

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

MINOR VARIANCE REPORT

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 45 of the Planning Act, 1990

APPLICATION: CAV A/138/2024

RELATED FILE: N/A

DATE OF MEETING:

BY VIDEOCONFERENCE AND LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO ON THE TOWN'S WEBPAGE AT OAKVILLE.CA ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

<u>Owner (s)</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Location of Land</u>
H. SIDHU G. SIDHU	Marco Razzolini Sakora Design 94 LAKESHORE Rd Mississauga ON, Canada L5G 1E3	PLAN 592 LOT 88 1311 Avon Cres Town of Oakville

OFFICIAL PLAN DESIGNATION: Low Density Residential

ZONING: RL3-0, Residential

WARD: 3

DISTRICT: East

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 to Zoning By-law 2014-014:

Current zoning by-law requirements	Variance request
<i>Section 6.4.1</i> The maximum residential floor area ratio for a detached dwelling on a lot with a lot area between 650.00 m ² and 742.99 m ² shall be 41%.	To increase the maximum residential floor area ratio to 44.98%.

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)

The following comments are submitted with respect to the matters before the Committee of Adjustment at its meeting to be held on September 18, 2024. The following minor variance applications have been reviewed by the applicable Planning

District Teams and conform to and are consistent with the applicable Provincial Policies and Plans, unless otherwise stated. The following comments are provided:

CAV A/138/2024 – 1311 Avon Crescent (East District)
(OP Designation: Low Density Residential)

The applicant proposes to construct a two-storey detached dwelling, subject to the variance listed above.

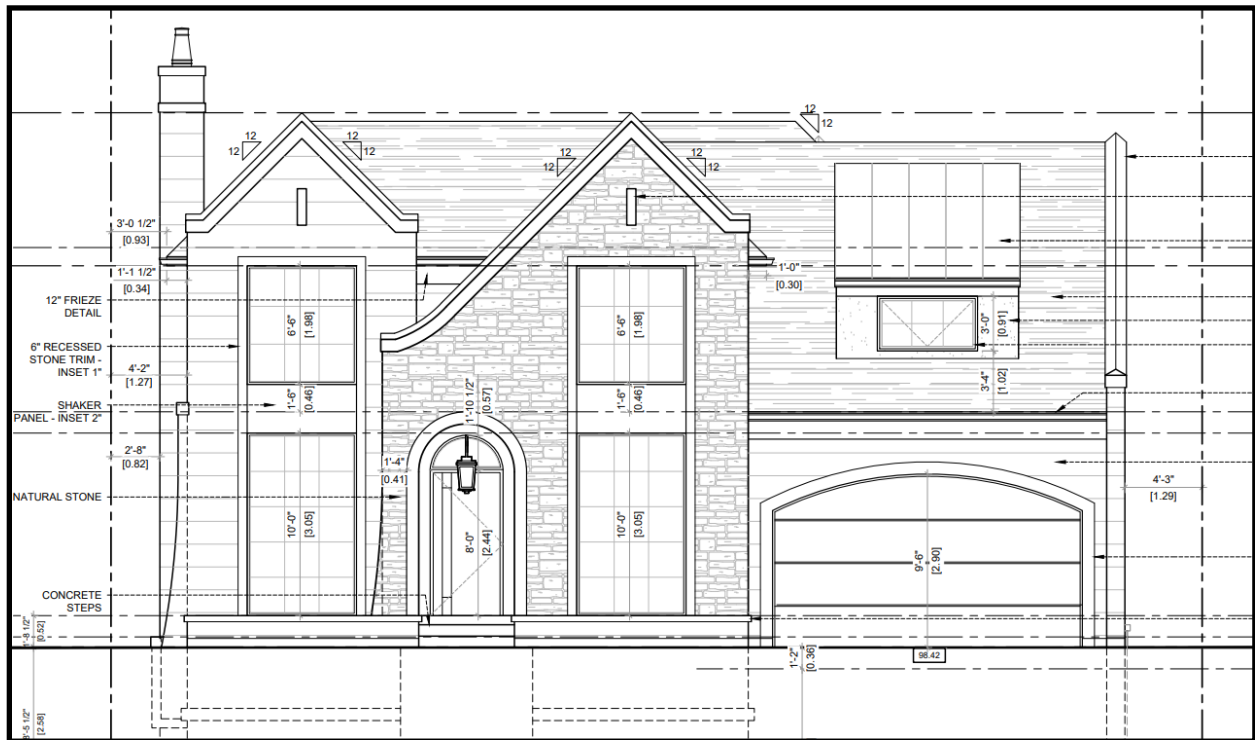
Site Area and Context

The subject property is located in an area that has experienced redevelopment in the form of replacement dwellings and additions/alterations to existing dwellings. The neighbourhood consists of newer two-storey detached dwellings as well as one and one-half storey detached dwellings. Predominantly, newer two-storey dwellings consist of lowered roof lines, implement one-storey architectural elements and massing that is broken up to provide appropriate transition with existing dwellings in the surrounding area. Dwellings in the surrounding area consist of a variety of architectural styles and design elements that maintain and contribute to the established neighbourhood character.

In accordance with Bill 97, this property will be subject to a minor site plan application for review by Development Engineering staff to review any potential stormwater impacts.



Aerial Photo – 1311 Avon Crescent



Front Elevation – 1311 Avon Crescent

Section 45 of the *Planning Act* provides the Committee of Adjustment with the authority to authorize minor variance from the provisions of the Zoning By-law provided the requirements set out under 45(1) in the *Planning Act* are met.

Staff’s 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 designated Low Density Residential by Livable Oakville. Development is required to be evaluated using the criteria established in Section 11.1.9 to maintain and protect the existing neighbourhood character. The design of the dwelling, including the one-storey front porch element, lowered roof lines, and having a portion of the second storey largely incorporated within the roof structure help de-emphasize the height and scale of the dwelling, and help to limit any undue massing or visual impacts on abutting properties or the surrounding area. The magnitude of the requested variance would result in negligible impacts on the proposed dwelling from a public realm perspective and would instead help to enhance the local streetscape. Measures have been taken to mitigate the potential impacts the proposed development may have. Staff is of the opinion that the proposal maintains the general neighbourhood character and complies with Livable Oakville.

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

Variance #1 – Residential Floor Area (No Objection) – increased from 41% to 44.98%

The intent of the Zoning By-law provision for regulating the maximum residential floor area is to ensure a dwelling’s mass and scale does not appear larger than the dwellings in the surrounding area. The overall massing and scale for the proposed dwelling is

mitigated through the articulation of the primary façade, along with the inclusion of one-storey architectural elements including the front porch and entryway, in addition to incorporating a portion of the second storey roofline into the primary façade above the two-car integral garage. On this basis, staff are of the opinion that the request maintains the general intent and purpose 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 the proposal represents appropriate development of the subject property. The variance is minor in nature and will not create any undue adverse impacts to adjoining properties or the existing neighbourhood character.

Recommendation:

Staff do not object to the proposed variance. Should this minor variance request be approved by the Committee, the following conditions are recommended:

1. The dwelling be constructed in general accordance with the submitted site plan and elevation drawings dated August 20, 2024; 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.

Fire: No concerns for Fire.

Transit: No comments received.

Finance: No comments received.

Halton Region:

- Due to recent Provincial legislation, as of July 1, 2024, the Region will no longer be responsible for the Regional Official Plan – as this will become the responsibility of Halton’s four local municipalities. As a result of this change, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Halton municipalities and Conservation Authorities is being prepared that identifies the local municipality as the primary authority on matters of land use planning and development. The MOU also defines a continued of interests for the Region and the Conservation Authorities in these matters. Going forward, comments offered through minor variance applications will be reflective of this changing role.
- 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 to the maximum residential floor area ratio, 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.
- General ROP Policy
The Region’s Official Plan provides goals, objectives and policies to direct physical development and change in Halton. All proposed Minor Variances are located on lands that are designated as ‘Urban Area’ in the 2009 Halton Region Official Plan (ROP). The policies of Urban Area designation support a range of

uses and the development of vibrant and healthy mixed-use communities which afford maximum choices for residence, work and leisure. The Urban Area policies state that the range of permitted uses and the creation of new lots in the Urban Area will be per Local Official Plans and Zoning-By-laws. All development, however, will be subject to the policies of the ROP.

- **RNHS**

Given the location of the proposed works in relation to the Regional Natural Heritage System (RNHS), the proposed development would trigger the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) requirements in accordance with Sections 118 (3) & (3.1)c) of the ROP. Staff would consider it appropriate to waive the Region's EIA requirements in this instance as the proposed development will not likely result in any impacts on the features or ecological functions of the Regional Natural Heritage System.

Bell Canada: No comments received.

Oakville Hydro: We do not have any comments to add.

Metrolinx:

- The subject property is located within 300m of the Metrolinx Oakville Subdivision which carries Metrolinx's Lakeshore West GO Train service.

GO/HEAVY-RAIL – CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- As per section 3.9 of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Railway Association of Canada's Guidelines for New Development in Proximity to Railway Operations, the Owner shall grant Metrolinx an environmental easement for operational emissions. The environmental easement provides clear notification to those who may acquire an interest in the subject property and reduces the potential for future land use conflicts. The environmental easement shall be registered on title of the subject property. A copy of the form of easement is included for the Owner's information. The applicant may contact Farah.Faroque@metrolinx.com with questions and to initiate the registration process. (It should be noted that the registration process can take up to 6 weeks).
- The Proponent shall provide confirmation to Metrolinx, that the following warning clause has been inserted into all Development Agreements, Offers to Purchase, and Agreements of Purchase and Sale or Lease of each dwelling unit within 300 metres of the Railway Corridor: • Warning: The Applicant is advised that the subject land is located within Metrolinx's 300 metres railway corridor zone of influence and as such is advised that Metrolinx and its assigns and successors in interest has or have a right-of-way within 300 metres from the subject land. The Applicant is further advised that there may be alterations to or expansions of the rail or other transit facilities on such right-of-way in the future including the possibility that Metrolinx or any railway entering into an agreement with Metrolinx to use the right-of-way or their assigns or successors as aforesaid may expand

or alter their operations, which expansion or alteration may affect the environment of the occupants in the vicinity, notwithstanding the inclusion of any noise and vibration attenuating measures in the design of the development and individual lots, blocks or units.

Union Gas: No comments received.

Letter(s) in support – 0

Letter(s) in opposition – 0

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.
- Unless otherwise states, the Planning basis for the conditions referenced herein are as follows:
 - 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.
 - 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.

Requested conditions from circulated agencies:

1. The dwelling be constructed in general accordance with the submitted site plan and elevation drawings dated August 20, 2024; 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.

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