

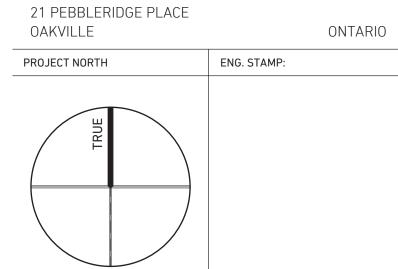
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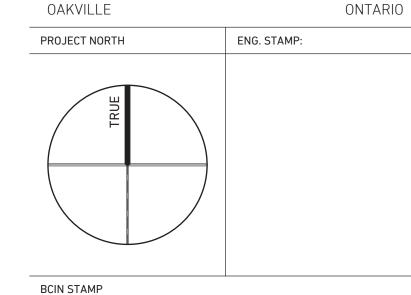


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21 PEBBLERIDGE PLACE OAKVILLE



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Secretary-Treasurer Committee of Adjustment Town of Oakville 1225 Trafalgar Road Oakville, ON L6H 0H3

RE: Minor Variance Application
Residential Development
21 Pebbleridge Place, Town of Oakville

Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc (GSAI) are the planning consultants to Pam and Frank Apa (the 'Owner') of the lands municipally known as 21 Pebbleridge Place, in the Town of Oakville (the 'Subject Lands' or 'Site'). On behalf of the Owner, we are pleased to provide this Minor Variance Application to facilitate a detached dwelling on the Subject Lands.

In support of this Application, please find attached the following materials:

- A copy of the signed Application Form;
- A copy of the Site Plan, prepared by Cunningham McConnell Limited, dated September 20, 2024;
- A copy of the Architectural Plans, prepared by Structured Creations, dated September 13, 2024, including:
 - o Basement Floor Plan (Drawing A1);
 - o Ground Floor Plan (Drawing A2);
 - Second Floor Plan (Drawing A3);
 - o Roof Plan (Drawing A4); and,
 - o Elevations (Drawing A5).

Payment of full fees will be provided prior to circulation.

SITE & SURROUNDING AREA

The Subject Lands are located on the south side of Pebbleridge Place, south of Lakeshore Road West. The Site, municipally known as 21 Pebbleridge Place, has a lot area of



approximately 1,393.5 square metres and approximately 26 metres of frontage along Pebbleridge Place. The Subject Lands are currently vacant, located at the terminus of a newly established public road.

The area surrounding the Subject Lands is an established and evolving residential Neighbourhood characterized predominantly by 1- and 2-storey detached dwellings. I highlight that a number of new detached dwellings are currently under construction along Pebbleridge Place. Mature, tree lined streetscapes are present in the immediate surrounding area. Overall, the Neighbourhood can be characterized as having an eclectic character given there is a diverse range of dwelling designs and sizes, including original homes and newer or renovated dwellings.

OFFICIAL PLAN & ZONING

The Subject Lands are designated 'Low Density Residential' by the in-effect Livable Oakville Plan. It is also subject to a 'Residential Low Density Lands' Special Policy Area, Policy 26.2. There are no applicable Secondary Plan policies.

The Site is also subject to the Town of Oakville Zoning By-law 2014 – 014 ('By-law 2014-014'), as amended, which zones it as 'Residential Low Density (RL1-0)'. Detached dwellings are a permitted use.

REQUESTED RELIEF

The Owner is seeking permission to construct a new 551.38 square metre detached dwelling, including an integrated garage. The proposed dwelling, as currently contemplated, has been planned and designed to comply with the applicable zoning regulations, to the greatest extent possible. The following are the variances for which the Owner is seeking approval:

1. Section 4.27.a), By-law 2014-014

A rooftop terrace is permitted on a lot in any Zone, except for Residential Low-0 Suffix Zones.

A rooftop terrace is requested in a -0 Suffix Zone.

2. Section 4.27.i), By-law 2014-014

In Residential Low Zones, a rooftop terrace is only permitted on the roof of the first storey of the dwelling having two or more storeys, subject to a maximum 1.5 m depth, measured from the main wall.

A rooftop terrace with a depth of 5.57 metres is requested.



3. Section 5.8.1.d), By-law 2014-014

A maximum of one (1) attached private garage per dwelling is permitted.

Two (2) attached private garages are requested.

4. Section 5.8.2.c), By-law 2014-014

A maximum driveway width of 9.0 metres is permitted.

A maximum driveway width of 11.2 metres is requested.

5. Section 5.8.6.c), By-law 2014-014

A maximum total floor area for a private garage area of 56.0 square metres is permitted.

A maximum total area for a private garage area of 66.44 square metres is requested.

6. Section 5.8.7.c), By-law 2014-014

A maximum projection for an attached private garage of 1.5 metres from the face of the longest portion of the main wall containing residential floor area that is on the first storey is permitted.

A maximum private garage projection of 15.17 metres is requested.

7. Section 6.3, By-law 2014-014

A maximum building depth of 20.0 metres is permitted.

A building depth of 35.13 metres is requested.

8. Section 6.4.1, By-law 2014-014

A maximum residential floor area ratio, for lots with an area of 1,301.00 square metres or greater, of 29% is permitted.

A residential floor area ratio of 39.94% is requested.

9. Section 6.4.2, By-law 2014-014

A maximum lot coverage of 25% is permitted.

A lot coverage of 29.63% is requested.

MINOR VARIANCE TESTS

Section 45(1) of the *Planning Act*, as amended, identifies the four tests which must be satisfied in order for the Committee to approve this application. Those tests are:

- 1. The variance maintains the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan.
- 2. The variance maintains the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.
- 3. The variance is desirable for the appropriate development or use of the land.



4. The variance is minor in nature.

In my opinion, the requested variances are supportable and meet the four tests under the *Planning Act* in the following ways:

The Variance Maintains The General Intent & Purpose of the Official Plan

As mentioned above, the Subject Lands are designated 'Low Density Residential' by the ineffect Livable Oakville Plan. The intent of the 'Low Density Residential' designation is to facilitate a range of permitted low density housing types including single detached dwellings. The proposed residential use and detached dwelling built form are permitted.

Livable Oakville directs that infill development in stable residential communities is to be evaluated against perspective criteria (Section 11.1.9). Specifically, Section 11.1.9 states:

'Development within all stable residential communities shall be evaluated using the following criteria to maintain and protect the existing neighbourhood character:

- 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 proposed dwelling has been designed he complimentary and compatible with both historical and surrounding development forms in the Neighbourhood. This is achieved through provision of a refined, highquality built form that is generally consistent with the placement on the lot as homes in the immediate



View of the proposed dwelling (Image provided by architect)



surrounding area, the incorporation of stepbacks above the ground level (as demonstrated in the image above) and built form features that are similar and complimentary to those found in the immediate surrounding area including along Pebbleridge Place, Shorewood Place and Lambert Common.

I also highlight that similar side yard setbacks, the presence of a covered front porch and an integrated, front yard private garage are features found throughout the immediate surrounding Neighbourhood. As such, the prevailing pattern of setbacks, orientation, height, massing and character are maintained. Furthermore, the proposed facades are to provide for similar, compatible material selections as those present in the surrounding Neighbourhood and provides for a built form, scale and massing that has clear ground level elements, and mitigates the appearance of blank front main walls or a dwelling that visually overwhelms. This enables the provision of living areas that meet the changing needs of the Owner and the family, while also being appropriately and sensitively provided on the lot. The proposed dwelling has also been planned and designed to maintain an appropriate relationship with the Lake Ontario waterfront edge. Given the above, the proposal will provide for a built form, massing and built form features that will seamlessly integrate with the established and evolving character of the Neighbourhood.

As stated above, the Subject Lands are also subject to the Residential Low Density Special Policy Area policy overlay of the Livable Oakville Plan. This Special Policy Area applies to various lands across Oakville, including the Subject Lands and surrounding lands. The Special Policy Area policy, as specified by Policy 26.2.1, states:

'The Special Policy Area in Southeast, Central and Southwest Oakville that applies to the Low Density Residential designation is intended to protect the unique character of this area within the Town. Due to the special attributes of the large lots and related homes in this Special Policy Area, intensification shall be limited to development which maintains the integrity of the large lots. Densities in the Special Policy Area shall not exceed 10 units per site hectare notwithstanding the Low Density Residential designation.'

The proposed dwelling has been appropriately placed on the lot. This placement enables the established lot patten and the integrity of development on large lots to be maintained. In my opinion, the proposed development conforms to the above-noted Special Policy Area direction.

Based on the above, it is my opinion that the requested variances conform to the policy objectives established by the Livable Oakville Plan and meet the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan.



The Variance Maintains The General Intent & Purpose of the Zoning By-law

As mentioned above, the Subject Lands are subject to By-law 2014-014, as amended. The requested variances seeks the following relief:

Rooftop Terrace & Increased Rooftop Terrace Depth

Section 4.27.a) and 4.27.i) of By-law 2014-014 states that a rooftop terrace is not permitted on a lot subject to the -0 Suffix Zone and that a rooftop terrace may have a maximum depth of 1.5 metres, whereas a rooftop terrace in a -0 Suffix Zone and a rooftop terrace depth of 5.57 metres are requested.

The general purpose and intent of rooftop terrace regulations is to ensure that a dwelling's overall scale and massing is appropriate and no overlook or privacy concerns arise.

In the case of the Subject Lands, a second level rooftop terrace is requested. This terrace, which is technical in nature and is identified as such given the presence of retractable screens on the perimeter of the ground level rear covered porch, is to be provided above the rear ground level porch and will function as a natural, logical and desirable extension of the nearby interior living space. The terrace is to look onto the rear yard private amenity area on the lot and the Lake Ontario shoreline (as shown in the image below). Furthermore, the rooftop terrace will be visually screened by built form elements, privacy fencing and landscaped open spaces along the shared property lines.



View of the proposed rear elevation of the dwelling (image provided by architect)



Increased Number of Attached Private Garages

Section 5.8.1.d) of By-law 2014-014 states that a maximum of one (1) attached private garage per dwelling is permitted, whereas two (2) attached private garages are requested.

The purpose and intent of private garage regulations is to ensure landscaping on a streetscape is maximized, disruption to traffic operations is minimized and appropriate built forms are provided.

In this case, an increased number of permitted attached private garages is requested. More specifically, the proposed development is to facilitate an at-grade attached private garage as well as a second attached private garage in the basement level. The requested permission for an additional attached private garage is technical in nature and is required to accommodate the family's needs. I highlight that the proposed second attached private garage, being in the basement level, is imperceptible from the streetscape and will not adversely impact the proposed built form, mass or scale of the development. Furthermore, placement of a second attached private garage in the basement level will enable an appropriate and desirable built form to be provided as well as sufficient parking areas to accommodate demands and sufficient landscaping. The requested permission will provide for an optimal site design to be implemented and will provide for a development that is consistent and compatible with the surrounding Neighbourhood character.

Increased Driveway Width

Section 5.8.2 of By-law 2014-014 states that a maximum driveway width of 9.0 metres is permitted, whereas a maximum driveway width of 11.2 metres is requested.

The purpose and intent of driveway width regulations is to ensure landscaping on a streetscape is maximized, disruption to traffic operations is minimized and sufficient parking is accommodated.

In this case, an increased driveway width is requested and relates to the largest, widest dimension of the driveway. More specifically, the requested 11.2 metre width permission is measured diagonally from the northern perimeter of the driveway to the southern perimeter limit of the at-grade driveway. As demonstrated on the accompanying Site Plan, this driveway width is technical in nature and is required to recognize an optimal site design that includes a narrower driveway width at the streetline and a driveway width that increases toward the front main wall of the dwelling to accommodate a reverse grade driveway toward the basement level as well



as an integrated garage at the ground level. The proposed driveway width is of sufficient width to accommodate demands, will not disrupt traffic operations along the public road and will enable a sufficient amount of landscaping to be provided. The requested permission will provide for an optimal site design to be implemented and will provide for a front yard environment that is both pleasant and consistent with those of neighbouring properties. In my opinion, the requested driveway width is appropriate for the Subject Lands and maintains the purpose and intent of the regulation.

Increased Private Garage Area

Section 5.8.6 of By-law 2014-014 states that a maximum floor area for a private garage of 56.0 square metres is permitted, whereas a private garage floor area of 66.44 square metres is requested.

The purpose and intent of private garage area regulations is to ensure that an appropriate structure is provided and to prevent a garage from being a visually dominant feature.

In this case, an increased private garage area is requested to facilitate a ground level, integrated garage. The grade-level garage is to be accessed from the proposed driveway extending from the streetline. Furthermore, the garage has been appropriately positioned on the lot to enable safe access and a refined, built form to be provided. More specifically, the side elevation of the garage faces the streetline, while the garage entrance faces toward the eastern property line. I highlight that the garage has been located in a similar fashion as dwellings in the surrounding area.

The requested private garage area will enable a refined built form to be provided that is not visually dominated by a garage, while also accommodating the needs of the Owner and their car collection. It will also enable sufficient parking spaces to be provided, while balancing the provision of an aesthetically pleasing residential built form and landscaped front yard areas. Overall, the requested private garage area will enable a consistent and compatible streetscape presence to be provided, while also ensuring that the garage areas are subordinate and secondary to the dwelling. Finally, I highlight that increased private garage areas have been approved in the surrounding area.



Increased Private Garage Projection

Section 5.8.7 of By-law 2014-014 states that a maximum garage projection beyond the main wall of 1.5 metres is permitted, whereas a 15.17 metre projection is requested.

The purpose and intent of garage projection regulations is to ensure that an appropriate structure is provided. This regulation works hand-in-hand with building envelope regulations to ensure an appropriately designed structure is achieved.

In this case, an increased private garage projection, measured from the northern perimeter main wall of the garage to the southern perimeter main wall of the dwelling, is requested. As stated above, the garage has been planned and designed to enable sufficient access and parking, without dominating the dwelling's façade. In the case of the Subject Lands, the lot has an irregular shape, resulting in the most efficient placement of a private garage being as contemplated, with the main entrance oriented toward the interior side yard. The requested projection will enable an appropriately designed dwelling area to be provided. An increased projection is also consistent with surrounding dwellings, is similar in nature to increased projections approved by Committee for lands within the surrounding area and will enable the established Neighbourhood character to be maintained.

Increased Dwelling Depth

Section 6.3 of By-law 2014-014 states that the maximum dwelling depth of 20.0 metres is permitted, whereas a dwelling depth of 35.13 metres is requested.

The purpose and intent of dwelling depth regulations is to ensure an appropriate built form is facilitated, overlook and privacy concerns are mitigated and to prevent undue impacts from overly long buildings on adjacent rear yards.

In this case, a building depth of 35.13 metres, as measured from the front main wall of the garage to the rear main wall of the dwelling, is requested. Given the Subject Lands' irregular lot shape, the proposed dwelling contemplates a built form that provides for high-quality living areas toward the rear of the property to take advantage of the Lake Ontario exposure. The positioning of the living areas in this manner enables a dwelling that best meets the needs of the family, while also facilitating architectural features that will facilitate a built form that is consistent and compatible with the Neighbourhood character. The proposed dwelling's depth is proportional to the Subject Lands' unique lot. Furthermore, the dwelling as contemplated will be visually screened by privacy fences along the shared property lines, front yard private amenity areas, rear yard private amenity areas and Lake Ontario. The limited number of



openings and windows along the side elevations, combined with the privacy fencing and landscaped open spaces, will eliminate overlook and privacy concerns.

Finally, I highlight that similar and greater building depths have been approved in the surrounding Neighbourhood, including a depth of 37.0 metres for the immediately adjacent property at 19 Pebbleridge Place and a depth of 39.93 metres for the lands municipally known as 306 Lakeshore Road West. Therefore, the requested depth is within range of previous approvals, is reflective of the Subject Lands' unique attributes, is appropriate for the Site and maintains a compatible built form that is complimentary to the established Neighbourhood character.

Increased Residential Floor Area Ratio

Section 6.4.1 of By-law 2014-014 states that the maximum residential floor area ratio permitted is 29%, whereas a residential floor area ratio of 39.94% is requested.

The purpose and intent of residential floor area ratio regulations is to control the overall building mass on a property. The residential floor area ratio regulation works hand-in-hand with building envelope regulations, including lot coverage, to ensure that a reasonable built form and massing is provided. An appropriate mass is to be provided by regulating the amount of floor area that can be accommodated on a lot.

The proposed dwelling has been planned and designed to provide a built form and living areas that better reflects the family's changing needs. It has also been planned and designed to provide for a built form, scale and architectural features that are compatible with those in the surrounding Neighbourhood, while respecting the Neighbourhood character. Overall, the proposed dwelling includes articulations along the front façade, stepbacks above the ground level and an integrated roofline – together, these features reduce the visual appearance of adverse massing and scale. There are clear ground level elements to assist in the visual reduction of mass and scale, while also contributing to the maintenance of the established Neighbourhood character. These design features, combined with a front covered porch, also avoid the appearance of blank or visually overwhelming front main walls. I highlight that the proposed dwelling incorporates built form features and stepbacks that are consistent with built forms in the surrounding area, including along Pebbleridge Place and elsewhere as demonstrated in the images below.





View of 340 Lakeshore Road West, 348 Lakeshore Road West, 85 Pebbleridge Place, 77 Pebbleridge Place and 84 Pebbleridge Place

As stated throughout this Letter, the proposed dwelling incorporates a generous stepback above the ground level in order to provide for a built form that is well-designed and of appropriate massing and scale. These features collectively enable a refined built form that integrates with the surrounding Neighbourhood. I highlight that the requested Residential Floor Area ('RFA') ratio includes the proposed rear porch area, which includes automated, retractable screens that extend from and are housed within the soffit. Inclusion of this porch and retractable screen area serves to increase or inflate the requested RFA.

In my opinion, the requested increase in residential floor area ratio will facilitate a high-quality, refined, appropriately sized dwelling that is consistent and compatible with the surrounding Neighbourhood. It will not visually overwhelm or adversely impact the established Neighbourhood character. Finally, I highlight that the requested residential floor area is consistent with existing building coverage patterns in the immediate area.

Increased Lot Coverage

Section 6.4.2 of By-law 2014-014 states that the maximum lot coverage permitted is 25%, whereas lot coverage of 29.63% is requested.

The general purpose and intent of lot coverage regulations is to ensure that a dwelling's overall scale and massing is appropriate. Specifically, lot coverage regulations are intended to ensure an appropriately sized dwelling is constructed on a lot and to ensure that a dwelling is in keeping with the character of the surrounding Neighbourhood. Lot coverage regulations work hand-in-hand with building envelope regulations to



ensure that a reasonable building footprint is provided. An overall appropriate mass is to be provided by regulating the amount of floor area that can be accommodated on a lot.

I note that By-law 2014 – 014 requires that the floor area of covered porches, private garages above grade, large eave overhangs and accessory structures to be included in the calculation of lot coverage. This results in situations where proposed lot coverage is elevated. In the case of the Subject Lands, appropriately 11.5% or 230.95 squares metres of the requested lot coverage is contained in the proposed covered porch areas, the at-grade private garage and within the eave overhang areas. The covered porch design feature assists in providing architectural diversity to the proposed design while also enabling a natural and logical extension of the indoor living areas. Furthermore, covered porches are a noted design feature of dwellings in the surrounding Neighbourhood. I also highlight that the proposed dwelling has positioned a substantial proportion of the proposed livable area to the rear of the property, thereby maintaining an appropriate and consistent streetscape character and presence as found in the surrounding area, while also reducing the dwelling's visual massing and privacy concerns. This also provides for a dwelling that is appropriately situated on the lot.

Finally, I highlight that the requested lot coverage is consistent with existing building patterns and is within range of previous Committee approvals in the surrounding area. As such, it is my opinion that the requested lot coverage is appropriate, will enable an appropriate built form, scale and massing to be introduced and maintains the purpose and intent of the regulation.

Based on the above, it is my opinion that the proposed variances meet the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.

The Variance is Desirable for the Appropriate Development or Use of the Land

Approval of the requested variances will allow for the proposed development of the Subject Lands. Reinvestment in lands in close proximity to services and amenities, such as that being proposed, is appropriate and desirable for the Town, the Neighbourhood, and this property.

The requested increased number of attached private garages, increased driveway width, increased private garage area, increased garage projection, increased residential floor area ratio, increased lot coverage and a second level uncovered platform will maintain an appropriate built form, height, mass, and built-form features. The variances are desirable in recognizing the appropriate development and use of the Subject Lands.



Overall, it is my opinion that the proposed variances have been designed to be complimentary to the character of the Subject Lands and the surrounding Neighbourhood. The proposal will not negatively affect surrounding uses and represents an efficient, compatible, and appropriate development that is desirable for the Subject Lands.

The Variance is Minor in Nature

The requested variances will permit the development of a new dwelling on the Subject Lands and represents minor departures from what is currently permitted. The variances required do not represent overdevelopment of the Subject Lands as the proposed dwelling will be complimentary to the surrounding Neighbourhood and will respect the existing physical character, massing and scale of the Neighbourhood.

Overall, the variances will allow for sensitive reinvestment to occur on the Subject Lands in a manner that is compatible and in keeping with the current physical character of the Neighbourhood. The variances requested will not result in adverse impact on adjoining properties or the surrounding Neighbourhood. Therefore, it is my opinion that the proposed variances are minor in nature.

CONCLUSION

As described above, the requested variances satisfy the four tests of Section 45(1) of the *Planning Act* and represent good planning.

Yours very truly,

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