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Attention: Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment, Town of Oakville.

Re: Minor Variance Applications Cover Letter for: 1238 Donlea Crescent, Oakville, On. L6J 1V7

Ross Defina Consulting has been retained by the owner to apply for minor variance relief to construct a new two storey single-family home.

The subject property is located at 1238 Donlea Crescent, Oakville, On. L6J 1V7. Lot #15, Registered Plan 805. The property possess a frontage of 35.52m along Donlea Crescent and comprise an area of 1,392.9 m2. The land is currently designated 'Single Family Residential (Group C)' and zoned Residential RL1-0, with an existing single storey detached dwelling and garage currently located on the lands.

The purpose of the subject applications is to obtain relief for a total of five (4) minor variances as follows.

- 1. 6.4.1, Floor Space Index: allowable 29%, proposed 32.6%.
- 2. 5.8.6(c), Garage Floor Aera: allowable 56.0m2, proposed 60.84m2.
- 3. 6.3.1, Front Yard Setback: min. allowable 10.5m, proposed 7.6m.
- 4. 6.3.1, Rear Yard Setback: min. allowable 10.5m, existing (to remain) 9.7m.

We are proposing a Floor Space Index increase of 3.6%, spread over two floors which we believe to be a reasonable and fair request and minor in nature.

The garage floor area increase is needed to help meet the owner's needs for both indoor parking and general storage. Conservation Halton (CH) will not allow any structures to be constructed within the 6.0m setback from the floodplain and stable top of bank. This limits the owner's options to reasonable storage facilities. The garage is the logical best.

Effort was made to best integrate the desired building design with the irregular geometry of the front property lot line and the rear yard natural features. The building design beginning at the west side has been stepped back toward the east side such that adjacent neighbours are unobstructed. The front yard setbacks related to the minor variance relief are specific to encroaching building corners of the proposed dwelling. Further the proposed building plains are non-monolithic and the building height street facing is transitioned through the use of projections and recesses. This serves to create a sense of openness and removes any visible concerns typically associated with reduced front yard setbacks. These protruding corners vary in setback 7.6m at the easterly open entry porch corner, 8.6m at the south east living room corner and 9.8m at the garage east corner. Stepped building face segments with small portion encroachments into the front yard setback further supported by non-monolithic forms keep the majority of the building setback 10.5m posing no visual disruption nor negative impact to the balance within the neighbourhood.

The rear yard setback is based on keeping a significant portion of the existing basement foundation walls. The rear yard setback of 9.7m is an existing condition to remain and not a new proposal. Conservation Halton (CH) suggested that maintaining the existing foundation to help facilitate outdoor living space may have potential to meet CH policies. They recommended that we proceed with a minor variance application prior to applying for a CH permit.

The proposed development will not impact natural areas or features, provides orderly development to adjacent land uses, increases opportunities for more sustainably and energy efficiency, and is appropriately located within a greater residential area.

Economic development and competitiveness are priorities as reflected in all levels of Planning policy. The proposed development will result in increased choice and better housing standards. The subject applications aim to stimulate and revitalize through the integration of new residential development addressing changing social and demographic market demands.

The proposal is in keeping with orderly development of safe and healthy communities, supports the protection of natural areas and features, is in an appropriate location of growth and development, promotes the efficient use and conservation of energy and water and represents the bases for good design practices.

The justification for the approval of the minor variance application is based on the conformity with the goals and objectives of the Planning Act, Provincial Policy Statement, Provincial Growth Plan and the Town of Oakville Official Plan.

Respectfully submitted,
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