City of Mississauga Department Comments

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To: Committee of Adjustment

From: Committee of Adjustment Coordinator

File(s): A666.22 Ward: 8

Meeting date:2023-01-19 1:00:00 PM

Consolidated Recommendation

The City recommends that the application be refused.

Application Details

The applicant requests the Committee to approve a minor variance to allow an existing driveway with a width of 8.02m (approx. 26.31ft) whereas By-law 0225-2007, as amended, permits a maximum driveway width of 5.2m (approx. 17.06ft) in this instance.

Background

Property Address: 2666 Lindholm Cres

Mississauga Official Plan

Character Area:Central Erin Mills NeighbourhoodDesignation:Residential Medium Density

Zoning By-law 0225-2007

Zoning: RM5- Residential

Other Applications: none

Site and Area Context

The subject property is located in the Central Erin Mills Neighbourhood Character Area, southeast of the Eglinton Avenue West and Winston Churchill Boulevard. The subject property is located within a townhouse complex. The immediate neighbourhood contains a mix of two-storey

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detached and semi-detached dwellings with mature vegetation in the front yards. The subject property contains a two-storey townhouse dwelling with vegetation in the front yard.

The applicant is seeking variances related to an existing driveway width.



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 subject property is located in the Central Erin Mills Neighbourhood Character Area and is designated Residential Medium Density in Schedule 10 of the Mississauga Official Plan (MOP). Section 9.1 of the MOP states that driveway widths and associated setbacks should respect the identity and character of the surrounding context.

The applicant is proposing a driveway width of 8.02m (26.31ft). The planned character of the area is that of residential dwellings serviced by appropriately sized driveways that can accommodate the parking required by the zoning by-law for each property. The intent of the driveway width regulations in the by-law is to allow a driveway that can accommodate two vehicles parked side by side, with the remainder of the front yard being soft landscaped area. The proposed driveway would represent significant hardscaping in the front yard and would be able to facilitate the parking of three vehicles across, contrary to the intent of the zoning by-law.

Staff are of the opinion that, as currently proposed, the driveway does not meet the general intent or purpose of the zoning by-law and is not minor in nature. Staff therefore recommend that the application be refused.

Comments Prepared by: Connor DiPietro, Committee of Adjustment Planner

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Transportation and Works Comments

Enclosed for the Committee information are photos of the existing driveway. We question how the vehicle parked on the left (Toyota Rav 4) can get in and out safely without damaging the City tree and sod/boulevard area when there is a 2nd vehicle parked on the right side as shown in the photo.



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Comments Prepared by: John Salvino, Development Engineering Technologist

Appendix 2 – Zoning Comments

In the absence of a Development 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.

For scope of work that does not require Site Plan Approval/Building Permit/Zoning Certificate of Occupancy Permit, the applicant may consider applying for a Preliminary Zoning Review application. A detailed site plan drawing and architectural plans are required for a detailed zoning review to be completed. A minimum of 6-8 weeks is required depending on the complexity of the proposal and the quality of information submitted.

Comments Prepared by: Amy Campbell, Planner-in-Training

Appendix 3 – Region of Peel

We have no objections.

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