# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 15, 2019

TO: Chairman and Members, Committee of Adjustment

FILE: A/170/18

ADDRESS: 100 Carlton Rd, Markham HEARING DATE: Wednesday January 23, 2019

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

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of By-law 11-72, NC, as amended:

## a) **Section 8.1**:

to permit a commercial school, whereas the By-law does not permit a commercial school.

## Comments

The Committee of Adjustment deferred the application on December 12, 2018. In response the applicant submitted additional information on December 20, 2018 (Appendix A1). Staff's comments dated December 03, 2018 (Appendix B1) remain applicable.

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Appendices

Appendix A1 – Additional Information

Appendix B1 – Staff Report (December 03, 2018)

From: Charezenko, David To: Leung, Justin; Malik, Agsa Cc: sidjelinek@hotmail.com Subject: RE: A.170.18 - 100 Carlton Rd

Date: Thursday, December 20, 2018 4:09:31 PM

#### Justin and Agsa,

Further to the Committee's comments on the above noted matter at the Dec 12 hearing, we have collected more information about the proposed Tutor Centre and analyzed the potential impacts.

The proposed Tutor Centre is called Upper Markham Learning Centre. Upper Markham Learning Centre plan to lease the unit current vacant (formerly the convenience store) with 4 classrooms that can accommodate up to 4 students per classroom at a time. The hours of operation at 3:30-8pm Monday to Fridays and 9am-8pm Saturday and Sundays. The students will be aged 10 years old and up and come from the surrounding neighbourhood. Most students are anticipated to come from William Berzcy Public School and are encouraged to walk and carpool, where necessary, to their tutoring session. Tutoring sessions are scheduled up to 2.5 hours but each class has its own scheduled start and finish times depending on the availability of students.

Jason Zhou, P.Eng., M.Eng., Transportation Engineer, in our office has reviewed the about tutoring centre information as offers the following analysis.

"Base on the information provided, there would be no more than 16 trips generated from the tutoring centre during the peak hour. The Tutoring Centre will be targeting students, largely, from the nearby William Berzcy Public School, which means new trips generated onto the surrounding road network would be even less, as students can walk directly from the public school to the tutoring centre. Therefore, it is our opinion that the proposed tutoring centre would not have a noticeable impact on the road network in terms of traffic operations."

We trust the about information satisfies the Committee's request for a description of the proposed tutoring

Please reschedule this matter for the next available Committee of Adjustment Hearing. Regards

David

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**From:** Leung, Justin <JLeung@markham.ca> Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 2:07 PM

To: sidjelinek@hotmail.com; Charezenko, David <David.Charezenko@stantec.com>

Subject: A.170.18 - 100 Carlton Rd

Do note this minor variance was DEFERRED at yesterday's Committee of Adjustment (COA) meeting. Do contact Aqsa Malik, Planner I-Zoning and Special Projects, 905-477-7000 ext. 2944 or <a href="mailto:amalik@markham.ca">amalik@markham.ca</a>, regarding how to proceed with application. Thank you.

# Justin Leung, MES(PI) ACST(A) MCIP RPP

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# Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

December 03, 2018

File: A/170/18

Address: 100 Carlton Rd, Markham

Applicant: Craigmore Construction Ltd (Sid Jelinek)
Agent: Stantec Consulting Itd. (David Charezenko)

Hearing Date: Wednesday December 12, 2018

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

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of By-law 11-72, NC, as amended:

## a) Section 8.1:

to permit a commercial school, whereas the By-law does not permit a commercial school;

#### **BACKGROUND**

# **Property Description**

The 0.4 ha (1 ac) subject property is located on the northeast corner of Carlton Road and Village Parkway, east of Warden Avenue and, south of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Detached and semi-detached dwellings are located to the north and east of the property. There is a 699.9 m² (7,533.67 ft²) one storey commercial plaza on the property, which contains 5 units including a daycare, dry cleaning depot, deli/bakery, barber shop and formerly a convenience store. The site has vehicular access from Carlton Road and Village Parkway.

# **Proposal**

The applicant is requesting relief from the by-law to establish a commercial school (Tutor Centre) with a floor area of 143.3 m<sup>2</sup> (1,542.47 ft<sup>2</sup>) within the former convenience store location/unit. The applicant is not proposing any external changes to the building.

# Official Plan and Zoning

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

The 2014 Official Plan designates the subject property 'Mixed Use Low Rise'. This designation provides for a full range of multi-use, multi-purpose areas that offer a diverse range of relatively small scale retail, service, professional office, community, institutional and recreational uses serving nearby residents and businesses. In considering applications for development approval in the "Mixed Use – Low Rise' area which includes variances, development is required to meet the general intent of section 8.3.1.4 of the 2014 Official Plan with respect to setback, height, density, vehicular access and, loading and parking to ensure that the development has adequate transportation, water and wastewater services as well as community infrastructure.

#### Zoning By-Law 11-72

The subject property is zoned "Neighbourhood Commercial (NC)" in By-law 11-72, as amended, which permits financial institutions, personal services shops, and retail stores among other uses. The proposed use does not comply with the by-law.

## Applicant's Stated Reason(s) for Not Complying with Zoning

According to the information provided by the applicant, the reason for not complying with Zoning is, "A commercial school is consistent with the uses permitted in the Neighbourhood Commercial (NC) zone. Further, By-law 177-96, permits Commercial School in CA1, CA2, CA4 and MJC Zones, all of which are similar in intent and purpose to the NC zone under By-law 11-72. Therefore, a Commercial School should be considered desirable for the appropriate use of the land".

## **Zoning Preliminary Review Not Undertaken**

The owner has confirmed that a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) has <u>not</u> been conducted. 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.

#### **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.

The applicant is proposing a commercial school which will replace the former convenience store and occupy approximately 143.3 m<sup>2</sup> (1,542.47 ft<sup>2</sup>) of the existing 699.9 m<sup>2</sup> (7,533.67 ft<sup>2</sup>) building. The applicant is not proposing any external changes to the property and has indicated that there is existing parking available on the property.

The "Mixed Use Low-Rise" designation envisions a mix of uses to serve nearby residents and businesses and includes uses such as commercial schools, public and private schools (located on arterial or major collector roads) and, day care centres (in accordance with section 8.13.2). Staff are of the opinion that the proposed commercial school is consistent with the intent and policies of section 8.3.1.2 of the Official Plan and, will not result in any adverse impacts.

The existing zoning permits uses such as financial institutions, personal services shops, and retail stores. None of these uses are defined terms in By-law 11-72 and as such, may be considered general terms. As general terms, it is up to the Committee to determine if any of these uses are similar in manner to that of a commercial school.

## **PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY**

As of December 03, 2018 the City received 2 letters expressing concerns over the increase of traffic and noise levels that will result from the proposed development. 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 have no objection. Staff recommend that the Committee consider public input in reaching a decision.

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

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**REVIEWED BY:** 

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# APPENDIX "A" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/170/18

1.	The variances	apply only to	the proposed	development as	long as it remains;
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2.	The maximum total gross floor area for commercial school on the subject property is
	limited to a maximum gross floor area of 204.39 m <sup>2</sup> (2,200 ft <sup>2</sup> ).

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