Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

December 2, 2022

File: A/118/22

Address: 5 Wildrose Crescent, Thornhill

Applicant: Kamran Naghavi

Agent: Brickhaus (Michael Shirzadfar)
Hearing Date: Wednesday December 7, 2022

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

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements "Third Density – Single Detached Residential (R3)" of By-law 1767, as amended, as it relates to a proposed second-storey and rear addition to the existing one-storey portion of the dwelling. The variances requested are to permit:

a) Amending By-law 100-90, Section 1.2 (vi):

a maximum floor area ratio of 52.7 percent (414.9 m²), whereas the By-law permits a maximum floor area ratio of 50 percent (393.35 m²);

b) By-law 1767, Section 18(i)(d):

a minimum side yard setback of 4.82 ft (1.47 m), whereas the By-law permits a minimum side yard setback of 6 feet (1.83 m);

c) By-law 1767, Section 12(vi)(a):

a minimum setback for an existing accessory building (Cabana) of 0 ft (0 m) from the west side lot line, whereas the By-law requires a minimum setback for an accessory building to be 2 ft (0.6096 m) from the nearest lot line.

BACKGROUND

Property Description

The 877.93 m² (9449.96 ft²) subject property is located on the south side of Wildrose Crescent, north of Steeles Avenue and east of Bayview Avenue. The subject lands are located within an established residential neighbourhood comprised of a mix of one and two-storey detached dwellings.

The subject property contains a two-storey dwelling, which according to assessment records was constructed in 1967. There is an outdoor pool and an existing Cabana is located at the rear end of the subject lands. Mature vegetation exists across the subject property.

Proposal

The applicant is proposing to construct a second-storey and a rear addition to the existing one-storey portion of the dwelling (refer to Appendix "B" – Plans).

The applicant has reduced the requested variance from the original submission which requested:

A maximum floor area ratio of 56.9 percent (448.07 m²).

Tree Preservation Staff had concern that the original request would injure a neighbouring tree at 3 Wildrose Crescent. Tree Preservation Staff seek to adhere to minimum Tree Protection Zones and reduce or eliminate tree injury where possible. In response, the applicant revised the proposal with design modifications including reducing the building depth by 0.61 m (2 ft). In addition, a discrepancy was identified in the submitted Zoning Preliminary Review which included a higher floor area ratio percentage than the original plans submitted. Zoning Staff confirmed that the proposed floor area ratio was reduced by 4.2 percent from the original request to 52.7 percent.

Official Plan and Zoning

Official Plan 2014 (partially approved on November 24/17, and updated on April 9/18)

The Official Plan designates the subject property "Residential Low Rise", which provides for low rise housing forms including single detached dwellings. Single detached dwellings are required to meet the general intent of the Official Plan with respect to height, massing, and setbacks. This criteria is established to ensure that the development is appropriate for the site and generally consistent with the zoning requirements for adjacent properties and properties along the same street, while accommodating a diversity of building styles. Regard shall also be had for the retention and enhancement of existing trees and vegetation.

Zoning By-Law 1767

The subject property is zoned "Third Density – Single Detached Residential (R3)" under By-law 1767, as amended, which permits single detached dwellings. The proposed development does not comply with the By-law with respect to the proposed increase of the maximum floor area ratio and the reduced side yard setback.

Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Undertaken

The applicant has completed a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) on April 5, 2022 to confirm the <u>initial</u> variances required for the proposed development. The applicant submitted revised drawings on November 30, 2022. 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.

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 Floor Area Ratio

The applicant is requesting relief to permit a floor area ratio of 52.7 percent, whereas a maximum floor area ratio of 50 percent is permitted. The variance will facilitate the construction of a two-storey portion of the dwelling with a floor area of 414.91 m² (4,466 ft²), whereas the By-law permits a dwelling with a maximum floor area of 393.35 m² (4,234 ft²). This represents an increased floor area of approximately 21.56 m² (232.07 ft²) or 2.7 percent. Staff do not anticipate any adverse impacts as a result of the proposed increase to the floor area of the dwelling.

Floor Area Ratio is a measure of the interior square footage of the dwelling as a percentage of the net lot area however; it is not a definitive measure of the mass of the dwelling.

Reduced Side Yard Setback

The applicant is requesting a minimum west side yard setback of 4.82 ft (1.47 m) for the two-storey portion of the dwelling, whereas the by-law requires a minimum side yard setback of 6 ft (1.83 m) for the two-storey portion of the dwelling.

The requested variance only applies to the two-storey portion of the building. The main floor complies with the minimum side yard setback requirement. Engineering staff have reviewed the application and have no concern with the variance with respect to drainage.

Staff have no objections to the requested variances, and are of the opinion that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law is maintained.

Tree Protection and Compensation

Staff recommend that tree protection and/or tree compensation conditions be adopted by the Committee to ensure that the applicant obtain a tree permit from the City for any proposed injury to, or removal of any trees that have a diameter at breast height (DBH) of 20.0 cm (7.87 in) or more on the subject property or neighbouring properties. Further mitigation through these processes may also be required to ensure the protection of certain trees is achieved.

EXTERNAL AGENCIES

Metrolinx Requirements:

Metrolinx provided comments on this application on November 10th, 2022 (Appendix C) requiring a list of mitigation measures be implemented to attenuate the impact generated by the railway located north east of the property.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

As of December 2, 2022 the City received 1 letter expressing concerns over the proposed maximum floor area ratio and the setback for an existing Cabana on the subject lands. 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 and have no objection. 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 refer to Appendix "D" for conditions to be attached to any approval of this application.

APPENDICES

Appendix "A" – Aerial Photo

Appendix "B" – Architectural Plans – 5 Wildrose Crescent

Appendix "C" – Metrolinx Comments

Appendix "D" – A/118/22 Conditions of Approval

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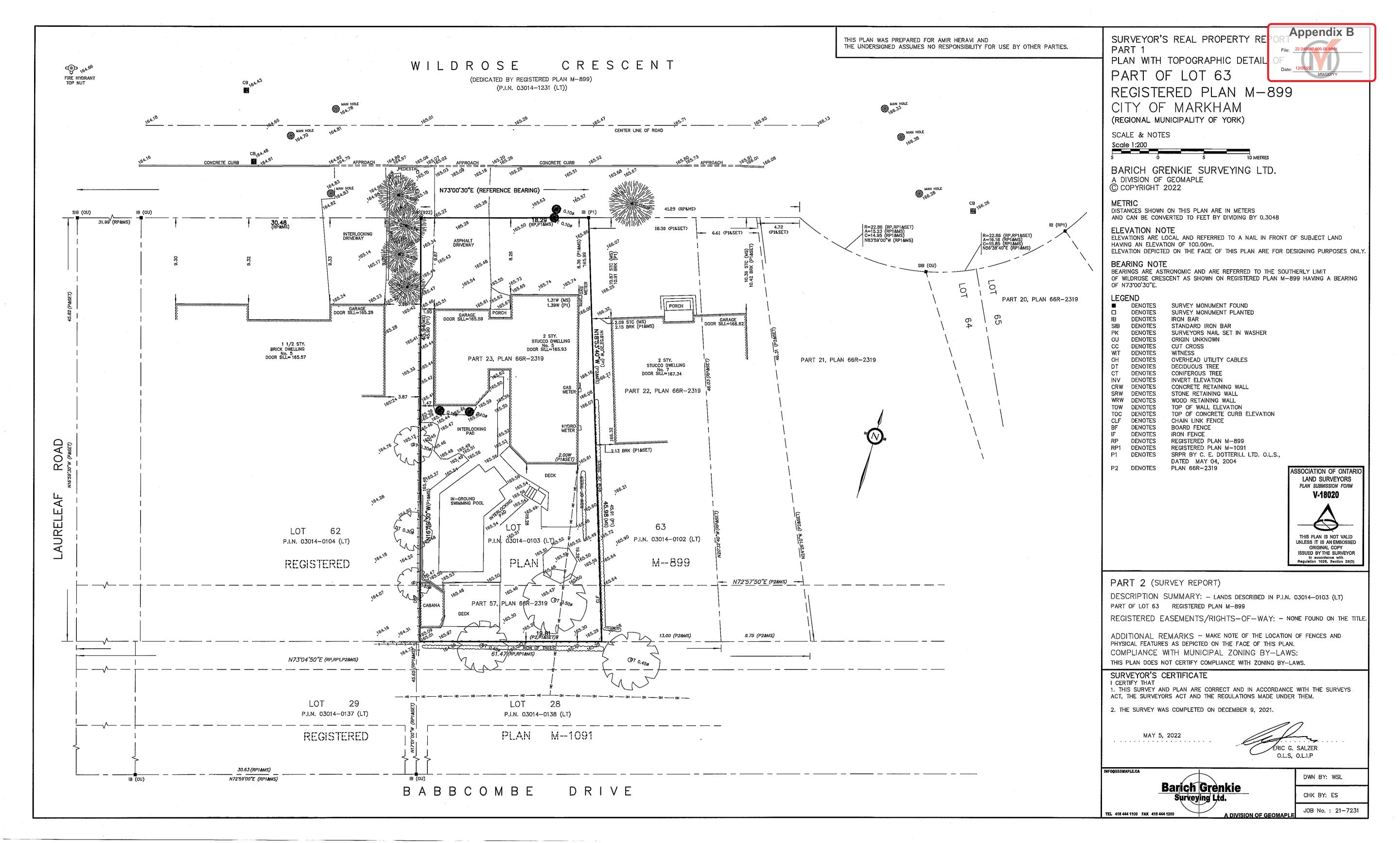
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Trisha Sridharan, Development Technician, Zoning and Special Projects

REVIEWED BY:

Rick Cefaratti, MCIP RPP, Senior Planner II, West District

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Appendix B

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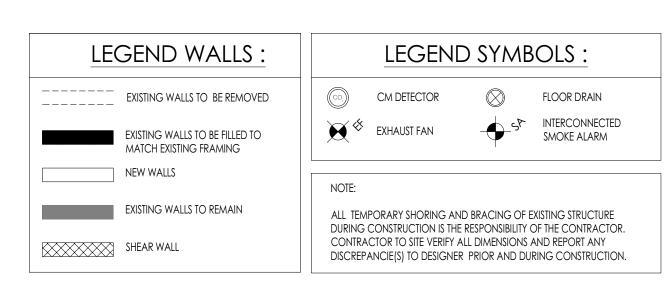
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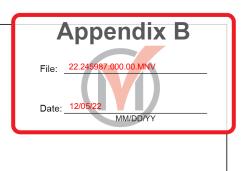
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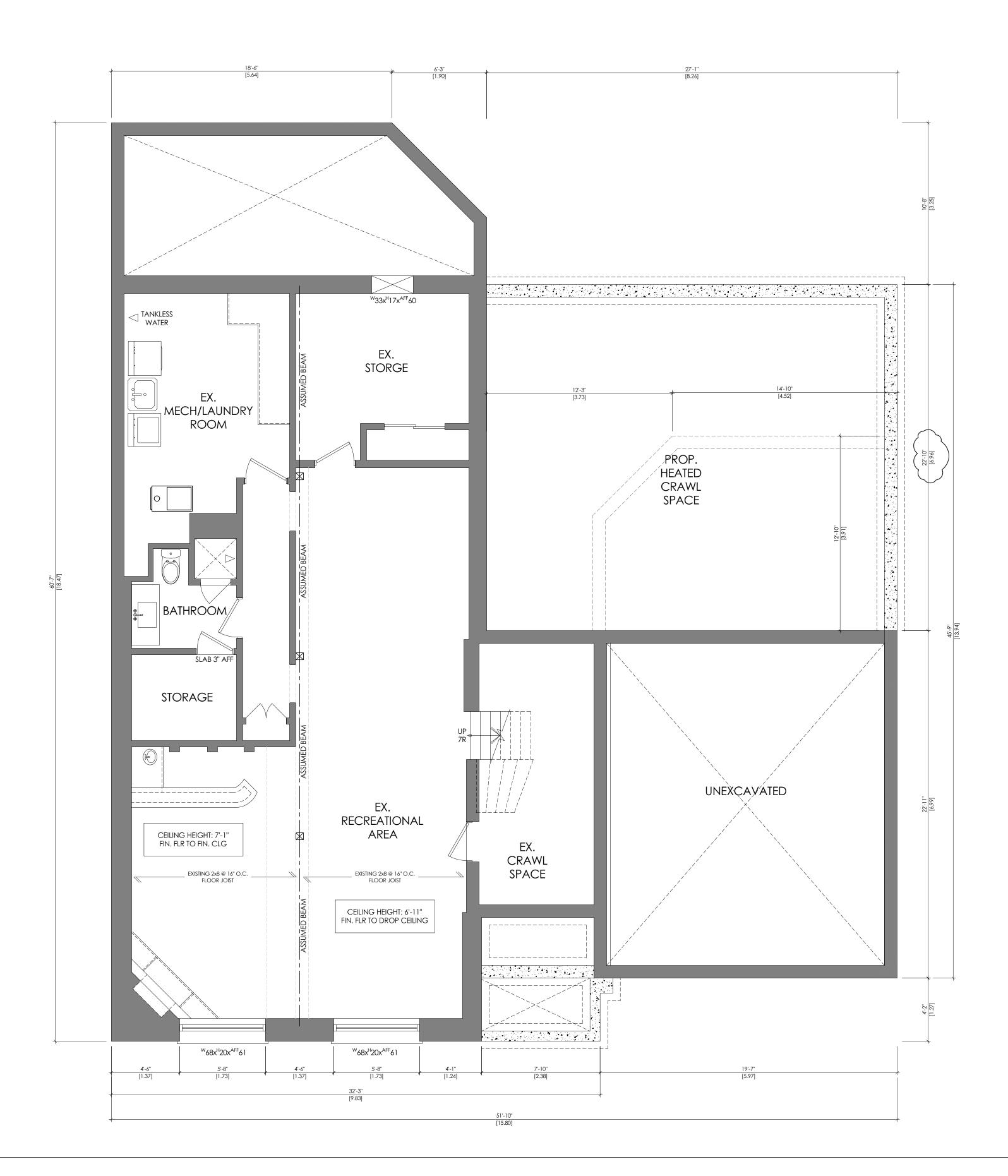
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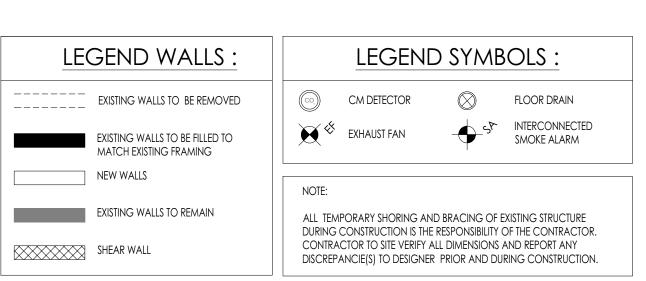
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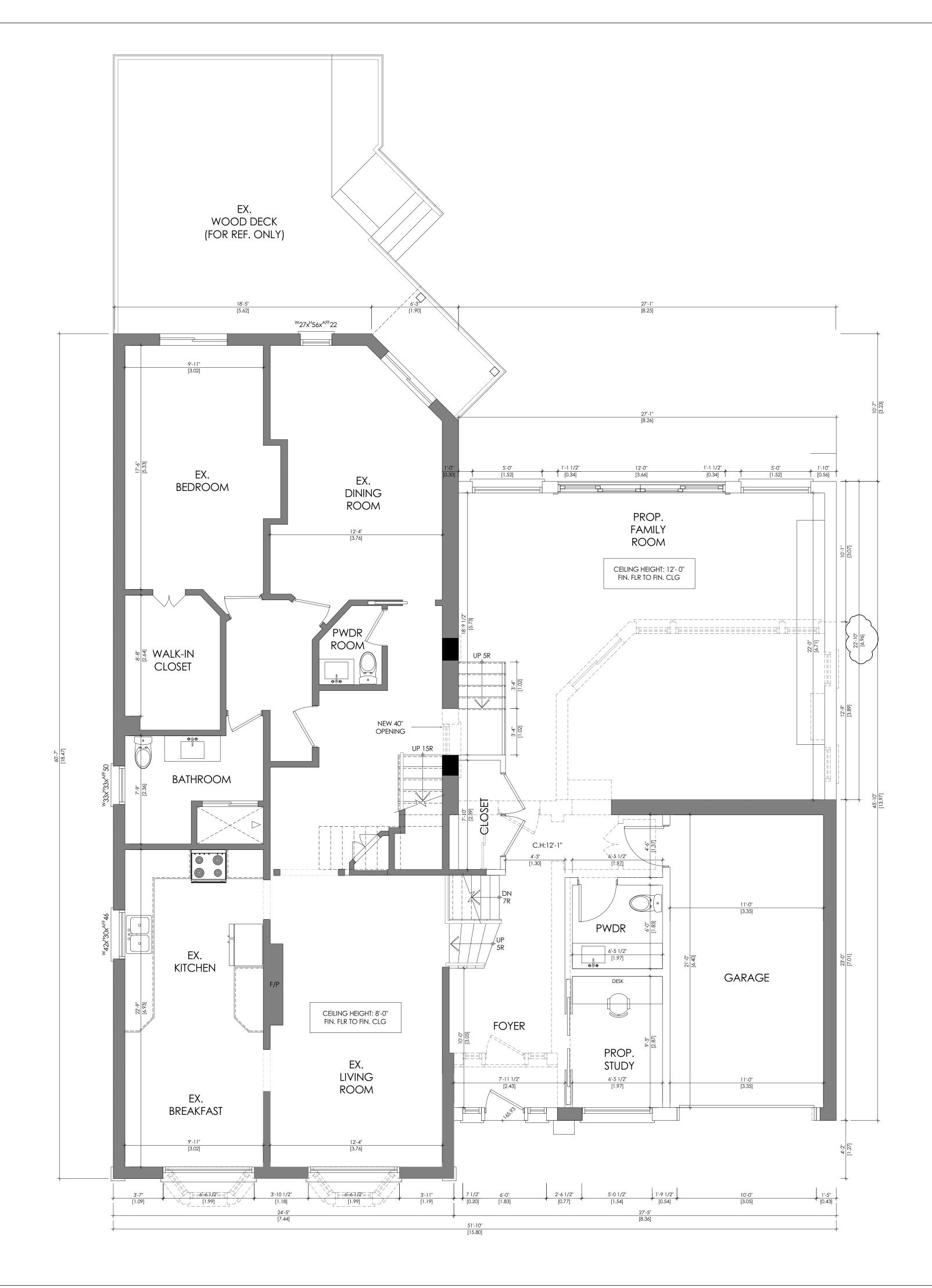
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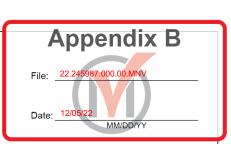
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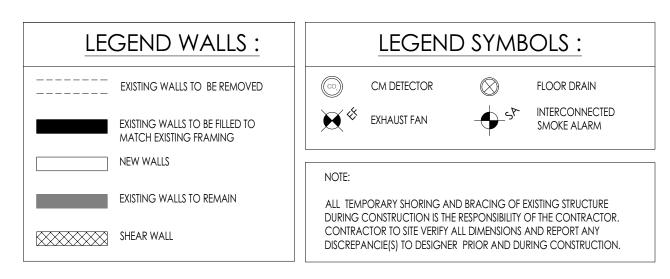
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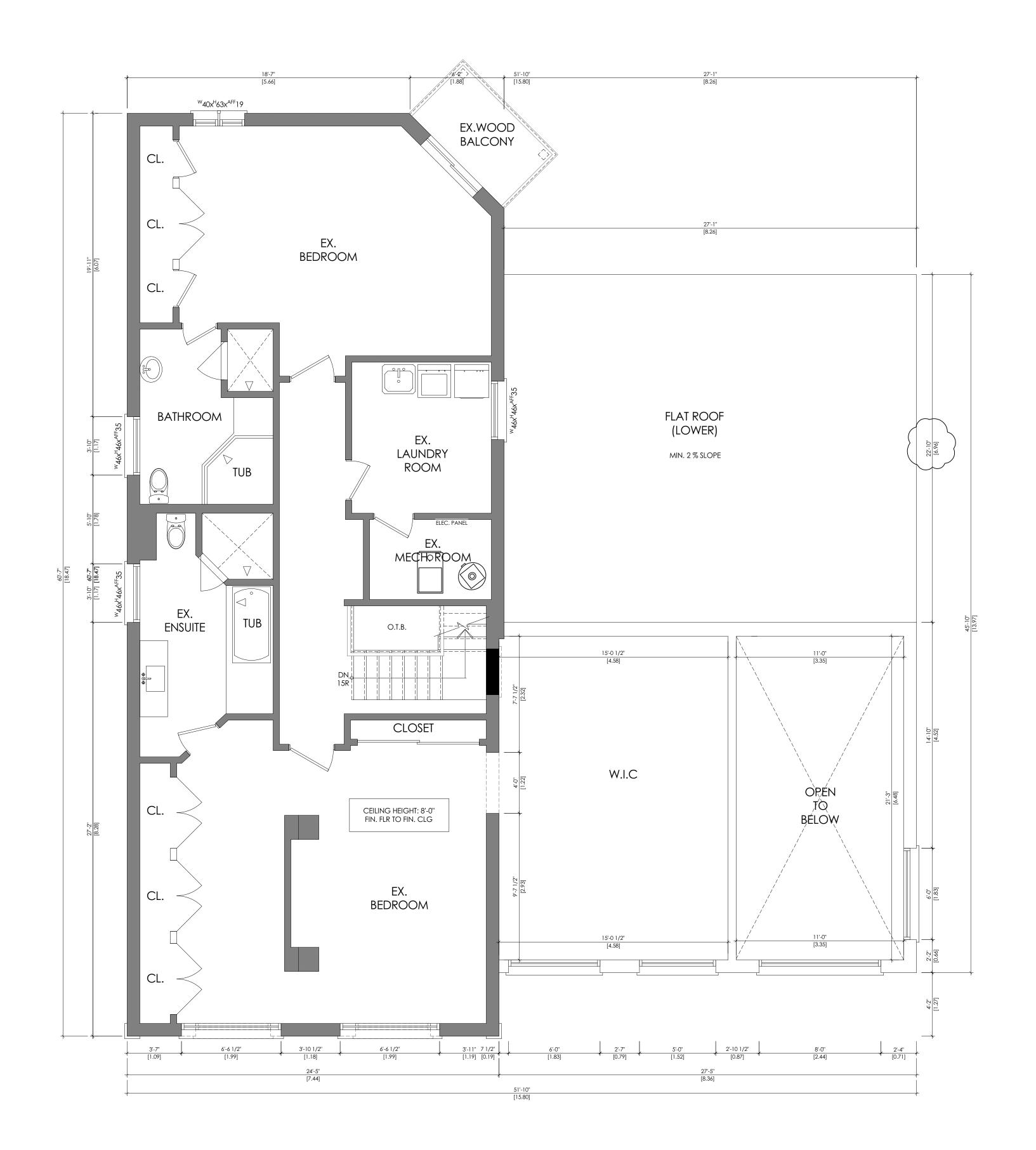
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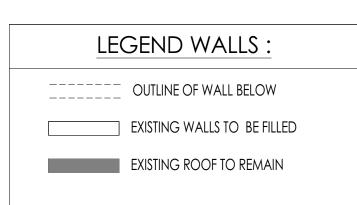
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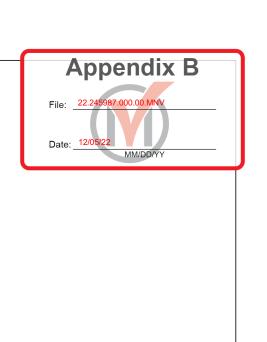
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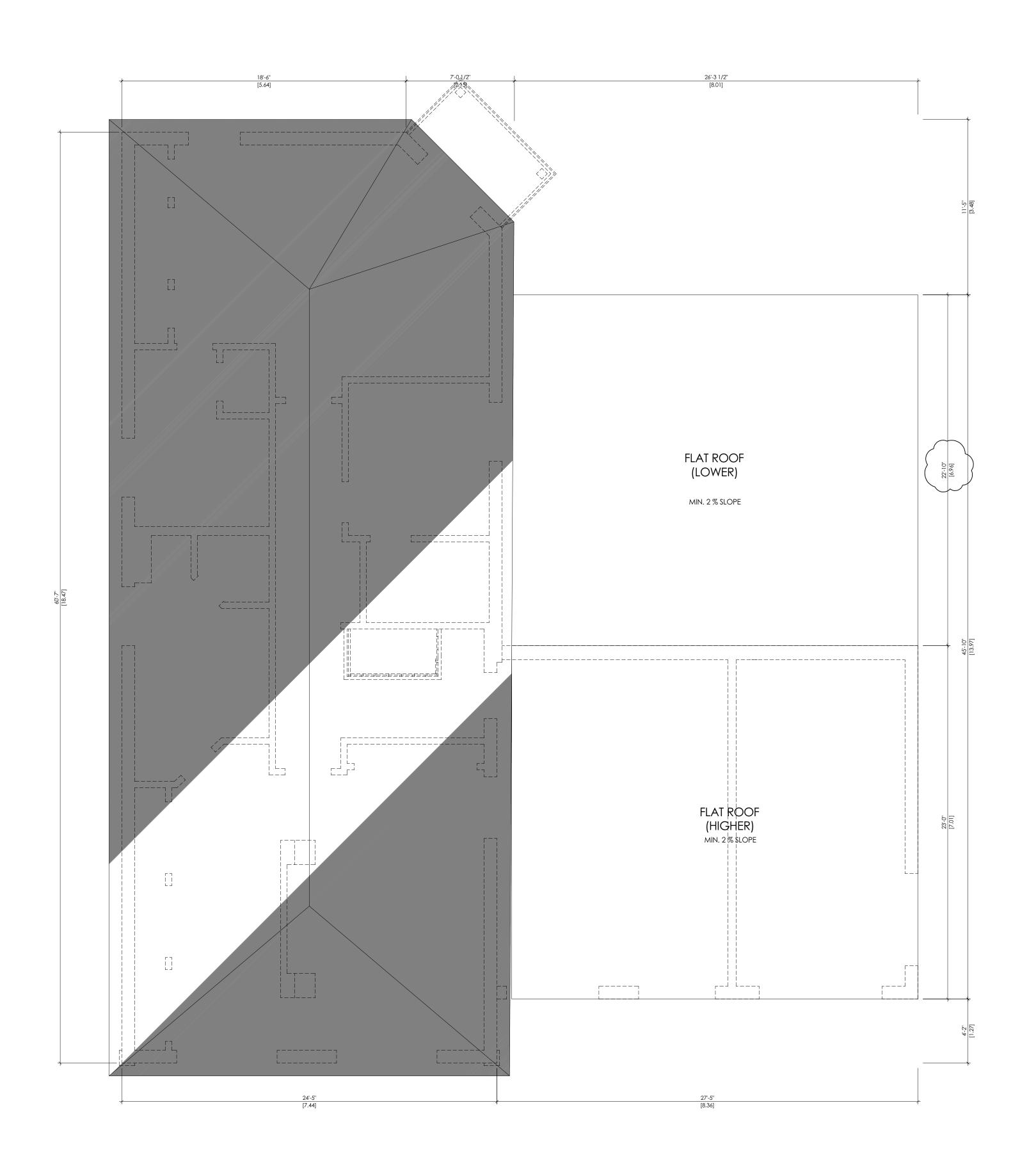
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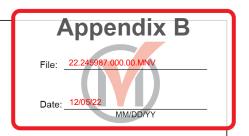
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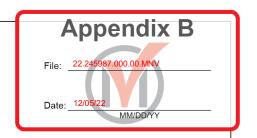
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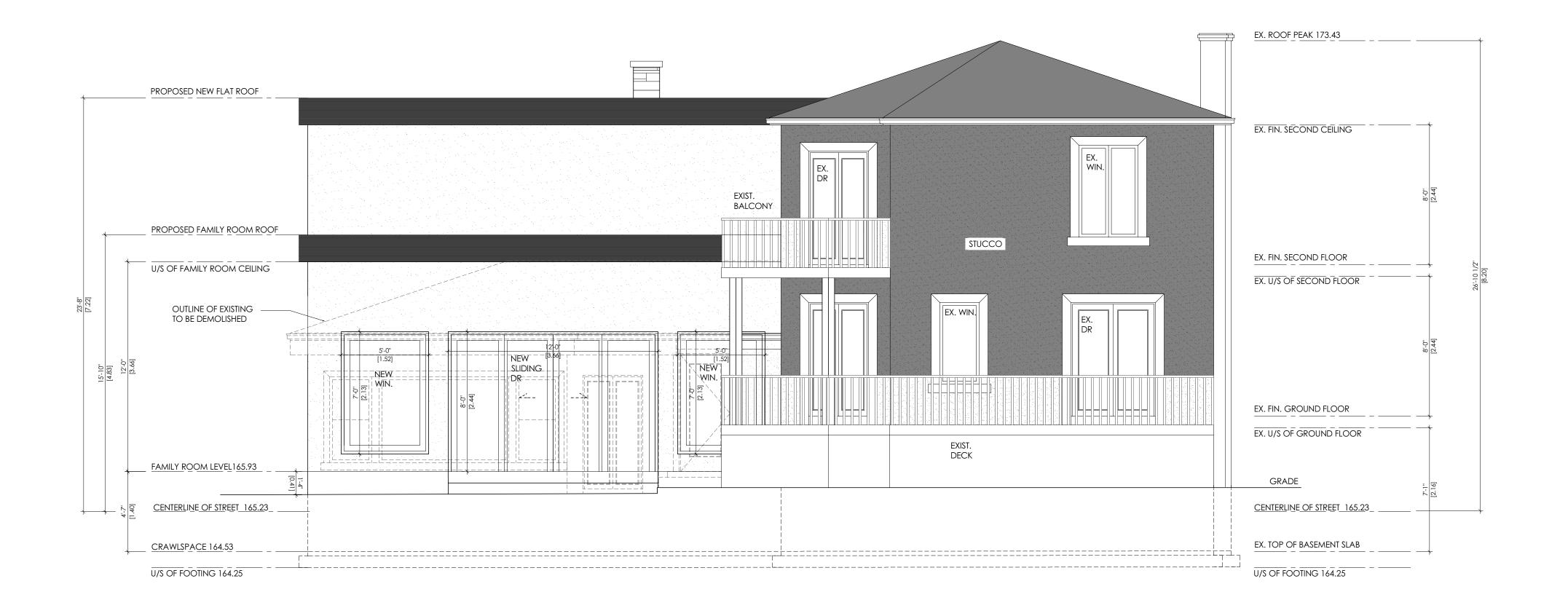


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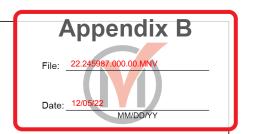
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APPENDIX "C"
METROLINX COMMENTS: November 10th, 2022

To: Shawna Houser, Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

From: Farah Faroque, Intern

Adjacent Developments GO Expansion - Third Party Projects Review

Metrolinx

Date: November 10th, 2022

Re: 22.245987.000.00.MNV – 5 Wildrose Cres, Thornhill - MV

Metrolinx is in receipt of the minor variance application for 5 Wildrose Cres to facilitate the construction of a one storey and second storey addition to the existing dwelling. Metrolinx's comments on the subject application are noted below:

- The subject property is located within 300 meters of Metrolinx's Bala Subdivision which carries Metrolinx's Richmond Hill GO Train service.
- The Proponent is advised that the development lands, 5 Wildrose Cres, are located within Metrolinx's 300 metres railway corridor zone of influence and as such is advised that Metrolinx and its assigns and successors in interest has or have a right-of-way within 300 metres from the development lands. The Applicant is further advised that there may be alterations to or expansions of the rail facilities on such right-of-way in the future including the possibility that Metrolinx or any railway entering into an agreement with Metrolinx to use the right-of-way or their assigns or successors as aforesaid may expand their operations, which expansion may affect the living environment of the residents in the vicinity, notwithstanding the inclusion of any noise and vibration attenuating measures in the design of the development and individual dwelling(s). Metrolinx will not be responsible for any complaints or claims arising from use of such facilities and/or operations on, over or under the aforesaid right-of-way.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards, Farah Faroque Intern, Third Party Projects Review Metrolinx 20 Bay Street Suite 600, Toronto

APPENDIX "D" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/118/22

- 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 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 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 Manager of By-law Enforcement & Regulatory Services Division.

CONDITIONS PREPARED BY:

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