

City of Mississauga Department Comments

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To: Committee of Adjustment	Ward: 5
From: Committee of Adjustment Coordinator	Meeting date:2022-09-22 1:00:00 PM

Consolidated Recommendation

The City has no objections to the application. The applicant may wish to defer the application to ensure the accuracy of the requested variances and that additional variances are not required.

Application Details

The applicant requests the Committee to approve a minor variance to allow the construction of a new dwelling proposing:

1. A lot frontage of 13.74m (approx. 45.07ft) whereas By-law 0225-2007, as amended, requires a minimum lot frontage of 15m (approx. 49.21ft) in this instance;
2. A gross floor area of 373.77 sq.m (approx. 4023.22sq.ft) whereas By-law 0225-2007, as amended, permits a maximum gross floor area of 305.45 sq.m (approx. 3287.83sq.ft) in this instance; and,
3. An eaves height of 6.60m (approx. 21.65ft) whereas By-law 0225-2007, as amended, permits a maximum eaves height of 6.40m (approx. 20.99ft) in this instance.

Amendments

While Planning staff are not in a position to provide an interpretation of the Zoning By-law, staff note variance #1 would not be required as the lot already exists.

Background

Property Address: 7526 Homeside Gardens

Mississauga Official Plan

Character Area: Malton Neighbourhood
Designation: Residential Low Density I

Zoning By-law 0225-2007**Zoning:** R3-69-Residential**Other Applications:** None**Site and Area Context**

The subject property is located south-east of the Airport Road and Thamesgate Drive intersection in the Malton neighbourhood. It has a lot area of +/- 777.28m² (8,366.65ft²), a lot frontage of +/- 13.74m (45.07ft), and currently contains a single storey detached dwelling with minimal vegetation and landscaping elements in both the front and rear yards. The surrounding neighbourhood consists of a mix of both detached and semi-detached dwellings. The property abuts Airport Road to the rear, with the west side of Airport Road containing employment and commercial uses.

The applicant is proposing a new two-storey detached dwelling requiring variances for lot frontage, gross floor area, and eave height.

**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 are as follows:

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

The subject property is located in the Malton Neighbourhood Character Area and is designated Residential Low Density I in Schedule 10 of the Mississauga Official Plan. The designation permits detached, semi-detached and duplex dwellings. Section 9 of the 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 appropriately balances the existing and planned characters of the surrounding area and are of the opinion that the application maintains the general intent and purpose of the official plan.

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

Variance 2 requests an increase in gross floor area. The intent in restricting gross floor area is to maintain compatibility between existing and new dwellings in order to ensure the existing and planned character of a neighbourhood is preserved. While the proposal represents an increase to the permissions of the by-law and is generally larger than what staff would typically support in Malton, the subject property is slightly larger than the average for the area and is able to accommodate a larger house. Furthermore staff note the presence of several larger dwellings along Homeside Gardens which contribute to the overall character of the street. The design of the proposed dwelling also utilizes a broken up front wall which limits the impact of the visual massing, while maintaining front and rear setbacks that are compatible with adjacent dwellings given the angle of the dwellings on either side of the subject property.

Variance 3 relates to the height of the eaves. The intent of restricting height to the eaves is to lessen the visual massing of the dwelling by bringing the edge of the roof closer to the ground. This keeps the height of the dwelling within human scale. The proposal requests a minor increase in eave height which does not have a significant impact on the massing of the dwelling. Furthermore staff note that an overall height variance has not been requested, which helps keep the massing within an appropriate scale.

Given the above, it is the opinion of Planning staff that the application maintains the general intent and purpose of the zoning by-law.

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

Upon review of the application staff are satisfied that the proposal represents appropriate development of the subject lands. The variances, both individually and cumulatively, are minor in nature and will not create any undue impacts to adjoining properties or the planned or existing character of the area.

Comments Prepared by: Alexander Davies, Committee of Adjustment Planner

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Transportation and Works Comments

We are noting for Committee's information that any Transportation and Works Department concerns/requirements for the new dwelling will be addressed through the Building Permit Process.



Comments Prepared by: Tony Iacobucci, Development Engineering Technologist

Appendix 2 – Zoning Comments

We note that a Building Permit application is required. In the absence of a Building Permit application we are unable to confirm the accuracy of the information provided, or determine whether additional variance(s) may be required. It should be noted that a zoning review has NOT been completed.

The applicant is advised that should they choose to proceed without zoning verification, a full zoning review may result in further variances being required in the future.

Comments Prepared by: Andrea Patsalides, Zoning Examiner

Appendix 3 – TRCA

This letter acknowledges receipt of the above noted application circulated by the City of Mississauga. The materials were received by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) on August 16, 2022. TRCA staff has reviewed the above noted application, and as per the “Living City Policies for Planning and Development within the Watersheds of the TRCA” (LCP), provides the following comments as part of TRCA’s commenting role under the *Planning Act*; the Authority’s delegated responsibility of representing the provincial interest on natural hazards encompassed by Section 3.1 of the *Provincial Policy Statement, 2020*; TRCA’s Regulatory Authority under Ontario Regulation 166/06, *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses*; and, our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Region of Peel, wherein we provide technical environmental advice related to provincial plans.

Purpose of the Application

The purpose of Minor Variance Application A380.22 is seeking the following variances:

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It is our understanding that the above variances are required to facilitate the replacement of the existing one-storey house with a gross floor area of 130.85sq.m at the subject property with a two-storey house with a gross floor area of 373.77 sq.m with an unfinished basement, rear yard deck, and a below grade entrance.

Ontario Regulation 166/06

The subject property is located within TRCA’s Regulated Area of the Mimico Creek Watershed. Specifically, the subject land is located downstream of a flood spill area of the Regulatory Flood Plain associated with a tributary of the Mimico Creek. As such, a TRCA permit pursuant to Ontario Regulation 166/06 will be required for any development or site alteration within the Regulated Area on the property.

Application Specific Comments

Based on our latest preliminary 2D modeling results, it appears that the entire property is located within the Regulatory flood plain. The Regional water surface elevation and the flood velocity at the property would be **172.1 m (+/-)** and **0.71 m/s (+/-)** respectively. As such, based on the above information, it appears that the entirety of the current dwelling is subject to flooding condition under a Regulatory Storm Event. In accordance with Section 8.5.1 Valley and Stream Corridors of the TRCA’s Living City Policy, TRCA does not support an increase in the size and footprint of a replacement or reconstruction of an existing building or

structure within the flood hazards where the addition is more than 50% of the original habitable ground floor area. Additionally, TRCA requires that the addition does not include a basement, if one did not previously, and that replacements of an existing basement be no larger than the original. At this time, it has not been demonstrated that an existing basement is present through the submitted documents. Therefore, it is premature to comment on the appropriateness of a basement as part of this development. Please note that increasing the number of dwelling units in a building within the flood hazard is not permitted.

Additionally, please note that TRCA requires that the proposed replacement dwelling be properly flood proofed according to TRCA policies and standards, including any potential basement windows. Given the above, TRCA has concerns with the size of the replacement dwelling and floodproofing of the proposed works in this minor variance application, as submitted. TRCA requests that the applicant contacts the undersigned in order to initiate discussions regarding TRCA's concerns.

Should the applicant disagree with TRCA's Regulatory Flood Plain preliminary analysis, the applicant may hire a consultant to determine the flooding extent of the spill using two-dimensional hydraulic model, otherwise the applicant is required to apply the preliminary result for of TRCA's flood modelling.

Recommendation

On the basis of the comments noted below, TRCA staff recommend **deferral** of Minor Variance Application A380.22 in order to provide an opportunity for the applicant to revise the proposed replacement dwelling and address TRCA's staff concerns. Should the Committee not grant deferral of the application at the September 22, 2022 hearing, TRCA staff recommend denial of the application at this time.

Fees

By copy of this letter, the applicant is advised that the TRCA has implemented a fee schedule for our planning application review services. This application is subject to a fee of **\$610.00** (Variance Residential–Minor).The applicant is responsible for fee payment and should forward the application fee to this office as soon as possible.

We trust these comments are of assistance. Should you have any questions, please contact meat 416-661-6600 extension 5221 or at Marina.Janakovic@trca.ca

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