ITEM: 6.8

REPORT SUMMARY MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION FILE NUMBER A107/24

Report Date: September 6, 2024

THIS REPORT CONTAINS COMMENTS FROM THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES (SEE SCHEDULE B):

Additional comments from departments and agencies received after the publication of the report will be made available on the City's <u>website</u>.

Internal Departments *Comments Received	Conditions Required		Nature of Comments
Committee of Adjustment	Yes □	No ⊠	General Comments
Building Standards (Zoning)	Yes □	No ⊠	General Comments
Development Engineering	Yes □	No ⊠	Recommend Approval/No Conditions
Development Planning	Yes □	No ⊠	Application Under Review
Development Finance	Yes □	No ⊠	General Comments

External Agencies	Conditions Required		Nature of Comments
*Comments Received	Vac 🗆	Na 🖂	*See Schedule B for full comments General Comments
Alectra	Yes □	No ⊠	
TRCA	Yes □	No ⊠	General Comments
Region of York	Yes □	No ⊠	General Comments

PUBLIC & APPLICANT CORRESPONDENCE (SEE SCHEDULE C)

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
Applicant			08/01/2024	Planning Justification Letter

BACKGROUND (SCHEDULE D, IF REQUIRED)		
* Background Information contains historical development approvals considered to be related to this file.		
This information should not be considered comprehensive.		
Application No. (City File) Application Description		
. ,	(i.e. Minor Variance Application; Approved by COA / OLT)	
None	N/A	

ADJOURNMENT HISTORY		
* Previous hearing dates where this application was adjourned by the Committee and public notice issued.		
Hearing Date	Reason for Adjournment (to be obtained from NOD_ADJ)	
None	N/A	

SCHEDULES	
Schedule A	Drawings & Plans Submitted with the Application
Schedule B	Comments from Agencies, Building Standards & Development Planning
Schedule C (if required)	Public & Applicant Correspondence
Schedule D (if required)	Background



MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION FILE NUMBER A107/24

CITY WARD #:	5
APPLICANT:	300 Atkinson Inc.
AGENT:	Sabrina Sgotto & Steven Pham
PROPERTY:	300 Atkinson Ave, Thornhill
ZONING DESIGNATION:	See Below
VAUGHAN OFFICIAL PLAN (2010) DESIGNATION:	Vaughan Official Plan 2010 ('VOP 2010'): "Low-Rise Residential" by Volume 2, Section 13.61 300 Atkinson Avenue (OPA #65)
(2010) DEGICITATION:	Volume 2, decider 10.01 000 / takinson / Worlde (Of // #00)
RELATED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:	OP.19.001, Z.19.002, DA. 19.083 & 19CDM-21V005
PURPOSE OF APPLICATION:	Relief from the Zoning By-law is being requested to permit the as-built conditions of the townhouse units constructed on Block 1 and Blocks 7 to 15, inclusive. Relief is also required to facilitate related Site Plan Application DA.19.081.
	The blocks over Part 10 on Plan 65R-15225 (300 Atkinson Avenue), including Block 1 and Blocks 7 to 15, as outlined on the Plan of Survey have not been created yet.

The following variances have been requested from the City's Zoning By-law:

The subject lands are zoned RT1 – Townhouse Residential Zone and subject to the provisions of Exception 14.1127 under Zoning By-law 001-2021, as amended.

#	Zoning By-law 001-2021	Variance requested
1	A maximum encroachment of 0.6 metres into any required yard is permitted for a canopy [Table 4-1].	To permit a maximum encroachment of 0.8 metres into any required yard for a canopy for Blocks 7-15.
2	The minimum required Front Yard Setback shall be 2.0 m for Blocks 13 and 15 [Exception 14.1127.1.3]	To permit a minimum Front Yard Setback of 1.46 m for Part 75 of Block 13, and 0.92 m for Part 51 of Block 15
3	The minimum required Rear Yard Setback shall be 2.4 m for Block 1 [Exception 14.1127.1.4]	To permit a minimum Rear Yard Setback of 1.42 m for Part 1 of Block 1.

The subject lands are zoned RT1 – Residential Townhouse Zone and subject to the provisions of Exception 9(1538) under Zoning By-law 1-88, as amended.

#	Zoning By-law 1-88	Variance requested
4	A maximum encroachment of 0.5 metres into	To permit a maximum encroachment of 0.8
	any required yard is permitted for a canopy	metres into any required yard for a canopy for
	[Section 3.14 a)].	Blocks 7-15.
5	The minimum required Front Yard shall be 2.0 m	To permit a minimum Front Yard of 1.46 m for
	for Blocks 13 and 15	Part 75 of Block 13, and 0.92 m for Part 51 of
	[Exception 9(1538) ev)].	Block 15
6	The minimum required Rear Yard shall be 2.4 m	To permit a minimum Rear Yard of 1.42 m for
	for Block 1	Part 1 of Block 1.
	[Exception 9(1538) evi)].	

HEARING INFORMATION

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, September 12, 2024

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: Vaughan City Hall, Woodbridge Room (2nd Floor), 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive

LIVE STREAM LINK: Vaughan.ca/LiveCouncil

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

To speak electronically, pre-registration is required by completing the Request to Speak Form on-line and submitting it to cofa@vaughan.ca no later than NOON on the last business day before the meeting.

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO SPEAK ELECTRONICALLY OR SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE NOTED FILE(S) IS <u>NOON</u> ON THE LAST BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE MEETING.

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		
Date Public Notice Mailed:	August 29, 2024	
Date Applicant Confirmed Posting of Sign:	August 14, 2024	
Applicant Justification for Variances: *As provided in Application Form	Please refer to planning justification letter.	
Was a Zoning Review Waiver (ZRW) Form	Yes □ No ⊠	
*zww 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.		
COMMENTS:		
None		
Committee of Adjustment Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None	

BUILDING	STANDARDS (ZONING)
**See Schedule B for Building Standards (Zoning) Comments	
Building Standards Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING	
**See Schedule B for Development Planning Comments.	
Development Planning Recommended Conditions of Approval:	TBD

DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING Link to Grading Permit Link to Pool Permit Link to Curb Curt Permit Link Culvert Installation Development Engineering does not object to Minor Variance A107/24 Development Engineering Recommended Conditions of Approval: None

PARKS, FORESTRY & HORTICULTURE (PFH)	
No comments received to date.	
PFH Recommended Conditions of Approval:	

DEVELOPMENT FINANCE	
No comment no concerns	
Development Finance Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None

BY-LAW AND COMPLIANCE, LICENSING AND PERMIT SERVICES		
No comments received to date.		
BCLPS Recommended Conditions of Approval: None		

BUILDING INSPECTION (SEPTIC)	
No comments received to date.	
Building Inspection Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None

FIRE DEPARTMENT		
No comments received to date.		
Fire Department Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None	

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL SUMMARY

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:

#	DEPARTMENT / AGENCY	CONDITION
1	Development Planning	TBD
	Alyssa.pangilinan@vaughan.ca	

All conditions of approval, unless otherwise stated, are considered to be incorporated into the approval "if required". If a condition is no longer required after an approval is final and binding, the condition may be waived by the respective department or agency requesting conditional approval. A condition cannot be waived without written consent from the respective department or agency.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

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

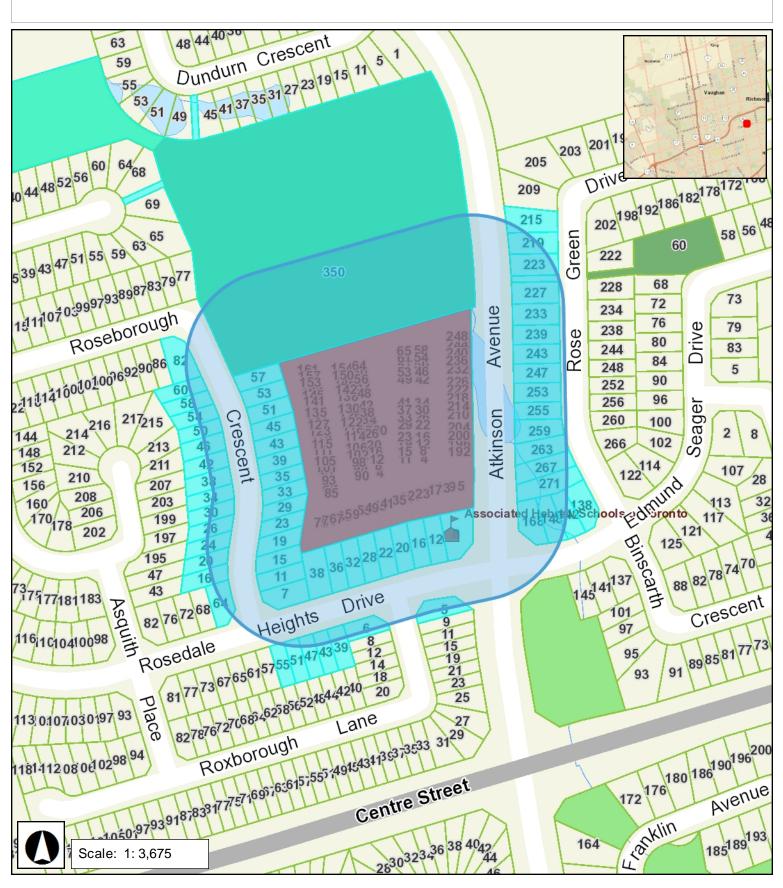
That the payment of Special Area Development charge, if required, is payable to the City of Vaughan before issuance of a building permit in accordance with the Development Charges Act and The City's Development Charge By-law in effect at the time of Building permit issuance to the satisfaction of the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

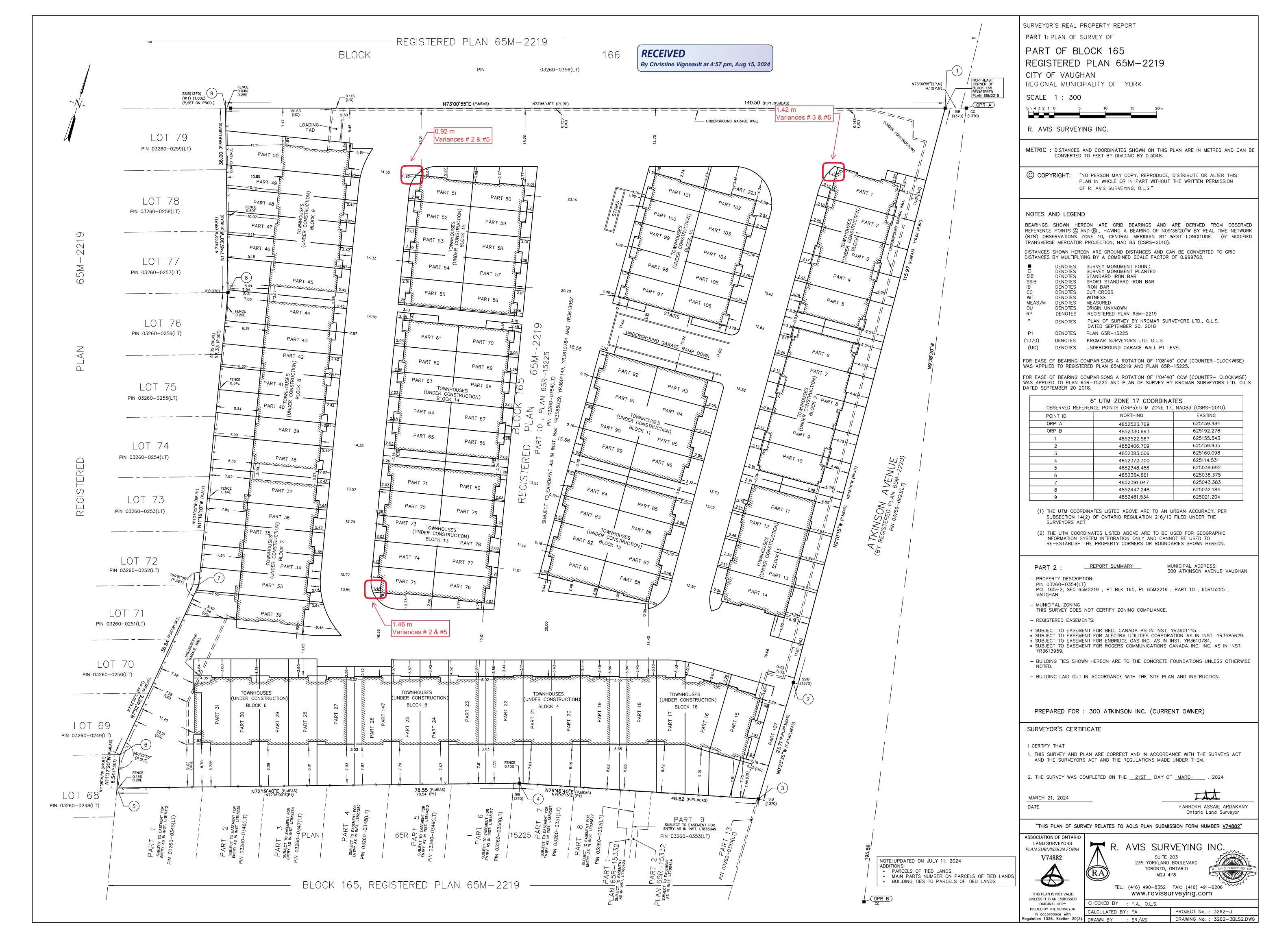
NOTICE OF DECISION: If you wish to be notified of the decision in respect to this application or a related Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) hearing you must complete a Request for Decision form and submit to the Secretary Treasurer (ask staff for details). In the absence of a written request to be notified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

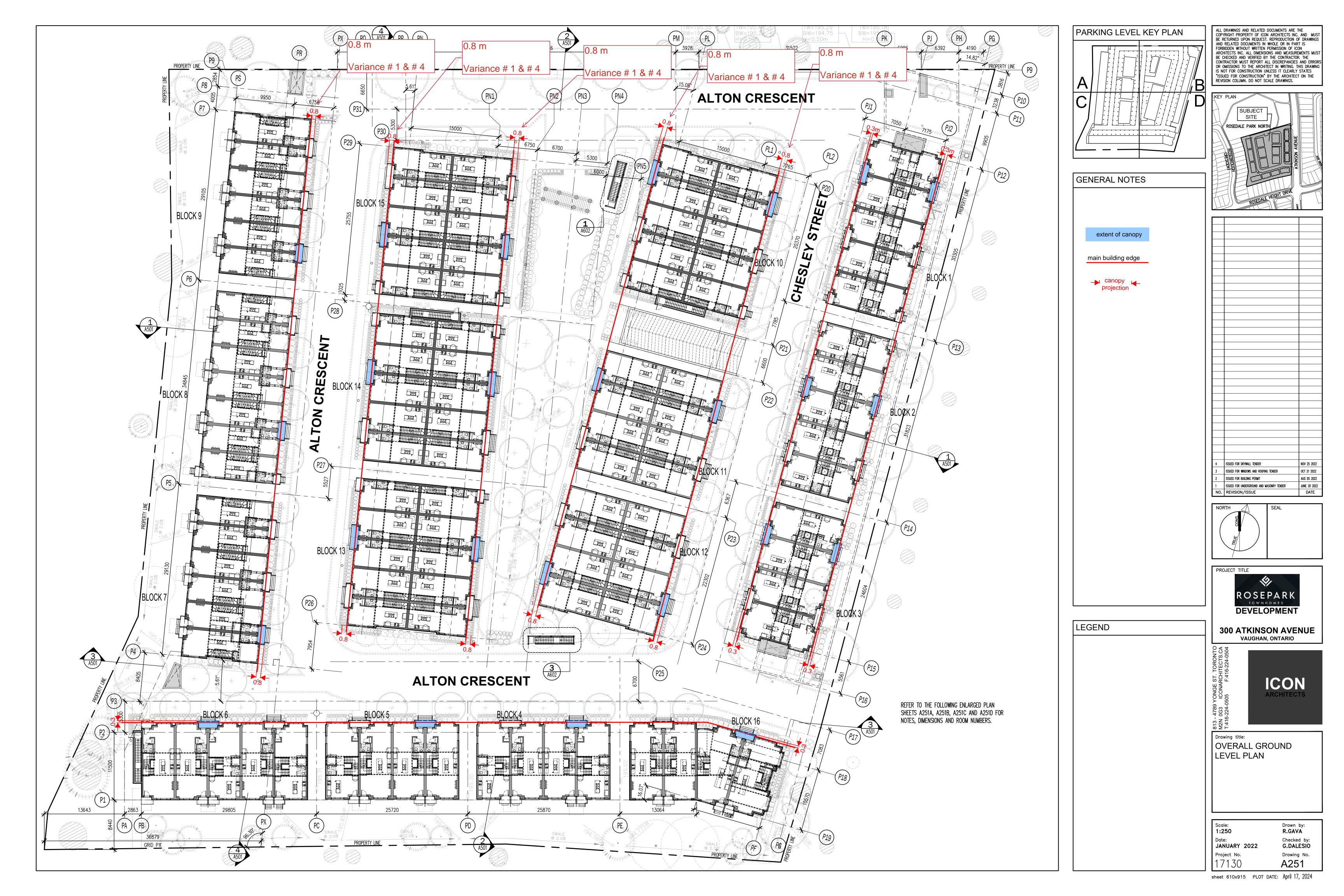
SCHEDULE A: DRAWINGS & PLANS



VAUGHAN Minor Variance Application A107/24







SCHEDULE B: COMMENTS FROM AGENCIES, BUILDING STANDARDS & DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Department / Agency *Comments Received	Conditions Required		Nature of Comments
Building Standards (Zoning) *See	Yes □	No ⊠	General Comments
Schedule B			
Development Planning	Yes □	No □	Application Under Review
Alectra	Yes □	No ⊠	General Comments
TRCA	Yes □	No ⊠	General Comments
Region of York	Yes □	No ⊠	General Comments



Date: August 13th 2024

Attention: Christine Vigneault

RE:

File No.: A107-24

Related Files:

Applicant Weston Consulting

Location 300 Atkinson Avenue



COMMENTS:

	We have reviewed the proposed Variance Application and have no comments or objections to its approval.
X	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



Power Stream 1

Construction Standard

03-1

	SYSTEM VOLTAGE			
LOCATION OF WIRES, CABLES OR CONDUCTORS	SPAN GUYS AND COMMUNICATIONS WIRES		4.16/2.4kV TO 27.6/16kV (SEE NOTE 1)	44kV
	MINIMUM VERTICAL CLEARANCES (SEE NOTE 2)			NOTE 2)
OVER OR ALONGSIDE ROADS, DRIVEWAYS OR LANDS ACCESSIBLE TO <u>VEHICLES</u>	442cm	442cm	480cm	520cm
OVER GROUND ACCESSIBLE TO PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLES ONLY	250cm	310cm	340cm	370cm
ABOVE TOP OF RAIL AT RAILWAY CROSSINGS	730cm	730cm	760cm	810cm



MINIMUM ATTACHMENT HEIGHT = MAXIMUM SAG

- + MINIMUM VERTICAL CLEARANCE (FROM ABOVE TABLE)
 ± GRADE DIFFERENCE

- + 0.3m (VEHICLE OR RAILWAY LOCATION) + SNOW DEPTH (PEDESTRIAN LOCATION, SEE NOTE 3)

NOTES:

- THE MULTIGROUNDED SYSTEM NEUTRAL HAS THE SAME CLEARANCE AS THE 600V SYSTEM.
- 2. THE VERTICAL CLEARANCES IN THE ABOVE TABLE ARE UNDER $\underline{\text{MAXIMUM SAG}}$ CONDITIONS.
- 3. REFER TO CSA STANDARD C22.3 No.1, ANNEX D FOR LOCAL SNOW DEPTH
- 4. ALL CLEARANCES ARE IN ACCORDANCE TO CSA STANDARD C22.3.

<u>\G</u>	340cm	11'-4"		
	310cm	10'-4"		
VALUES.	250cm	8'-4"		
VALUES.				
REFERENCES				
SAGS AND	SECTION 02			

METRIC

810cm

760cm 730cm

520cm 480cm

442cm 370cm

CONVERSION TABLE

IMPERIAL (APPROX)

27'-0" 25'-4"

24'-4" 17'-4"

15'-5" 12'-4"

MINIMUM VERTICAL CLEARANCES OF WIRES, CABLES AND CONDUCTORS ABOVE GROUND OR RAILS

ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE: 2010-DEC-24 REVISION NO: R1 REVISION DATE: 2012-JAN-09

Certificate of Approval This construction Standard meets the safety requirements of Section 4 of Regulation 22/04	
Joe Crozier, P.Eng. 2012-JAN-09 Name Date	
P Fng. Annroyal By-	Ine Crozier



Construction Standard

03 - 4





VOLTAGE	MINIMUM HORIZONTAL CLEARNACE UNDER MAXIMUM SWING CONDITIONS DIMENSION "X" (SEE NOTES 1, 3 & 4)	MINIMUM VERTICAL CLEARANCE UNDER MAXIMUM DESIGN SAG CONDITIONS DIMENSION "Y" (SEE NOTES 1, 2, 4 & 5)
0-600V AND NEUTRAL	100cm	250cm
4.16/2.4 TO 44kV	300cm	480cm

NOTES

- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL A CONDUCTOR BE PERMITTED TO PENETRATE THE ENVELOPE SHOWN BY THE DOTTED LINE.
- 2. THE VERTICAL CLEARANCES ARE UNDER CONDITIONS OF MAXIMUM DESIGN SAG.
- THE HORIZONTAL CLEARANCES ARE UNDER CONDITIONS OF MAXIMUM SWING. WHERE THE CONDUCTOR SWING IS NOT KNOWN A HORIZONTAL CLEARANCE OF 480CM SHALL BE USED.
- 4. BUILDINGS THAT EXCEED 3 STOREYS OR 15M IN HEIGHT, THE MINIMUM HORIZONTAL CLEARANCE OF THE SECONDARY CONDUCTORS SHOULD BE INCREASED TO 300cm WHERE IT IS NECESSARY TO ALLOW FOR THE RAISING OF LADDERS BY LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS.
- IN SITUATIONS SUCH AS MULTI-LEVEL GARAGES, WHERE ROOFS ARE NORMALLY USED BY PERSONS AND VEHICLES, THE VERTICAL CLEARANCES OF POWERSTREAM STANDARD 03-1 SHALL APPLY.
- 6. DISTRIBUTION LINES CONSTRUCTED NEAR BUILDINGS SHALL BE BUILT TO AVOID OVERHANG WHEREVER POSSIBLE. WHERE LINES MUST BE CONSTRUCTED OVER OR ADJACENT TO BUILDINGS THE APPLICABLE HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL CLEARANCES SHALL BE AT CONDITIONS OF MAXIMUM CONDUCTOR SWING AND MAXIMUM SAG. THE ABOVE CLEARANCES ARE DESIGNED TO PREVENT PERSONS ON OR IN BUILDINGS AS WELL AS EXTERNAL MACHINERY USED IN CONJUCTION WITH A BUILDING TO COME IN CONTACT WITH CONDUCTORS. EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO INCREASE THESE CLEARANCES WHERE POSSIBLE.
- 7. ALL CLEARANCES ARE IN ACCORDANCE TO CSA C22.3 NO.1-06 (TABLE-9).

CONVERSION TABLE		
IMPERIAL		
(APPROX)		
16'-0"		
10'-0"		
8'-4"		
3'-4"		

MINIMUM VERTICAL & HORIZONTAL CLEARANCES OF CONDUCTORS FROM BUILDINGS OR OTHER PERMANENT STRUCTURES (CONDUCTORS NOT ATTACHED TO BUILDINGS)

ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE: 2010—MAY—05 REVISION NO: REVISION DATE:
PEgystem Planning and Standards/Standard Design/PowerStream Standards/working (abbr/Scellan 3/3-4/c/wg d3-4 Ro May 5, 2010, dwg, %/3/2010 8/2/202 AM, Adobe POF



To: Committee of Adjustment

From: Lindsay Haviland, Building Standards Department

Date: August 12, 2024

Applicant: Weston Consulting

Location: 300 Atkinson Avenue

PLAN 65M2219 Block 165

File No.(s): A107/24

Zoning Classification:

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Staff Comments:

Other Comments:

General Comments		
7	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.

 $^{^{\}star}$ Comments are based on the review of documentation supplied with this application.

From: <u>Cameron McDonald</u>
To: <u>Committee of Adjustment</u>

Subject: [External] RE: A107/24 (300 Atkinson Avenue) – REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, CITY OF VAUGHAN

Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024 3:37:47 PM

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Good afternoon,

Based on a review of our screening mapping, I can confirm that the subject property is not located within TRCA's Regulated Area. As such, any site alteration or development on the property would not require a permit from TRCA.

Based on the above, we have no comments/requirements.

Regards,

Cameron McDonald

Planner I

Development Planning and Permits | Development and Engineering Services

T: (437) 880-1925

E: cameron.mcdonald@trca.ca

A: 101 Exchange Avenue, Vaughan, ON, L4K 5R6 | trca.ca



From: Development Services
To: Christine Vigneault
Cc: Committee of Adjustment

Subject: [External] RE: A107/24 (300 Atkinson Avenue) – REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, CITY OF VAUGHAN

Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 4:11:38 PM

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Hi Christine,

The Regional Municipality of York has completed its review of the minor variance application – A107/24 (300 Atkinson Avenue) and has no comment.

Please provide us with a digital copy of the notice of decision for our records.

Many thanks,

Our working hours may be different. Please do not feel obligated to reply outside of your scheduled working hours. Let's work together to help foster healthy work-life boundaries.

Niranjan Rajevan, M.PI. | Associate Planner, Development Planning | Economic and Development Services Branch | Corporate Services Department

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SCHEDULE C: PUBLIC & APPLICANT CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Type	Name	Address	Date Received (mm/dd/yyyy)	Summary
Applicant			08/01/2024	Planning Justification Letter



RECEIVED

By Christine Vigneault at 10:27 am, Aug 01, 2024

Office of the City Clerk City of Vaughan 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1 July 31, 2024 File 8553-2

Attn: Christine Vigneault, Secretary Treasurer

Committee of Adjustment

RE: Planning Justification Letter – Minor Variance Application (A107/24)

300 Atkinson Avenue, City of Vaughan

Weston Consulting is the planning consultant for 300 Atkinson Inc., the registered owner of the property municipally known as 300 Atkinson Avenue in the City of Vaughan (herein referred to as the "Subject Property"). This letter has been prepared to provide planning justification in support of a Minor Variance application that is requesting relief from front and rear yard setbacks and canopy encroachment provisions under Zoning By-Law 1-88 and Zoning By-law 001-2021 to legalize the as-builts conditions of the townhouse units located on Block 1 and Blocks 7 to 15 on the Plan of Survey of Part of Block 165 Registered Plan 65M-2219.

Property Context

The Subject Property is located west of Atkinson Avenue and north of Centre Street in the City of Vaughan. The Subject Property has an approximate lot area of 16,990.6 square metres and maintains an approximate frontage of 139.68 metres along Atkinson Avenue. The legal description of the site is as follows:

A PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE CITY OF VAUGHAN, IN THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PCL 165-2 SEC 65M-2219; PT BLK 165, PL 65M-2219, PART 10, 65R-15225 MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS 300 ATKINSON AVENUE, CITY OF VAUGHAN.

Per the Parcel Abstract dated July 30, 2024, the legal description of the Subject Property remains Part 10, 65R-15225 and no reference plan has been deposited after Plan 65R-15225. The blocks over Part 10, 65R-15225 as outlined on the Plan of Survey have not been created yet. The ownership over Part 10 remains with 300 Atkinson Inc.

Policy Context

Map 1 (Regional Structure) of the York Region Official Plan 2022 identifies the Subject Property within the *Urban Area*. The Subject Property is designated as *Community Area* per Map 1A (Land Use Designations), which permits a broad range of residential uses.

Schedule 1 (Urban Structure) of the City of Vaughan Official Plan 2010 (VOP 2010) designates the Subject Property within *Community Areas*, which permits a broad range of residential uses. The Subject Property is designated as *Low-Rise Residential* per Schedule 13 (Land Use). The *Low-Rise Residential* designation permits street townhouses. Furthermore, the site is subject to Site-Specific Policy #60 – OPA #65 per Schedule 14C (Areas Subject to Site Specific Plans) of the VOP 2010, which permits 68 back-to-back townhouses in 3 blocks within the *Low-Rise Residential* designation on the property.



The Subject Property is zoned *RT1 Residential Townhouse Zone Exception 9 (1538)* under Zoning By-law 1-88, which permits 106 common element condominium townhouse units with underground parking, at-grade amenity areas, and visitor parking, subject to site specific development standards. Zoning By-law 001-2021 zones the Subject Property as *RT1 Residential Townhouse Zone Exception 14.1127*, which also permits 106 common element condominium townhouse units with underground parking, at-grade amenity areas, and visitor parking, again subject to site specific development standards.

Development Applications History

Applications for an Official Plan Amendment (OP.19.001) and Zoning By-Law Amendment (Z.19.002) were submitted on February 20, 2019 to permit a townhouse and back-to-back townhouse blocks on the Subject Property. An application for Site Plan Approval (DA.19.083) was then submitted on December 4, 2019 and later consolidated with another Site Plan Approval application (DA.19.081) in the September 23, 2020 resubmission for both applications.

By-law 099-2021 was enacted by Council on June 22, 2021 to approve OPA 65 adding Site-Specific Policy #60 to the VOP 2010 to permit the back-to-back townhouses. By-law 139-2022 and By-law 140-2022 were passed and came into effect on June 28, 2022 to rezone the Subject Property to *RT1 Residential Townhouse Zone Exception 9 (1538)* under Zoning By-law 1-88 and *RT1 Residential Townhouse Zone Exception 14.1127* under Zoning By-law 001-2021.

A Draft Plan of Common Elements Condominium application (19CDM-21V005) was submitted on September 23, 2021 alongside a resubmission of Site Plan Approval application DA.19.083. The Site Plan Agreement was executed on May 3, 2023 and registered on May 25, 2023. The Condominium application received draft conditional approval at the March 26, 2024 Council meeting. The Notice of Decision was issued on April 17, 2024 and the last date of appeal was on May 7, 2024. Most recently, an application for Part Lot Control (PLC.24.005) was submitted on June 11, 2024 and is currently being processed by City Staff for review and comment.

1. Purpose of Minor Variance Application Submission

The purpose of this Minor Variance application is to seek relief from the front yard and rear yard setback provisions under the *RT1 Residential Townhouse Zone Exception 9 (1538)* of Zoning By-law 1-88 and the *RT1 Residential Townhouse Zone Exception 14.1127* of Zoning By-law 001-2021, and to seek relief from the canopy provisions under the parent Zoning By-law 1-88 and Zoning By-law 001-2021 to permit the as-built conditions of the townhouse units as outlined in Table 1 and Table 2 below.

The townhouses were constructed in accordance with the stamp-approved site plan from application DA.19.081 and the associated building permits; however, the attached Plan of Survey of Part of Block 165 Registered Plan 65M-2219, included as an attachment herein, identified several deficiencies with respect to front and rear yard setbacks and the canopies as outlined in Tables 1 and 2. Therefore, relief is requested from the site-specific and general provisions of Zoning By-laws 1-88 and 001-2021.

Table 1 – Proposed Variances under Zoning By-law 1-88

#	Zoning By-law 1-88	Variance Requested
1	The required minimum front yard setback for Blocks 5,	To permit a minimum front yard setback of 0.90
	6 & 13 to 15 is 2.0 metres [Zoning By-law 1-88,	metres for Part 51 of Block 15 and 1.42 metres for
	Exception 1538 Section ev)]	Part 75 of Block 13.



2.	The required minimum rear yard setback for Blocks 1 to	To permit a minimum rear yard setback of 1.41
	3 is 2.4 metres. [Zoning By-law 1-88, Exception 1538	metres for Part 1 of Block 1.
	Section evi)]	
3.	The maximum projection for a canopy into a required	To permit a maximum projection for a canopy into a
	yard is 0.5 metres [Zoning By-law 1-88, Provision 3.14	required yard of 0.8 metres for Blocks 7 to 15.
	a)]	

Table 2 - Proposed Variances under Zoning By-law 001-2021

#	Zoning By-law 001-2021	Variance Requested
4.	The required minimum front yard setback for Blocks 5,	To permit a minimum front yard setback of 0.90
	6 & 13 to 15 is 2.0 metres [Zoning By-law 001-2021,	metres for Part 51 of Block 15 and 1.42 metres for
	Exception 14.1127 Section 14.1127.1.3]	Part 75 of Block 13.
5.	The required minimum rear yard setback for Blocks 1	To permit a minimum rear yard setback of 1.41
	to 3 is 2.4 metres. [Zoning By-law 001-2021, Exception	metres for Part 1 of Block 1.
	14.1127 Section 14.1127.1.4]	
6.	The maximum projection for a canopy into any required	To permit a maximum projection for a canopy into a
	yard is 0.6 metres [Zoning By-law 001-2021, Section	required yard of 0.8 metres for Blocks 7 to 15.
	4.13.1 & Table 4-1]	

2. Policy Analysis and Planning Justification

The *Planning Act* sets out the legislative framework that governs the consideration of Minor Variance applications. Section 45 of the *Act* authorizes the Committee of Adjustment to make decisions regarding Minor Variance applications. Pursuant to Section 45 (1) of the *Planning Act*, a minor variance must satisfy the following tests:

- I. The variance requested maintains the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan;
- II. The variance requested maintains the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law;
- III. The variance is desirable for the appropriate use of the land; and,
- IV. The variance is minor in nature.

We have reviewed each of the deficiencies identified by the examiner and provided justification as to how each of the proposed variances meet the four tests under the *Planning Act*.

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

Table 3 details how each of the requested variances for the noted deficiencies meet the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan:

Table 3 – Planning Justification for Minor Variance Test #1

Variance	Justification
Variance #1 and #4 (Front Yard	Policy 9.1.2.4.d. and Policy 9.2.3.2.d. of the Official Plan requires townhouse
Setback)	developments to provide for front yard setbacks that are consistent with
	minimum setback requirements to provide for appropriate separation distances



Variance	Justification
	between the adjacent road and other dwellings, and to accommodate landscaping.
Variance #2 & #5 (Rear Yard Setback)	The proposed variance seeks to legalize the as-built front yard conditions for Part 51 and Part 75. Part 51 and Part 75 have minimum front yard setbacks of 0.90 metres and 1.42 metres, respectively. These as-built conditions do not impact the provision of landscaping (i.e. trees and sodding) that were proposed for Part 51 and Part 75. Only sodding was proposed for these parts and which has been provided accordingly. The deficiencies are also limited to small portions of the front yards for Part 51 and Part 75; most of their front yards comply with the minimum front yard setbacks prescribed in the site-specific zoning exceptions. Overall, the as-built conditions for Part 51 and Part 75 are consistent with minimum setback requirements and provide for appropriate buffering and landscaping. We believe that these proposed variances maintain the general intent and purpose of Official Plan Policy 9.1.2.4.d. and 9.2.3.2.d. Policy 9.1.2.4.d. and Policy 9.2.3.2.d. of the Official Plan requires townhouse developments to provide for rear yard setbacks that are consistent with minimum setback requirements. The general intent of this is to provide for
	appropriate separation distances amongst townhouse units and roads. The proposed variance seeks to legalize the as-built rear yard condition for Part 1, which has a minimum rear yard setback of 1.41 metres. Similar to our rationale above, this as-built condition does not impact the provision of landscaping as only sodding was proposed and is currently provided. The deficiency is also limited to a small portion of the rear yard for Part 1 given its position as a corner lot resulting in a smaller rear yard at the corner to accommodate the side yard condition. However, Part 1 maintains appropriate separation distances with other lots as no other townhouse unit faces the rear yard of Part 1. Overall, the as-built condition for Part 1 is consistent with minimum setback requirements and provide for appropriate buffering, landscaping, and private amenity area. We believe that these proposed variances maintain the general intent and purpose of Official Plan Policy 9.1.2.4.d. and 9.2.3.2.d.
Variance #3 & #6 (Canopy Projection)	Policy 9.1.2.4.d. and Policy 9.2.3.2.e. of the Official Plan require townhouse developments to respect the scale and massing of adjacent development and any applicable urban design guidelines. The general intent of this is to ensure that new development fits into the existing built form context of <i>Low-Rise Residential Areas</i> in Established Community Areas. The proposed variance seeks to legalize the as-built canopies for Blocks 7 to 15 which project 0.8 metres into the front yard. Blocks 7 to 15 consist of the townhouse blocks located at and facing inwards toward the interior of the Subject Property. The other blocks along Atkinson Avenue and the southern lot



Variance	Justification
	with canopies that comply with the maximum permitted projections of canopies (0.5 metres in Zoning By-law 1-88 and 0.6 metres in Zoning By-law 001-2021). Given their locations and orientations, the oversized canopies of Blocks 7 to 15 will continue to fit into and respect the existing built form context of the area. As well, these canopies will provide additional weather protection per Performance Standard 5.2.2.j. of the City-Wide Urban Design Guidelines. Overall, we believe that these proposed variances maintain the general intent and purpose of Official Plan Policy 9.1.2.4.d. and 9.2.3.2.d.

Based on the above, it is our opinion that the proposed variances maintain the general intent and purpose of the City of Vaughan Official Plan.

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

Table 4 details how the proposed variances for the noted deficiencies meet the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-laws:

Table 4 - Planning Justification for Minor Variance Test #2

Variance	Justification
Variance #1 and #4 (Front Yard Setback)	The general purpose and intent of a front yard setback is to provide sufficient room for landscaping and buffering amongst dwellings and roads. The proposed variance will maintain the general purpose and intent of the Zoning By-law as the deficient front yard setbacks represent minimums that are limited to the pinch points between the front lot lines and the main walls resulting from Part 51 and Part 75's positions as corner lots. Most of the proposed front yard conditions provide for setbacks close to and meeting the by-law minimum. Sodding was provided in accordance with the approved Landscape Plan. Furthermore, the deficient front yards do not impact the separation distances with the lots in front of Part 51 and Part 75 as illustrated on the Plan of Survey. Thus, it is our opinion that this proposed variance meets the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.
Variance #2 & #5 (Rear Yard Setback)	Please refer to our justification for Variance #2 and #5 in Table 3. The proposed variance will maintain the general purpose and intent of the Zoning By-law as the 1.41 metre setback represent a minimum that is limited to the pinch point between the rear lot line and the main wall, which results from Part 1's position as a corner lot. Most of the proposed rear yard condition provides for a setback close to and meeting the by-law minimum. Sodding was provided in accordance with the approved Landscape Plan. Furthermore, the deficient rear yard does not impact the privacy of Part 1 as no other townhouse unit faces this lot. Thus, it is our opinion that this proposed variance meets the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.
Variance #3 & #6 (Canopy Projection)	The general intent and purpose of a maximum canopy projection in the Zoning By-law is to ensure that outdoor building elements are appropriately sized and massed, and to ensure that they do not exceed the front yard and encroach into



Variance	Justification
	adjacent property. As earlier discussed, the as-built canopies for Blocks 7 to 15 are oriented toward the interior of the Subject Property and will respect the existing built form context of the area. As well, the minimum front yard that is being requested in this application is 0.9 metres for Part 51 of Block 15 and Part 75 of Block 13. Therefore, the oversized canopies will not exceed the minimum front yards on the Subject Property. Thus, it is our opinion that this proposed variance meets the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.

Based on the above, it is our opinion that the proposed variances maintain the general intent and purpose of Zoning By-Law 569-2013.

3. Desirable for the Appropriate Use of Land

Table 5 details how the proposed variances for the noted deficiencies are desirable for the appropriate use of land:

Table 5 – Planning Justification for Minor Variance Test #3

Variance	Justification
Variance #1 and #3 (Front Yard Setback)	The proposed variances are necessary to legalize the as-built condition and allow the applicant of the Condo application 19CDM-21V005 to clear conditions of draft approval. This would then allow the applicant to establish the condominium corporation that would maintain the common elements of the Subject Property, as well as close on the units sold to future residents. We believe this to be appropriate for the desirable use of land as it is legalizing built housing stock within the community.
Variance #2 & #4 (Rear Yard Setback)	Please refer to the rationale above.
Variance #3 & #6 (Canopy Projection)	The proposed variances will allow the applicant to legalize the as-built condition of the canopies, clear conditions of draft approval for condominium application 19CDM-21V005, and establish the condominium corporation. The oversized canopies will also allow for additional weather protection for Blocks 7 to 15. We believe this to be appropriate for the desirable use of land.

Based on the above, it is our opinion that the proposed variances are desirable for the appropriate of the Subject Property as a common element condominium townhouse development.



4. Minor in Nature

Table 5 details how the requested variances for the remaining deficiencies will result in impacts that are only minor in nature:

Table 6 - Planning Justification for Minor Variance Test #4

Variance	Justification
Variance #1 and #3 (Front Yard Setback)	The proposed variances represent a numerical deficiency of 1.1 metres for Part 51 and 0.58 metres for Part 75. from the minimum front yard setback requirement that is limited to the aforementioned pinch point. We believe that this deficiency is minor in nature as it did not preclude opportunities to provide sodding within the front yard per the Landscape Plan, nor does it numerically impact the separation distances with the lots in front of Part 51 and Part 75 given their positions along a road curvature.
Variance #2 & #4 (Rear Yard Setback)	The proposed variances represent numerical deficiency of 0.99 metres (Part 1) from the minimum rear yard setback requirement that is limited to the aforementioned pinch points. We believe that this deficiency is minor in nature given that it did not preclude opportunities to provide sodding within the rear yard per the Landscape Plan, and the privacy of the unit in Part 1 is maintained as no other townhouse faces this lot.
Variance #3 & #6 (Canopy Projection)	Variances #3 and #6 exceed the maximum allowable canopy projection by 0.3 metres under Zoning By-law 1-88 and 0.2 metres under Zoning By-law 001-2021. It is our opinion that this deficiency is minor in nature given that the oversized canopies are oriented toward the interior of the Subject Property and will respect the existing built form context of the area as a result.

Based on the above, it is our opinion that the impacts of the proposed variances are minor in nature and represent good planning.

3. Conclusion

Based on our analysis and the information provided herein, we are of the opinion that the requested variances in this application meet the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law, are desirable and appropriate for the Subject Property, and would have impacts that are minor in nature. In our opinion, the criteria prescribed by Section 45(1) of the *Planning Act* are satisfied.

We are of the opinion that the proposed application has merit and represents good planning, and should be approved. We request that the enclosed application be considered and approved by the Committee of Adjustment.

The following digital materials have been submitted in support of the proposed Minor Variance application:

- 1. Application Form, completed digitally by Weston Consulting,
- 2. Surveyor's Real Property Report Part 1: Plan of Survey of Part of Block 165 Registered Plan 65M-2219 prepared by R. Avis Surveying Inc., dated May 21, 2024; and,
- 3. Landscape Plan L-1 and L-2, prepared by Adesso Design Inc., dated May 2, 2022.
- 4. Parcel Abstract, prepared by Owens Wright LLP, dated July 30, 2024.
- 5. Canopy Projections Illustration, prepared by Icon Architects, dated April 17, 2024.



The application fee in the amount of \$6,252.50 has already been provided and processed online. We trust that the information and materials provided in this submission are sufficient for the purpose of completing the Zoning Review and circulating the application for review and comment. Should there be any questions or additional information that is required, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at ssgotto@westonconsulting.com or Steven Pham at spham@westonconsulting.com.

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SCHEDULE D: BACKGROUND

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None	N/A