

# Report Committee of Adjustment

Filing Date: August 21, 2024 Hearing Date: October 15, 2024

**File:** A-2024-0323

Owner/ Taranjeet Singh Arora

Applicant: Pavneet Kaur

Address: 139 Albright Road

Ward: Ward 5

**Contact:** Emily Mailling, Planning Technician

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#### **Recommendations:**

That application A-2024-0323 is supportable, subject to the following conditions being imposed:

- 1. That the extent of the variances be limited to that shown on the sketch attached to the Notice of Decision;
- 2. That the below grade entrance shall not be used to access an unregistered second unit:
- 3. That drainage on adjacent properties should not be adversely affected;
- 4. That failure to comply with and maintain the conditions of the Committee shall render the approval null and void.

# Background:

#### Existing Zoning:

The property is zoned 'Residential Special Section 1222 (R2A - 1222)', according to Bylaw 270-2004, as amended.

## Requested Variances:

The applicant is requesting the following variances:

- To permit a proposed exterior stairway leading to a below grade entrance in a required side yard, whereas the by-law does not permit exterior stairways constructed below established grade in the required interior side yard; and
- To permit an interior side yard setback of 1.10 metres to a proposed exterior stairway leading to a below grade entrance, whereas the by-law requires a minimum interior side yard setback of 1.20 metres.

#### **Current Situation:**

#### 1. Maintains the General Intent and Purpose of the Official Plan

The subject property is designated as 'Community Areas' (Schedule 1A – City Structure) and 'Neighbourhood' (Schedule 2 – Designations) in the Brampton Plan. On May 16th, 2024, the Region of Peel formally issued a notice of approval with modifications for the City of Brampton's new Official Plan, known as the 'Brampton Plan.' The Plan was scheduled to take effect on June 6th, 2024, except for any sections that may be subject to appeal. Schedules 1A and 2 have been appealed on a city-wide basis and therefore the 2006 Official Plan designations are in effect until the appeal is resolved.

The property is designated 'Residential' in the Official Plan and 'Low & Medium Density Residential' in the Fletcher's Creek Village Secondary Plan (Area 43). The requested variances are not considered to have significant impacts within the context of the Official Plan policies. As stated in Official Plan Section 3.2.8.2(ii), a second unit must comply with the Ontario Building Code and/or Fire Code, Property Standards By-law and other applicable approval requirements. The requested variances are considered to maintain the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan.

#### 2. Maintains the General Intent and Purpose of the Zoning By-law

Variance 1 is requested to permit to permit a proposed exterior stairway leading to a below grade entrance in a required side yard, whereas the by-law does not permit exterior stairways constructed below established grade in the required interior side yard. Variance 2 is requested to permit an interior side yard setback of 1.10 metres to a proposed exterior stairway leading to a below grade entrance, whereas the by-law requires a minimum interior side yard setback of 1.20 metres. The intent of the by-law in requiring a minimum amount of interior side yard setback is to ensure that an adequate amount of space is provided to allow for drainage, while still allowing access to the rear yard.

When completing a review to determine whether the location of a below grade entrance and resulting interior side yard setback are appropriate, Staff look to ensure that its location will not contribute to disturbance onto adjacent properties by way of drainage or access. Despite the setback being reduced to 1.10m, Staff believe adequate access to

the rear yard is maintained. Subject to the conditions of approval, Variances 1 and 2 are considered to maintain the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.

# 3. Desirable for the Appropriate Development of the Land

Variance 1 is requested to permit to permit a proposed exterior stairway leading to a below grade entrance in a required side yard, whereas the by-law does not permit exterior stairways constructed below established grade in the required interior side yard. Variance 2 is requested to permit an interior side yard setback of 1.10 metres to a proposed exterior stairway leading to a below grade entrance, whereas the by-law requires a minimum interior side yard setback of 1.20 metres. Staff are satisfied that with the current proposal adequate space for access and drainage remains. Conditions of approval have also been included noting that the below grade entrance shall not be used to access an unregistered second unit and that drainage on the adjacent properties shall not be adversely affected. Subject to the recommended conditions of approval, Variances 1 and 2 are considered appropriate for the development of the land.

### 4. Minor in Nature

The requested variances pertaining to the proposed side yard setback and provision of a below grade entrance are not anticipated to have negative impacts on the neighbouring property or in access to the rear yard. Subject to the recommended conditions of approval, Variances 1 and 2 are considered minor in nature.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Emily Mailling, Planning Technician

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