

ITEM #: 6.17

**COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT
MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION
A207/22
1 Balsamwood Road, Thornhill ON**

COA REPORT SUMMARY

**THIS REPORT CONTAINS COMMENTS FROM THE FOLLOWING
DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES:**

*Please see **Schedule B** of this report for a copy of Staff and Agency correspondence.

Additional comments from departments and agencies may be received after the publication of the Staff Report. These comments will be processed as an addendum and posted on the City's Website.

DEPARTMENTS	Circulated	Comments Received	Conditions	Nature of Comments
Committee of Adjustment	X	X		General Comments
Building Standards -Zoning Review *Schedule B	X	X		General Comments
Building Inspection (Septic)	X			No Comments Recieved to Date
Development Planning *Schedule B	X	X		Recommend Approval/No Conditions
Development Engineering	X	X		Recommend Approval/No Conditions
Parks, Forestry and Horticulture Operations	X	X		General Comments
By-law & Compliance, Licensing & Permits	X	X		General Comments
Development Finance	X	X		No Comments or Concerns
Real Estate				
Fire Department	X	X		General Comments
AGENCIES	Circulated	Comments Received	Conditions	Nature of Comments
TRCA *Schedule B	X			
Ministry of Transportation (MTO) *Schedule B	X			No Comments Recieved to Date
Region of York *Schedule B	X	X		General Comments
Alectra *Schedule B	X	X		General Comments
Bell Canada *Schedule B	X			
YRDSB *Schedule B				
YCDSB *Schedule B				
CN Rail *Schedule B				
CP Rail *Schedule B				
TransCanada Pipeline *Schedule B	X			
Metrolinx *Schedule B				
Propane Operator *Schedule B				

PUBLIC & APPLICANT CORRESPONDENCE

*Please see **Schedule C** of this report for a copy of the public & applicant correspondence listed below.

The deadline to submit public comments is **noon on the last business day prior to the scheduled hearing date.**

Comments and written public submissions received after the publication of this Staff Report will be processed as an addendum and posted on the City's Website.

All personal information collected because of this public meeting (including both written and oral submissions) is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), the Planning Act and all other relevant legislation, and will be used to assist in deciding on this matter. All personal information (as defined by MFIPPA), including (but not limited to) names, addresses, opinions and comments collected will become property of the City of Vaughan, will be made available for public disclosure (including being posted on the internet) and will be used to assist the Committee of Adjustment and staff to process this application.

Correspondence Type	Name	Address	Date Received (mm/dd/yyyy)	Summary
None				

PREVIOUS COA DECISIONS ON THE SUBJECT LAND

*Please see **Schedule D** for a copy of the Decisions listed below

File Number	Date of Decision MM/DD/YYYY	Decision Outcome
None		

ADJOURNMENT HISTORY

* Previous hearing dates where this application was adjourned by the Committee and public notice issued.

None	
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FILE MANAGER: Lenore Providence, Administrative Coordinator - Committee of Adjustment

ITEM NUMBER: 6.17	CITY WARD #: 4
APPLICANT:	Rhonda Binstock
AGENT:	None
PROPERTY:	1 Balsamwood Road, Thornhill
ZONING DESIGNATION:	See below.
VAUGHAN OFFICIAL PLAN (2010) DESIGNATION:	Vaughan Official Plan 2010 ('VOP 2010'): "Low-Rise Residential"
RELATED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:	None
PURPOSE OF APPLICATION:	Relief from the Zoning By-law is being requested to permit the existing deck and hot tub in the rear yard.

The following variances are being requested from the City's Zoning By-law:

The subject lands are zoned R4A(EN) and subject to the provisions of Exception 14.729 under Zoning By-law 001-2021, as amended.

#	Zoning By-law 01-2021	Variance requested
1	A minimum interior side yard setback of 1.5 metres to the proposed Hot Tub is required. [Section 4.21]	To permit a minimum interior side yard setback of 1.2 metres to the proposed Hot Tub.

The subject lands are zoned RV4(WS) and subject to the provisions of Exception 9(1063) under Zoning By-law 1-88, as amended.

	Zoning By-law 1-88	Variance requested
2	A minimum rear yard setback of 4.2 metres to the proposed deck is required. [T-1114 & 3.14]	To permit a minimum rear yard setback of 3.9 metres to the proposed deck.
3	A minimum interior side yard setback of 1.5 metres to the proposed Hot Tub is required. [Section 4.1.1]	To permit a minimum interior side yard setback of 1.2 metres to the proposed Hot Tub.

HEARING INFORMATION

<p>DATE OF MEETING: Thursday , August 18, 2022 TIME: 6:00 p.m. MEETING LOCATION: Vaughan City Hall, Council Chamber, 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan LIVE STREAM LINK: Vaughan.ca/LiveCouncil</p>
<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>
<p>If you would like to speak to the Committee of Adjustment at the meeting, either remotely or in person, please complete the Request to Speak Form and submit to cofa@vaughan.ca If you would like to submit written comments, please quote file number above and submit by mail or email to: Email: cofa@vaughan.ca Mail: City of Vaughan, Office of the City Clerk, Committee of Adjustment, 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan, ON, L6A 1T1</p>
<p>THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO SPEAK OR SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE NOTED FILE(S) IS NOON ON THE LAST BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE MEETING.</p>

INTRODUCTION

Staff and Agencies act as advisory bodies to the Committee of Adjustment. The comments contained in this report are presented as recommendations to the Committee.

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act sets the criteria for authorizing minor variances to the City of Vaughan's Zoning By-law. Accordingly, review of the application may consider the following:

That the general intent and purpose of the by-law will be maintained.

That the general intent and purpose of the official plan will be maintained.

That the requested variance(s) is/are acceptable for the appropriate development of the subject lands.

That the requested variance(s) is/are minor in nature.

Public written and oral submissions relating to this application are taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT COMMENTS

Date Public Notice Mailed:	August 3, 2022
Date Applicant Confirmed Posting of Sign:	July 27, 2022
Applicant Justification for Variances: <small>*As provided by Applicant in Application Form</small>	Rbelief from the zoning by-laws is being requested to permit the continued construction of the rear yard deck and installation of a hot tub.
Adjournment Requests (from staff): <small>*Adjournment requests provided to applicant prior to issuance of public notice</small>	No
Was a Zoning Review Waiver (ZRW) Form submitted by Applicant: <small>*ZRW Form may be used by applicant in instances where a revised submission is made, and zoning staff do not have an opportunity to review and confirm variances prior to the issuance of public notice. *A revised submission may be required to address staff / agency comments received as part of the application review process. *Where a zoning review has not been completed on a revised submission, an opportunity is provided to the applicant to adjourn the proposal prior to the issuance of public notice.</small>	No
Adjournment Fees: In accordance with Procedural By-law 069-2019, an Adjournment Fee is applicable to reschedule an application after the issuance of public notice where a request for adjournment has been provided to the applicant prior to the issuance of public notice. An Adjournment Fee can only be waived in instances where adjournment of an application is requested by the Committee or staff after the issuance of public notice.	
Committee of Adjustment Comments:	None
Committee of Adjustment Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None

BUILDING STANDARDS (ZONING) COMMENTS

**See Schedule B for Building Standards (Zoning) Comments

Building Standards Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None
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DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COMMENTS

**See Schedule B for Development Planning Comments.

Development Planning Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None
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DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING COMMENTS

[Link to Grading Permit](#) [Link to Pool Permit](#) [Link to Curb Curt Permit](#) [Link Culvert Installation](#)

The Development Engineering (DE) Department does not object to the variance application A207/22.

Development Engineering Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None
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PARKS, FORESTRY & HORTICULTURE (PFH) COMMENTS

Parks:
Forestry: Forestry has no comments at this time
Horticulture:

PFH Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None
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DEVELOPMENT FINANCE COMMENTS

No comment no concerns

Development Finance Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None
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BY-LAW AND COMPLIANCE, LICENSING AND PERMIT SERVICES COMMENTS

No comment no concerns

BCLPS Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None
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BUILDING INSPECTION (SEPTIC) COMMENTS

No comments received to date.

Building Inspection Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None
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FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

No comment no concerns

Fire Department Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None
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SCHEDULES TO STAFF REPORT

*See Schedule for list of correspondence

Schedule A	Drawings & Plans Submitted with the Application
Schedule B	Staff & Agency Comments
Schedule C (if required)	Correspondence (Received from Public & Applicant)
Schedule D (if required)	Previous COA Decisions on the Subject Land

Should the Committee find it appropriate to approve this application in accordance with request and the sketch submitted with the application, as required by Ontario Regulation 200/96, the following conditions have been recommended: None.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ

CONDITIONS: It is the responsibility of the owner/applicant and/or authorized agent to obtain and provide a clearance letter from respective department and/or agency (**see condition chart above for contact**). This letter must be provided to the Secretary-Treasurer to be finalized. All conditions must be cleared prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.

APPROVALS: Making any changes to your proposal after a decision has been made may impact the validity of the Committee's decision.

An approval obtained from the Committee of Adjustment, where applicable, is tied to the building envelope shown on the plans and drawings submitted with the application and subject to the variance approval.

A building envelope is defined by the setbacks of the buildings and/or structures shown on the plans and drawings submitted with the application, as required by Ontario Regulation 200/96. Future development outside of an approved building envelope, where a minor variance was obtained, must comply with the provisions of the City's Zoning By-law.

Elevation drawings are provided to reflect the style of roof (i.e. flat, mansard, gable etc.) to which a building height variance has been applied. Where a height variance is approved, building height is applied to the style of roof (as defined in the City's Zoning By-law) shown on the elevation plans submitted with the application.

Architectural design features that are not regulated by the City's Zoning By-law are not to be considered part of an approval unless specified in the Committee's decision.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ

DEVELOPMENT CHARGES: That the payment of the Regional Development Charge, if required, is payable to the City of Vaughan before issuance of a building permit in accordance with the Development Charges Act and the Regional Development Charges By-law in effect at the time of payment.

That the payment of the City Development Charge, if required, is payable to the City of Vaughan before issuance of a building permit in accordance with the Development Charges Act and the City's Development Charges By-law in effect at the time of payment.

That the payment of the Education Development Charge if required, is payable to the City of Vaughan before issuance of a building permit in accordance with the Development Charges Act and the Boards of Education By-laws in effect at the time of payment

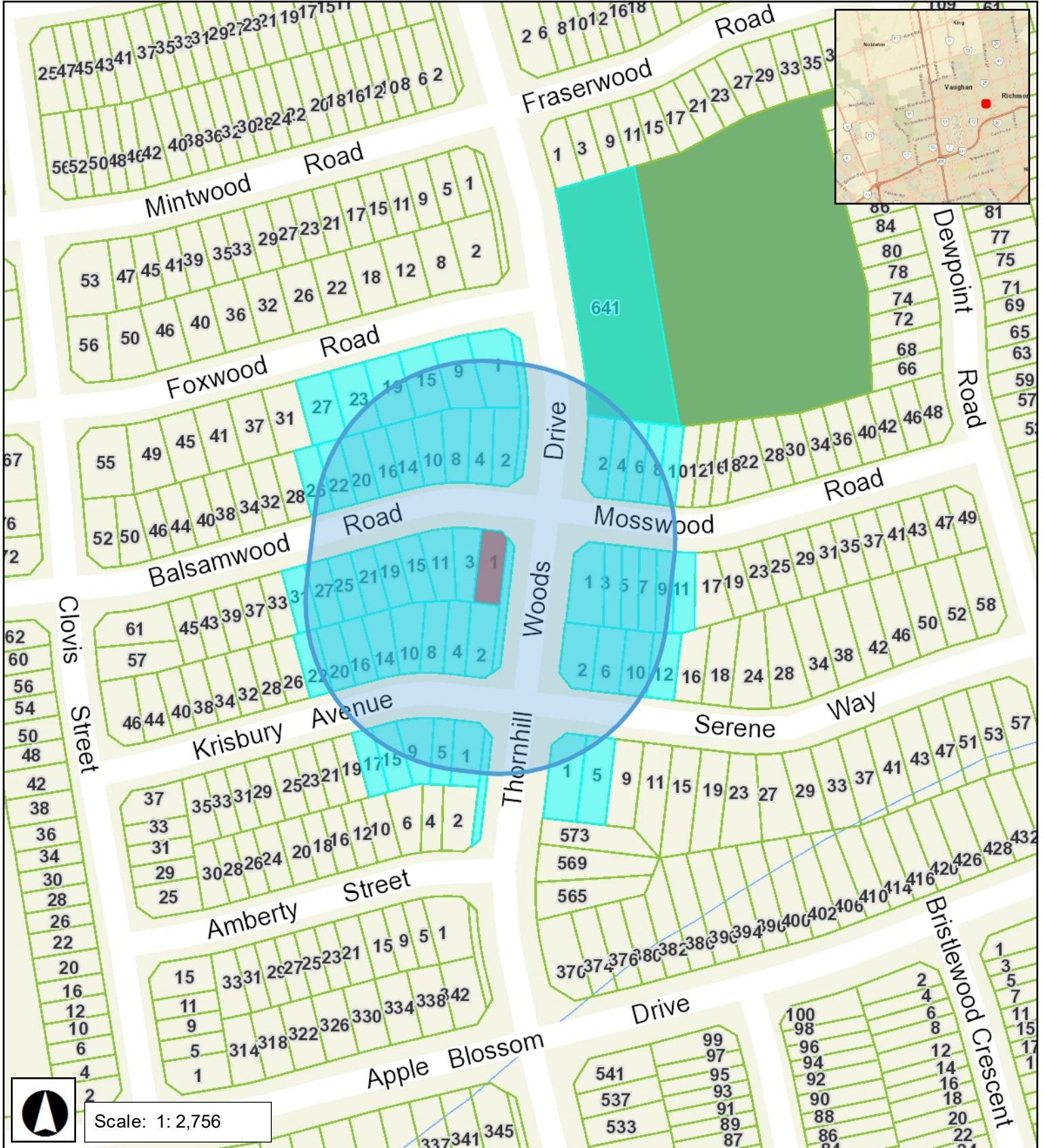
That the payment of Special Area Development charge, if required, is payable to the City of Vaughan before issuance of a building permit in accordance with the Development Charges Act and The City's Development Charge By-law in effect at the time of Building permit issuance to the satisfaction of the Reserves/Capital Department.

NOTICE OF DECISION: If you wish to be notified of the decision in respect to this application or a related Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) hearing you must complete a Request for Decision form and submit to the Secretary Treasurer (ask staff for details). In the absence of a written request to be notified of the Committee's decision you will **not** receive notice.

SCHEDULE A: DRAWINGS & PLANS

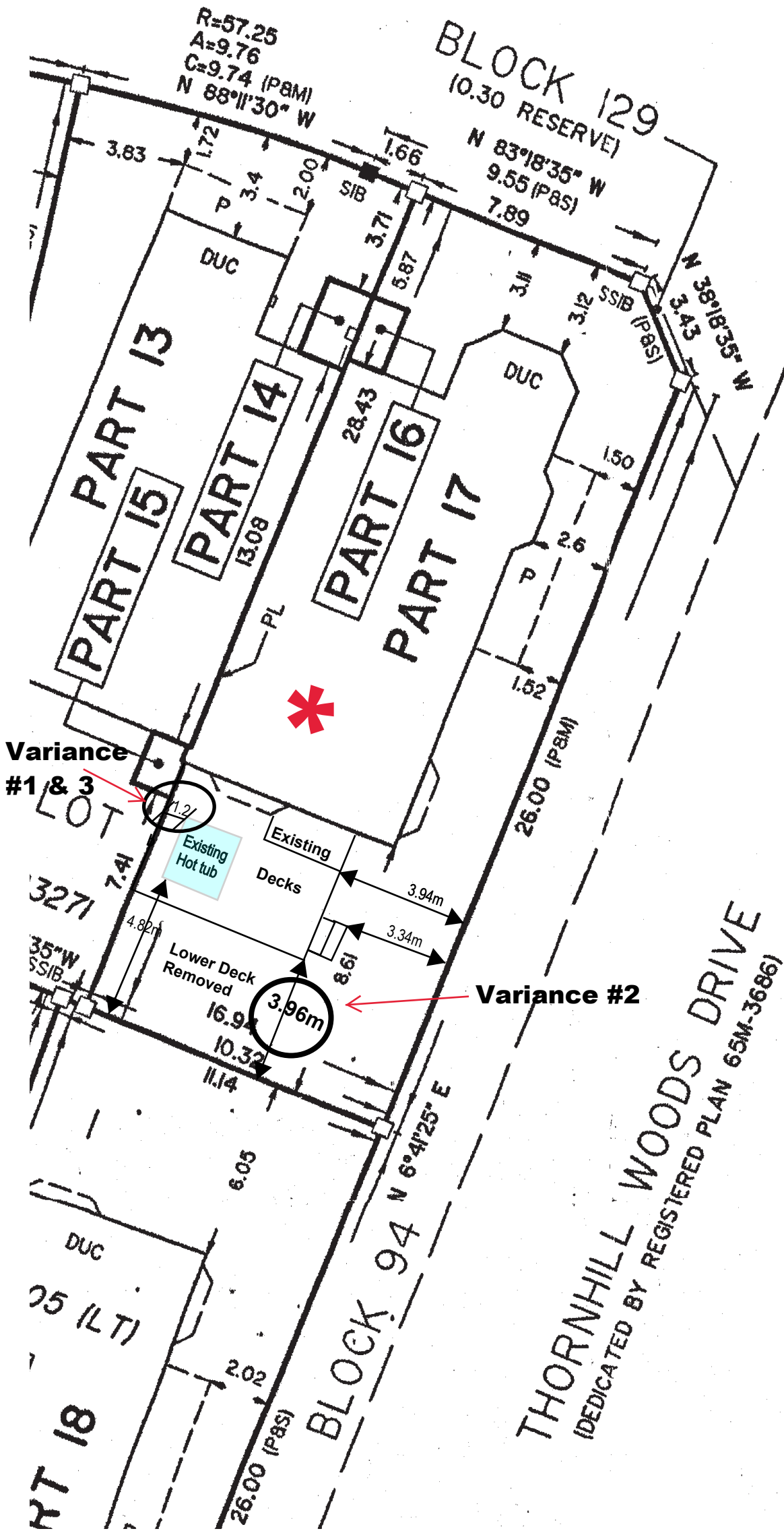
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DUFFERIN STREET



PLANS PREPARED AND VARIANCES IDENTIFIED BY APPLICANT

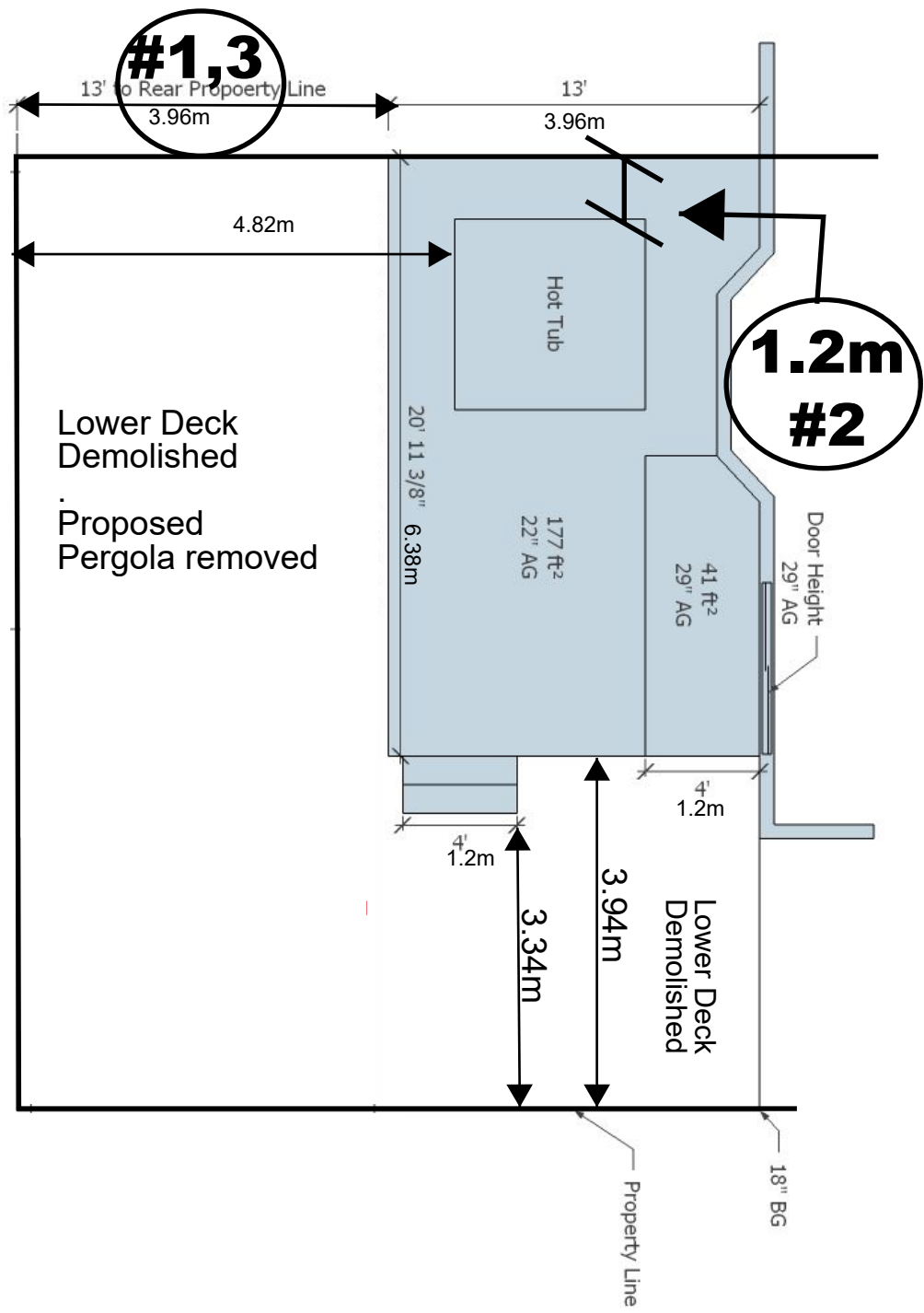
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PLANS PREPARED AND VARIANCES IDENTIFIED BY APPLICANT

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PROPOSED DECK PLAN
DECK DESIGN 1



Project: Rhonda Binstock

Address: 1 Balsamwood Road, Vaughan, ON L4J 9C6

Drawing By:

Drawing Date: June 7, 2022

Drawing No.:

A1

SCHEDULE B: STAFF & AGENCY COMMENTS

DEPT/AGENCY	Circulated	Comments Received	Conditions	Nature of Comments
TRCA *Schedule B	X			No Comments Recieved to Date
Ministry of Transportation (MTO) *Schedule B	X			No Comments Recieved to Date
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CP Rail *Schedule B				
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Metrolinx *Schedule B				
Propane Operator *Schedule B				
Development Planning	X	X		Recommend Approval/no conditions
Building Standards (Zoning)	X	X		General Comments

To: Christine Vigneault, Committee of Adjustment Secretary Treasurer
From: Nancy Tuckett, Director of Development Planning
Date: August 2, 2022
Name of Owner: Rhonda Binstock
Location: 1 Balsamwood Road
File No.(s): A207/22

Proposed Variance(s) (By-law 001-2021):

1. To permit a minimum interior side yard setback of 1.2 metres to the proposed Hot Tub.

By-Law Requirement(s) (By-law 001-2021):

1. A minimum interior side yard setback of 1.5 metres to the proposed Hot Tub is required.

Proposed Variance(s) (By-law 1-88):

2. To permit a minimum rear yard setback of 3.9 metres to the proposed deck.
3. To permit a minimum interior side yard setback of 1.2 metres to the proposed Hot Tub.

By-Law Requirement(s) (By-law 1-88):

2. A minimum rear yard setback of 4.2 metres to the proposed deck is required.
3. A minimum interior side yard setback of 1.5 metres to the proposed Hot Tub is required.

Official Plan:

City of Vaughan Official Plan 2010 ('VOP 2010'): "Low-Rise Residential".

Comments:

The Owner is requesting permission to permit the construction of a deck and hot tub in the rear yard.

The Development Planning Department has no objection to Variances 1, 2, and 3. Most of the deck will be 0.33 m high, with a small portion near the sliding door at 0.74 m to facilitate access between the dwelling and rest of the deck. Due to its modest height, no adverse massing impacts are anticipated for the proposed 0.3 m reductions to the deck's rear and side yard setbacks. The reductions are minor and are not anticipated to be visually perceptible nor impact the function of the abutting uses. The rear and side yard setbacks of 3.9 m and 1.2 m respectively also maintains an appropriate area for access, maintenance, and drainage, and will not impact the abutting properties. The rear yard setback also maintains sufficient landscaped amenity space within the rear yard.

Accordingly, the Development Planning Department can support the requested variances and is of the opinion that the proposal is minor in nature, maintains the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan and Zoning By-laws, and is desirable for the appropriate development of the land.

Recommendation:

The Development Planning Department recommends approval of the application.

Conditions of Approval:

If the Committee finds merit in the application, the following conditions of approval are recommended:

None

Comments Prepared by:

Michelle Perrone, Planner 1
David Harding, Senior Planner

To: Committee of Adjustment
From: Sarah Scauzillo, Building Standards Department
Date: July 19, 2022
Applicant: Rhonda Binstock
Location: PLAN 65M3686 Lot 17L municipally known as
 1 Balsamwood Road
File No.(s): A207/22

Zoning Classification:

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Staff Comments:

Stop Work Order(s) and Order(s) to Comply:

Order No. 22-118960, Order to Comply for Construction of a deck in the rear yard of the property, has been undertaken prior to obtaining the required building permit., Issue Date: Jun 07, 2022

Building Permit(s) Issued:

Building Permit No. 22-121410 for Semi-Detached Dwelling - Alteration, Issue Date: (Not Yet Issued)

Other Comments:

General Comments	
1	The applicant shall be advised that additional variances may be required upon review of detailed drawing for building permit/site plan approval.

Conditions of Approval:

If the committee finds merit in the application, the following conditions of approval are recommended.

* Comments are based on the review of documentation supplied with this application.

Date: July 21st , 2022

Attention: **Christine Vigneault**

RE: Request for Comments

File No.: **A207-22**

Related Files:

Applicant Rhonda Binstock

Location 1 Balsamwood



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COMMENTS:

- We have reviewed the proposed Variance Application and have no comments or objections to its approval.
- We have reviewed the proposed Variance Application and have no objections to its approval, subject to the following comments (attached below).
- We have reviewed the proposed Variance Application and have the following concerns (attached below).

Alectra Utilities (formerly PowerStream) has received and reviewed the proposed Variance Application. This review, however, does not imply any approval of the project or plan.

All proposed billboards, signs, and other structures associated with the project or plan must maintain minimum clearances to the existing overhead or underground electrical distribution system as specified by the applicable standards, codes and acts referenced.

In the event that construction commences, and the clearance between any component of the work/structure and the adjacent existing overhead and underground electrical distribution system violates the Occupational Health and Safety Act, the customer will be responsible for 100% of the costs associated with Alectra making the work area safe. All construction work will be required to stop until the safe limits of approach can be established.

In the event construction is completed, and the clearance between the constructed structure and the adjacent existing overhead and underground electrical distribution system violates the any of applicable standards, acts or codes referenced, the customer will be responsible for 100% of Alectra's cost for any relocation work.

References:

- Ontario Electrical Safety Code, latest edition (Clearance of Conductors from Buildings)
- Ontario Health and Safety Act, latest edition (Construction Protection)
- Ontario Building Code, latest edition (Clearance to Buildings)
- PowerStream (Construction Standard 03-1, 03-4), attached
- Canadian Standards Association, latest edition (Basic Clearances)

If more information is required, please contact either of the following:

Mr. Stephen Cranley, C.E.T
Supervisor, Distribution Design, ICI & Layouts (North)
Phone: 1-877-963-6900 ext. 31297

E-mail: stephen.cranley@alectrautilities.com

Mitchell Penner
Supervisor, Distribution Design-Subdivisions
Phone: 416-302-6215

Email: Mitchell.Penner@alectrautilities.com

From: [Development Services](#)
To: [Committee of Adjustment](#)
Subject: [External] FW: A207/22 (1 Balsamwood Road) - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, CITY OF VAUGHAN
Date: Monday, July 25, 2022 3:12:40 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Importance: High

Hello,

The Regional Municipality of York has completed its review of the minor variance application – A207/22 and has no comment.

Thank you,

Maryam Ahmed, B.U.R.PL. | Associate Planner, Programs and Process Improvement, Planning and Economic Development, Corporate Services

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Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 11:42 AM
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Cc: Lenore Providence <Lenore.Providence@vaughan.ca>
Subject: A207/22 (1 Balsamwood Road) - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, CITY OF VAUGHAN
Importance: High

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Hello,

Please email comments and recommendations on the above noted application to cofa@vaughan.ca. If you wish to be notified of the decision, please confirm in writing.

The deadline to submit comments on this application is **August 1, 2022**.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please contact the undersigned.

Regards,

Christine Vigneault, AMP, ACST
Manager, Development Services & Secretary Treasurer to the Committee of Adjustment
905-832-2281, ext. 8332 | christine.vigneault@vaughan.ca

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SCHEDULE C: PUBLIC & APPLICANT CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Type	Name	Address	Date Received <small>(mm/dd/yyyy)</small>	Summary
None.				