Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

May 19, 2022

File: A/016/22

Address: 1388 Castlemore Avenue – Markham, ON

Applicant: Chitra Pathmanathan

Agent: Varatha Design Associates (Ken Varatha)

Hearing Date: May 25, 2022

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stairs to encroach a maximum distance of 3.52 m (11.55 ft) into the required rear yard, whereas the By-law permits a maximum encroachment of 2.0 m (6.56 ft) in to the required rear yard.

BACKGROUND

This application was deferred by the Committee of Adjustment (the "Committee") on April 20, 2022 to provide the applicant with time to address engineering related drainage concerns detailed in the initial staff report dated April 8, 2022 (Appendix "C").

COMMENTS

The applicant submitted revised drawings on May 3, 2022, which proposes new walk-up stairs located at the north side (rear) of the dwelling to access the proposed secondary suite (Appendix "B"). While variances to permit a secondary suite and associated parking reduction remain, the applicant proposes to remove the side yard steps, and therefore no longer requires a reduction to the interior side yard setback. Regarding the proposed secondary suite and parking reduction, staff comments from the initial staff report dated April 8, 2022 remain applicable (Appendix "C").

Increase in Maximum Stairs and Landings Encroachment Used to Access a Main Building With respect to the revisions made, the applicant requests a new variance to permit new walk-up stairs to encroach a maximum distance of 3.52 m (11.55 ft) into the required rear yard, whereas the By-law permits stairs and landings that access any part of the main building on the lot not associated with a deck or porch to encroach into the required rear yard a maximum distance of 2.0 m (6.56 ft).

As the walk-up stairs are below grade, staff do not anticipate any adverse impacts to neighbouring properties. Staff consider the alternate access to the additional dwelling unit

an appropriate solution to mitigate drainage concerns, and are of the opinion that the requested variance is appropriate for the lot, and minor in nature.

ZONING PRELIMINARY REVIEW (ZPR) NOT UNDERTAKEN

The owner has confirmed that a ZPR was not completed for the revised drawings. However, a "changemarks report" (21.143017 HP) was completed by the building department, which confirms a new variance relating to a rear yard encroachment based on the proposed revisions.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of May 19, 2022. Additional information may be received after the writing of this 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 requested variances meet the four tests. Staff recommend that the Committee consider public input and the subsequent conditions of approval in reaching a decision. The onus is ultimately on the applicant to demonstrate how they satisfy the tests of the *Planning Act* required for the granting of minor variances.

APPENDICES

Appendix "A" - Conditions of Approval

Appendix "B" - Plans

Appendix "C" – Staff Report: April 8, 2022 Appendix "D" – Minutes Extract: April 20, 2022

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Aleks Todorovski, Planner, Zoning and Special Projects

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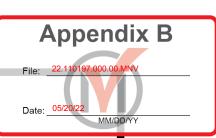
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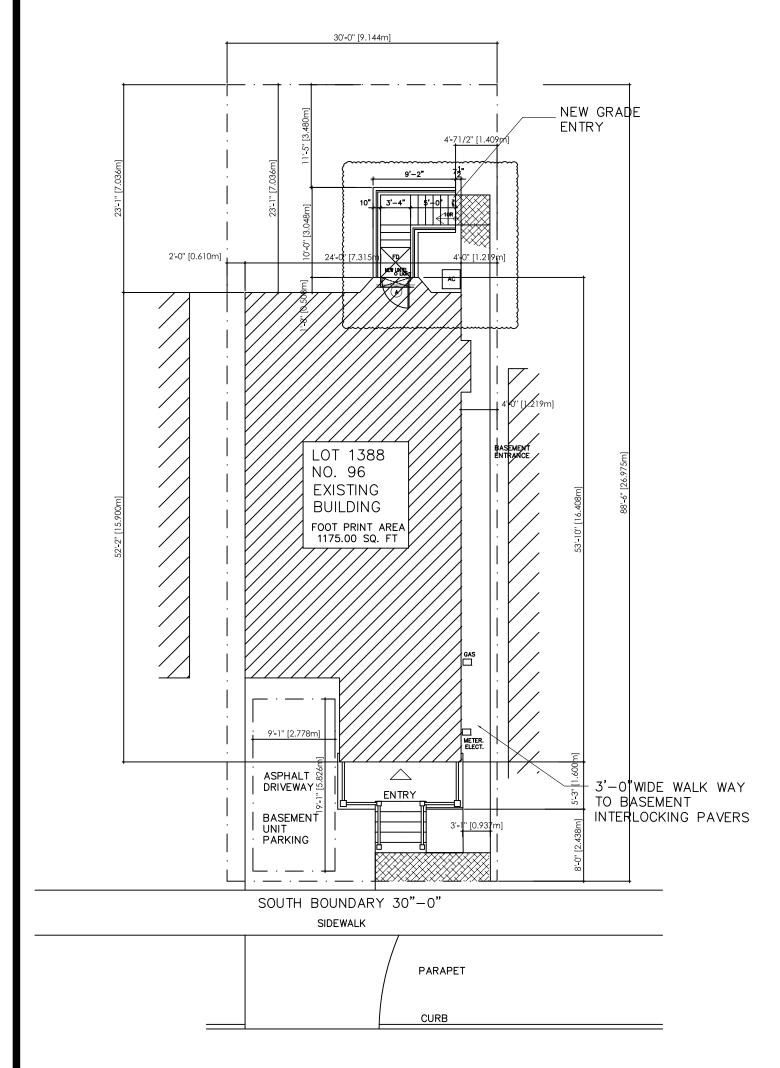
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CASTLEMORE AVENUE

SITE PLAN

SCALE : 3/32" = 1'-0"



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION: VARATHA DESIGN ASSOCIATES (B.C.I..N) 33937 DRAWING TITLE:

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NEW BASEMENT APT EXISTING DWELLING

RENOVATION TO 1388 CASTLEMORE AVENUE. MARKHAM

OWNER:

Chitra Pathmanathan

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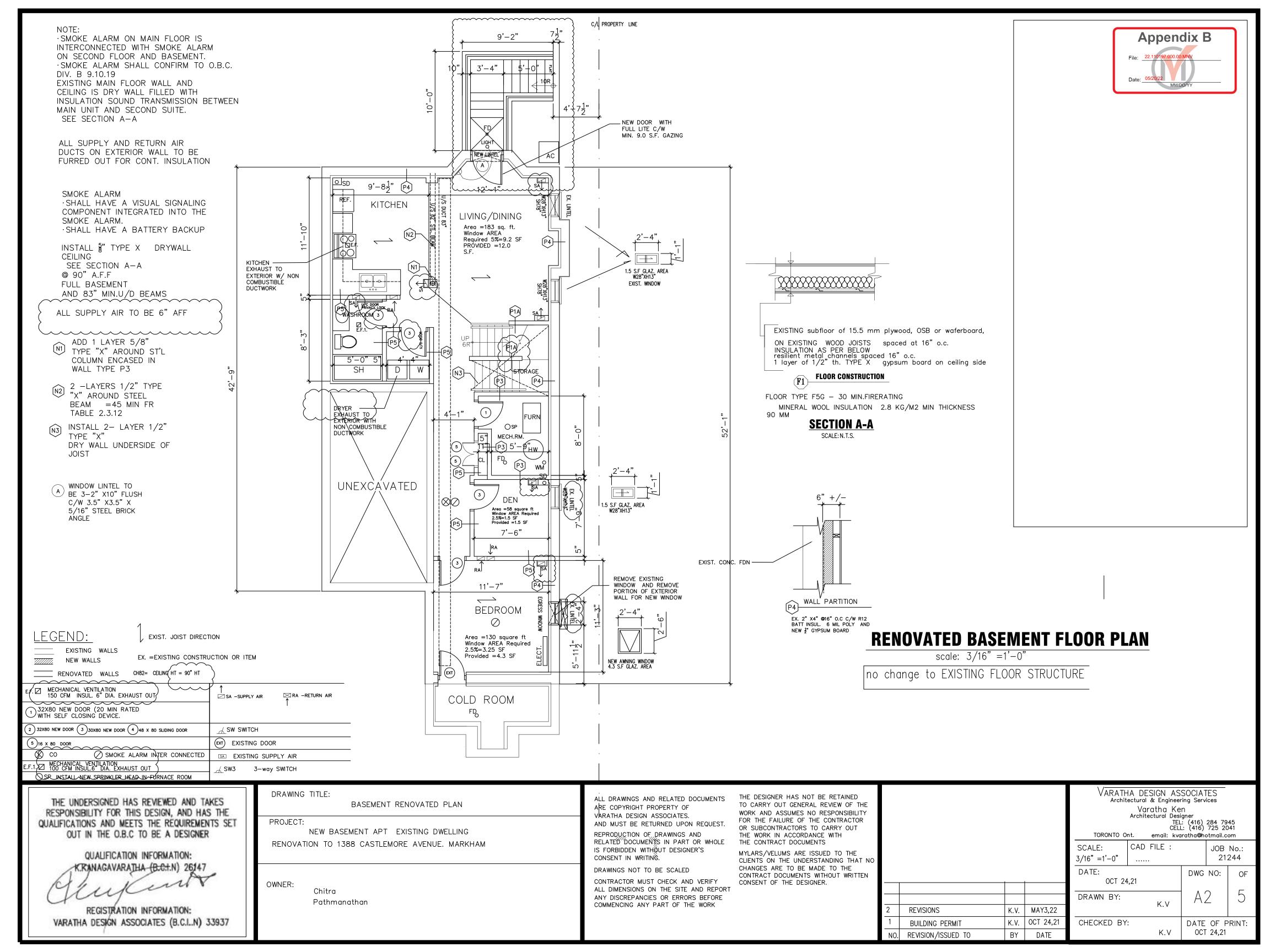
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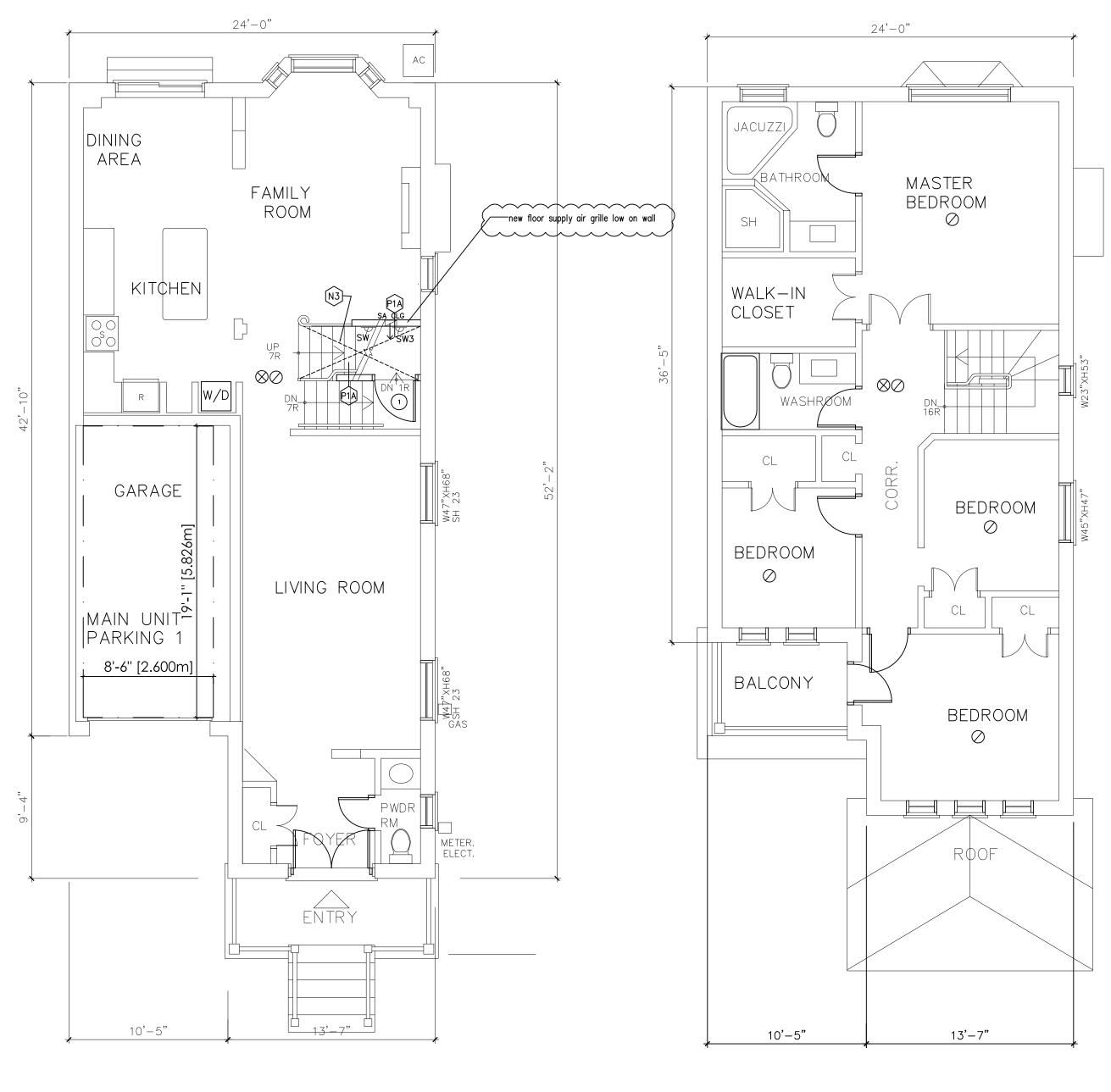
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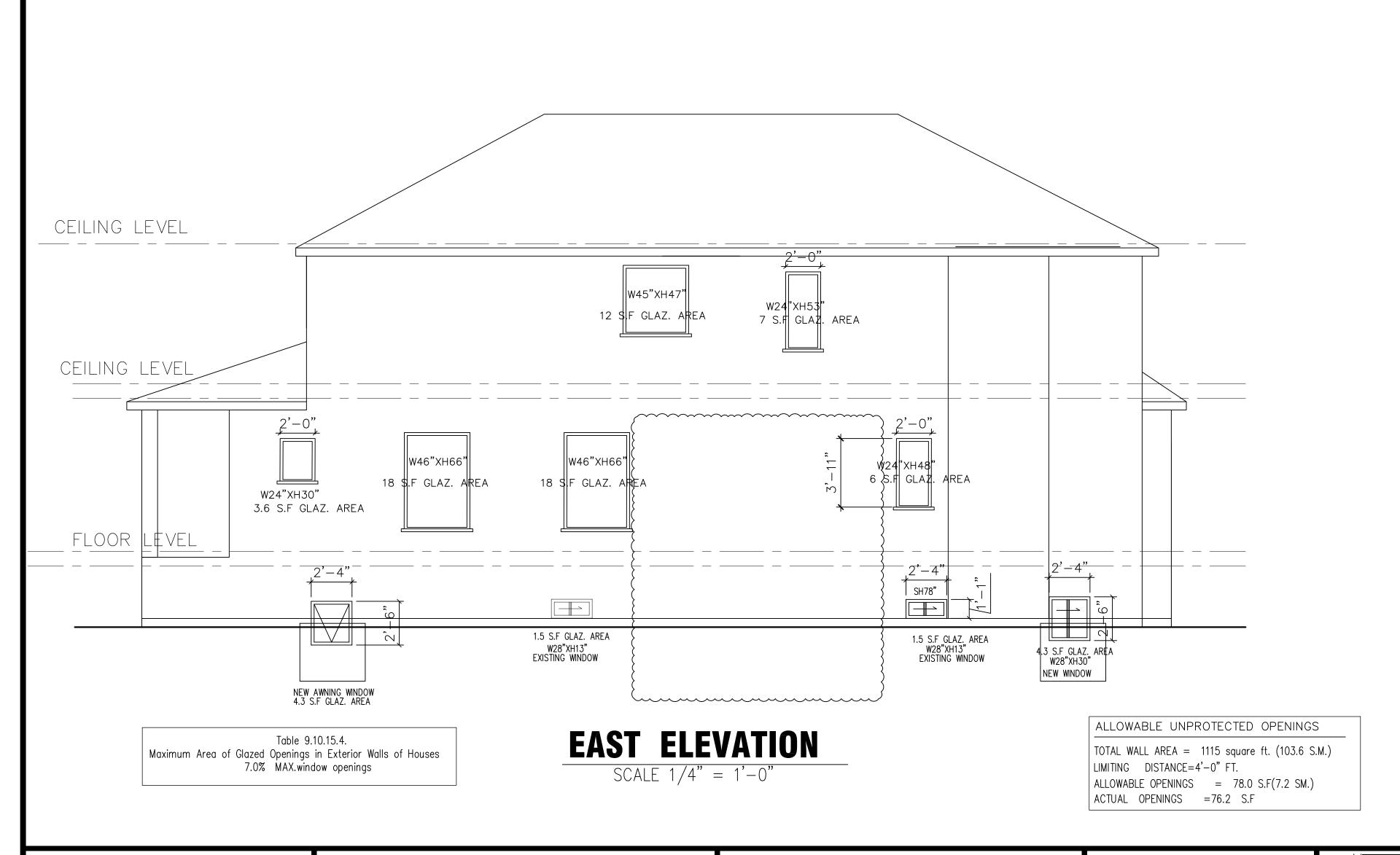
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APPENDIX "C"

STAFF REPORT: APRIL 8, 2022

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an interior side yard setback of 0.127 m (0.42 ft), whereas the By-law requires a 0.30 m (0.98 ft) with a minimum 1.20 m (3.94 ft) separation between dwellings on abutting lots.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The subject property is located on the north side of Castlemore Avenue, east of Markham Road, south of Major Mackenzie Drive East, and west of Swan Park Road. The property is located at the periphery of a residential neighbourhood comprised of a mix of low rise dwellings. The property is developed with a two-storey single detached dwelling, and has a one car garage and driveway area that can accommodate two parking spaces.

PROPOSAL

The applicant is requesting permission for an accessory dwelling unit to be located in the basement of the existing dwelling. The applicant is also proposing an associated reduction in parking, and a reduction to the interior side yard setback to accommodate the existing walk-up stairs located at the east side of the dwelling.

Zoning By-Law 177-96

The subject property is zoned "Residential Two Exception R2-S*134*207 (R2-S*134*207) Zone" under By-law 177-96, as amended, which permits one single detached dwelling per lot. The proposed development does not comply with the By-law requirements with respect to the maximum number of dwelling units permitted on a lot, and the minimum interior side yard setback.

Parking Standards By-law 28-97 (the "Parking By-law")

The proposed development also does not comply with the Parking By-law with respect to the minimum requirement of three parking spaces.

ZONING PRELIMINARY REVIEW (ZPR) NOT UNDERTAKEN

The owner has confirmed that a ZPR has not been conducted. However, the applicant has received comments from the building department through their permit process to confirm the variances required for the proposed development.

COMMENT

The *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended* states that four tests must be met in order for a variance to be granted by the Committee of Adjustment (the "Committee"):

- a) The variance must be minor in nature;
- b) The variance must be desirable, in the opinion of the Committee, 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.

Secondary Suite and Parking Space Reduction

Staff are satisfied that the proposed development meets the criteria under <u>Section 8.13.8</u> of the Official Plan for the establishment of a secondary suite, and support its approval in accordance with the requirements under Section 16(3) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended.* Staff are of the opinion that the associated parking reduction is minor in nature and appropriately maintains the general intent of the By-law.

Reduced Side Yard Setback

The applicant is requesting a minimum interior side yard setback of 0.127 m (0.42 ft), whereas the By-law requires a 0.30 m (0.98 ft) with a minimum 1.20 m (3.94 ft) separation between dwellings on abutting lots. This is an approximate reduction of 0.17 m (0.56 ft). Engineering staff have concerns with drainage, as the proposed reduction is insufficient to accommodate a side swale. Staff are of the opinion that this variance to reduce the side yard setback is not an appropriate development of the lot.

EXTERNAL AGENCIES

Metrolinx Comments

Metrolinx provided comments on this application, advising that there may be alterations to or expansions of the rail facilities on such right of way in the future, which expansion may affect the living environment of the residents in the vicinity, notwithstanding the inclusion of any noise and vibration attenuating measures in the design of the development and individual dwellings. Metrolinx requests that the proponent provide confirmation that a warning clause be inserted into all Development Agreements, Offers to Purchase, and Agreements of Purchase and Sale or Lease for each dwelling unit as the property is located within 300.0 m (984.25 ft) of a railway corridor. Staff recommend that the Committee adopt the associated condition of approval detailed in Appendix "A".

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of April 8, 2022. Additional information may be received after the writing of this 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*. Staff are of the opinion that the variances requested to permit a secondary suite and an associated parking reduction meet the four tests, and offer the subsequent conditions

of approval for the Committee's consideration. However, staff do not recommend approval of the requested variance to permit a reduced interior side yard setback, in accordance with Engineering staff's concerns relating to drainage. If the Committee decides to deny the variance, and the applicant wishes to propose entry to the accessory dwelling unit from the exterior of the dwelling, an alternative access point may need to be explored.

Staff recommend that the Committee consider public input in reaching a decision. The onus is ultimately on the applicant to demonstrate how they satisfy the tests of the *Planning Act* required for the granting of minor variances.

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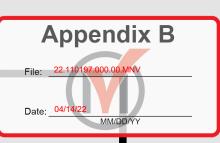
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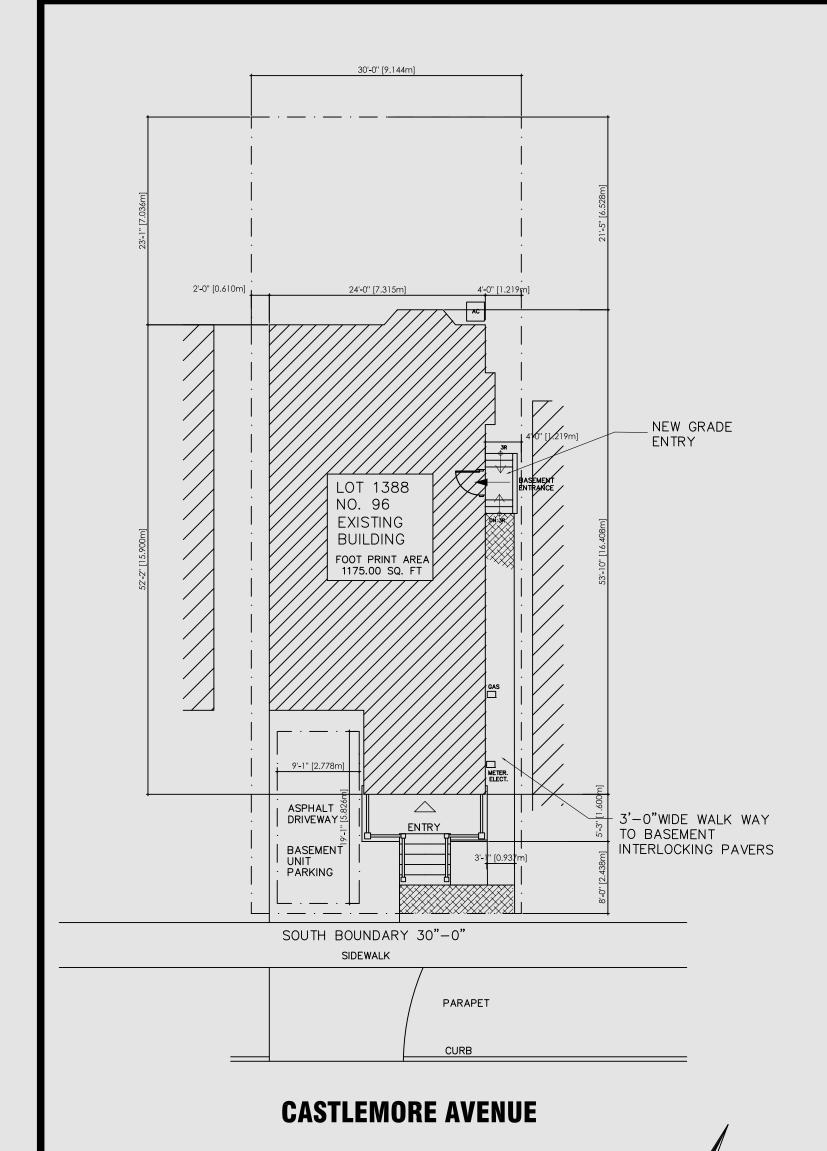
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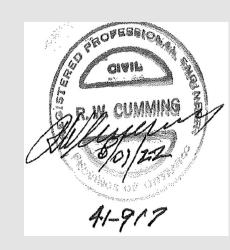


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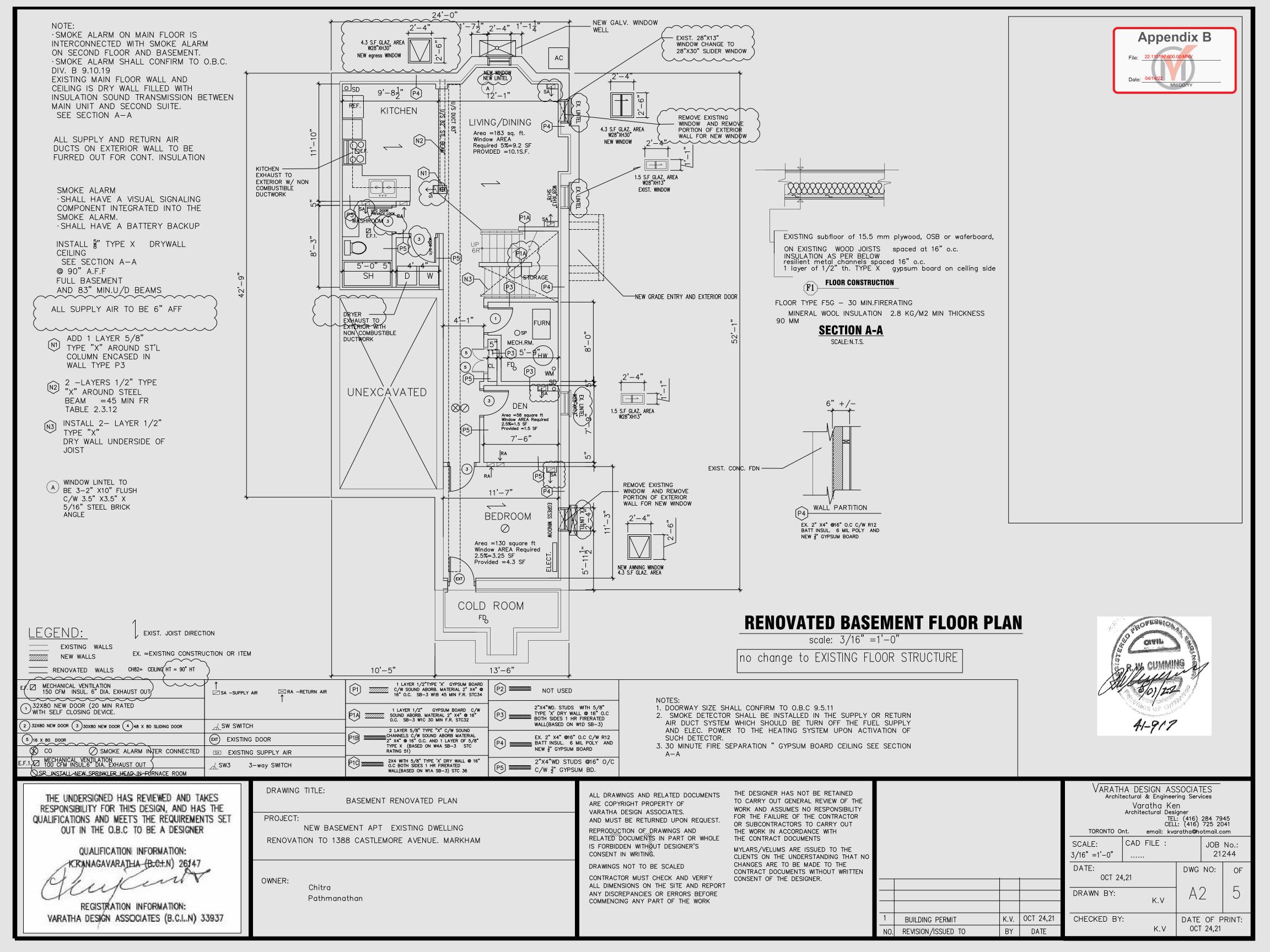
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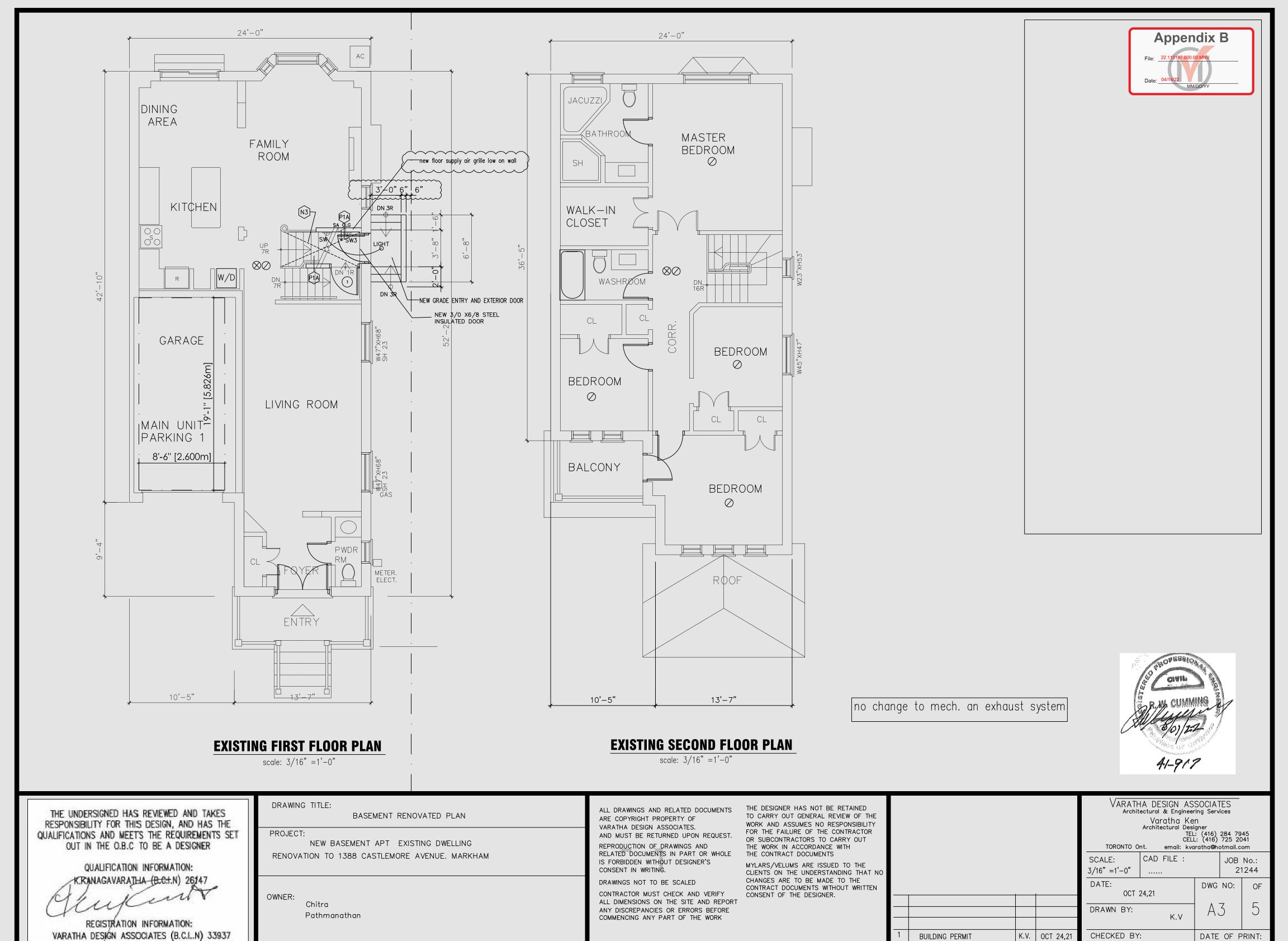
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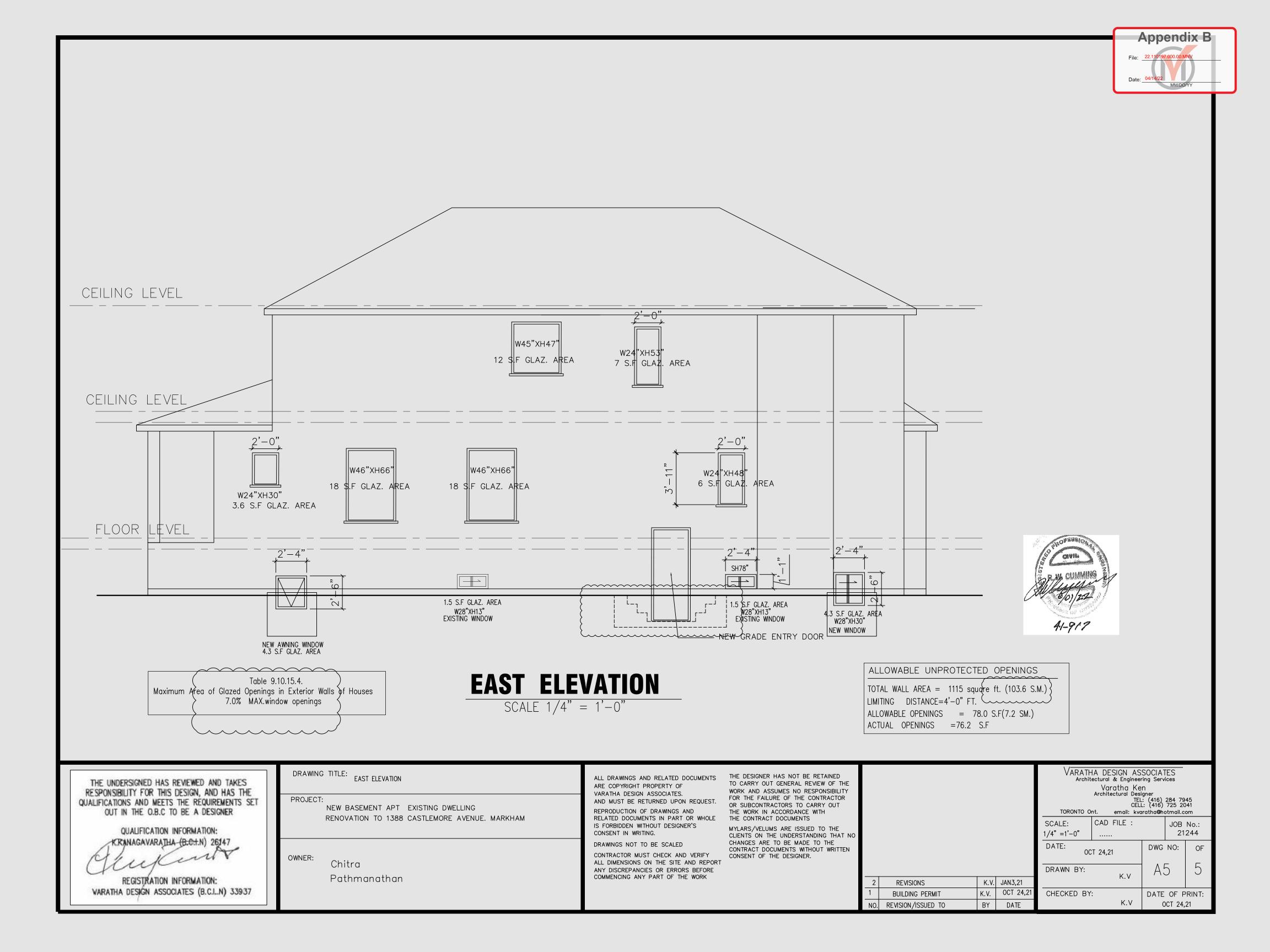
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APPENDIX "D"
MINUTES EXTRACT: APRIL 20, 2022

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The Secretary-Treasurer introduced the application.

The agent, Sam from SHDesign, appeared on behalf of the application.

Committee member, Jeamie Reingold understands that Pomander Street is one of two streets with the larger homes and with a generous lot that can support a roughly 4200 square foot home. States it is compatible with adjacent homes on Pomander Street, and supports the application with conditions.

Committee member, Patrick Sampson has no concerns with lot coverage issue and questions if the roof and dormer are only for a visual effect.

The agent, Sam from SHDesign, confirms that the roof and dormer are for a visual effect.

Committee member Patrick Sampson supports the application.

Moved By: Jeamie Reingold Seconded By: Patrick Sampson

THAT Application No **A/008/22** be approved subject to conditions contained in the staff report.

Resolution Carried

5. A/016/22

Owner Name: Chitra Pathmanathan

Agent Name: Varatha Design Associates (Ken Varatha)

1388 Castlemore Avenue, Markham

PLAN 65M4025 LOT 164

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Committee of Adjustment Minutes Wednesday, April 20, 2022

an interior side yard setback of 0.127 metres, whereas the By-law requires a 0.3 metre with a minimum 1.2 metre separation between dwellings on abutting lots:

as it relates to proposed basement apartment (secondary suite). (East District, Ward 5)

The Secretary-Treasurer introduced the application.

The agent, Ken Varatha, appeared on behalf of the application.

Inithini Haran of 1390 Castlemore Avenue, opposes this application and has concerns as the proposed entrance for the accessory dwelling unit is too close to the adjacent property.

Committee member, Tom Gutfreund, states that from the Staff report, engineering has concerns for drainage, and also states that the tampering to the swale will further cause concerns. Committee member Tom Gutfreund states that this application does not meet the four tests and does not support this application.

The agent, Ken presents and shows images of the subject property being the one without the concrete path.

Committee member Patrick Sampson, states that he supports engineering's comments with drainage concerns and questions how will the applicant address the additional parking space.

Manager of Zoning & Special Projects Brad Roberts, states that there is an understanding that the applicant has indicated the additional dwelling unit may be for family members who are elderly and who may not require a vehicle. Additionally, the Planning Act and by-laws are clear what is required and what can be requested which the current by-law states is one additional parking space. There would need to be coordination with the applicant and the tenant.

Committee member Tom Gutfreund states he does not believe that they can approve this application as there is opposition to the location of the entrance, and states a deferral may be the best option to address a different point of entry.

The agent, Ken states that if they have to, there may be options to place the entrance in the rear, however is unsure if there are required variances and questions if a deferral is the best option.

Moved By: Tom Gutfreund Seconded By: Patrick Sampson

THAT Application No **A/016/22** be deferred sine die.