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Planning Report

TO: Committee of Adjustment

FROM: Janany Nagulan

Planner

DATE: April 16, 2021

RE: Application for Minor Variance **D13-A12-2021**

753 Srigley Street
Town of Newmarket

Made by: CAMPBELL, Scott Peter Douglas, and ALLAN, Kristy Inga

1. Recommendations:

That Minor Variance Application D13-A12-2021 be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the variance pertains only to the request as submitted with the application; and,
- 2. That the development be substantially in accordance with the information submitted with the application.
- 3. That the applicant be advised that prior to the issuance of any building permit, compliance will be required with the provisions of the Town's Tree Preservation, Protection, Replacement and Enhancement Policy.
- 4. That failure to comply with and maintain the conditions of the Committee shall render the approval null and void.

2. Application:

An application for a minor variance has been submitted by the above-noted owner to request relief from Zoning By-law Number 2010-40 as amended, to facilitate the construction of new detached garage in the rear yard due to insufficient space at the front of the property and an existing creek that is running through the property. The requested relief is below.

Relief	By-law	Section	Requirement	Proposed
1	2010-40	Section 6.2.2	A minimum side yard setback	A minimum side yard
		Zoning	of 1.8m for structures beyond	setback of 1.5m for
		Standards	5.7m in height.	structures beyond 5.7m in
		For Residential		height.
		Zones		_
2	2010-40	Section 6.2.2	A minimum rear yard setback	A minimum rear yard
		Zoning	of 7.5m.	setback of 1.2m.
		Standards for		
		Residential		
		Zones		

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The above-described property (herein referred to as the "subject property") is located in a residential neighbourhood, east of Prospect Street and south of Davis Drive. There is an existing single- detached residence on the property, and it is abutted by similar single –detached homes.

3. Planning considerations:

The request for variances are to facilitate the construction of new detached garage in the rear yard due to insufficient space at the front of the property and an existing creek running through the property. Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) has advised the applicant that a significant portion of rear yard is within a flood plain located on either side of the existing creek. This has resulted in the proposed detached garaged to be located into the rear yard. Access to the garage would be from the rear of the property, via Bogart Avenue.

In order to authorize a variance, Committee must be satisfied that the requested variance passes the four tests required by the *Planning Act*. In this regard, staff offer the following comments:

Conformity with the general intent of the Official Plan

The subject property is designated "Residential Areas" in the Official Plan. This designation permits a range of residential built form types. Regarding this designation, the Town's Official Plan states:

It is the objective of the Residential Area policies to:

- a. Provide for a range of residential accommodation by housing type, tenure, size and location to help satisfy the Town of Newmarket's housing needs in a contest sensitive manner.
- b. Maintain the stability of Residential Areas by establishing zoning standards that acknowledge and respect the existing physical character of the surrounding neighbourhood.
- c. Recognize the desirability of gradual ongoing change by allowing for contextually-sensitive development through *Planning Act* applications, to permit development which contributes to a desirable urban structure, diversifies housing stock, optimizes the use of existing municipal services and infrastructure, and is compatible with and complementary to the surrounding neighbourhood.
- d. Encourage a range of innovative and affordable housing types, zoning standards and subdivision designs where it can be demonstrated that the existing physical character of the Residential Area will be maintained.

The "Residential Areas" permits single detached dwellings with detached garages. The Official Plan allows for compatible design and the gradual change and improvement of homes through Planning Act applications. Subject to the recommended conditions of approval, the requested variances is considered to conform to the Official Plan and therefore, this test is met.

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Conformity with the general intent of the Zoning By-law

The subject property is zoned Residential Detached Dwelling 15.0 Metre (R1-D) according to By-law 2010-40, as amended by By-law Number 2020-63. Single detached dwellings are permitted within the zone.

Section 6.2.2 of the Zoning By-law sets out the zone standards applicable to residential zones. The general intent of setbacks is to ensure that the use of a property does not infringe on the rights of neighbours, and to allow sufficient space for sunlight, airflow, privacy, landscaping, stormwater run-off, and movement around the home / accessory buildings. The intent is also to ensure compatibility and consistency within the neighbourhood. In the case of the subject property, there is insufficient space for the proposed garage to be located at the front of the property. Also, there is an existing creek that is running through the property which has forced the proposed garage to be located in the rear yard. The garage will have to be accessed via Bogart Avenue due to the existing creek. The proposed reduction to the rear and interior side yard setback appears to maintain a functional space and the impacts to neighboring properties appears to be minimal.

The requested variances are necessary due to the lack of space at the front of the property and the existing creek running through the property and the proposal will not significantly impact the functional space of the lot. This test is met.

Desirable for the appropriate development of the land

It is generally desirable to allow a property owner to invest in their property and arrange it in a manner that suits their needs, subject to the limits of the zoning by-law and impacts on neighbouring properties. As the requested relief would allow the property owner to invest in their property and arrange the property to suit their needs without significant impact to neighbours or the community, the variance is desirable for the appropriate development of the lot. This test is met.

Minor nature of the variance

When considering if the variance is minor, it is not simply just the numerical value; the Committee is requested to consider the overall impact of the variance. The overall impact of the proposed variance appears to be minimal as despite the reduced setbacks, the proposed garage would continue to be compatible with the surrounding neighbourhood. This test is met.

In consideration of the above, the proposed variance meets the four tests under the *Planning Act*.

4. Other comments:

Heritage

The property is not designated under the Ontario Heritage Act or on the municipal list of non-designated properties.

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Commenting agencies and departments

The Chief Building Official has no objection to this application.

Engineering services has required that the applicant obtain the required approvals from LRCA which the applicant has done.

York Region has no comments with regards to this application.

Effect of Public Input

No public input was received as of the date of writing this report.

5. Conclusions:

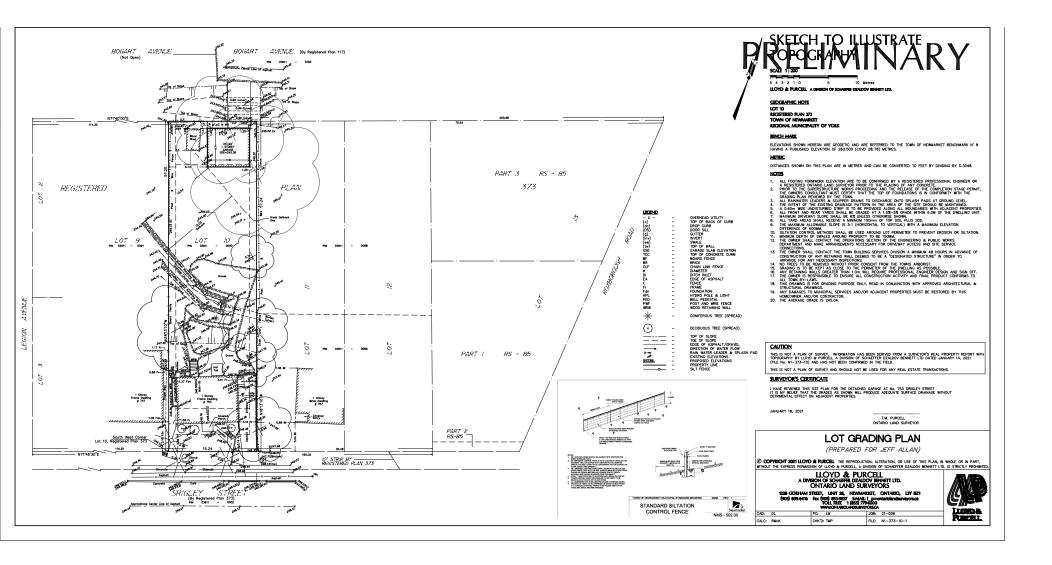
The relief as requested:

- (1) is minor in nature;
- (2) conforms to the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law; and
- (3) is considered desirable for the appropriate development of the lot.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 9, 2021

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Attn: To Whom it May Concern

RE: 753 SRIGLEY STREET

PROPOSED REAR GARAGE LSRCA FLOOD PLAIN CONCERN CIVIL ENGINEERING SUMMARY

This is to confirm that our firm was retained by Jeff Allan, on behalf of the owner of the subject property, to contact and assist in a response to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's (LSRCA) concerns with a proposed garage to be constructed in the rear yard of 753 Srigley Street. The LSRCA concerns are expressed in their attached email of January 27 & January 22, 2021 sent by Chris Currie (Environmental Regulations Analyst).

Jeff Allan had originally provided to the LSRCA a site plan prepared by Llyod & Purcell OLS, showing the new garage in the rear yard, meeting the Town's off set requirements from the Bogart Street cul-de-sac. However, that places the new garage in the 15m wide regulated zone adjacent the existing creek that meander through the back yard. See the attached plan by Llyod & Purcell; Garage in 15m setback.

The LSRCA initially advised in their January 22, 2021 email, that a significant portion of this rear yard is within a flood plain located on either side of the existing creek that meanders through the rear yard. Further, that depending on the proposed location of the new garage it would have different impacts to this floodplain and require different assessments and reports depending on its location.

If the garage was within the 15m off set from the creek as originally proposed, then a hydrogeological assessment and hydraulic analysis would be required. Even if these reports were completed, it does not mean that the results would be favorable or that the LSRCA would approve the request to locate the garage within this 15m zone. If the garage is outside of the 15m off set, then only the hydraulic analysis would be required. Again, having the hydraulic analysis completed may not conclude a favorable result or consent from the LSRCA.

As a result of that correspondence, Jeff Allan had the second attached revised site plan created (Garage rev outside 15m setback), showing the garage outside of the 15m off set from the creek, closer to the Bogart Avenue cul-de-sac. This was sent to Chris Currie at the LSRCA, whom I then contacted to request a discussion about possible alternatives to accommodate the new garage that is possibly still within the flood plain.

In that discussion, Chris Currie acknowledged that due to the existing structure located beside the proposed garage, hydraulic impact would be minimal. Also, the new location of the garage is significantly at a higher elevation than the original location. As such, Chris Currie agreed to have this revised location reviewed by technical staff at the LSRCA.

As a result of the more detailed review by technical staff, the LSRCA confirmed that the garage elevation was above, and outside of the flood plain limits. Because of that, the hydraulic analysis is not even required. Please refer to the attached February 11, 2021 email from the LSRCA. A subsequent call with Chris Currie at the LSRCA confirmed that the LSRCA would have no objections to the garage's location and that Jeff Allan would get LSRCA support should a request for a minor variance be made to the Town to locate the garage closer to Bogart Avenue cul-de-sac.

Yours truly,

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Don Roughley, Hon. B.S

Senior Associate-

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Jeff Allan

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LSRCA email of January 27 & 22, 2021

Lloyd Purcell OLS – Garage in 15m setback (new garage and topographic survey)

Lloyd Purcell OLS - Garage Rev outside 15m setback (new garage and topographic

survey)

LSRCA email of February 11, 2021