City of Mississauga Department Comments

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To: Committee of Adjustment Ward: 6

From: Committee of Adjustment Coordinator

Meeting date:2023-07-13

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 8.50m (approx. 27.89ft) whereas By-law 0225-2007, as amended, permits a maximum driveway width of 6.00m (approx. 19.69ft) in this instance.

Background

Property Address: 1546 Highbrook Ave

Mississauga Official Plan

Character Area: East Credit NHD

Designation: Residential Low Density II

Zoning By-law 0225-2007

Zoning: R4-20 - Residential

Other Applications: None

Site and Area Context

The subject property is located on the south-west corner of the Highbrook Avenue and Invergordon Lane intersection. It currently contains a two-storey detached dwelling with an attached garage. Some vegetative and landscaping elements are present on the property. The property has a lot frontage of +/- 16.74m (+/- 54.92 ft) and a lot area of 598.61 m² (+/- 6443.38

ft²). The surrounding context is exclusively residential, consisting of detached dwellings. The subject property is in close vicinity of an elementary school and a sports complex on the west side.

The applicant is proposing a widened 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 East Credit Neighbourhood Character Area and is designated Residential Low Density II in Schedule 10 of the Mississauga Official Plan (MOP). Section 9 of MOP promotes development with appropriate urban form and site design, regulating that such development is compatible with: the existing site conditions, the surrounding context and the landscape of the character area.

The applicant is proposing a driveway width of 8.5m (27.89ft). 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 permit a driveway width that can accommodate two vehicles parked side by side, with the remainder of the front yard being soft landscaped area. While staff are

satisfied that an appropriate soft landscaped area is maintained on the subject property, the proposed driveway would be able to facilitate the parking of three vehicles across which is 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. Staff therefore recommend that the application be refused.

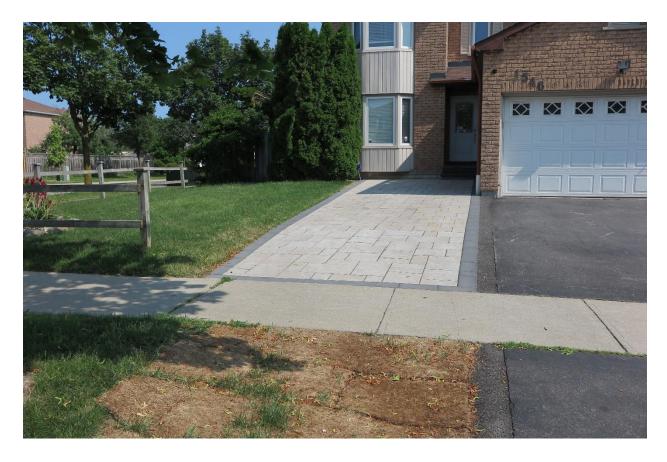
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Appendices

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.





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

We have no comments or objections.

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