

# Report Committee of Adjustment

Filing Date: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Hearing Date: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**File:** A-2024-0423

Owner/ Rehan Chaudary Applicant: Bhuvnesh Sharma

Address: 9780 Bramalea Road

Ward: WARD 7

**Contact:** Marcia Razao, Planning Technician

## **Recommendations:**

That application A-2024-0423 is supportable, subject to the following conditions being imposed:

- 1. That the extent of the variance be limited to that shown on the sketch attached to the Notice of Decision;
- 2. The owner to obtain a building permit for any alterations to the building prior to occupancy of the unit;
- 3. 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 'Service Commercial Special Section 243 Schedule C (SC-243)', according to By-law 270-2004, as amended.

# Requested Variance:

The applicant is requesting the following variance:

1. To permit a commercial school (tutoring centre) to operator out of unit 203, whereas the by-law does not permit the use.

# **Current Situation:**

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

The property is designated 'Residential' in the 2006 Official Plan and 'Neighbourhood Retail' in the Bramalea Secondary Plan (Area 3). The subject property is designated as 'Community Areas' (Schedule 1A – City Structure) and 'Neighbourhoods' (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 'Residential' Official Plan designation permits predominantly residential land uses and may also include uses permitted in the Commercial and Institutional and Public Uses designations of this plan such as neighbourhood retail uses (Section 4.2.1.1). The 'Neighbourhood Retail' designation within the Bramalea Secondary Plan permits a range of uses similar in nature to serve the community in accordance with the Neighbourhood Retail policies of Section 4.3.5 of the Official Plan. Permitted uses typically include small scale retail stores, supermarkets or specialty stores, junior department stores, pharmacies, restaurants and service establishments that primarily serve the surrounding residential area. Brampton Plan 2023 designates the lands as 'Neighborhoods' which supports intensification and creation of complete communities while providing a wide range of uses. The proposed use will contribute to the creation of a complete community while providing a service commercial use that will benefit the adjacent community. The requested variance is not considered to have significant impacts within the context of the Official Plan. The nature and extent of the proposed variance is considered to maintain the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan.

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

The variance is requested a commercial school (tutoring centre) to operator out of unit 203, whereas the by-law does not permit the use. The property is zoned 'Service Commercial Special Section 243 Schedule C (SC-243)', a zone which does not specifically allow the commercial school (tutoring centre) use however, the zone does allow several commercial and similar uses such as medical clinic, real estate/insurance offices, a range of doctor offices, bank, barber/beauty shops, florist among other uses. City staff have reviewed the variance and have no objections or concerns. A condition of approval is recommended that the owner obtain a building permit for any alterations to the building prior to occupancy of the unit which will further address matters associated with the change of use. Subject to the recommended conditions of approval, the variance maintains the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.

# 3. Desirable for the Appropriate Development of the Land

The variance is requested a commercial school (tutoring centre) to operator out of unit 203, whereas the by-law does not permit the use. The proposed use will increase the diversity of service commercial uses to serve the surrounding community, its located close to residential dwellings and schools that can benefit from this use. The proposed use is not anticipated to have a significant impact on the overall

function of the property given its proposed scale. Subject to the recommended conditions, the variance is considered to be desirable for appropriate development of the land.

# 4. Minor in Nature

The variance is requested a commercial school (tutoring centre) to operator out of unit 203 is considered to be minor in nature due to its limited scope and lack of significant impact on the surrounding uses or the broader community. The use will be introduced in an existing building, there is no changes to the exterior to the building and the site has sufficient parking to accommodate the change. Subject to the recommended conditions of approval, the variance is considered to be minor in nature.

Respectfully Submitted,

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# Appendix A (Site Photos)

