City of Mississauga Department Comments

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To: Committee of Adjustment

From: Committee of Adjustment Coordinator

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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 variance and that additional variances are not required.

Application Details

The applicant requests the Committee to approve a minor variance to permit an existing driveway proposing a driveway width of 7.50m (approx. 24.61ft) whereas By-law 0225-2007, as amended, permits a maximum driveway width of 6.00m (approx. 19.69ft) in this instance.

Background

Property Address: 1634 Bristol Rd W

Mississauga Official Plan

Character Area: East Credit Neighbourhood
Designation: Residential Low Density I

Zoning By-law 0225-2007

Zoning: R3-21 - Residential

Other Applications: None

Site and Area Context

The subject property is located on the south side of Bristol Road West, west of the Creditview Road intersection. It currently contains a two-storey detached dwelling with an attached garage. The property has a lot frontage of +/- 15.24m (50ft), characteristic of other detached dwellings

along the south side of Bristol Road West. Limited landscaping and vegetative elements are present in the front yard. The surrounding area context is predominantly residential, containing detached dwellings on lots of generally similar sizes.

The applicant is proposing to modify the existing driveway requiring a variance for driveway width.



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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 East Credit Neighbourhood Character Area and is designated Residential Low Density I 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 intent of limiting the driveway width is to permit a driveway large enough to suitably accommodate the required number parking spaces for a dwelling, with the remainder of lands in the front yard being soft landscaping.

The subject property is on Bristol Road West, which is characterized by wider driveways. This is in part due to the width of the road and the traffic it carries. While the proposal represents a driveway wider than staff would normally support, staff are of the opinion that in this instance the

proposed width is characteristic of the area. The subject property has a frontage that is able to accommodate a wider driveway than permitted under the by-law without the hardscaping becoming overbearing to the streetscape, and staff are satisfied that the proposal maintains sufficient soft landscaping area.

Planning staff are satisfied that the proposed driveway width variance is minor in nature, represents appropriate development of the subject property, and maintains the intent of both the official plan and zoning by-law.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Transportation and Works Comments

This department notes that with regard to the widened driveway within the municipal boulevard (the area between the municipal curb and property line) we would request that this area be reinstated with topsoil and sod should the application be modified to reflect a smaller driveway width within the subject property or if the application is not supported by the Committee.





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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.

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Appendix 3- Region of Peel

We have no comments or objections.

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