City of Mississauga Department Comments

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To: Committee of Adjustment

From: Committee of Adjustment Coordinator

Meeting date:2021-10-28

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Ward 6

Consolidated Recommendation

The City recommends that the Committee have regard for all comments and evidence provided by the applicant and area residents when assessing if the application meets the requirements of Section 45 (1) of the Planning Act.

Application Details

The applicant requests the Committee to approve a minor variance to allow the construction of a restaurant with a separation distance of 2.50m (approx. 8.20ft) from the Residential Zone whereas By-law 0225-2007, as amended, requires a minimum separation distance of 60.0m (approx. 196.9ft) from the restaurant to the Residential Zone in this instance.

Amendments

Based on review of the information currently available in this permit application, we advise that the variance should be amended as follows:

1. The applicant requests the Committee to approve a minor variance to allow the construction of a restaurant with reduced separation distance (approx. 8.20ft) from the Residential Zone whereas By-law 0225-2007, as amended, requires a minimum separation distance of 60.0m (approx. 196.9ft) from the restaurant to the Residential Zone in this instance.

Background

Property Address: 5025 Heatherleigh Avenue

Mississauga Official Plan

Character Area: East Credit Neighbourhood
Designation: Convenience Commercial

Zoning By-law 0225-2007

Zoning: C1 - Commercial

Other Applications: None

Site and Area Context

The subject property is located on the north-east corner of Eglinton Avenue West and Heatherleigh Avenue in the East Credit neighbourhood. The property currently contains a single storey, multi-tenant commercial building with a range of uses. There is limited vegetation along the property lines abutting Eglinton Avenue West and Heatherleigh Avenue. The surrounding neighbourhood consists primarilty of low density residential uses, with a mix of townhouse, detached, and semi-detached dwellings on both sides of Eglinton Avenue.

The applicant is proposing a restaurant in one of the units in the building requiring a variance for setback to a residential zone.



Comments

Planning

Section 45 of the *Planning Act* provides the Committee of Adjustment with the authority to grant relief from the requirements of a municipal zoning by-law. Approval of applications must meet the requirements set out under 45(1) and/or 45(2) (a) or (b) in the *Planning Act*.

Staff comments concerning the application of the four tests to this minor variance request are as follows:

The site is located in the East Credit Neighbourhood Character Area and is designated Convenience Commercial by the Mississauga Official Plan (MOP). The Convenience Commercial designation permits a range of commercial uses, including a restaurant use. As such, the proposal meets the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan.

The intent of this portion of the by-law is to ensure that proposed restaurant uses are compatible with adjacent land uses. Where the restaurant use is not, a 60m buffer is imposed. Based on a detailed review of the proposal staff note that the front entrance of the unit faces away from the adjacent residential properties and into the parking lot. Furthermore the proposal does not include a drive through or patio which may cause additional noise or exhaust pollution. Staff are of the opinion that any impacts to the residential neighbourhood would be negligible and that the application is appropriate to be handled through the minor variance process. Planning staff are of the opinion the application raises no concerns of a planning nature.

Comments Prepared by: Alexander Davies, Committee of Adjustment Planner

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Transportation and Works Comments

This Department has no objections, comments or requirements with respect to C.A. 'A' 423/21.

Comments Prepared by: Tony Iacobucci, Development Engineering Technologist

Appendix 2 – Zoning Comments

The Building Department is currently processing a Preliminary Zoning Review application under file PREAPP 21-5948. Based on review of the information currently available in this permit application, we advise that the variance should be amended as follows:

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Please note that comments reflect those provided through the above permit application and should there be any changes contained within this Committee of Adjustment application that have not been identified and submitted through the application file noted above, these comments may no longer be valid. Any changes and/or updates to information and/or drawings must be submitted, as per standard resubmission procedures, separately through the application process in order to receive updated comments.

Comments Prepared by: Brandon Eidner, Zoning Examiner