## City of Mississauga Department Comments

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To: Committee of Adjustment Ward: 11

From: Committee of Adjustment Coordinator

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## **Consolidated Recommendation**

The City has no objections to the application.

## **Application Details**

The applicant requests the Committee to approve a minor variance to allow a below grade entrance proposing a minimum side yard setback of 0.40m (approx. 1.31ft) whereas By-law 0225-2007, as amended, requires a minimum side yard setback of 1.20m (approx. 3.94ft) in this instance.

# **Background**

Property Address: 6849 Golden Hills Way

Mississauga Official Plan

Character Area: Meadowvale Village Neighbourhood

Designation: Residential Low Density II

**Zoning By-law 0225-2007** 

Zoning: R10 - Residential

Other Applications:

#### **Site and Area Context**

The subject property is located south-east of the McLaughlin Road and Arrowsmith Drive intersection in the Meadowvale Village neighbourhood. It has a lot frontage of +/- 14m (46ft) and an area of +/- 433.2m² (4,662.9ft²), which is consistent with other detached dwellings in the

area. Limited landscaping and vegetative elements are present on the subject property, which backs onto the Derry West Greenbelt. The surrounding area context contains open space and residential uses, consisting of a mix of detached and semi-detached dwellings.

The applicant is proposing a below grade entrance requiring a variance for the side yard setback.



## **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:

#### Does the proposal maintain the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan?

The subject property is located in the Meadowvale Village Neighbourhood Character Area and is designated Residential Low Density II in Schedule 10 of the Mississauga Official Plan (MOP). Section 9 of MOP promotes development with appropriate urban form and site design, regulating that such development is compatible with the existing site conditions, the surrounding context, and the landscape of the character area. Staff are satisfied that the proposal is compatible with the existing site conditions and surrounding area context. It will have no impact on the streetscape and maintains the general intent and purpose of the official plan.

#### Does the proposal maintain the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law?

The intent of the side yard regulations in the by-law is to ensure that an appropriate buffer between structures on abutting properties is maintained as well as ensuring appropriate access to the rear yard and appropriate drainage is preserved. The proposed steps and side entrance create no massing impacts or separation issues between structures while preserving access to the rear yard from the other side of the dwelling. Furthermore Transportation & Works staff have raised no significant drainage concerns regarding the proposal. Staff are therefore satisfied that the request maintains the general intent and purpose of the by-law.

# Is the proposal desirable for the appropriate development of the subject lands and minor in nature?

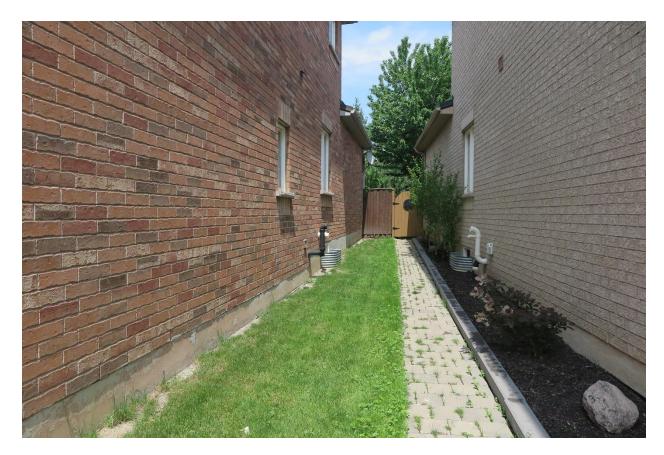
Staff are of the opinion that the side yard proposal represents appropriate development of the subject property and that the application is minor in nature. There are no impacts to the streetscape and circulation around the exterior of the dwelling is maintained.

Comments Prepared by: Alexander Davies, Committee of Adjustment Planner

# **Appendices**

### **Appendix 1 – Transportation and Works Comments**

Should Committee see merit in the applicant's request we would recommend that the existing drainage pattern in the area of the proposed below grade entrance be maintained. We note that the stairwell is being proposed in an area of the property where a drainage swale is still required and could still be achieved with the proposed 0.40M setback.





Comments Prepared by: Tony Iacobucci, Development Engineering Technologist

#### **Appendix 2 – Zoning Comments**

The Building Department is currently processing a Building Permit under file SEC UNIT 22-875. Based on review of the information currently available in this permit application, the variance, as requested is correct.

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: Maria Fernandez, Zoning Examiner

#### Appendix 3 – Parks, Forestry & Environment

The Park Planning Section of the Community Services Department has no objections to the above noted minor variance application and advises as follows:

The lands to the rear of the property are City owned lands, identified as Derry West Greenbelt (P-433) and within Significant Natural Area, zoned G1 and G2 that are also classified as a naturally significant area within the City's Natural Heritage System. Section 6.3.24 of the Mississauga Official Plan states that the Natural Heritage System will be protected, enhanced, restored and expanded through the following measures:

- a) ensuring that development in or adjacent to the Natural Heritage System protects and maintains the natural heritage features and their ecological functions through such means as tree preservation, appropriate location of building envelopes, grading, landscaping...;
- b) placing those areas identified for protection, enhancement, restoration and expansion in public ownership, where feasible.

Should the application be approved, Community Services provides the following notes:

- 1. Construction access from the adjacent park/greenlands is not permitted.
- 2. Stockpiling of construction materials and encroachment in the adjacent park/greenlands is not permitted.
- 3. If access is required to City owned lands, a Park Access Permit will be required.

Should further information be required, please contact Jim Greenfield, Park Planner, Community Services Department at 905-615-3200 ext. 8538 or via email <a href="mailto:jim.greenfield@mississauga.ca">jim.greenfield@mississauga.ca</a>.

Comments Prepared by: Jim Greenfield, Park Planner

#### Appendix 4 – Region of Peel Comments

**Comments**: Please be advised that service connection sizes shall be in compliance with Ontario Building Code and Region of Peel Design Criteria. An upgrade of your existing service may be required. All works associated with the servicing of this site will be at the applicant's expense. For more information, please contact Servicing Connections at <a href="mailto:siteplanservicing@peelregion.ca">siteplanservicing@peelregion.ca</a>

Any changes to the underground water or sanitary sewer will require review by the Region of Peel. Region of Peel Site Servicing connection approvals are required prior to the local municipality issuing building permit. For more information, please contact Servicing Connections at siteplanservicing@peelregion.ca

#### Development Planning: Joseph Filice (905) 791-7800 x3182

**Comments**: Please be advised that a portion of the subject property is located within an area the Regional Official Plan (ROP) designates as a Core Woodland of the Greenlands System in Peel, under Policy 2.3.2. Within these designations, ROP policies seek to protect environmental resources.

The Region relies on the environmental expertise of the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) for the review of applications located within or adjacent to Core Areas of the Greenlands Systems in Peel and their potential impacts on the natural environment. Regional Planning staff therefore, request that the Committee and city staff consider comments from the CVC and incorporate their conditions of approval appropriately.

Comments Prepared by: Joseph Filice, Junior Planner