

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

MINOR VARIANCE REPORT

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 45 of the *Planning Act*, 1990

APPLICATION: CAV A/166/2022

RELATED FILE: N/A

DATE OF MEETING:

BY VIDEOCONFERENCE AND LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO ON THE TOWN'S WEBPAGE AT OAKVILLE.CA ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

Owner/Applicant	Agent	Location of Land
Michelle & Thomas Whelan 158 Snowbridge Way Blue Mountains ON L9Y 0V1	Keeren Design Inc c/o Joris Keeren 31-11 Bronte Road Oakville ON L6L 0E1	PLAN 619 LOT 32 534 Maplehurst Avenue Town of Oakville

OFFICIAL PLAN DESIGNATION: Low Density Residential
WARD: 2

ZONING: RL3-0
DISTRICT: West

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 two-storey detached dwelling on the subject property proposing the following variance(s):

No.	Zoning By-law Regulation	Variance Request
1	Section 5.8.6 b) For <i>detached dwellings</i> on <i>lots</i> having greater than or equal to 12.0 metres in <i>lot frontage</i> , the maximum total <i>floor area</i> for a <i>private garage</i> shall be 45.0 square metres.	To permit the maximum total <i>floor area</i> for the <i>private garage</i> to be 49.0 square metres on a <i>lot</i> having greater than or equal to 12.0 metres in <i>lot frontage</i> .
2	Section 6.4.1 The maximum <i>residential floor area ratio</i> for a <i>detached dwelling</i> on a <i>lot</i> with a <i>lot area</i> between 650.00 m ² and 742.99 m ² shall be 41% (290.02 m ²); (Lot area is 707.36 m ²).	To permit the maximum <i>residential floor area ratio</i> for the <i>detached dwelling</i> to be 43.3% (306.28 m ²).

CIRCULATED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES COMMENTS RECEIVED

Planning Services:

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

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The applicant proposes to permit the construction of two-storey dwelling subject to the variances listed above.

The neighbourhood is characterized by one-storey dwellings original to the area and many two-storey new construction marking it as a neighbourhood in transition.

The subject lands are designated Low Density Residential in the Official Plan. 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.”

Variance #1 – Private Garage Floor area (Supported)

The applicant is requesting relief from Zoning By-law 2014-014, as amended, to permit an increase in maximum garage floor area from 45 square metres to 49.0 square metres for a total increase of 4 square metres. The intent of regulating the garage floor area is to prevent the garage from being a visually dominant feature of the dwelling does not present negative impacts to the streetscape. Staff are of the opinion that the proposed design of the garage with requested increase in garage area would be internal to the dwelling due to the added storage area; therefore, it would not be a visually dominant feature of the dwelling or impact the streetscape, which meets the intent of the zoning by-law.

Variance #2 – Residential Floor area Ratio (Supported)

The applicant is requesting relief from Zoning By-law 2014-014, as amended, to permit an increase in residential floor area ratio from 41% (290.02 square metres) to 43.3% (306.28 square metres) for an increase of 16.58 square metres. The intent of regulating the residential floor area is to prevent a dwelling from having a mass and scale that appears larger than the dwellings in the surrounding neighbourhood. The proposed dwelling has been designed to reduce the mass and scale by stepping back the second storey in various locations. The setbacks and other design components mitigate the potential of massing impacts of the proposed dwelling on the neighbourhood. Staff are of the opinion that the requested increase in floor area is minor in nature, meets the intent of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law, and is appropriate for the development of the site as it will not negatively impact adjacent properties or the surrounding area.

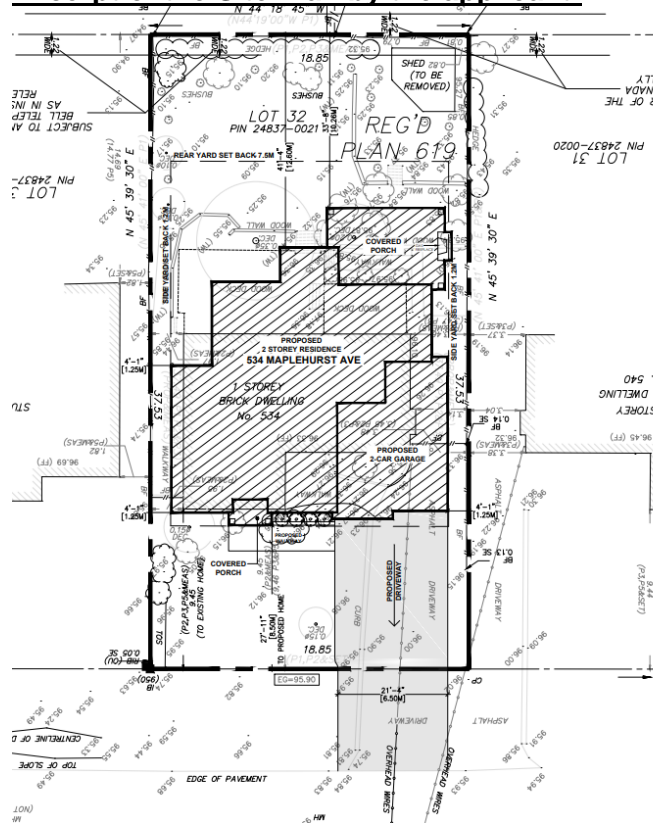
The applicant is advised that the Town will comment on stormwater management controls for the 25mm storm as per the Town of Oakville Stormwater Master Plan through the Development Engineering Site Plan (DESP) process.

On this basis, it is staff's opinion that the requested variance maintain the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law as they result in a dwelling that is in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood. Further, the variances are minor in nature and appropriate for the development of the site as there are no negative impacts on abutting properties or the streetscape.

Subject Property



Excerpt of the Site Plan 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 dwelling be built in general accordance with the submitted site plan and elevation drawings dated August 30, 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: Side yard setback and window well clearance below 1.2m. One aspect of the side yard setback is to provide the minimum amount of room to maneuver equipment to the rear of the property to facilitate fire-fighting operations. Plans provided indicate an impedence to the minimum required side yard setback on both sides of the property. This proposal creates a negative impact to standard fire-fighting operations

Oakville Hydro: We do not have any objection or comments for this Minor Variance Application.

Transit: No Comment

Finance: None

Halton Region:

- 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 the maximum total floor area for the private garage and an increase in the maximum residential floor area ratio for the detached dwelling, under the requirements of the Town of Oakville Zoning By-law, for the purpose of constructing a two-storey detached dwelling on the subject property.

Bell Canada: No Comments received

Letter(s)/Emails in support: None

Letter(s)/Emails in opposition: None

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 dwelling be built in general accordance with the submitted site plan and elevation drawings dated August 30, 2022.
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.

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Heather McCrae, ACST
Secretary-Treasurer