

# COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

## MINOR VARIANCE REPORT

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 45 of the Planning Act, 1990

APPLICATION: **CAV A/127/2022**

RELATED FILE: **N/A**

DATE OF MEETING: BY VIDEOCONFERENCE AND LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO ON THE TOWN'S WEBPAGE AT OAKVILLE.CA ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

Owner (s)	Agent	Location of Land
STEVEN BUTLER TRACEY BUTLER 206 ELTON PARK RD OAKVILLE ON, L6J 4C1	EMELIE VEA JOHN WILLMOTT ARCHITECT INC. 594 CHARTWELL RD UNIT 3 OAKVILLE ON, L6J 4A5	206 ELTON PARK RD PLAN 436 LOT 12

OFFICIAL PLAN DESIGNATION: LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL - SPECIAL POLICY

ZONING: **RL1-0**

WARD: 3

DISTRICT: EAST

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### APPLICATION:

Under Section 45(1) of the *Planning Act*, the applicant is requesting the Committee of Adjustment to authorize a minor variance to permit the construction of a one-storey detached dwelling on the subject property proposing the following variances:

No.	Zoning By-law Regulation	Variance Request
1	<b>Section 6.4.2 a) (Row RL1, Column 3)</b> The maximum <i>lot coverage</i> shall be 25% (345.47 m <sup>2</sup> ) where the <i>detached dwelling</i> is greater than 7.0 metres in <i>height</i> ; ( Lot area is 1381.89 m <sup>2</sup> ).	To permit the maximum <i>lot coverage</i> to be 28.00% (386.93 m <sup>2</sup> ) for the <i>detached dwelling</i> which is greater than 7.0 metres in <i>height</i> .

### CIRCULATED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES COMMENTS RECEIVED

#### Planning Services:

**(Note:** Planning Services includes a consolidated comment from the relevant district teams including, Current, Long Range and Heritage Planning, Urban Design and Development Engineering)

**CAV A/127/2022 - 206 Elton Park Rd (East District)** (OP Designation: Low Density Residential)

The applicant is proposing to construct a one-storey detached dwelling subject to the variances above.

The neighbourhood is characterized by one and two-storey dwellings original to the area and two-storey new construction. The neighbourhood is characterized by large lots with larger front setbacks.

The subject lands are designated Low Density Residential-Special Policy Area in the Official Plan. Policy 26.2.1, applies to the Low-Density Residential designation and is intended to protect the unique character and integrity of the large lots in the area.

Development within stable residential communities shall be evaluated against the criteria in Section 11.1.9 to ensure new development will maintain and protect the existing neighbourhood character. The proposal was evaluated against the criteria established under Section 11.1.9, and the following criteria apply:

Policies 11.1.9 a), b), and h) state:

*“a) The built form of development, including scale, height, massing, architectural character and materials, is to be compatible with the surrounding neighbourhood.*

*b) Development should be compatible with the setbacks, orientation and separation distances within the surrounding neighbourhood.*

*h) Impacts on the adjacent properties shall be minimized in relation to grading, drainage, location of service areas, access and circulation, privacy, and microclimatic conditions such as shadowing.”*

The intent of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law is to protect the unique character of this area within the Town. Due to the unique attributes of the large lots and related homes in the Special Policy Area, intensification shall be limited to the development which maintains the integrity of the large lots and does not negatively impact surrounding properties.

#### **Variance #1 – Lot Coverage (Supported)**

The applicant is seeking relief from Zoning By-law 2014-014, as amended, to permit an increase in maximum lot coverage from 25% (345.47 square metres) to 28% (386.93 square metres) for an increase of 41.46 square metres. The intent of regulating lot coverage is to prevent the construction of a dwelling that has a mass and scale that appears larger than the dwellings in the surrounding neighbourhood and to ensure that adequate open space is available on a lot for outdoor amenity areas and stormwater infiltration. The requested increase in lot coverage could be attributed to the proposed building design on the ground floor accommodating the rooms on the ground floor and basement thus increasing the lot coverage. As the dwelling is one- storey and its mass and scale proposed maintain the intent with proper provision of outdoor space. The mass and scale of the building is consistent with other dwellings in the neighbourhood. It is Staff's opinion that the proposed increase in lot coverage meets the intent of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law is minor in nature, does not have adverse impacts on the surrounding properties and is desirable for the development of the subject property.

As the applicant is requesting to increase the lot coverage beyond zoning requirements, and increase coverage from the existing conditions, the Town will comment on stormwater management controls for the 25mm storm as per the Town of Oakville Stormwater Master Plan through the Development Engineering Site Plan (DESP) process.

#### **Excerpt of the Streetscape elevation prepared by the applicant:**



### **Conclusion:**

In summary, based on the application as submitted, Staff are of the opinion that the application satisfies the applicable tests under the Planning Act. Should the Committee concur with staff's opinion, the following conditions are requested:

1. That the building be built in general accordance with the submitted site plan and elevation drawings dated June 15, 2022; and
2. That the approval expires two (2) years from the date of the decision if a building permit has not been issued for the proposed construction.

The planning basis for the conditions are as follows, in keeping with the numbering of the conditions above:

1. Building in general accordance with the submitted site plan and elevation drawings is required to ensure what is requested and ultimately approved, is built on site. This provides assurance and transparency through the process, noting the documents that are submitted with the application, provide the actual planning, neighbourhood and site basis for the request for the variances, and then the plans to be reviewed through the building permit and construction processes.
2. A two (2) year timeframe allows the owner to obtain building permit approval for what is ultimately approved within a reasonable timeframe of the application being heard by the Committee of Adjustment based on the requirements when it is processed, but cognizant of the ever-changing neighbourhoods, policies and regulations which might then dictate a different result. Furthermore, if a building permit is not obtained within this timeframe, a new application would be required and subject to the neighbourhood notice circulation, public comments, applicable policies and regulations at that time.

**Fire:** COA. Maximum lot coverage increase from 25% to 28%.

No issues noted for Fire.

**Transit :** Comments not received.

### **Halton Region: 7 CAV A/127/2022 – S. & T. Butler, 206 Elton Park Road**

- Regional staff has no objection to the proposed minor variance application seeking relief under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act in order to permit an increase in maximum lot coverage, under the requirements of the Town of Oakville Zoning By-law, for the purpose of constructing a one-storey detached dwelling on the subject property.

**Oakville Hydro:** No Objections.

**Bell Canada:** Comments not received.

**Union Gas:** Comments not received.

**Letter(s) in support – None.**

**Letter(s) in opposition – None.**

**General notes for all applications:**

**Note:** *The following standard comments apply to all applications. Any additional application specific comments are as shown below.*

- The applicant is advised that permits may be required should any proposed work be carried out on the property i.e. site alteration permit, pool enclosure permit, tree preservation, etc.
- The applicant is advised that permits may be required from other departments / authorities (e.g. Engineering and Construction, Building Services, Conservation Halton, etc.) should any proposed work be carried out on the property.
- The applicant is advised that any current or future proposed works that may affect existing trees (private or municipal) will require an arborist report.
- The applicant is advised that any current or future proposed works will require the removal of all encroachments from the public road allowance to the satisfaction of the Engineering and Construction Department.
- The applicant is advised that the comments provided pertain only to zoning and are not to be construed as a review or approval of any proposal for the site. This review will be carried out through the appropriate approval process at which time the feasibility/scope of the works will be assessed.

Requested conditions from circulated agencies:

1. That the building be built in general accordance with the submitted site plan and elevation drawings dated June 15, 2022; and
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Committee of Adjustment