

City of Mississauga Department Comments

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To: Committee of Adjustment	Ward: 7
From: Committee of Adjustment Coordinator	Meeting date:2023-03-09 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 an existing driveway with a width of 6.75m (approx. 22.15ft) whereas By-law 0225-2007, as amended, permits a maximum driveway width of 6.00m (approx. 19.69ft) in this instance.

Background

Property Address: 544 Wildgrass Rd

Mississauga Official Plan

Character Area: Cooksville Neighbourhood
Designation: Residential Low Density I

Zoning By-law 0225-2007

Zoning: R5- Residential

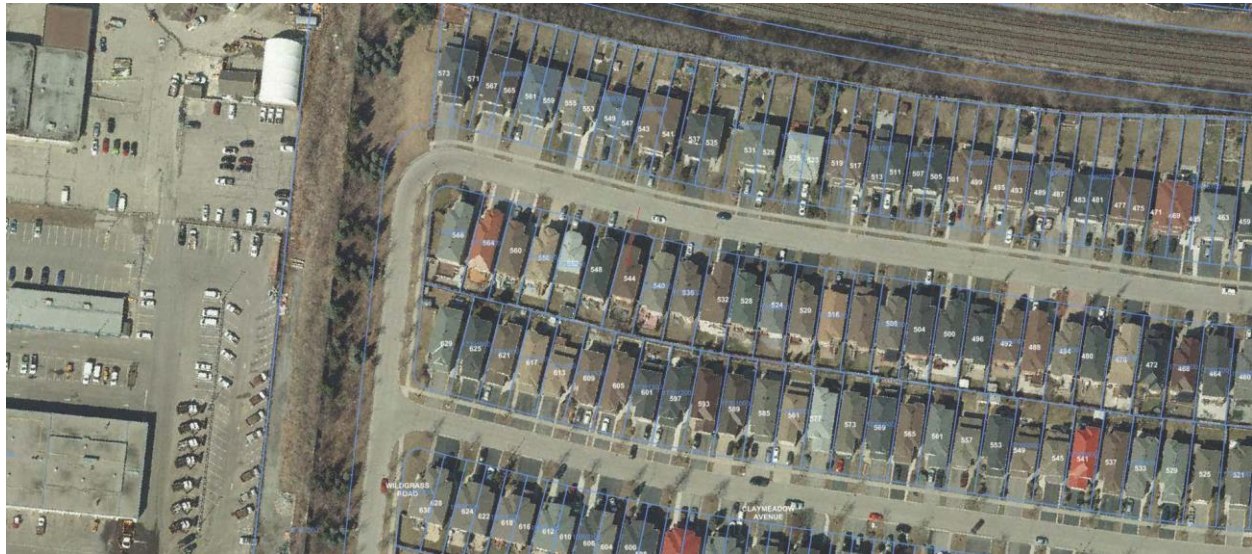
Other Applications: None

Site and Area Context

The subject property is located north-east of the Mavis Road and Hillcrest Avenue intersection in the Cooksville neighbourhood. It currently contains a two-storey detached dwelling with an attached garage. The property has a frontage of +/- 9.64m (31.63ft), which is characteristic of

other lots containing detached dwellings in the area. Some landscaping and vegetative elements are present in the front yard. The surrounding context is predominantly residential, consisting of a mix of detached and semi-detached dwellings. Commercial uses are present along Mavis Road.

The applicant is proposing to legalize 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 Cooksville Neighbourhood Character Area and is designated Residential Low Density II 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.

Planning staff are of the opinion that the applicant has appropriately balanced the ratio of hard surface to landscaped area along the frontage of the property. Staff are satisfied that the width

will restrict the parking to no more than two vehicles across and maintains sufficient soft landscaping area to maintain the character of the surrounding 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.

Comments Prepared by: Alexander Davies, Committee of Adjustment Planner

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.



Comments Prepared by: Tony Iacobucci, 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: Brooke Herczeg, Zoning Examiner

Appendix 3 – Canadian Pacific Railway

RE: Comments on File: A1.23 at 544 Wildgrass Rd, within proximity of CP Rail line

Thank you for the recent notice respecting the captioned development proposal in the vicinity of Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The safety and welfare of residents can be adversely affected by rail operations and CP is not in favour of residential uses that are not compatible with rail operations. CP freight trains operate 24/7 and schedules/volumes are subject to change. CP's approach to development in the vicinity of rail operations is encapsulated by the recommended guidelines developed through collaboration between the Railway Association of Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The 2013 Proximity Guidelines can be found at the following website address: <http://www.proximityissues.ca/>.

CP recommends that the below condition be inserted in all property and tenancy agreements and offers of purchase and sale for all dwelling units in the proposed building(s):

"Canadian Pacific Railway and/or its assigns or successors in interest has or have a railway right-of-way and/or yard located adjacent to the subject land hereof with operations conducted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including the shunting of trains and the idling of locomotives. There may be alterations to, or expansions of, the railway facilities and/or operations in the future, which alterations or expansions may affect the living environment of the residents in the vicinity. Notwithstanding the inclusion of any noise and/or vibration attenuating measures in the design of the development and individual dwellings, Canadian Pacific Railway will not be responsible for complaints or claims arising from the use of its facilities and/or its operations on, over, or under the aforesaid right-of-way and/or yard."

Should the captioned development proposal receive approval, CP respectfully requests that the recommended guidelines be followed.

Comments Prepared by: Real Estate Canada

Appendix 4 – Metrolinx

544 Wildgrass Rd

Metrolinx is in receipt of the minor variance application for 544 Wildgrass Rd to allow an existing driveway with increased width. Metrolinx's comments on the subject applications are noted below:

- The subject property is located within 300 meters of Canadian Pacific Railway's (CP Rail) Galt Subdivision which carries Metrolinx's Milton GO Train service.
- As the requested variance has no implication on Metrolinx property (i.e. Milton Corridor) Metrolinx has no objections to the specified variances should the committee grant approval.
- The Proponent is advised the following:
Warning: Metrolinx and its assigns and successors in interest operate commuter transit service within 300 metres from the subject land. In addition to the current use of these lands, there may be alterations to or expansions of the rail and other facilities on such lands in the future including the possibility that Metrolinx or any railway entering into an agreement with Metrolinx or any railway assigns or successors as aforesaid may expand their operations, which expansion may affect the environment of the occupants in the vicinity, notwithstanding the inclusion of any noise and vibration attenuating measures in the design of the development and individual units. Metrolinx will not be responsible for any complaints or claims arising from use of such facilities and/or operations on, over or under these lands.

Comments Prepared by: Farah Faroque – Intern, Third Party Projects Review

Appendix 5 – Region of Peel

We have no comments or objections.

Comments Prepared by: Patrycia Menko – Junior Planner, Planning and Development Services