# **Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment** May 30, 2022

File: A/173/21

Address: 9 Banquo Road, Thornhill

Applicant: Joseph Fazzini

Hearing Date: Wednesday, June 08, 2022

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

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of the Third Density Single Family Residential (R3A) zone under By-law 2489, as amended, to permit:

#### a) By-law 2489, Section 6.1:

a minimum front yard setback of 22.5 ft; whereas, the By-law permits a minimum front yard setback of 27 ft;

#### b) By-law 2489, Section 6.1:

a maximum lot coverage of 36 percent (2,166 ft²); whereas, the By-law permits a maximum lot coverage of 33.3 percent (2,005 ft²);

as it relates to a proposed single-detached dwelling.

#### **COMMENTS**

The Committee of Adjustment deferred this application sine die at their meeting on March 9, 2022 to address concerns raised by residents regarding the impacts of the proposed dwelling on the streetscape and the character of the neighbourhood; concerns with a lack of privacy; and, concerns with the proposed rear yard setback. Committee members noted that the proposed dwelling appeared to be too large for the lot; expressed concerns with the lack of permeable space around the dwelling; the overall height of the proposed dwelling; and, the proposed lot coverage.

The applicant submitted revised plans on April 26, 2022 (See Appendix C) which removed the variances for building height and rear yard setback. In addition, the minimum front yard setback variance was revised from 20.89 ft (6.36 m) to 22.5 ft (6.85 m), whereas, the By-law permits a minimum front yard setback of 27 ft. The applicant also revised the lot coverage variance from 43.5 percent to 36 percent, whereas, the By-law permits a maximum lot coverage of 33.3 percent.

Staff's previous comments provided to the Committee of Adjustment dated February 28, 2022 remain applicable (See Staff Report, Appendix D).

#### 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 variances requested meet the four tests of the Planning Act and have no objection. Staff recommend that the Committee consider public input in reaching a decision.

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

#### **Appendices**

Appendix "A" - Conditions of Approval

Appendix "B" - Original Plans Appendix "C" - Revised Plans

Appendix "D" – February 28, 2022 Staff Report

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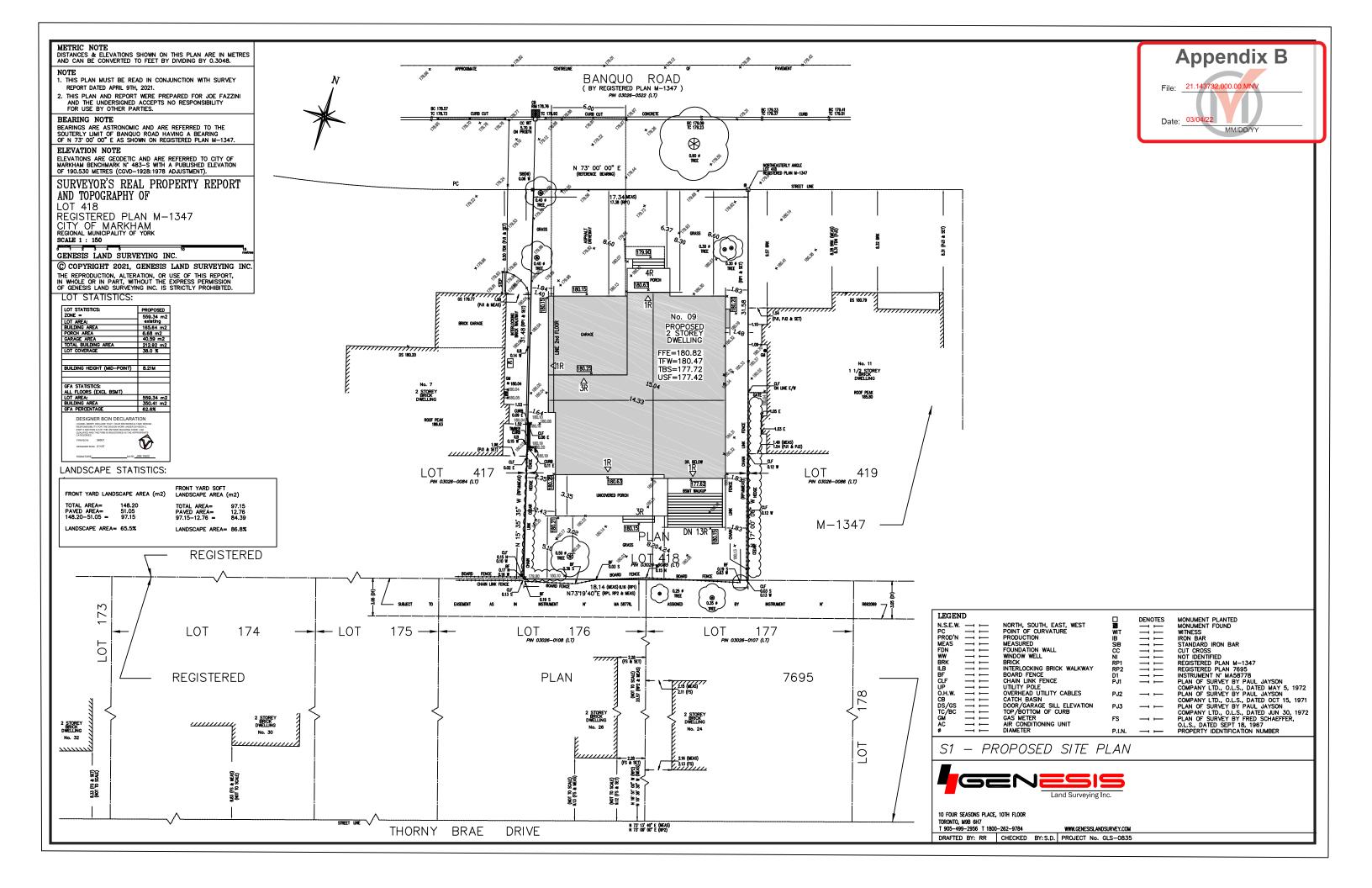
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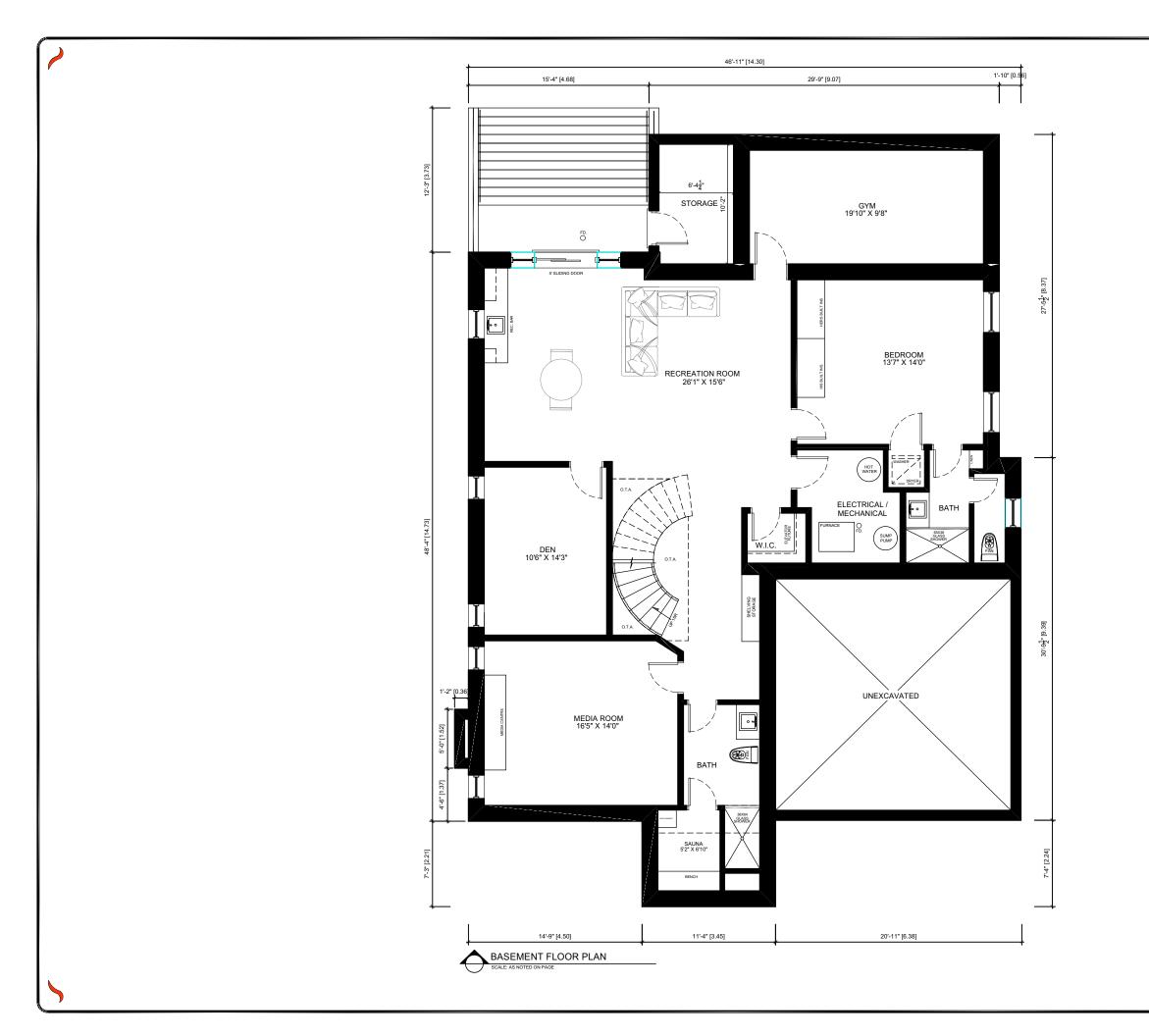
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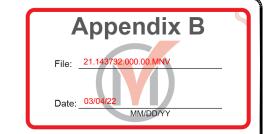
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- 6. That the applicant satisfies the requirements of *Metrolinx*, financial or otherwise, as indicated in their letter, to the satisfaction of *Metrolinx*, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled to the satisfaction of *Metrolinx*.

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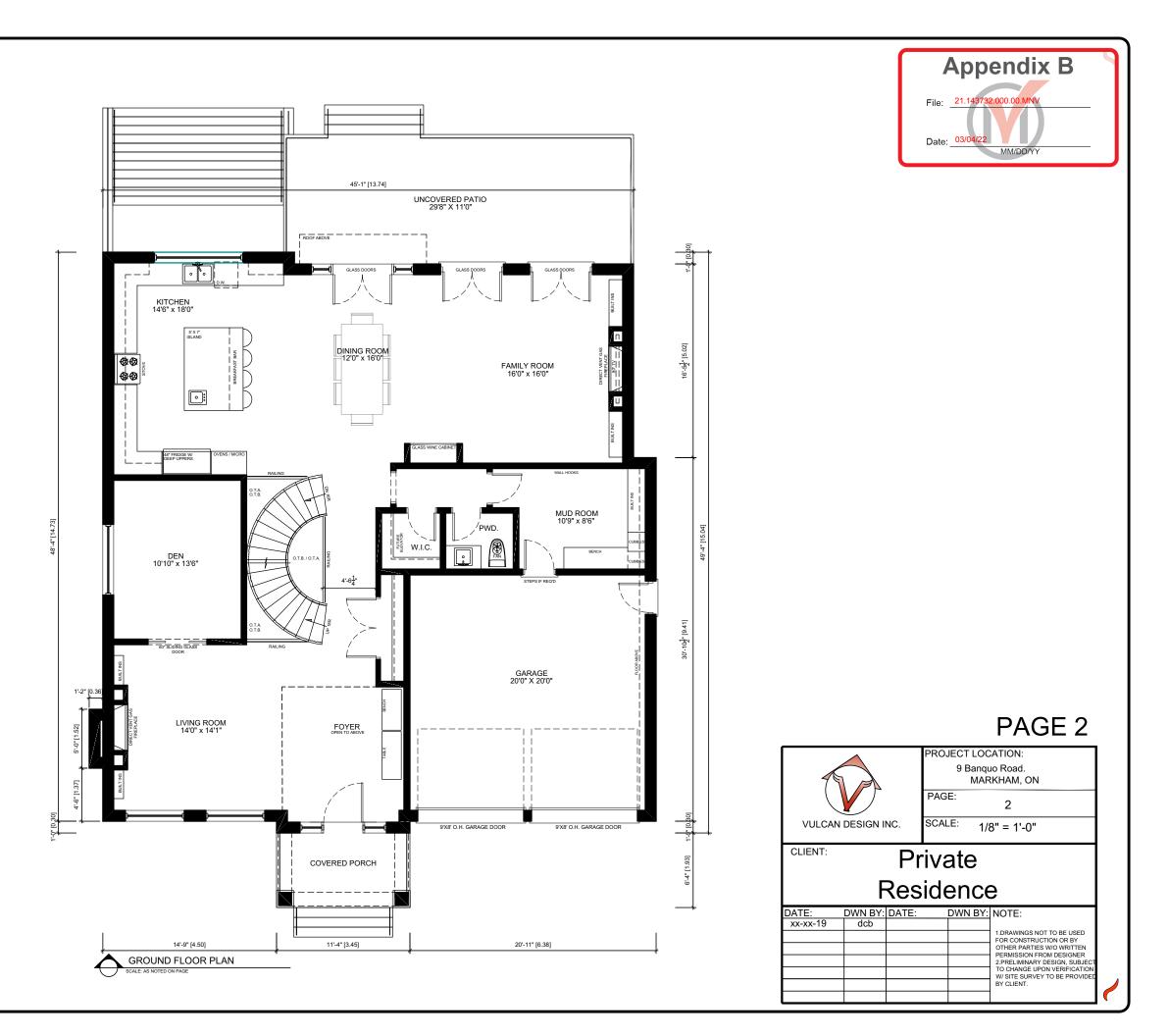
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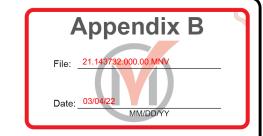
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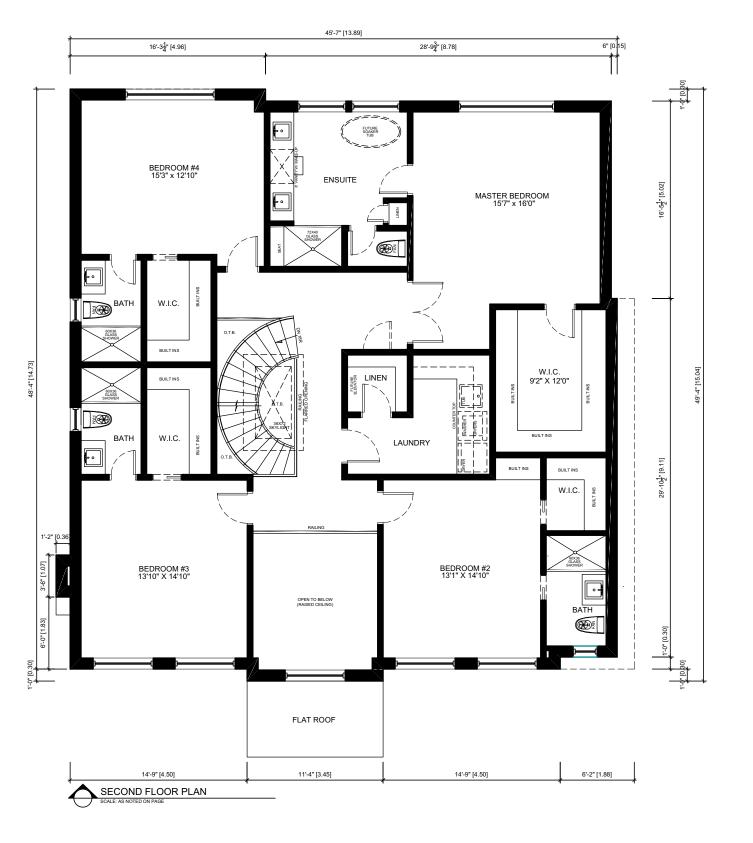
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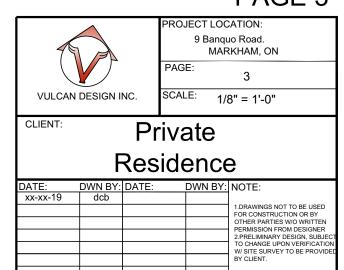
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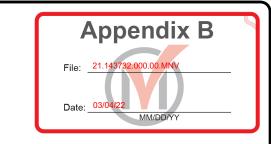
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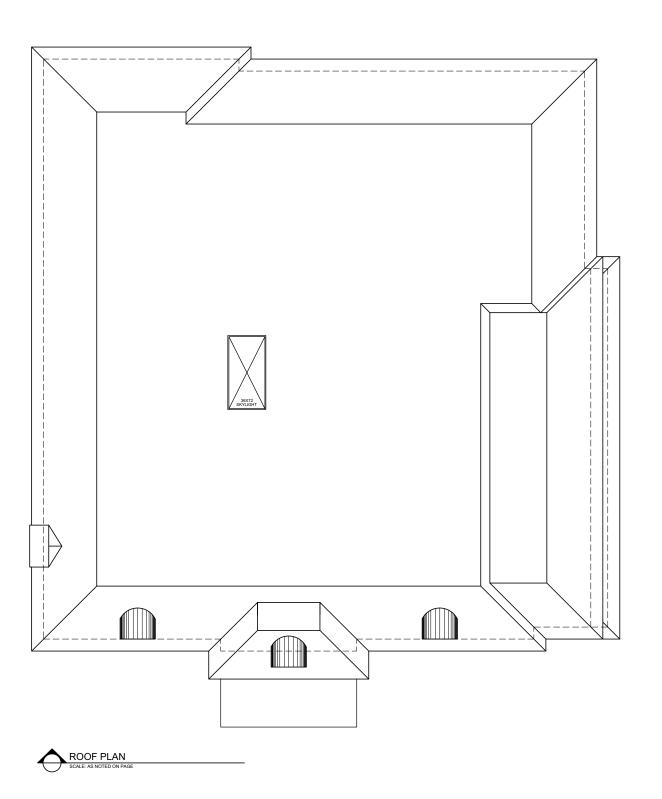
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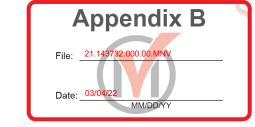
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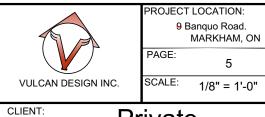
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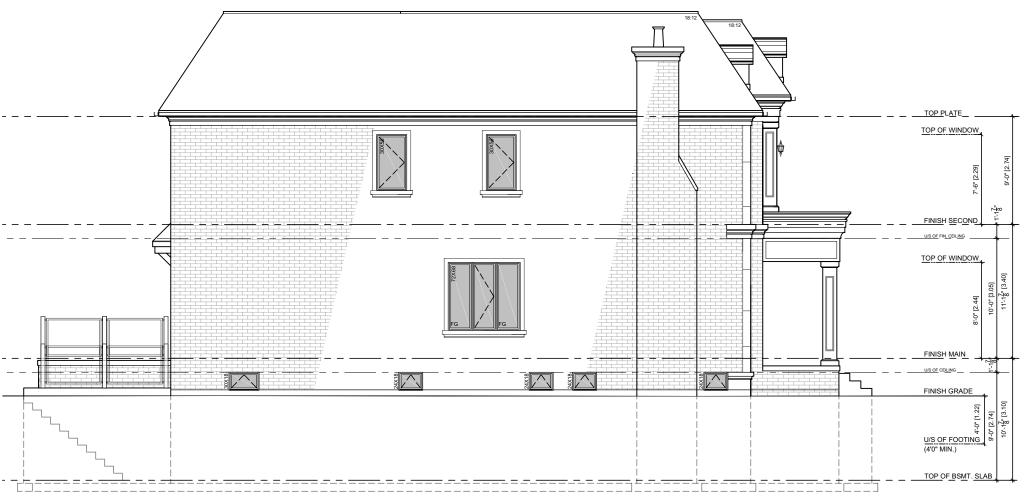
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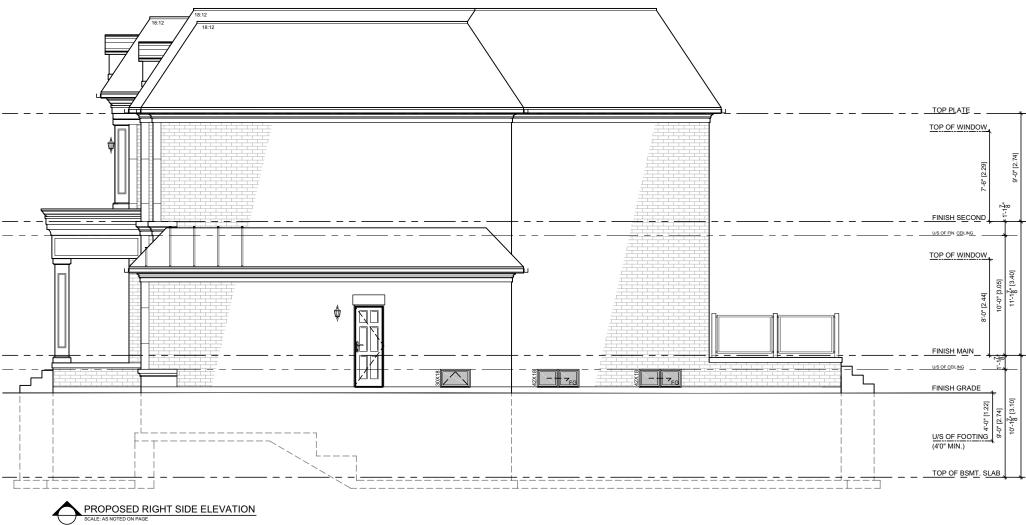


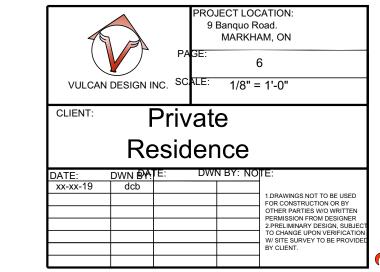
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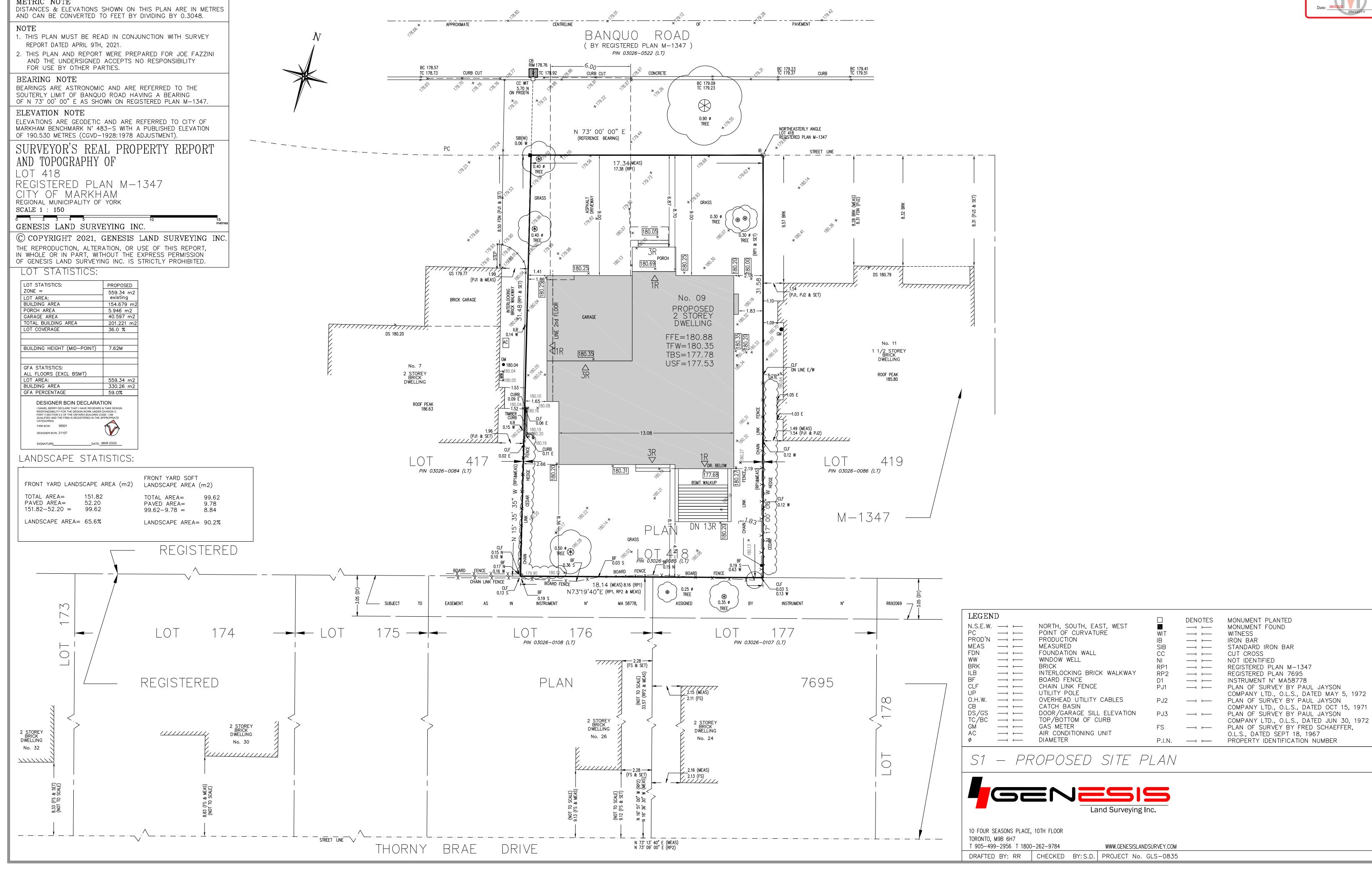


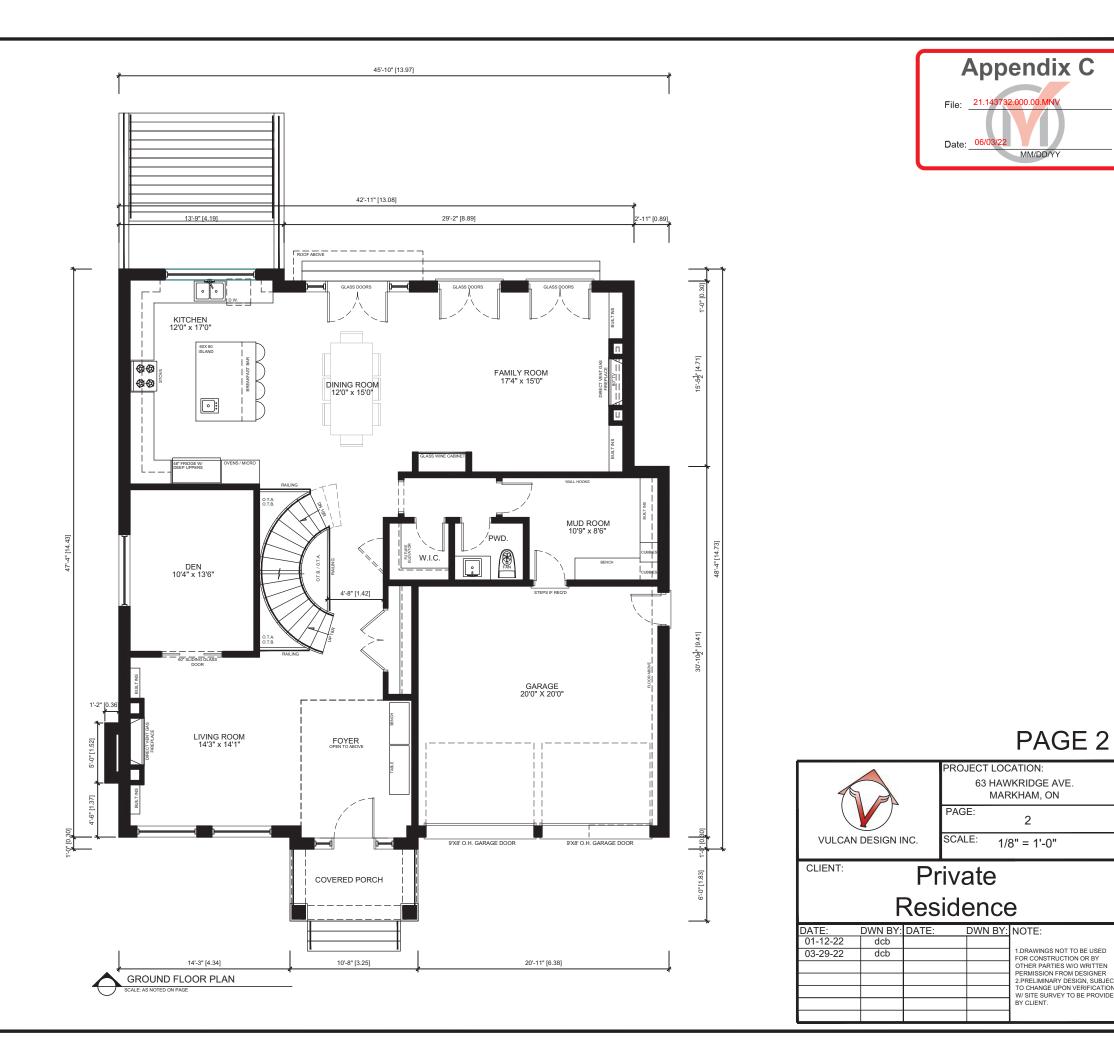
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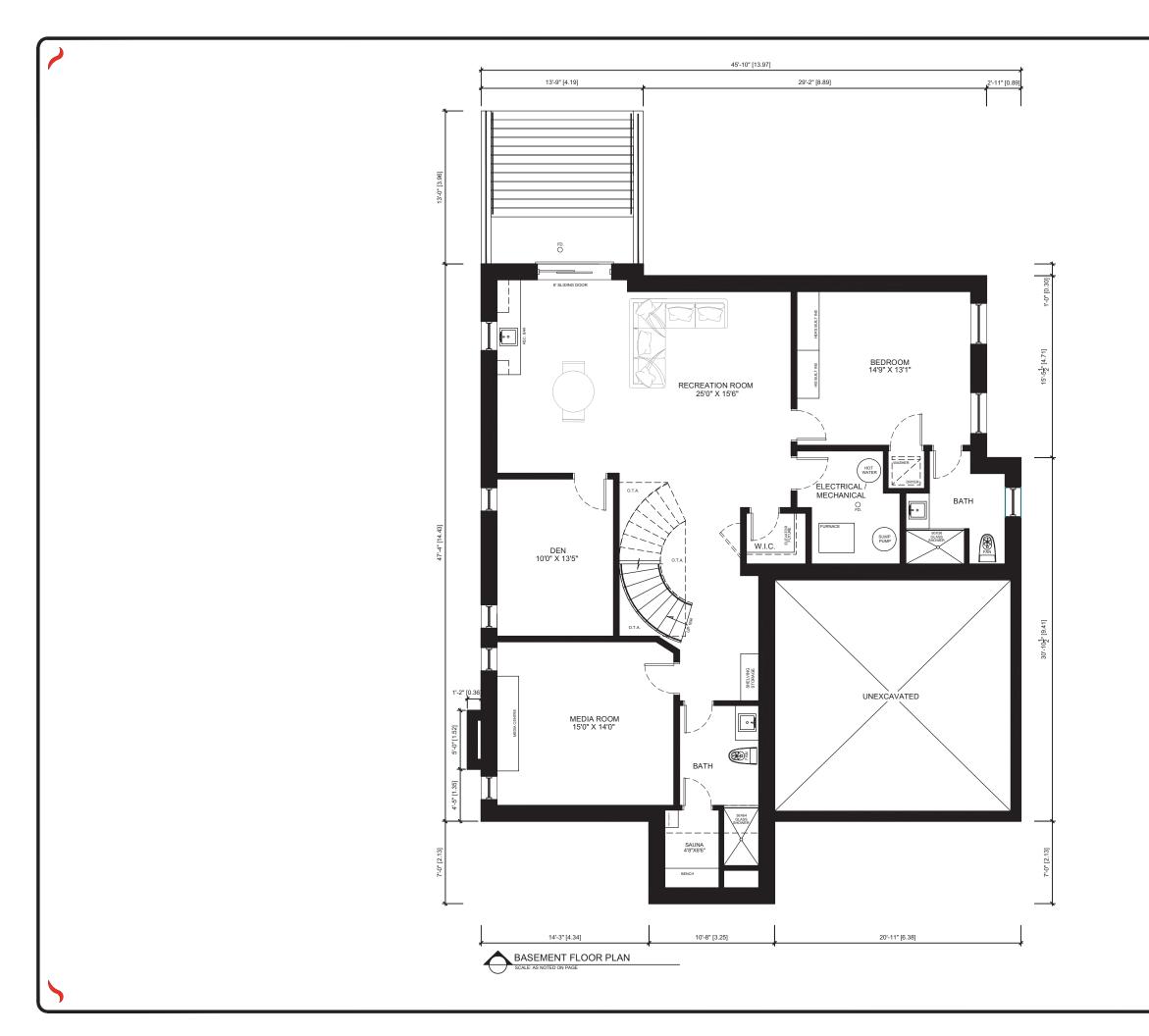
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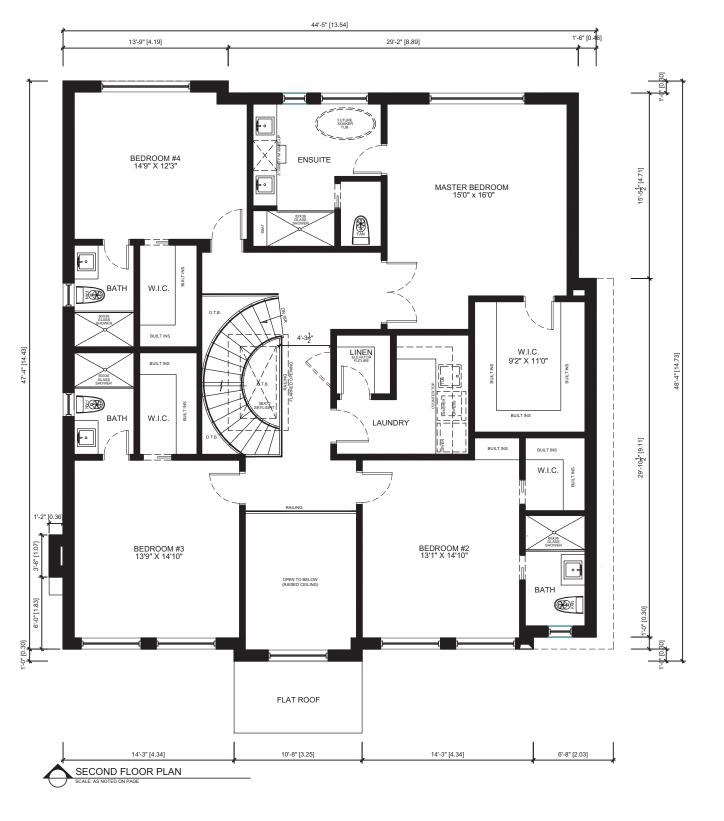
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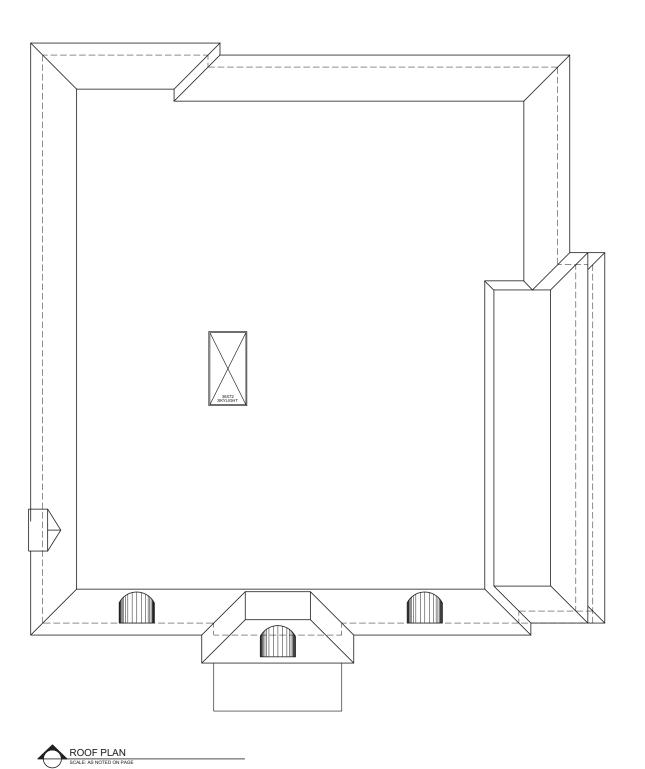
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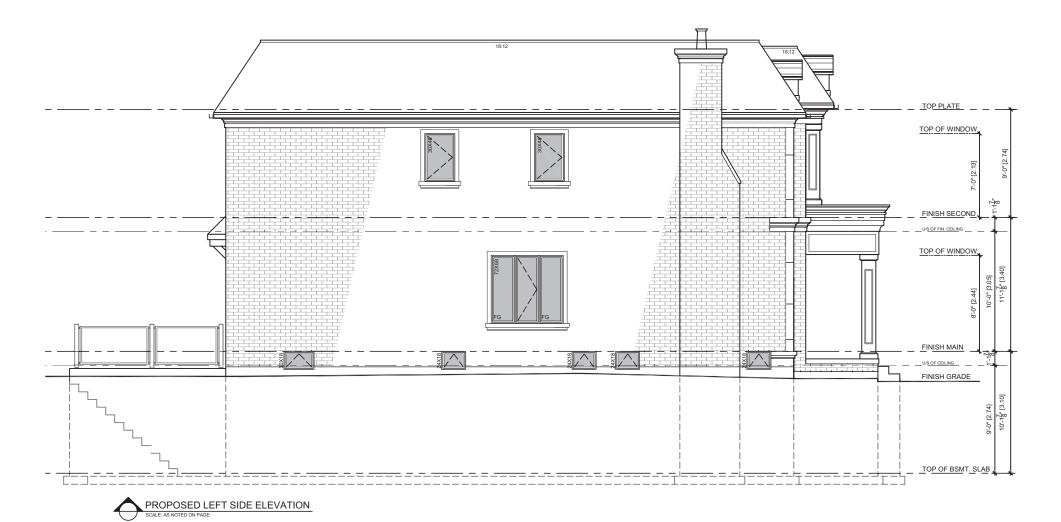
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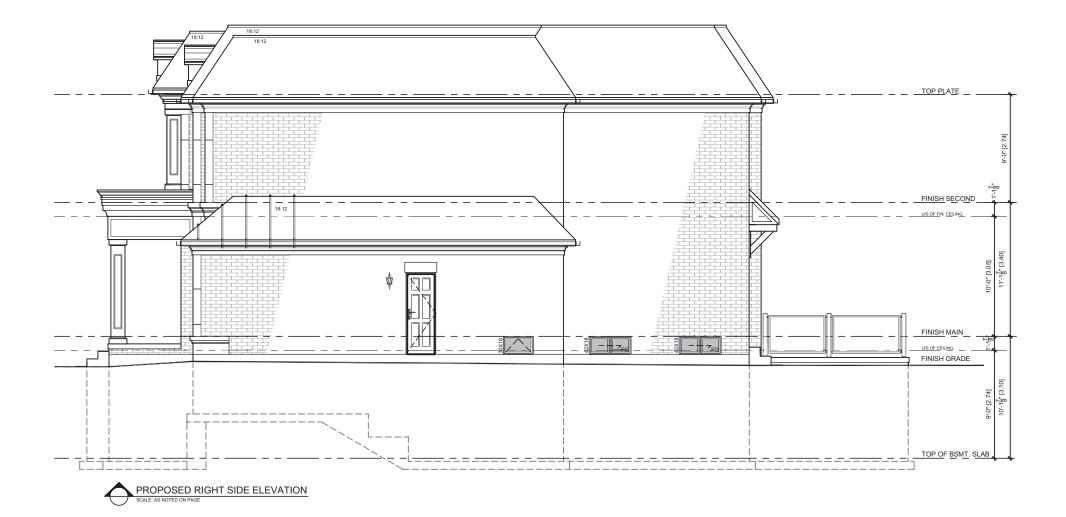
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Address: 9 Banquo Road, Thornhill

Applicant: Joseph Fazzini

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 09, 2022

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

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of the Third Density Single Family Residential (R3A) zone under By-law 2489, as amended, to permit:

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a minimum front yard setback of 20.89 ft; whereas, the By-law permits a minimum front yard setback of 27 ft;

#### b) By-law 2489, Section 6.1:

a minimum rear yard setback of 16.75 ft; whereas, the By-law permits a minimum rear yard setback of 25 ft;

#### c) By-law 2489, Section 6.1:

a maximum lot coverage of 43.5 percent (2,622 ft²); whereas, the By-law permits a maximum lot coverage of 33.3 percent (2,005 ft²);

#### d) By-law 2489, Section 6.1:

a maximum building height of 26.93 ft; whereas, the By-law permits a maximum building height of 25 ft;

as it relates to a proposed single-detached dwelling.

#### **BACKGROUND**

#### **Property Description**

The 559.34 m² (6,021.22 ft²) subject property is located on the south side of Banquo Road, north of Royal Orchard Boulevard and east of Yonge Street. There is an existing two storey single-detached dwelling on the property, which according to assessment records was constructed in 1972. The property is located within an established residential neighbourhood comprised of a mix of one and two-storey detached dwellings.

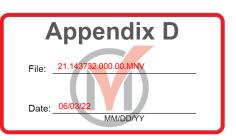
#### **Proposal**

The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing two storey single-detached dwelling and construct a new  $350.41~\text{m}^2$  (3,771.78 ft²) two storey single-detached dwelling.

#### Official Plan and Zoning

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

The subject property is designated "Residential Low Rise", which provides for low rise housing forms including single detached dwellings. Section 8.2.3.5 of the 2014 Official Plan outlines development criteria for the 'Residential Low Rise' designation 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. In considering applications for development approval in a 'Residential Low Rise' area, which includes variances, infill development is required to meet the



general intent of these development criteria. Regard shall also be had for retention of existing trees and vegetation, the width of proposed garages and driveways and, the overall orientation and sizing of new lots within a residential neighbourhood.

#### Zoning By-Law 2489

The subject property is zoned Third Density Single Family Residential (R3A) under By-law 2489, as amended, which permits single-detached dwellings. The proposed development does not comply with the By-law with respect to the minimum front and rear yard setback, maximum lot coverage, and maximum building height.

#### Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Undertaken (initial variances/if applicable)

The applicant has completed a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) to confirm the <u>initial</u> variances required for the proposed development. The applicant submitted revised drawings on February 22, 2022. The applicant has not conducted a Zoning Preliminary Review for the revised drawings. Consequently it is the Owner's responsibility to ensure that the application has accurately identified all the variances to the Zoning By-law required for the proposed development. If the variance request in this application contains errors, or if the need for additional variances is identified during the Building Permit review process, further variance application(s) may be required to address the non-compliance.

#### **Tree Preservation**

The applicant will be required to submit a Tree Inventory and Preservation Plan as part of their Residential Infill Grading and Servicing application. Staff recommend that any approval of the application include the tree protection and compensation conditions attached in Appendix A.

#### **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.

#### **Reduction in Front Yard Setback**

The applicant is requesting relief to permit a minimum front yard setback of 20.89 ft (6.37 m), whereas a minimum front yard setback of 27 ft (8.23 m) is required. This represents a reduction of approximately 6.11 ft (1.86 m). The variance is entirely attributed to the front covered porch. The main front wall of the building provides a front yard setback of 27.23 ft (8.30 m) and would comply with the By-law requirement (See Site Plan, Appendix B). Staff are of the opinion the front yard setback variance is generally consistent with the established front yard setback pattern on the street and have no concerns.

#### **Reduction in Rear Yard Setback**

The applicant is requesting relief to permit a minimum rear yard setback of 16.75 ft (5.1 m), whereas a minimum rear yard setback of 25 ft (7.62 m) is required. This represents a reduction of approximately 8.25 ft (2.52 m) or 33 percent. However, the requested variance is entirely attributable to the basement floor area located under the rear uncovered porch. The main rear wall of the building provides a rear yard setback of approximately 26.9 ft (8.2 m) which will comply with the By-law requirement. Given this, Staff are of the opinion the proposed rear yard setback variance is minor in nature and have no concerns.

#### Increase in Maximum Lot Coverage

The applicant is requesting relief to permit a maximum lot coverage of 43.5 percent, whereas a maximum lot coverage of 33.3 percent is permitted. The proposed lot coverage includes the front and rear porch which adds approximately 36.97 m² (397.94 ft²) to the overall building area. Excluding the front and rear porch, the building has a lot coverage of 36.9 percent. Given the front and rear porches are unenclosed, Staff are of the opinion that the proposed increase in lot coverage will not significantly add to the scale and massing of the dwelling, and the resultant dwelling is generally consistent with what the By-law permits.

#### **Increase in Maximum Building Height**

The applicant is requesting relief to permit a maximum building height of 26.93 ft (8.21 m) whereas a maximum building height of 25 ft (7.62 m) is permitted. This represents an increase of 1.93 ft (0.59 m) or 7.7 percent. Staff are of the opinion that the proposed increase in building height will not adversely impact the character of the neighbourhood, and have no objection to the requested variance.

#### PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of February 28, 2022. 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

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