COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

MINOR VARIANCE REPORT

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 45 of the Planning Act, 1990

APPLICATION: A/014/2025 (deferred from Feb 5/25)

RELATED FILE: N/A

DATE OF MEETING:

By videoconference and live-streaming video on the Town of Oakville's Live Stream webpage at <u>oakville.ca</u> on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 7 p.m.

Owner (s)	Agent	Location of Land	
T. NAGRA	Keller Engineering	PLAN 684 LOT 106	
S. NAGRA	Henry Jansen	244 Sabel St	
	25 First St	Town of Oakville	
	Orangeville ON L9W 2E1		

OFFICIAL PLAN DESIGNATION: Low Density Residential WARD: 1

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 to Zoning By-law 2014-014:

	Current zoning by-law requirements	Variance request	
1	Table 6.4.1	To increase the maximum residential floor area	
	The maximum residential floor area for a detached	to	
	dwelling with a lot area between 650.0m ² and 742.99m ²	43.95%.	
	shall be 41%.		

CIRCULATED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES COMMENTS RECEIVED

Planning & Development:

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

A/014/2025 – 244 Sabel Street (deferred February 5, 2025) (West District) (OP Designation: Low Density Residential)

This application is being presented to the Committee for the second time after being deferred at the February 5, 2025 meeting in order to address staff comments. The proposal has been modified and a revised set of plans have been submitted. The modifications include stepbacks of the second storey above the two-car garage, the inclusion of an awning element between the first and second storeys to break up the verticality and appearance of massing from the public realm, and the reduction in height of the front porch so that is presents as a one-storey architectural feature. There has also been an overall reduction in the requested residential floor area ratio from 45.25% to 43.95% or 9.35 square metres, helping further reduce the impacts of mass and scale onto abutting properties.

Table 1 below depicts the variance proposed on February 5, 2025, in comparison to the revised application.

Table	1 –	Comp	barison	Chart
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Town of Oakville Zoning By-la	aw 2014-014	Agenda	
Regulation	Requirement	February 5, 2025	June 11, 2025
Floor Area Ratio	41%	45.25%	43.95%

Staff have evaluated the revised application and found that it is minor, is in keeping with the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law and is desirable for the appropriate development of the land. The proposed development maintains and protects the character of the existing neighbourhood and does not present unacceptable adverse impacts. Figures 1 and 2 below illustrate the differences in the front elevation of the dwelling between the initial application and the revised proposal. On this basis, the application meets the four tests of the Planning Act.



Figure 1: Previous Front Elevation Drawing – February 5, 2025



Figure 2: Revised Elevation Drawing – June 11, 2025

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. That the dwelling be constructed in general accordance with the submitted site plan and elevation drawings dated April 22, 2025; and,
- 2. The approval expires two (2) years from the date of the decision if a Building Permit has not been issued for the proposed construction.

Bell Canada: No comments received.

Finance: No comments received.

Fire: No concerns for fire.

Metrolinx: No comments/concerns.

Oakville Hydro: No comments received.

Halton Region:

- It is understood that this application was deferred from February 5, 2025. Regional comments provided on January 31, 2025, still apply.
- Due to Provincial legislation, Halton Region's role in land use planning and development matters has changed. The Region is no longer responsible for the Regional Official Plan, as this has become the responsibility of Halton's four local municipalities.
- 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 to

43.95%, 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.

Halton Conservation: No comments received.

Transit: No comments received.

Union Gas: No comments received.

Letter(s) in support – 0

Letter(s) in opposition - 0

General notes for all applications:

<u>Note:</u> 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, 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.
- The proponent is cautioned that during development activities, should archaeological materials be found on the property, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) must be notified immediately (archaeology@ontario.ca), as well as the Town of Oakville and, if Indigenous in origin, relevant First Nations communities. If human remains are encountered during construction, the proponent must immediately contact the appropriate authorities (police or coroner) and all soil disturbances must stop to allow the authorities to investigate, as well as the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery—who administers provisions of the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act—to be consulted, as well as the MCM and the Town of Oakville, and, if considered archaeological, the relevant First Nations communities. All construction activity in the vicinity of the discovery must be postponed until an appropriate mitigation strategy is identified and executed.
- 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. That the dwelling be constructed in general accordance with the submitted site plan and elevation drawings dated April 22, 2025; and,
- 2. 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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