Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

February 07, 2019

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Address: Applicant:

39 Artisan Trail Markham Robert Chung & Joyce Chan

Agent:

Robert Chung

Hearing Date:

February 20, 2019

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

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of By-law177-96, as amended, R1-F13.7*151, to construct a new single detached dwelling that includes the reconstruction of a dismantled heritage structure:

a) Table B1 (G)

a minimum rear yard setback of 4.0 metres, whereas the By-law permits a minimum rear yard setback of 7.5 metres;

b) Table B1 (D):

a maximum garage width of 9.1 metres, whereas the By-law permits a maximum garage width on a lot that is not accessed by a lane to be 50 percent of the lot frontage (8.3 metres);

as they relate to a proposed dwelling.

Applicant's Stated Reason(s) for Not Complying with the Zoning By-law

According to the information provided by the applicant on the application form: "The nature of the home design (Heritage home and its addition) introduced challenges when trying to comply with the provisions of the by-law."

Zoning Preliminary Review

The applicant has not applied for a Zoning Preliminary Review; however, through the related Site Plan Control Application File No. SC 18 182081, the area zoning examiner has undertaken a detailed review of the proposed development and has advised the applicant of the variances needed in order to implement the plans.

Heritage Planning Review, Heritage Markham Committee Review, and TRCA

The Heritage Districts Team is processing the related Site Plan Control Application and through this process have undertaken a thorough review of the proposed development, including the requested variances. No issues have been identified. The application is nearing Site Plan Endorsement. Heritage Markham reviewed the development proposal at its meeting of January 9, 2019 and is in support. TRCA has no issues with the application but requires a permit pursuant to Ontario Regulation 166/06 and the payment of review fees owning by the applicant.

Reduction in Rear Yard Setback

The applicant's request for a minimum rear yard setback of 4.0 metres, whereas the Bylaw requires a minimum rear yard setback of 7.5 metres is in character with the adjoining heritage property to the south at 37 Artisan Trail, which is also a reconstructed heritage dwelling with a major addition. Staff is of the opinion that the variance for minimum rear yard setback is minor in nature and have no objection.

Increase in Maximum Garage Width

The custom design of the proposed dwelling, with a three-bay garage entered from the side rather than the front, has created the need for a variance for garage width. The maximum garage width that the By-law will allow based on the zoning examiner's calculations is 8.3 metres. The applicant is requesting 9.1 metres. Staff is of the opinion that the variance for garage width is minor in nature and have no objections.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of February 7, 2019. It is noted that additional information may be received after the writing of this report, and the Secretary-Treasurer will provide that information at the meeting.

CONCLUSION

Planning staff have 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 variance request meets the four tests of the <u>Planning Act</u> and have no objection. Staff recommends 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 <u>Planning Act</u> 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:

David Miller, Manager, West Planning District

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APPENDIX "A" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE 1/11/19

- 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 as submitted on January 28, 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 the owner submit to the Secretary-Treasurer a copy of the Site Plan Endorsement memo for the proposed development;
- 4. The applicant obtains a permit pursuant to Ontario Regulation 166/06, as amended, from the TRCA;
- 5. The applicant remits the outstanding TRCA Planning Services review fee of \$105.00 within 60 days of the issuance of the TRCA comment letter dated January 29, 2019;
- 6. The applicant remits the outstanding TRCA Planning Services review fee of \$830.00 associated with staff's review of the related Site Plan Control application (SC 18 182081).

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