 and October 1, 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.

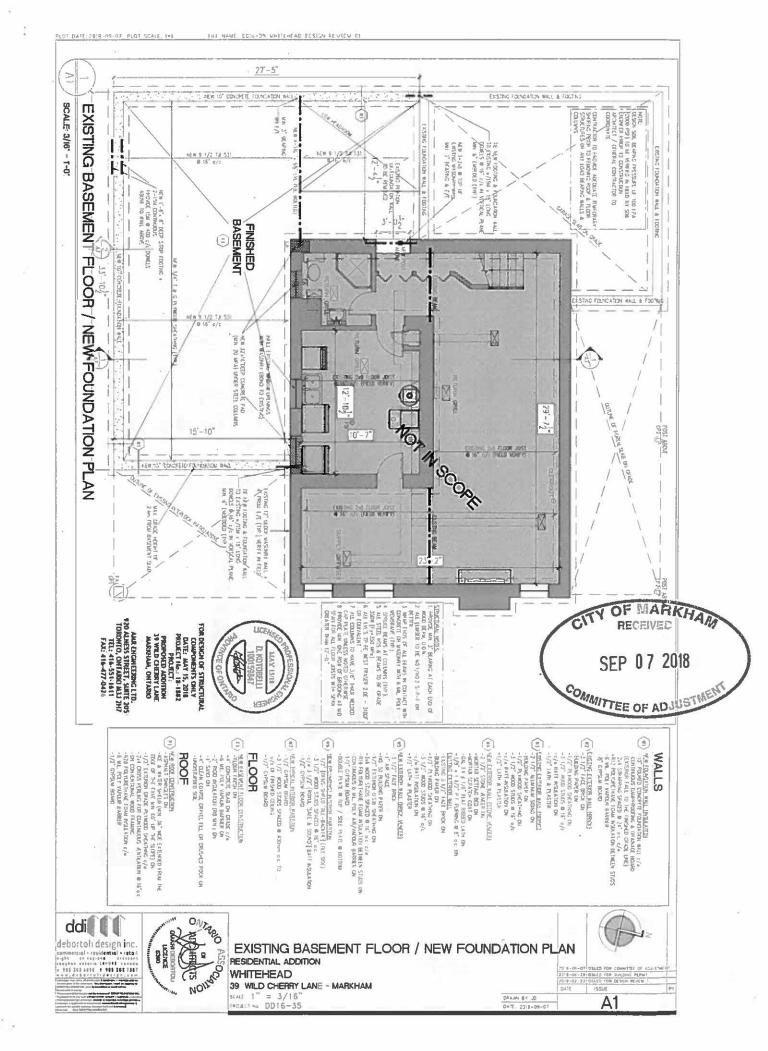
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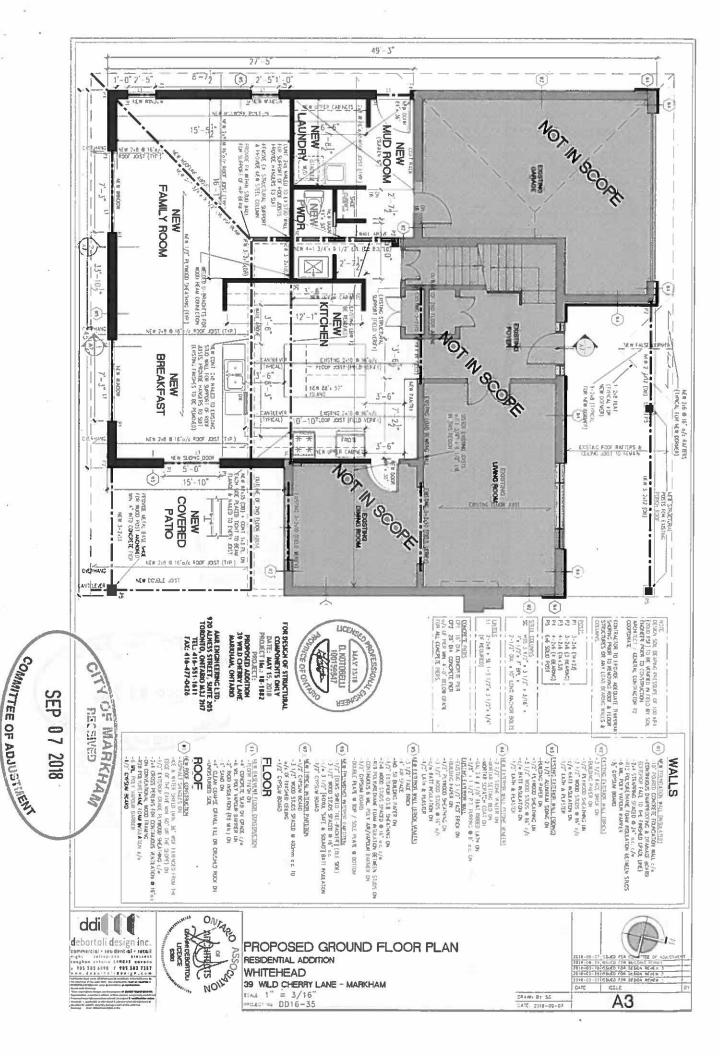
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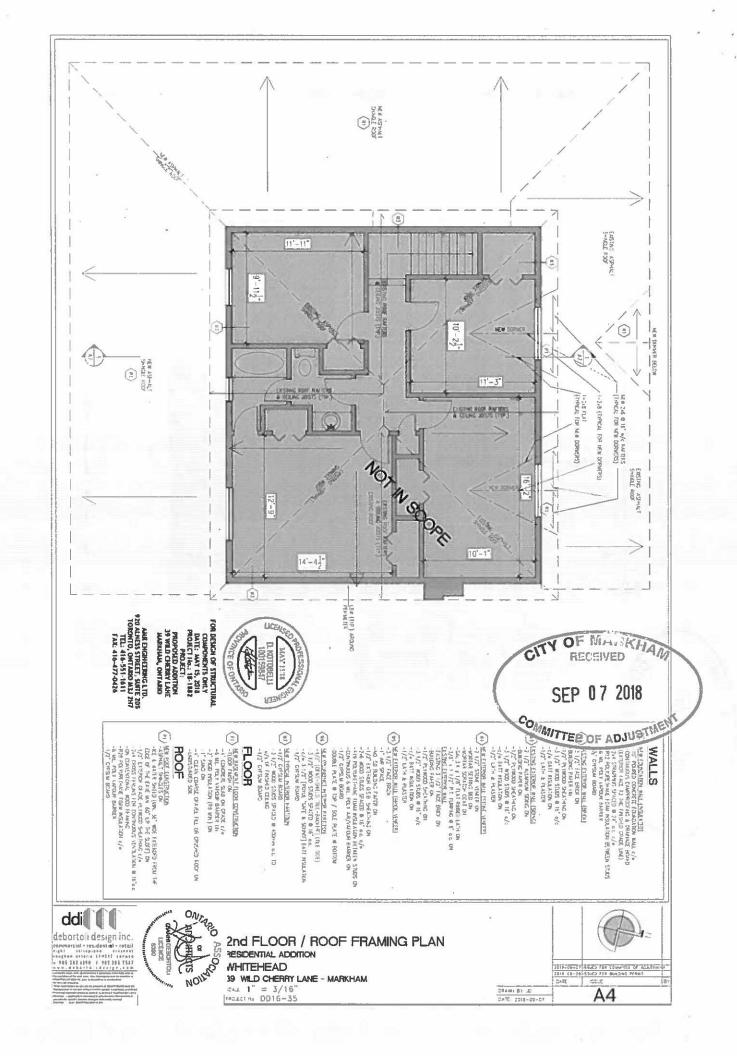
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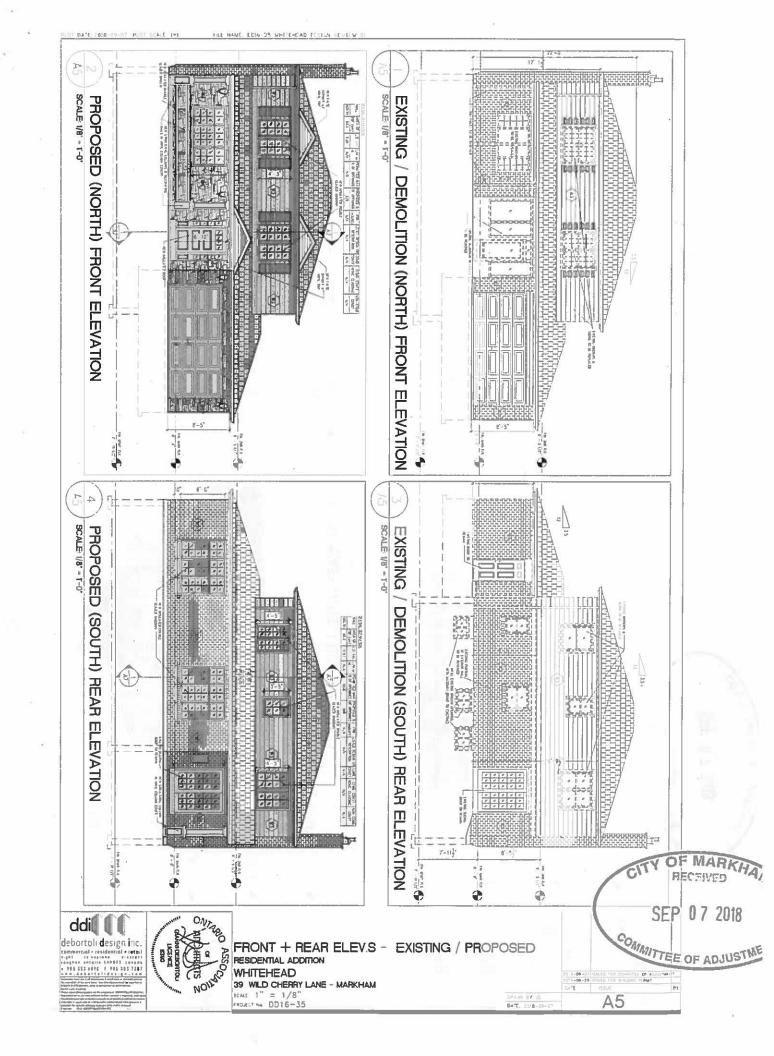
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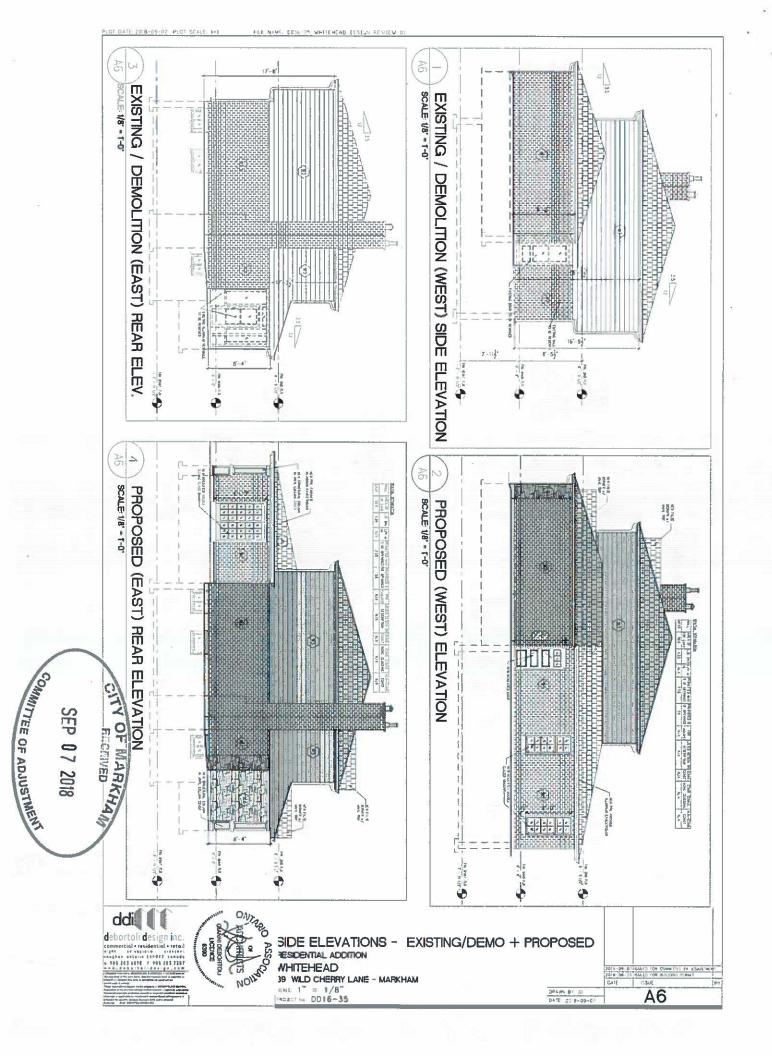
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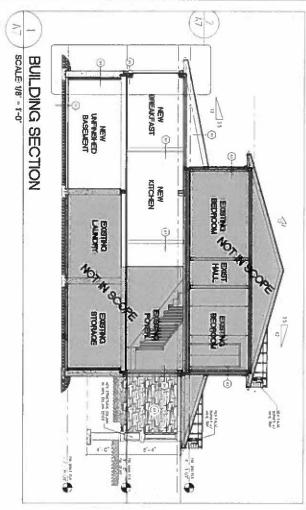
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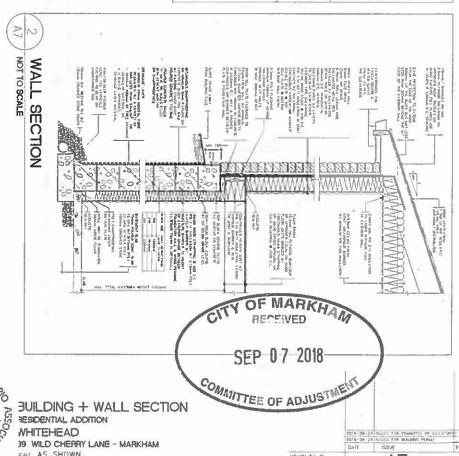












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