## City of Mississauga Department Comments

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To: Committee of Adjustment Ward: 6

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 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 5.8m (approx. 19.02ft) whereas By-law 0225-2007, as amended, permits a maximum driveway width of 5.2m (approx. 17.1ft) in this instance.

# **Background**

**Property Address:** 3126 Jessica Crt

Mississauga Official Plan

Character Area: Erindale Neighbourhood
Designation: Residential Low Density II

**Zoning By-law 0225-2007** 

Zoning: RM1- Residential

Other Applications: None

**Site and Area Context** 

The subject property is located north-east of the Dundas Street West and Erindale Station Road intersection in the Erindale neighbourhood. It currently contains a single storey semi-detached dwelling with limited landscaping and vegetative elements in the front yard. The property has a

frontage of +/- 9m (+/- 29.5ft), which is characteristic of other lots along Jessica Court. The surrounding area context is predominantly residential, consisting of a mix of detached, semidetached, and apartment dwellings on lots of varying sizes.

The applicant is proposing to legalize the existing driveway, requiring a variance for 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 Erindale 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.

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. 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: Shivani Chopra, Planner in Training

# **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.

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### Appendix 3 – Region of Peel

Please apply previous comments.

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