Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

April 12, 2023

File: A/032/23

Address: 67 Ramona Boulevard, Markham

Applicant: Vachik Hagopain

Agent: RT Architects (Raffi Tashdjian)
Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023

The following comments are provided on behalf of the East Team:

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of "One-Family Detached Dwellings (R1)" of By-law 1229, as amended, as it relates to a proposed single detached dwelling. The variances requested are to permit:

a) Amending By-law 99-90, Section 1.2(i):

a maximum building height of 10.48 metres, whereas the By-law permits a maximum building height of 9.80 metres.

b) Amending By-law 99-90, Section 1.2(vi):

a maximum floor area ratio of 52.83 percent, whereas the By-law permits a maximum floor area ratio of 45 percent.

BACKGROUND

Property Description

The 664.07 m² (7,147.99 ft²) subject property is located on the corner of Ramona Boulevard and Sir Constantine Drive. The property is located within an established residential neighbourhood comprised of a mix of one and two-storey detached dwellings. The street has remained stable with minimal redevelopment to date.

There is an existing single detached dwelling on the property, which according to assessment records was constructed in 1972.

Proposal

The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing single detached dwelling and construct a new two-storey single detached dwelling. The proposed dwelling will have an approximate gross floor area of 342 m^2 (3681.26 ft^2).

Official Plan and Zoning

Official Plan 2014 (partially approved on November 24/17, and updated on April 9/18)

The Official Plan designates the subject property "Residential Low Rise", which provides for low rise housing forms including single detached dwellings. Single detached dwellings are required to meet the general intent of the Official Plan with respect to height, massing, and setbacks. This criteria is established to ensure that the development is appropriate for the site and generally consistent with the zoning requirements for adjacent properties and properties along the same street, while accommodating a diversity of building styles. Regard shall also be had for the retention and enhancement of existing trees and vegetation.

Zoning By-Law 1229

The subject property is zoned "One-Family Detached Dwellings (R1)" under By-law 1229, as amended, which permits single detached dwellings. The proposed development does not comply with the By-law with respect to the proposed increase of the maximum floor area and the maximum building height.

Residential Infill Zoning By-law 99-90

The subject property is also subject to the Residential Infill Zoning By-law 99-90. The intent of this By-law is to ensure the built form of new residential construction will maintain the character of existing neighbourhoods. It specifies development standards for building depth, garage projection, garage width, net floor area ratio, height, yard setbacks and number of storeys. The proposed development does not comply with the infill By-law requirements with respect to the allowed building height and the maximum floor area ratio.

Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Undertaken

The owner has completed a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) on March 7, 2023 to confirm the variances required for the proposed development.

COMMENTS

The Planning Act states that four tests must be met in order for a variance to be granted by the Committee of Adjustment:

- a) The variance must be minor in nature;
- b) The variance must be desirable, in the opinion of the Committee of Adjustment, for the appropriate development or use of land, building or structure;
- c) The general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law must be maintained;
- d) The general intent and purpose of the Official Plan must be maintained.

Increase in Maximum Floor Area Ratio

The applicant is requesting relief to permit a floor area ratio of 52.93 percent, whereas the By-law permits a maximum floor area ratio of 45 percent. The variance will facilitate the construction of a two-storey detached dwelling with a floor area of 342 m² (3,681.26 ft²), whereas the By-law permits a dwelling with a maximum floor area of 287.4 m² (3,093.75 ft²). This represents an increase of approximately 54.6 m² (587.70 ft²).

Floor Area Ratio is a measure of the interior square footage of the dwelling as a percentage of the net lot area however; it is not a definitive measure of the mass of the dwelling.

The building layout meets all other zoning provisions (such as setbacks and lot coverage) that establish the prescribed building envelope, which ensures the proposed dwelling will be in keeping with the intended scale of residential infill developments for the neighbourhood. Staff are of the opinion that the proposed floor area ratio is minor in nature and staff have no concern with the requested variance.

Increase in Maximum Building Height

The applicant is requesting relief to permit a maximum building height of 10.48 m (34.38 ft), whereas the By-law permits a maximum building height of 9.8 m (32.15 ft). This

represents an increase of 0.68 m (2.23 ft) which will not impact the streetscape and is minor in nature. Therefore, staff have no concerns with the proposed increase in height.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of April 12 2023. It is noted that additional information may be received after the writing of the report, and the Secretary-Treasurer will provide information on this at the meeting.

CONCLUSION

Planning Staff have reviewed the application with respect to Section 45(1) of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, and are of the opinion that the variance request meets the four tests of the Planning Act and have no objection. Staff recommend that the Committee consider public input in reaching a decision.

The onus is ultimately on the applicant to demonstrate why they should be granted relief from the requirements of the zoning by-law, and how they satisfy the tests of the Planning Act required for the granting of minor variances.

Please refer to Appendix "A" for conditions to be attached to any approval of this application.

APPENDICES

Appendix "A" – Conditions of Approval Appendix "B" - Plans

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Stacia Muradali, Development Manager, East District

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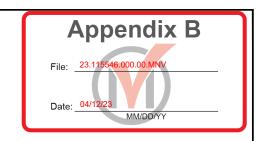
APPENDIX "A" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/032/23

- 1. The variances apply only to the proposed development as long as it remains;
- 2. That the variances apply only to the subject development, in substantial conformity with the batch stamped plans attached as Appendix B to this Staff Report, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from the Director of Planning and Urban Design or designate that this condition has been fulfilled to his or her satisfaction.

CONDITIONS PREPARED BY:

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2 STOREY CUSTOM HOUSE DESIGN PROJECT

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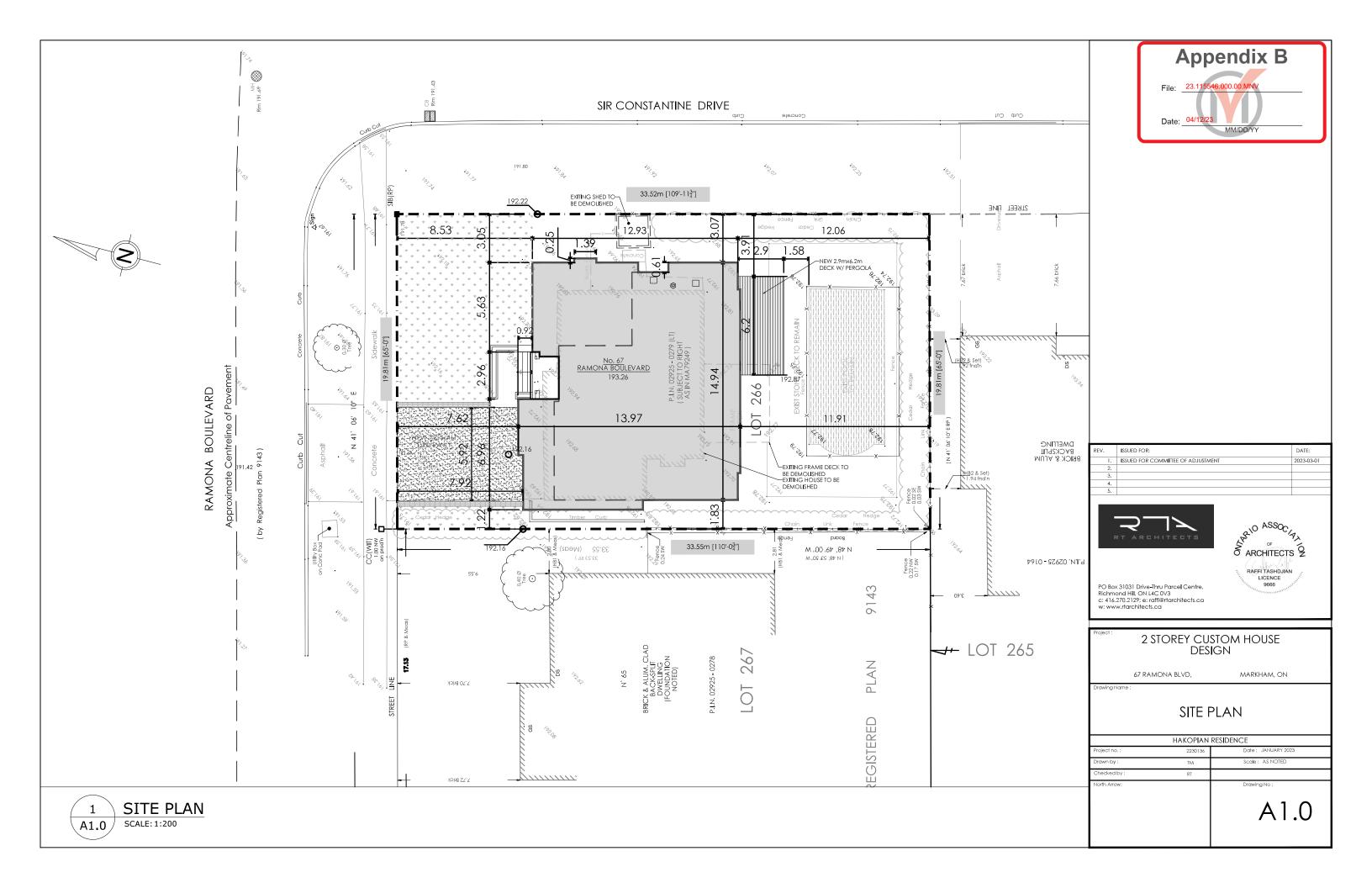


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ZONING STATISTICS:	MARKHAM ZONING		
ZONING: R-1Residential under by-law 1229 as amended by 99-90			
BUILDING STRUCTURE: DETTACHED			
	ZONING BY LAW	PROPOSED	
LOT AREA:	664.3 SM [7,150.0 SF]	
GROUND FLOOR LEVEL AREA: (INC. COVERED PORCH, GARAGE INTERIOR AREA & GARDEN EQ.)		203.4 SM [2,189.7 SF]	
SECOND FLOOR LEVEL AREA: (INC. STAIRS AREA)		146.4 SM [1,575.5 SF]	
STAIRS & COVERED PORCH AREA		12.4 SM [133.2 SF]	
GROSS FLOOR AREA:	287.4 SM [3,093.75 SF] (45% OF 6,875 SQ FT)	•	
LOT COVERAGE: (GROUND FL & COVERED PORCH)	35%	30.4%	
BUILDING HEIGHT: (FROM ROAD CENTERLINE LEVEL TO ROOF PEAK.)	9.80M	10.48M	
BUILDING SETBACK:			
FRONT:	7.62M / 25F	7.62M / 25F	
REAR:	7.62M / 25F	11.91M / 49'-1"F	
SIDE-INTIRIOR:	1.22M-1.83 / 4F-6F	1.22M-3.66 / 4F-12F	
SIDE-EXTERIOR:	3.05M / 10F	3.05M / 10F	

LANDSCAPE DATA:			
DESCRIPTION:	SQ M	SQ FT	%
TOTAL FRONT AREA:	162.9	1,753.7	
TOTAL CAR PARKING HARD AREA:	46.0	495.1	
TOTAL LANDSCAPE AREA :	116.9	1,258.6	71.8
TOTAL AREA OF SIDEWALK & CONCRETE STEP & BORDERS:	13.8	148.8	
TOTAL SOFT LANDSCAPE AREA:	103.1	1,109.8	88.2

GRASS

CONCRETE BORDER

GROUND FLOOR LINE

SECOND FLOOR LINE

COVERED PORCH

DECK W/ PERGOLA

NEW ASPHALT

Appendix B

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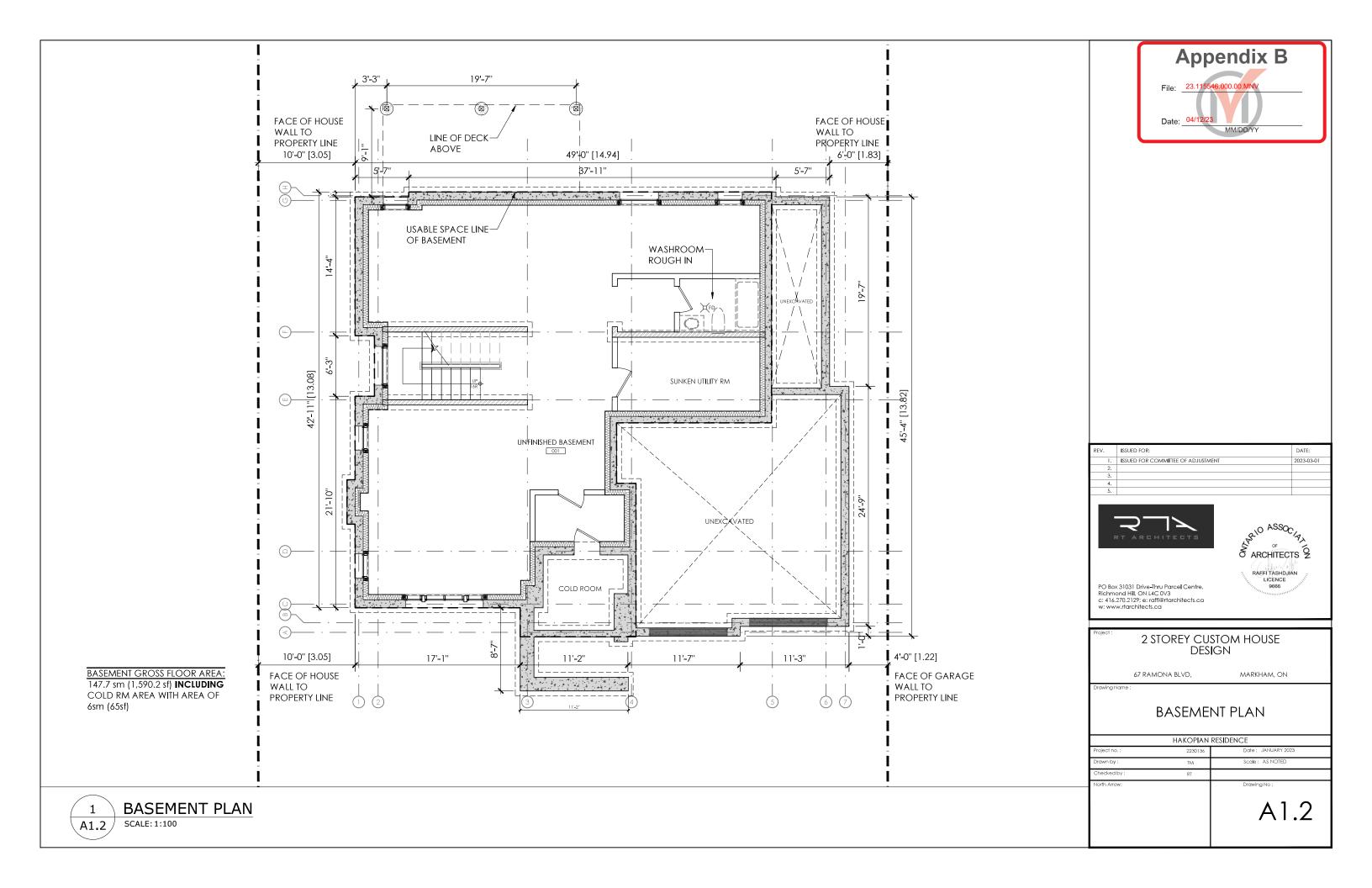
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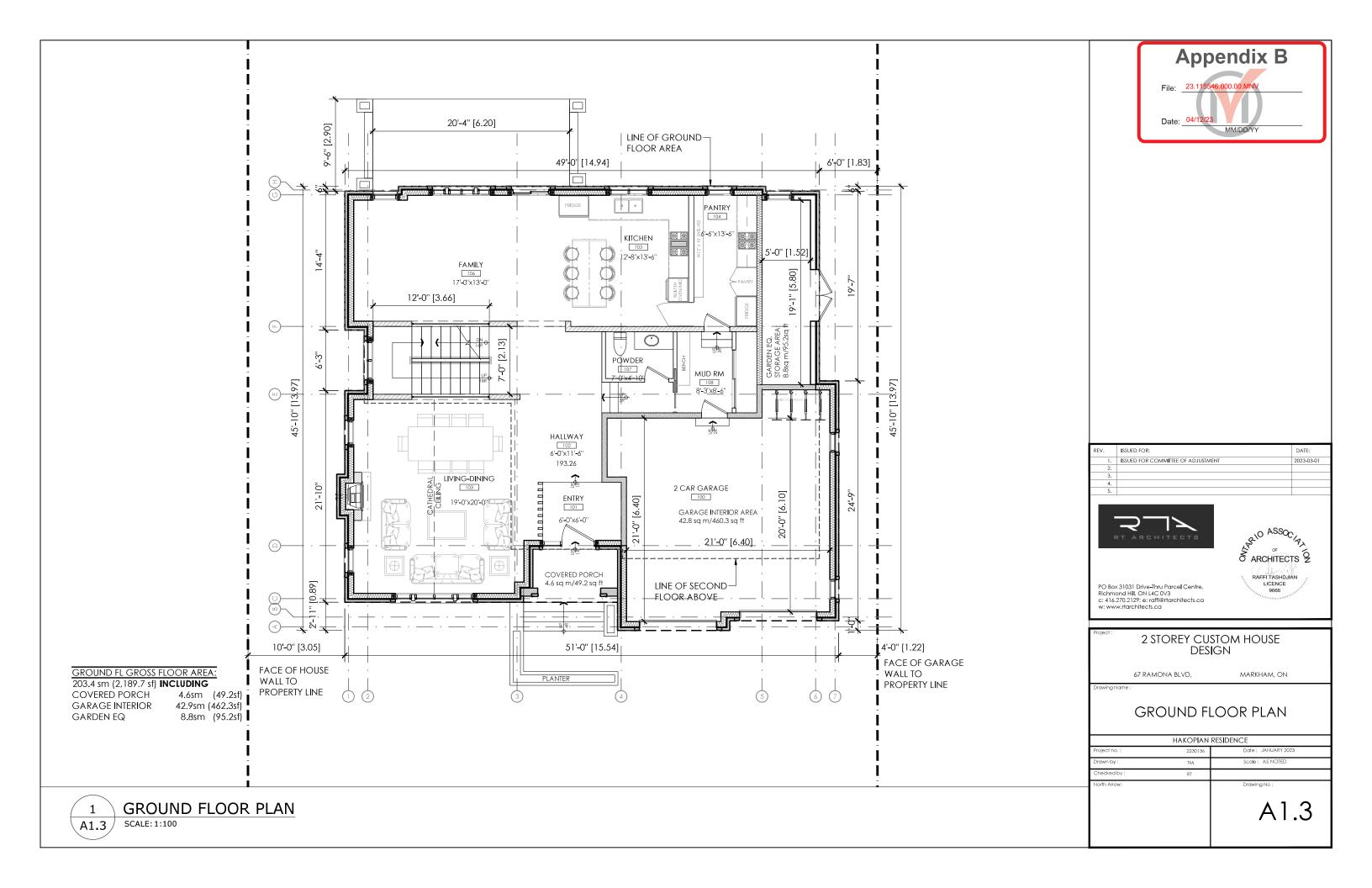
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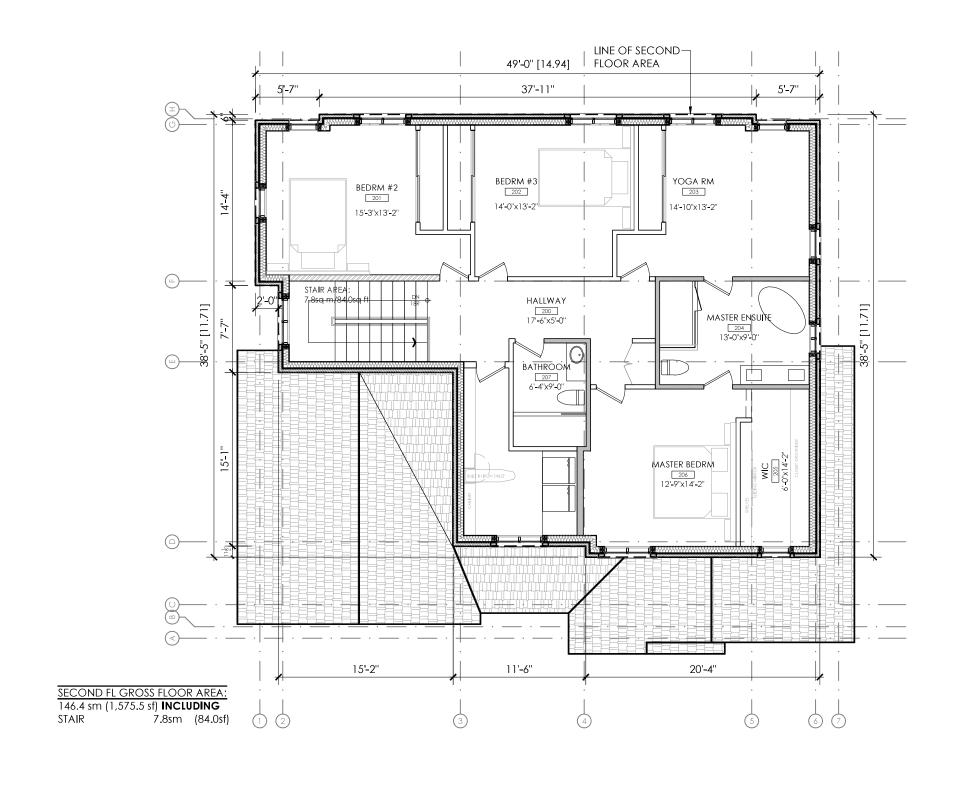
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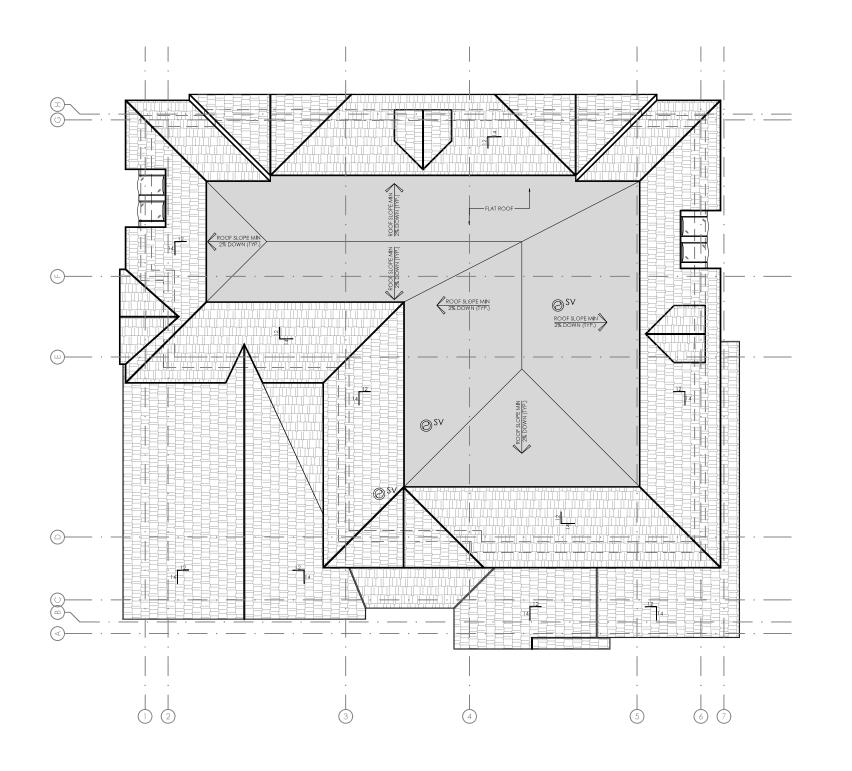
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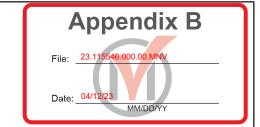
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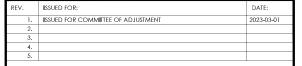
ROOF PLAN

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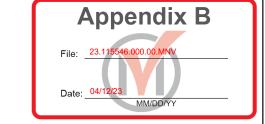
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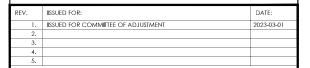
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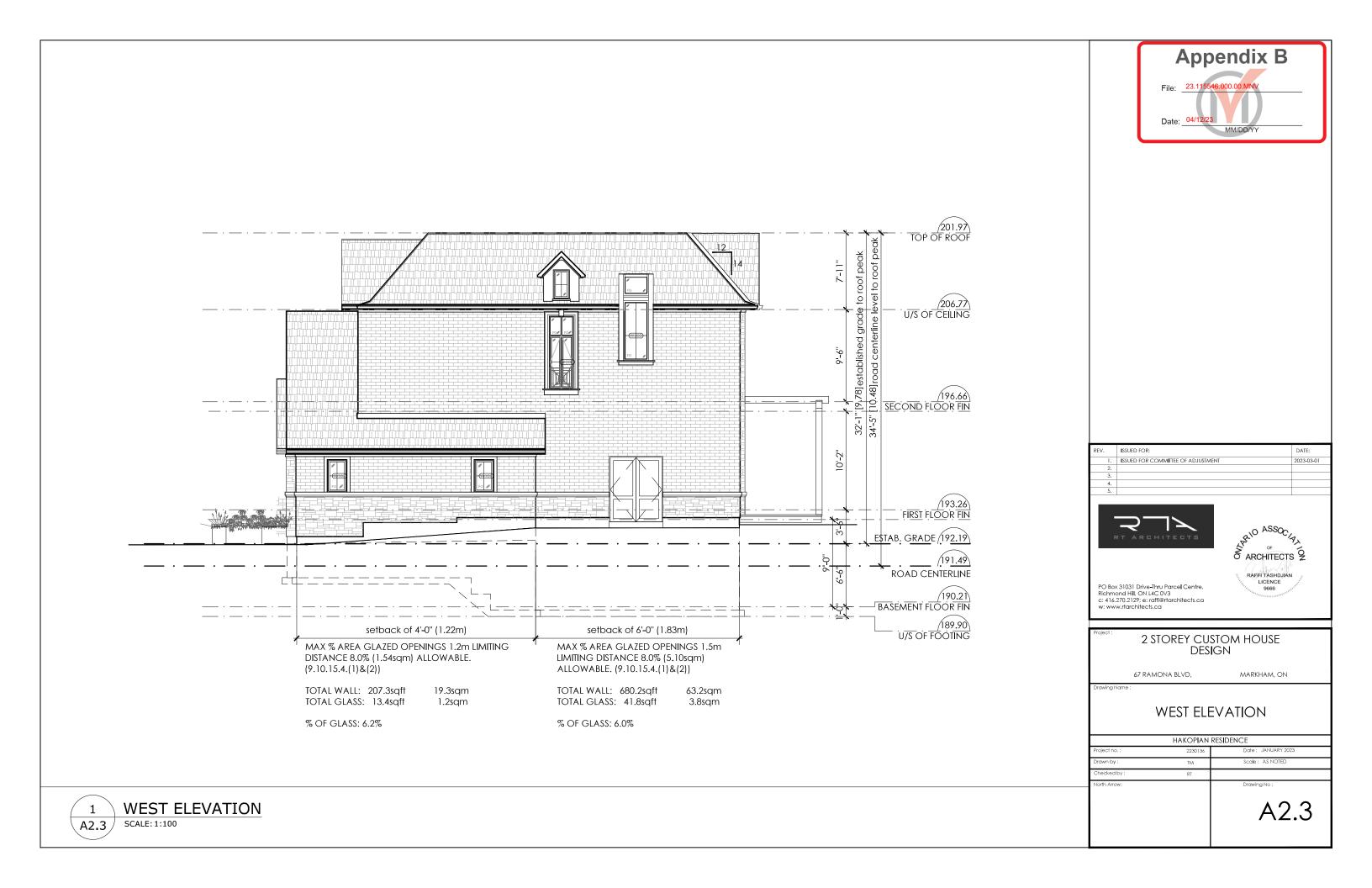
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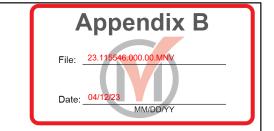
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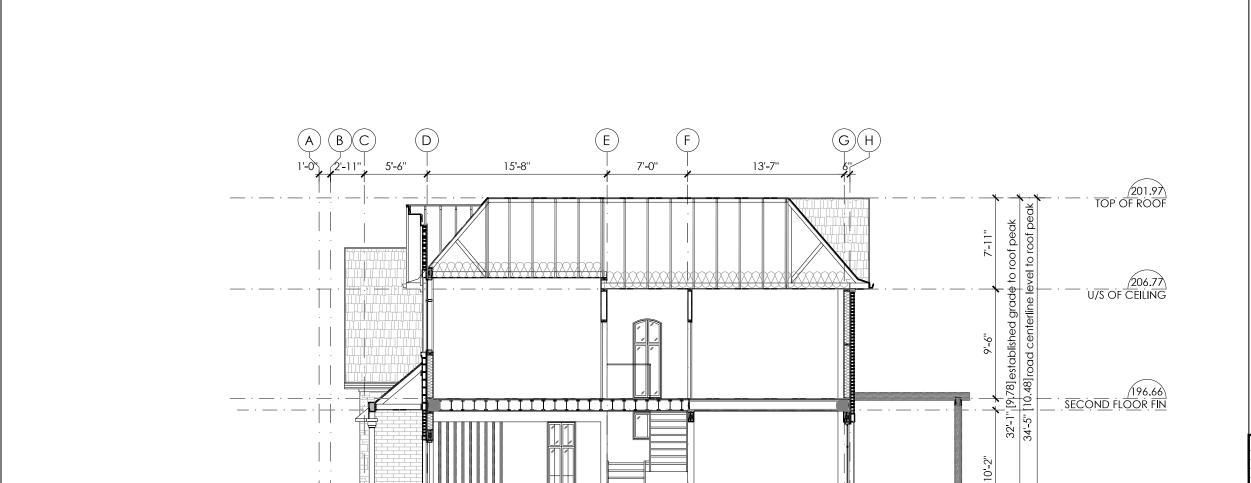
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