# Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

December 20, 2018

File:	A/173/18
Address:	31 Jeremy Dr, Markham
Applicant:	Guanjun Wang
Agent:	Paar Design (Nikol Paar)
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, R4, as amended to construct a new two-storey detached dwelling:

### a) <u>Section 6, Schedule B:</u>

a maximum lot coverage of 33.88 percent, whereas the By-law permits a maximum lot coverage of 33-1/3 percent;

### b) Section 6, Schedule B:

a maximum building height of 27 feet, whereas the By-law permits a maximum building height of 25 feet;

as they relate to a proposed residential dwelling.

### 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, *"design requirement as per client"*.

### Zoning Preliminary Review Undertaken

The applicant has completed a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) on November 12, 2018, to confirm the variances required for the proposed development.

### Increase in Maximum Lot Coverage

The applicant is requesting relief for a maximum lot coverage of 33.88 percent, whereas the Bylaw permits a maximum floor area ratio of 33-1/3 percent. The proposed lot coverage includes a front unenclosed covered porch which adds approximately 4.06 m<sup>2</sup> (43.75 ft<sup>2</sup>) to the overall building coverage. Excluding the front unenclosed covered porch, the building has a lot coverage of approximately 33.43 percent which, represents a difference of approximately 0.1 percent from the by-law requirement. Given that the front covered porch is 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 that 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 8.23 m (27 ft), whereas the By-law permits a maximum building height of 7.62 m (25 ft). This represents an increase of approximately 0.61 m (2 ft).

## **PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY**

No written submissions were received as of December 20, 2018. 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. 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 see Appendix "A" for conditions to be attached to any approval of this application

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**REVIEWED BY:** 

Richard Kendall, Development Manager, Central District File Path: Amanda\File\ 18 257619 \Documents\District Team Comments Memo

### APPENDIX "A" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/173/18

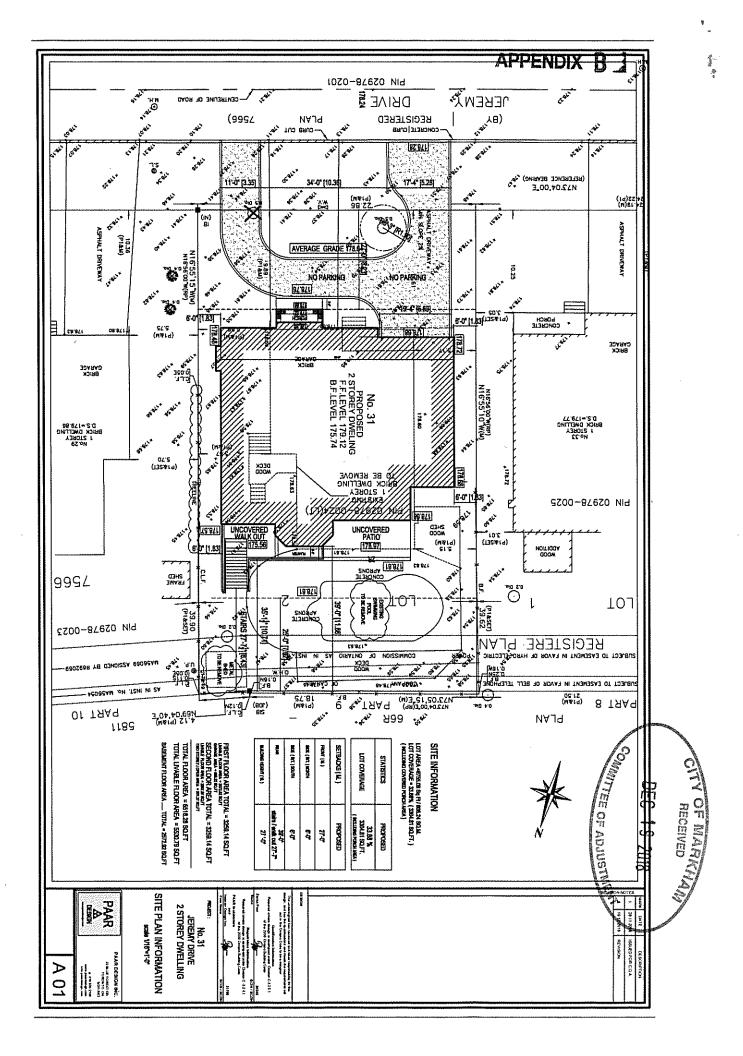
- 1. That the front covered porch remain unenclosed;
- 2. The variances apply only to the proposed development as long as it remains;
- 3. That the variances apply only to the subject development, in substantial conformity with the plan(s) attached as 'Appendix B' to this Staff Report and received by the City of Markham on December 19, 2018, 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.
- 4. Submission of a Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan, prepared by a qualified arborist in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual (2009), as amended, to be reviewed and approved by the City, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from Tree Preservation Technician or Director of Operations that this condition has been fulfilled to his/her satisfaction, and that any detailed Siting, Lot Grading and Servicing Plan required as a condition of approval reflects the Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan.
- 5. That prior to the commencement of construction or demolition, tree protection be erected and maintained around all trees on site in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual, including street trees, in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual (2009) as amended, and inspected by City Staff to the satisfaction of the Tree Preservation Technician or Director of Operations.
- 6. That tree replacements be provided and/or tree replacement fees be paid to the City if required in accordance with the Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Tree Preservation Technician or Director of Operations

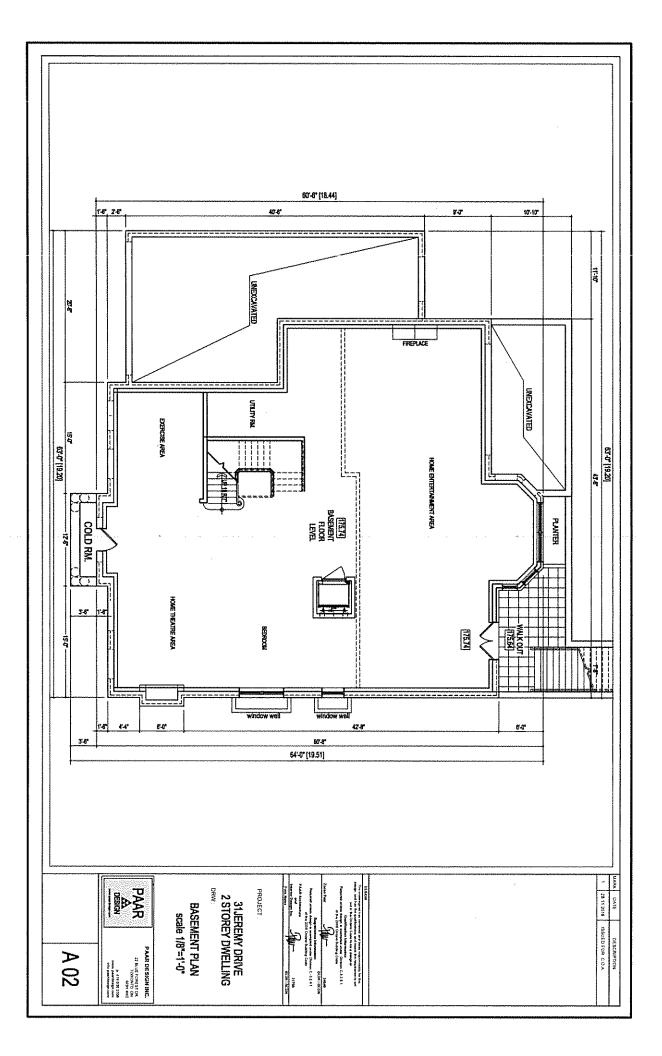
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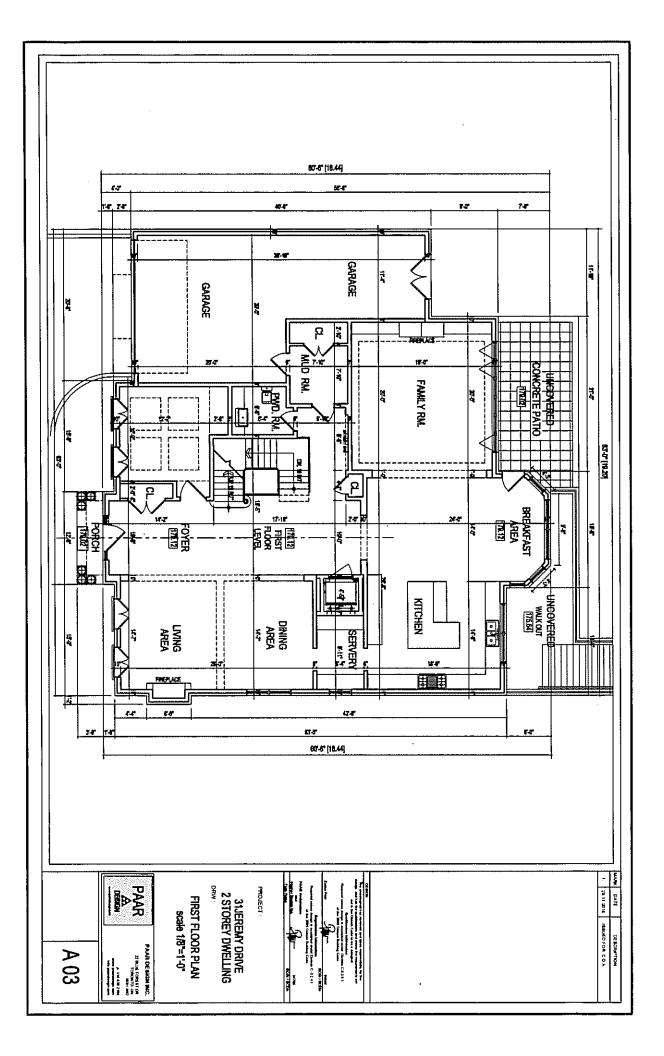
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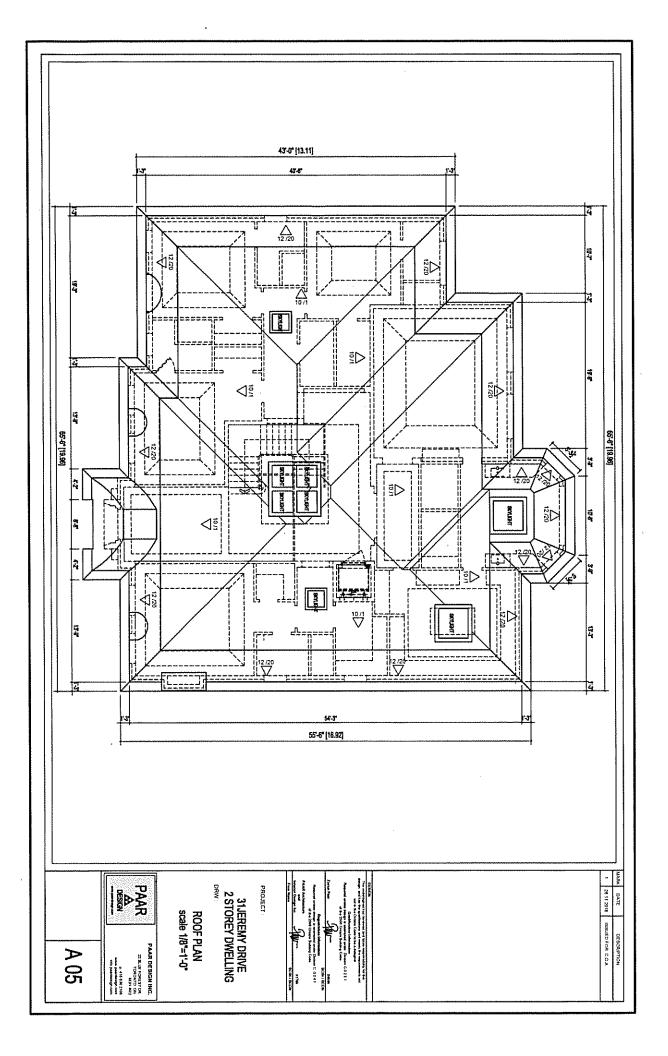
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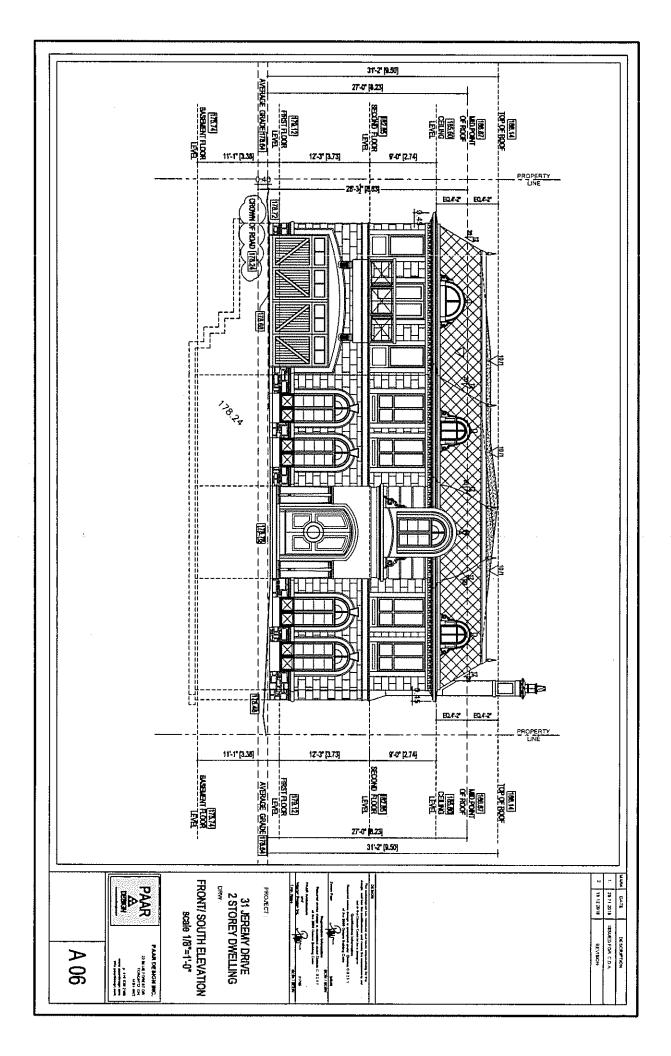


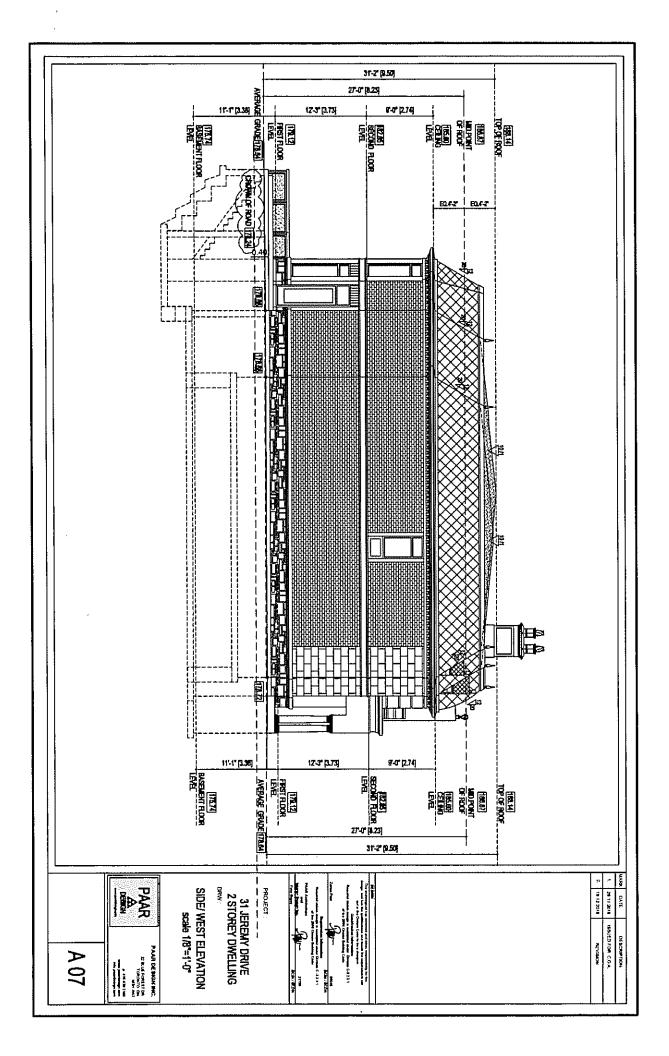
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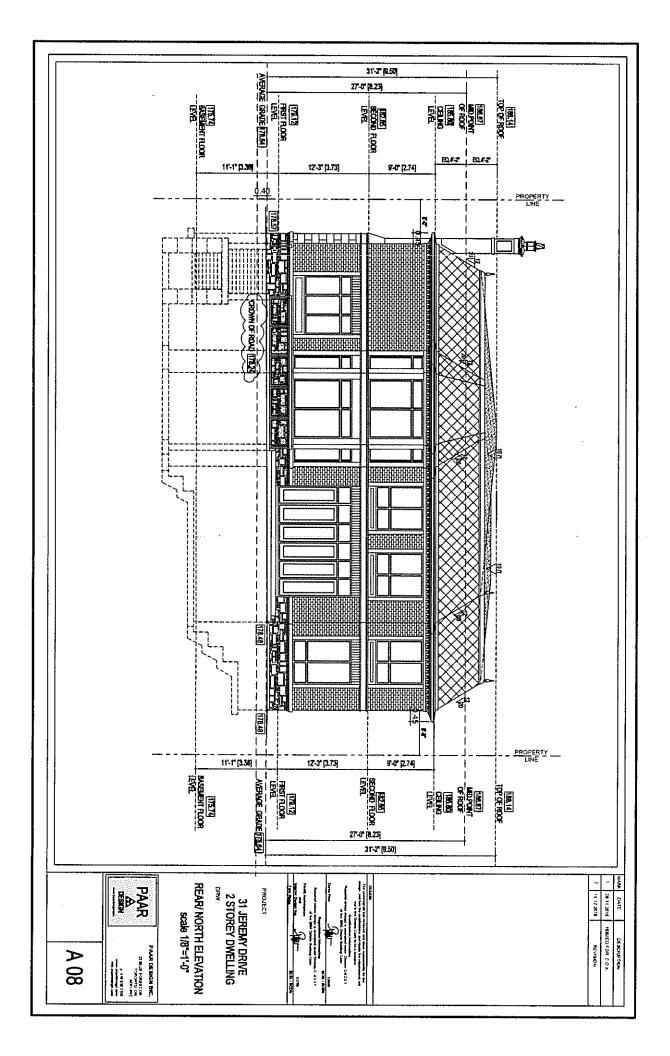
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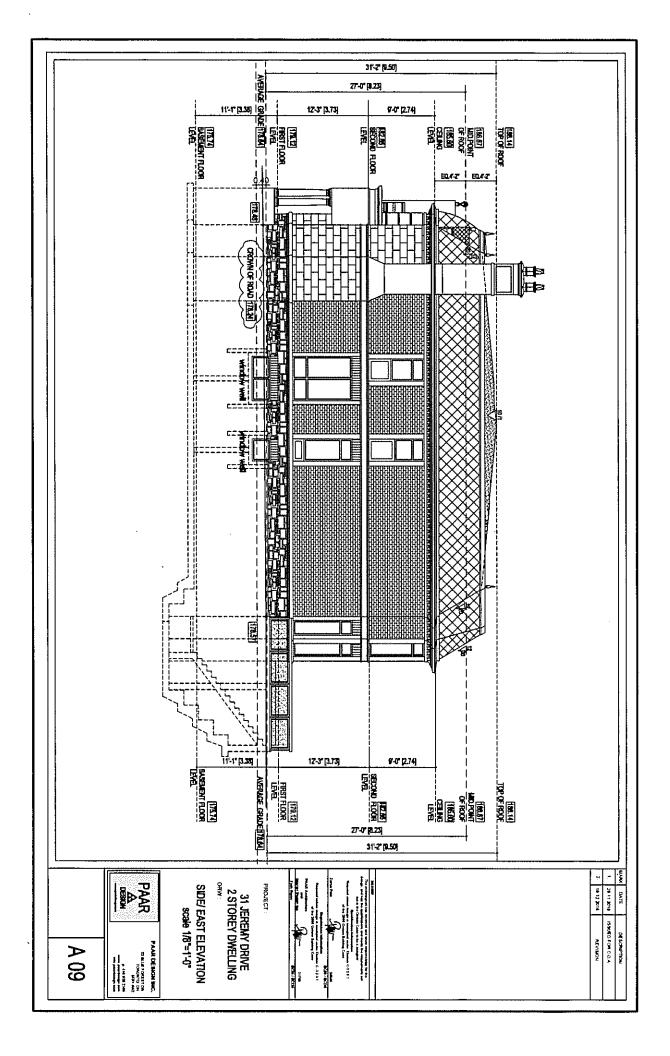
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