Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment October 1, 2018

File:	A/141/18
Address:	24 Loweswater Ave, Markham
Applicant:	Kenneth Kwok-On Chen
Agent:	NAPA DESIGN GROUP INC. (Lou Parente)
Hearing Date:	Wednesday October 10, 2018

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

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of By-law 142-95, R8, as amended:

- a) <u>Section 2.2 b(I)</u>: To permit maximum deck projection of 4.5 metres (14.76 feet); whereas the By-law permits maximum deck projection of 3.0 metres (9.84 feet) when deck is in excess of one metre in height above lowest ground surface at all points around perimeter of the platform.
- b) <u>Section 2.2b(ii)</u>: To permit minimum rear yard setback of 2.75 metres (9.02 feet); whereas the By-law permits minimum rear yard setback of 3.0 metres (9.84 feet)

as they relate to an existing rear yard deck.

The applicant is requesting a maximum deck projection of 4.5 metres (14.76 feet), whereas the By-law permits maximum deck projection of 3.0 metres (9.84 feet). This represents a difference of approximately 1.5 metres (4.92 feet). The applicant is also requesting a minimum rear yard setback of 2.75 metres (9.02 feet) whereas the By-law requires a minimum rear yard setback of 3.0 metres (9.84 feet) (see Appendix 'A'). This represents a difference of approximately 0.82 metres (2.69 feet). The applicable by-law for the property permits a small rear yard setback of 3.0 metres (9.84 feet). Staff note that the property has an irregular rear property line and that the variance for the rear yard setback only applies to a corner of the proposed deck. Notwithstanding this, records indicate that properties in the immediate vicinity have not applied for variances of this scale. Staff asked the applicant to consider reconfiguring the design of the deck however, the applicant chose to proceed. Staff are of the opinion that as it is proposed, it is not suitable to permit a further reduction in an already small rear yard setback as well as the proposed deck projection. Staff ask that Committee consider public input in reaching a decision and satisfy themselves that the proposal meets the 4 tests.

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

According to the information provided by the applicant, "The owner was unaware of the by-laws and the deck/platform has already been constructed. A stop work/order to comply was issued BV 18 247694 V. Goncalves".

Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Undertaken

The applicant has completed a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) to confirm the variances required for the proposed development.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

As of October 1, 2018, the City received three (3) letters. One (1) expressing concerns over the height of the proposed deck and impacts to privacy and two (2) 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 does not meet the four tests of the Planning Act and that the application be denied. Staff recommend that the Committee consider public input in reaching a decision.

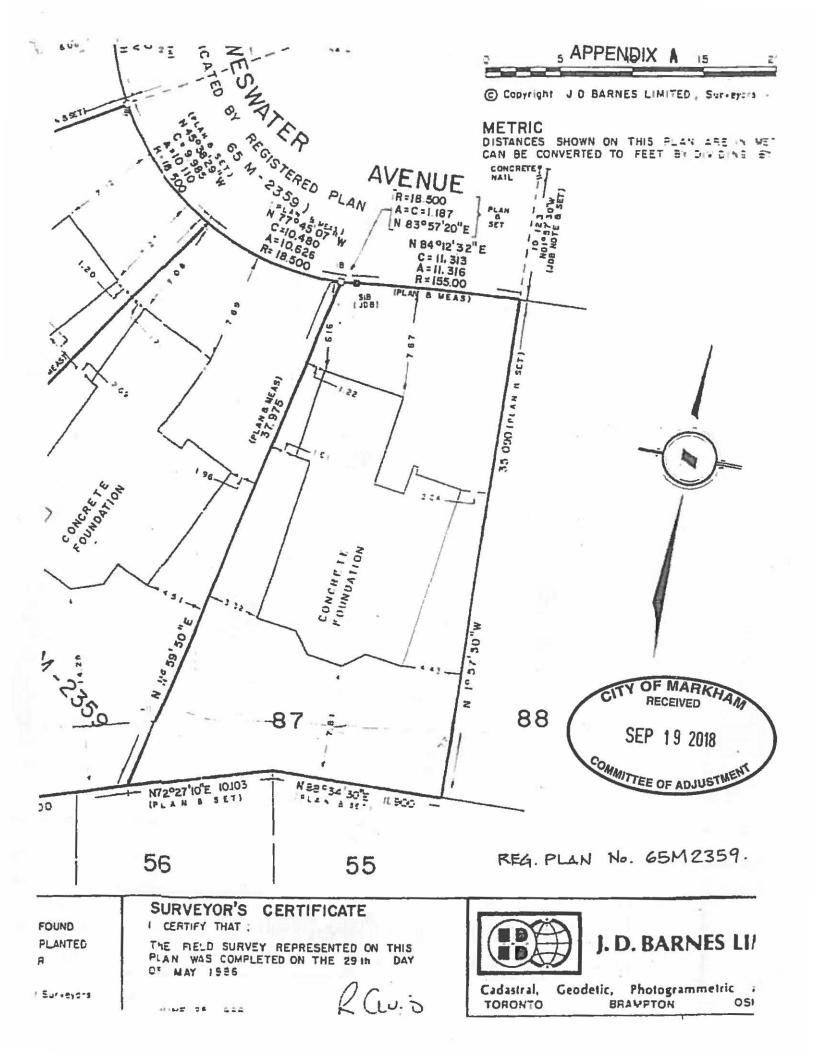
The onus is ultimately on the applicant to demonstrate why they should be granted relief from the requirements of the zoning by-law, and how they satisfy the tests of the Planning Act required for the granting of minor variances.

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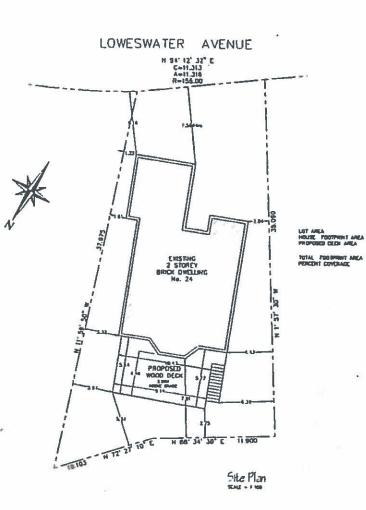


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