# City of Mississauga Department Comments

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To: Committee of Adjustment

From: Committee of Adjustment Coordinator

Meeting date:2023-05-11

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 accessory structure proposing a shed with a rear yard setback of 3.05m (approx. 10.01ft) located in a G2-3 Zone whereas By-law 0225-2007, as amended, requires a rear yard setback of 15.00m (approx. 49.21ft) in this instance.

# **Background**

Property Address: 1527 Hollywell Ave

Mississauga Official Plan

Character Area: East Credit Neighbourhood

Designation: Residential Low Density I, Greenlands

**Zoning By-law 0225-2007** 

Zoning: R2-21 - Residential and G2-3 - Greenland

Other Applications: None

**Site and Area Context** 

The subject property is located north-west of the Creditview Road and Sir Monty's Drive intersection in the East Credit neighbourhood. It currently contains a two-storey detached dwelling with an attached garage. The site backs onto the Credit River and contains limited

landscaping and vegetative elements in both the front and rear yards. The surrounding area context is residential in nature, consisting exclusively of detached dwellings on lots generally smaller than the subject property.

The applicant is proposing to maintain the shed in the rear yard requiring a variance for a rear 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:

The subject property is located in the East Credit Neighbourhood Character Area and is designated Residential Low Density I and Greenlands in Schedule 10 of the Mississauga Official Plan (MOP). The shed currently under application is located on the portion of the property designated and zoned Greenlands. The Greenlands designation restricts its uses and is generally limited to recreational and infrastructure uses. The G2-3 zoning is designed to be a buffer to a natural heritage feature as well as to protect against and prevent soil erosion.

The subject property and associated hazard lands are regulated by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, and on matters such as these Planning staff rely on the expertise of the CVC's review of the application. Credit Valley Conservation have reviewed the proposal and note objections to the proposal, calling for the shed to be removed from the hazard lands.

Given the position of CVC staff on the application and the restrictions of the Greenlands designation, Planning staff are of the opinion that the proposal does not represent appropriate development of the subject property and does not maintain the intent of the zoning by-law. Staff therefore recommend that the application be refused.

Comments Prepared by: Alexander Davies, Committee of Adjustment Planner

# **Appendices**

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

Enclosed for Committees easy reference are photos depicting the existing shed and note that we have no drainage related concerns with the request.







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 – Parks, Forestry & Environment

The Park Planning Section of the Community Services Department has reviewed the above noted minor variance application and advises as follows:

The lands to the rear of the property are owned by the City of Mississauga, identified as Hyde's Mill Hollow (P-282), classified as a Significant Natural Area within the City's Natural Heritage System, and zoned G1. 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. If future construction is required, access from the adjacent park/greenlands is not permitted.
- 2. If access is required to City owned lands, a Consent to Enter Agreement/Park Access Permit will be required.

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3. Stockpiling of construction materials and encroachment in the adjacent park/greenlands is not permitted.

Should further information be required, please contact Nicholas Rocchetti, Park Planning Assistant, Community Services Department at 905-615-3200 ext. 4659 or via email Nicholas.Rocchetti@mississauga.ca.

Comments Prepared by: Nicholas Rocchetti, Park Planning Assistant

## **Appendix 4 – Credit Valley Conservation Comments**

Re: CVC File No. A 23/088 Municipality File No. A 88/23 Vineet and Namrata Sharma 1527 Hollywell Ave City of Mississauga

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) staff have reviewed the subject application and offer comments based on the following roles and responsibilities:

- 1. Delegated Responsibilities providing comments representing the provincial interest regarding natural hazards (except forest fires) as identified in Section 3.1 of the *Provincial Policy Statement (2020)*;
- 2. Regulatory Responsibilities providing comments to ensure the coordination of requirements under the *Conservation Authorities Act Section 28 regulation*, to eliminate unnecessary delay or duplication in process;
- 3. Source Protection Agency providing advisory comments to assist with the implementation of the *CTC Source Protection Plan* under the *Clean Water Act*, as applicable.

#### SITE CHARACTERISTICS:

Based on our mapping, the subject property is regulated for floodplain and slope hazard associated with Credit River. It is the policy of CVC and the Province of Ontario to conserve and protect the significant physical, hydrological and biological features associated with the functions of the above noted characteristics and to recommend that no development be permitted which would adversely affect the natural features or ecological functions of these areas.

#### **ONTARIO REGULATION 160/06:**

The property is subject to the Development, Interference with Wetlands, and Alterations to Shorelines & Watercourses Regulation (Ontario Regulation 160/06). This regulation prohibits altering a watercourse, wetland or shoreline and prohibits development in areas adjacent to the Lake Ontario shoreline, river and stream valleys, hazardous lands and wetlands, without the prior written approval of CVC (i.e. the issuance of a permit).

## Proposal:

It is our understanding that the property owner of 1527 Hollywell Ave, zoned R2-21 - Residential and G2-3 - Greenland, has applied for a minor variance under Section 45 of the Planning Act. The applicant requests the Committee to approve a minor variance to allow an existing accessory structure proposing a shed with a rear yard setback of 3.05m (approx. 10.01ft) located in a G2-3 Zone whereas By-law 0225-2007, as amended, requires a rear yard setback of 15.00m (approx. 49.21ft) in this instance.

#### **Comments:**

CVC staff have reviewed the provided information and have **concerns** with the requested variance. The existing shed is located in hazardous land regulated by CVC for floodplain and/or slope hazard. CVC recommends that the shed be moved out from these lands. As such, CVC staff **object** to the approval of this minor variance by the Committee at this time.

A CVC permit requirement will be waived due to the set of circumstances. Please circulate CVC any future correspondence regarding this application. I trust that these comments are sufficient. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905-670-1615 (ext. 268) should you have any further questions or concerns.

Comments Prepared by: Beata Pakulski, Junior Planner

#### **Appendix 5- Region of Peel**

Minor Variance Application: A-88/23 – 1527 Hollywell Avenue

<u>Development Planning: Patrycia Menko (905) 791-7800 x3114</u>

Comments:

• The subject land is located in the regulated area of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority CVC). We rely on the environmental expertise of the CVC for the review of development applications located within or adjacent to the regulated area in Peel and the impact of natural hazards on proposed development. We therefore request that the City staff consider comments from the CVC and incorporate their requirements appropriately. Final approval of this application requires all environmental concerns to be addressed to the satisfaction of the CVC.

Comments Prepared by: Patrycia Menko, Junior Planner