City of Mississauga Department Comments

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To: Committee of Adjustment

From: Committee of Adjustment Coordinator

File(s): A391.24 Ward: 7

Meeting date:2024-09-12 3:30:00 PM

Consolidated Recommendation

The City has no objections to the application. The applicant may wish to defer the application to ensure that all required variances have been accurately identified.

Application Details

The applicant requests the Committee to approve a minor variance to allow a driveway width of 7.2m (approx. 23.6ft) whereas By-law 0225-2007, as amended, permits a maximum driveway width of 6.0m (approx. 19.7ft) in this instance.

Background

Property Address: 2336 Stillmeadow Rd

Mississauga Official Plan

Character Area:Cooksville NeighbourhoodDesignation:Residential Low Density II

Zoning By-law 0225-2007

Zoning: R3 - Residential

Other Applications: None

Site and Area Context

The subject property is located north-east of the Mavis Road and Queensway West intersection in the Cooksville Neighbourhood Character Area. It is an interior lot containing a two-storey detached dwelling with an attached garage. The subject property has an approximate frontage of +/- 15.20m (49.86ft). The surrounding context is predominantly residential, consisting of detached and semi-detached dwellings on similarly sized lots.

The applicant is proposing to expand 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:

Does the proposal maintain the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan?

The subject property is located in the Cooksville 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. Staff are satisfied that the driveway width is appropriate for both the subject property and surrounding context. It is staff's opinion that the proposal maintains a sufficient soft landscaping area thereby respecting the character of the surrounding area. Staff are of the opinion that the application meets the general intent and purpose of the official plan.

Does the proposal maintain the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law?

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The sole variance requested is for an increase in driveway width. 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 proposed driveway width does not facilitate the parking of additional vehicles across the driveway, nor does it create excessive hardscaping on the subject property. Staff are of the opinion that the proposed variance maintains the general intent of the zoning by-law.

Is the proposal desirable for the appropriate development of the subject lands and minor in nature?

Staff are of the opinion that, as currently proposed, the driveway maintains the general intent and purpose of the zoning by-law, represents appropriate development of the subject property, and is minor in nature.

Comments Prepared by: Daniel Grdasic, Committee of Adjustment Planner

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Transportation and Works Comments

Enclosed for Committees easy reference are photos depicting the existing driveway and are advising that we have no objections to the proposed driveway extension as depicted on the submitted drawing.

Comments Prepared by: Tony Iacobucci, T&W Development Engineering



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.

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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: Crystal Abainza, Zoning Examiner

Appendix 3 – Parks, Forestry & Environment

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

- 1. No public trees shall be injured or removed. If public tree injury or removal is required, a permit must be issued as per By-law 0020-2022.
- 2. No private trees shall be injured or removed. If a private tree with a diameter of 15 centimetres or greater on private property is to be injured or destroyed, a permit must be issued as per By-law 0021-2022.
- 3. Please note if a tree is identified as a shared tree with the adjacent property owner, and the applicant intends to apply for a Tree Permit Application, written consent must be obtained by both parties.

An Application to Permit the Injury or Destruction of Trees on Public and Private Property can be found at https://www.mississauga.ca/publication/application-to-permit-the-injury-or-destruction-of-trees-on-public-and-private-property/.

Additionally, Forestry notes that the proposed 7.2m driveway on Stillmeadow Rd. may impact the existing Norway Maple trees (on both sides of the driveway), located within the City Right-of-Way (ROW). Further information regarding these trees is noted below:

- Norway Maple (#1): 43cm DBH, fair condition, minimum Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) 3.0m, located northwest of the proposed driveway, City owned tree
- Norway Maple (#2): 44.5cm DBH, good-fair condition, minimum Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) 3.0m, located southeast of the proposed driveway, City owned tree

Based on the drawing, it appears that the driveway will be extending further northwest from the existing driveway edge. If this interpretation is correct, it does not appear that the driveway will encroach into tree #1's minimum TPZ. If the driveway is to extend further southeast from the existing driveway edge, the driveway will encroach on tree #2's minimum TPZ and this tree will be injured at a minimum, however depending on the extent of construction impacts, this tree may require removal.

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Care should be taken to protect the above noted City trees as best as possible. If necessary, Tree Protection Hoarding for City trees shall be installed as per By-law 0020-2022. Any public tree injuries or removals need to apply for Tree Application Permits as noted in Item 1.

Should further information be required, please contact Jamie Meston, Landscape Architect Assistant, Forestry Section, Community Services Department at 905-615-3200 ext. 4264 or via email jamie.meston@mississauga.ca.

Comments Prepared by: Jamie Meston, Landscape Architect Assistant

Appendix 4 – Region of Peel

Minor Variance Application: A-24-391M / 2336 Stillmeadow Road Development Engineering: Brian Melnyk (905) 791-7800 x3602

Comments:

- All residential service boxes (curb stops) shall be installed in grass areas with a minimum distance of 1.0 meter from the edge of the driveway (Region of Peel Watermain Design Criteria Standard 6.6).
- The applicant shall verify the location of the existing service connections to the subject site and the contractor shall locate all existing utilities in the field. Requests for underground locates can be made at https://www.ontarioonecall.ca/portal/
- For location of existing water and sanitary sewer infrastructure please contact Records by e-mail at <u>PWServiceRequests@peelregion.ca</u>

Comments Prepared by: Petrele Francois, Junior Planner