Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

February 05, 2024

File: A/009/24

Address: 29 Pringle Ave, Markham Applicant: DB Designs (Dylan Borsten)

Owner: Brenda Langendyk

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of By-law 1229, as amended, as it relates to a proposed addition to a residential dwelling.

a) By-law 1229, Section 11.2 (c) (i):

A porch to encroach 34.60 inches into a required yard, whereas the by-law permits a maximum encroachment of 18 inches;

b) By-law 1229, Table 11.1:

A rear yard setback of 16.99 feet, whereas the by-law requires a minimum rear yard setback of 25 feet;

c) By-law 1229, Amending By-law 99-90, Section 1.2(iii):

A depth of 24.40 metres, whereas the by-law permits a depth of 16.80 metres

BACKGROUND

Property Description

The 880.55 m² (9478.16 ft²) subject property is located on the west side of Pringle Avenue, north of Highway 7 East and east of Main Street Markham North. The property is located within an established residential neighbourhood comprised of two-storey detached dwellings. The surrounding area is undergoing a transition with newer dwellings being developed as infill developments. Mature vegetation exists across the property.

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

Proposal

The applicant is proposing to construct a one-storey 97.44 m² (1048.85 ft²) addition on the north side of the existing two-storey single detached dwelling.

Official Plan and Zoning

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

The Subject Lands are designated "Residential Low Rise", which permits low rise housing forms including single detached dwellings. Section 8.2.3.5 of the Official Plan outlines development criteria for the "Residential Low Rise" designation with respect to height, massing and setbacks. The purpose of this development criteria is 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 the retention of existing trees and vegetation, the width of proposed garages and driveways. Planning staff have had regard for the requirements of the infill development criteria in the preparation of the comments provided below

Zoning By-Law 1229

The subject property is zoned R1 under By-law 1229, as amended, which permits residential low rise.

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 new building depth as a result of the proposed single story addition.

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, "due to the shape and size of the lot"

Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Undertaken

The owner has completed a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) on January 11, 2024 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 Building Depth

The applicant is requesting relief to permit a maximum building depth of 24.40 m (80.05 ft), whereas the By-law permits a maximum building depth of 16.80 m (55.12 ft). This represents an increase of approximately 7.60 m (24.93 ft).

Building depth is measured based on the shortest distance between two lines, both parallel to the front lot line, one passing though the point on the dwelling which is the nearest and the other through the point on the dwelling which is the farthest from the front lot line. Given the configuration of the lot, building depth is measured on an angle through the proposed building. The variance includes a 7.42 m (24.33 ft) wide single-story rear covered porch which adds approximately 4.88 m (16 ft) to the overall depth of the building. Staff note that the proposed rear-covered porch does not span the entire width of the main building. The increase in the building's depth primarily results from the inclusion of a 7.94 m (26.06 ft) wide component in the proposed addition, which extends the total depth of the building by approximately 5.31 m (17.42 ft).

Staff opine that due to the nature of the lot, and the increase in building depth is attributed to a relatively narrow part of the building, the variance requested is minor in nature and will not impact adjacent properties.

Increased Porch Encroachment

The applicant is requesting relief to permit an increased porch encroachment of 0.88 m (34.60 in), whereas the By-law permits a maximum encroachment of 0.46 m (18 in) into a required yard.

The requested variance only applies to the 1.21m (3.96 ft) unenclosed concrete front porch. Staff note that the increased porch depth enhances usability and will not negatively impact the streetscape. Staff are of the opinion that this request is minor in nature and maintains the general intent of the Zoning bylaw and Official Plan.

Reduction in Rear Yard Setback

The applicant is requesting relief to permit a minimum rear yard setback of 16.99 ft (5.18 m), whereas the By-law requires a minimum front yard setback of 25 ft (7.62 m). This represents a reduction of approximately 8.01 ft (2.44 m). The variance is entirely attributable to the proposed covered rear porch. The main rear wall of the building provides a maximum rear yard setback of 26.41 ft (8.05 m) which complies with the minimum rear yard setback. The remaining rear yard is still sufficient to provide a functional amenity area and staff therefore have no objections.,

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of February 7, 2024. 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.

APPENDICIES

Appendix "A" – A/009/24 Conditions of Approval Appendix "B" – Plans

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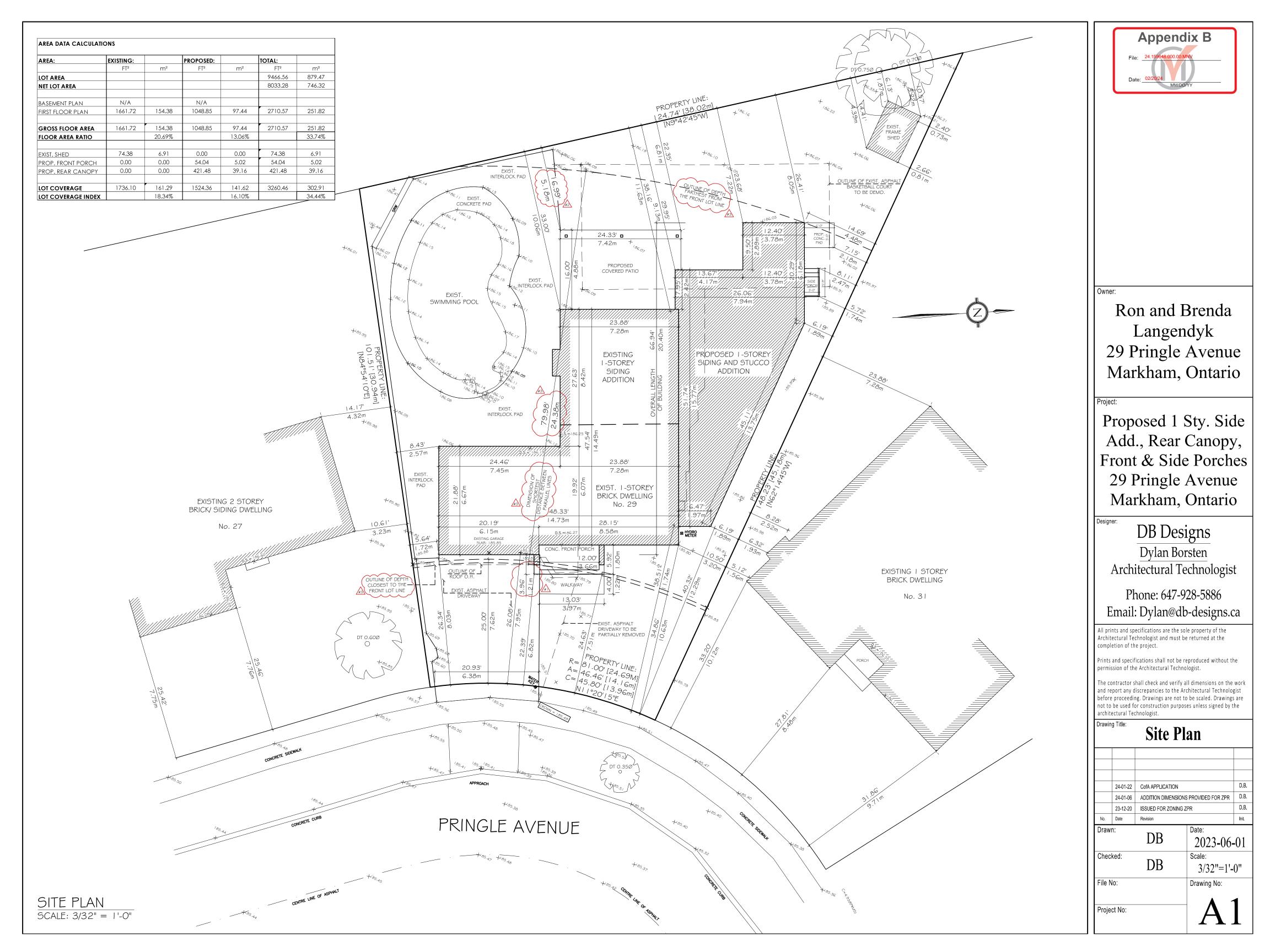
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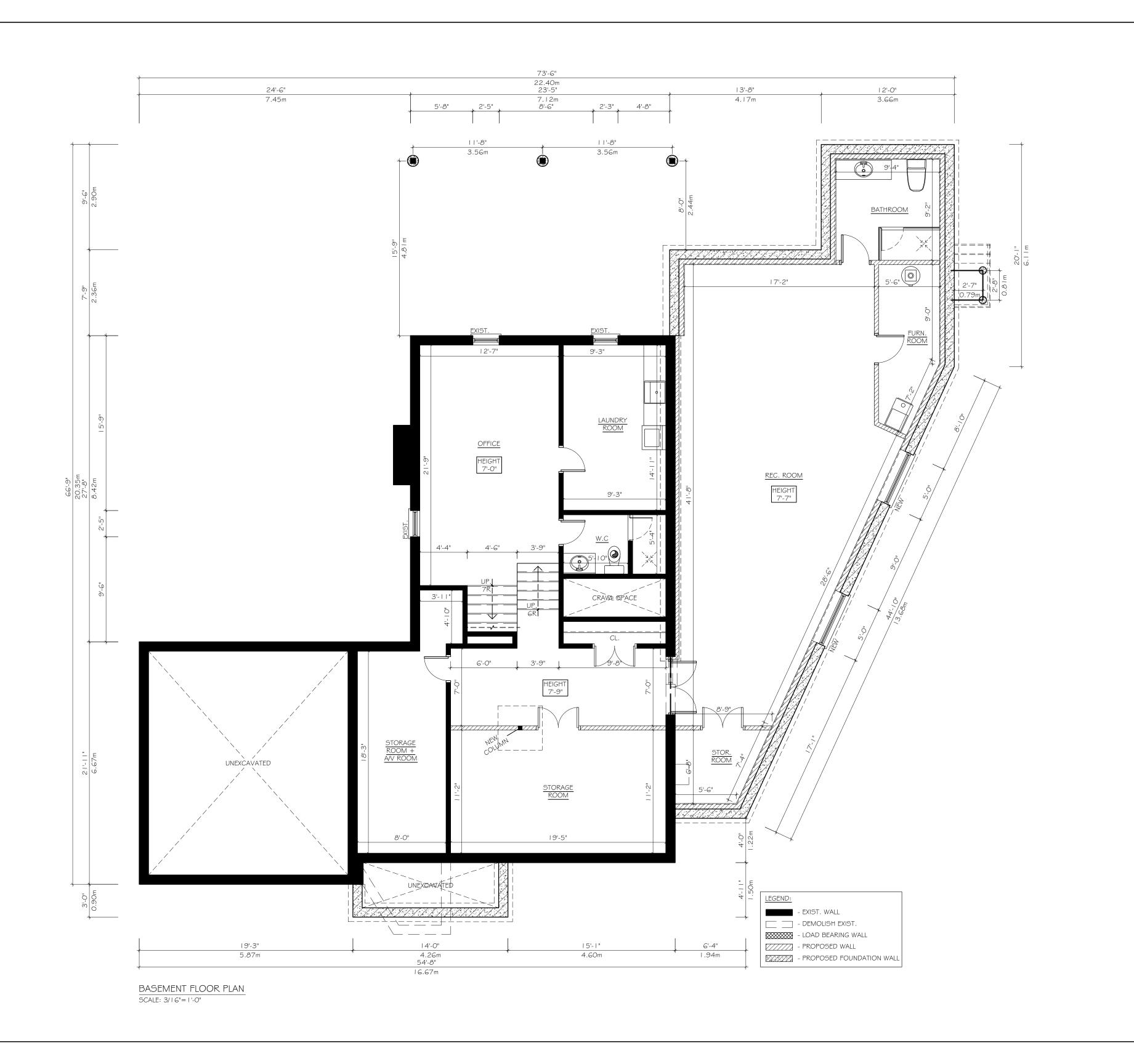
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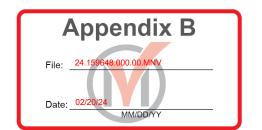
- 1. The variances apply only to the proposed development as long as it remains;
- 2. That the variances apply only to the subject development, in substantial conformity with the plan(s) attached as 'Appendix C' to this Staff Report and received by the City of Markham on January 22, 2024 and that the 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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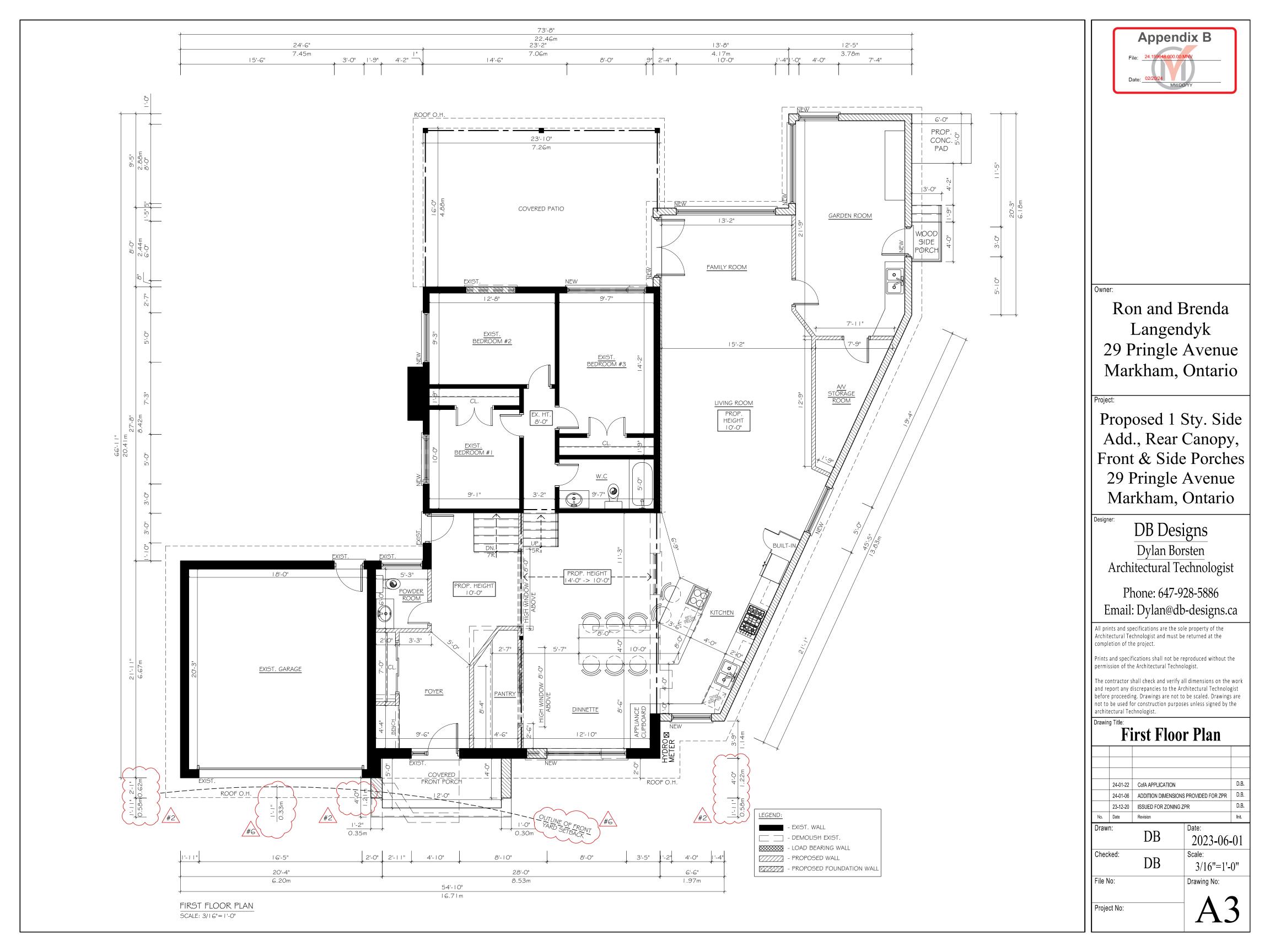
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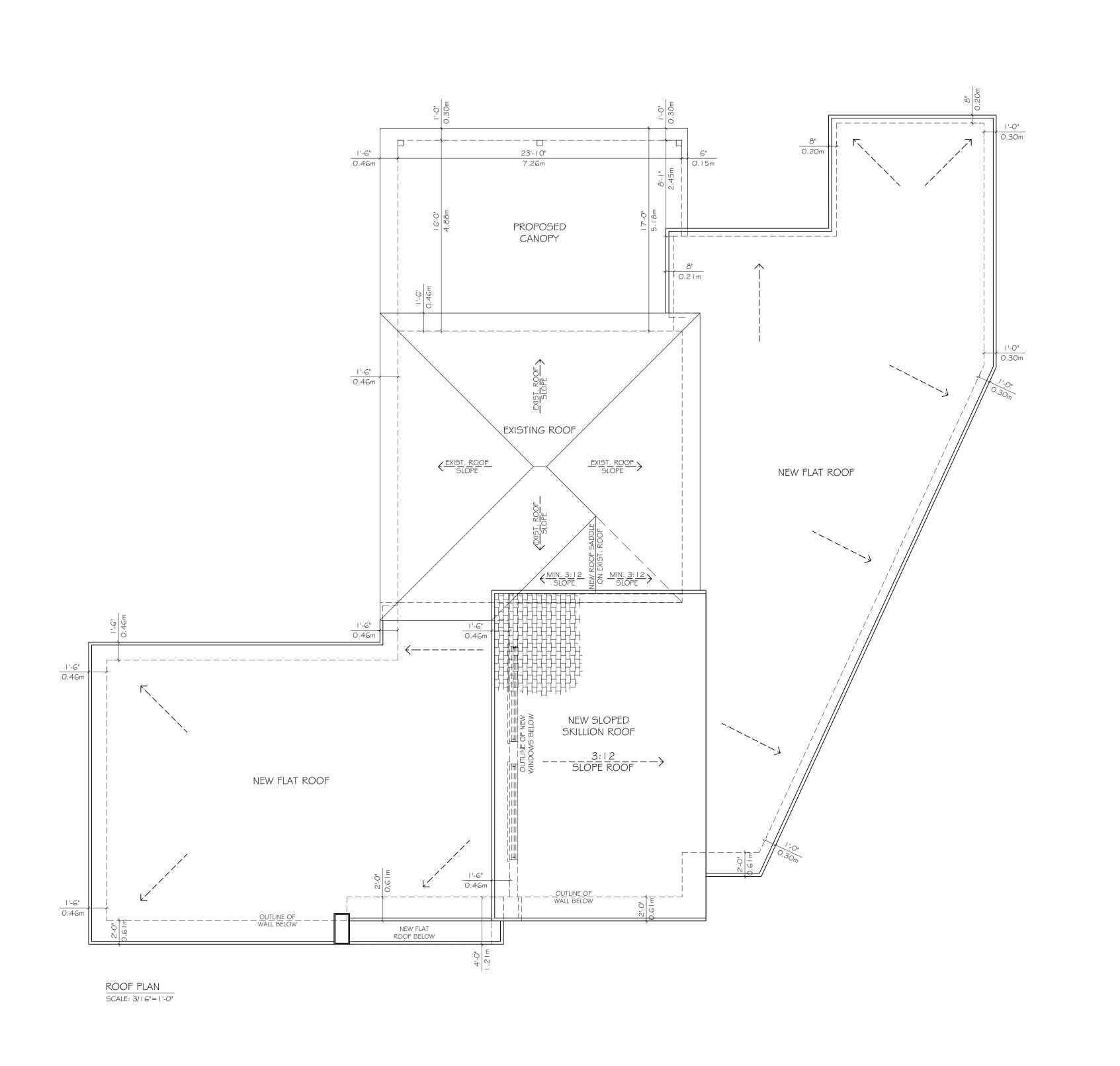
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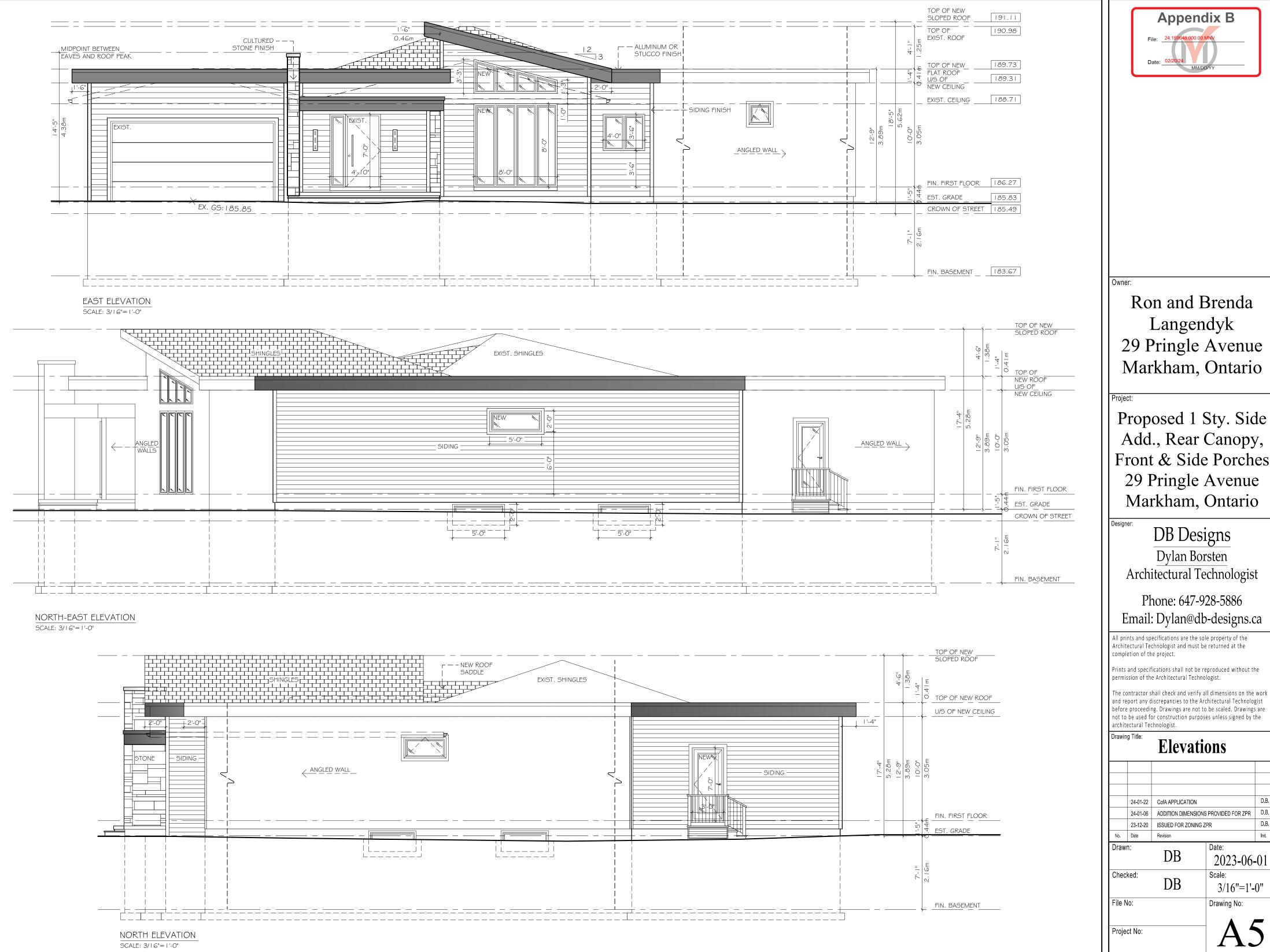
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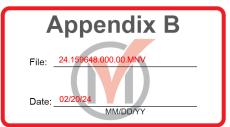
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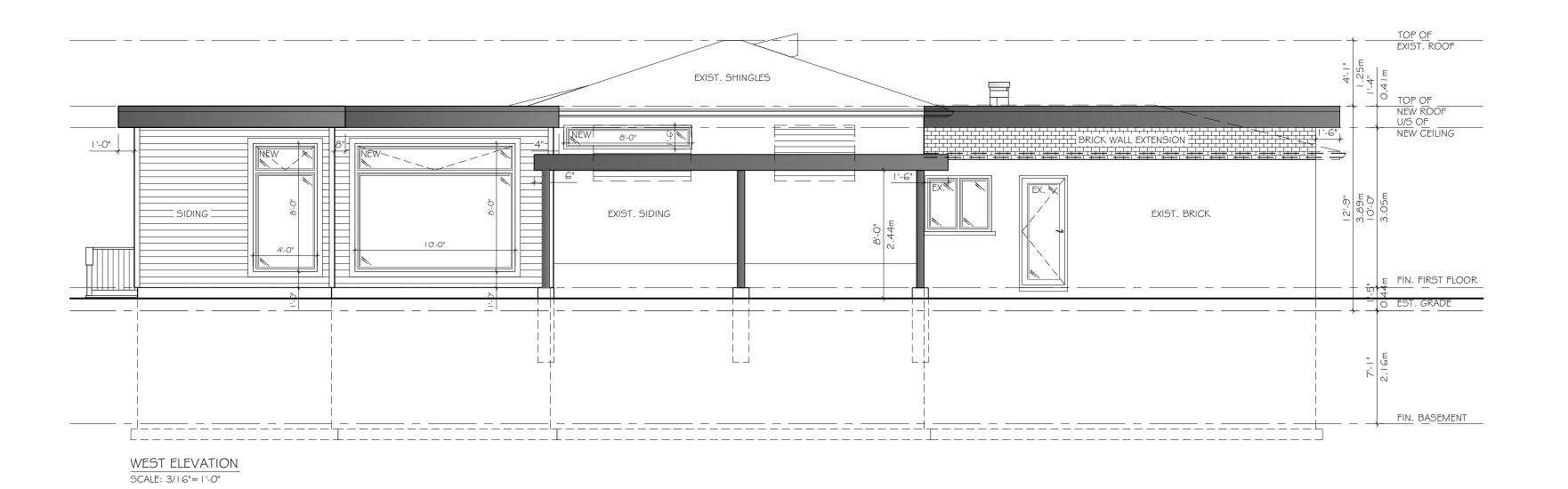
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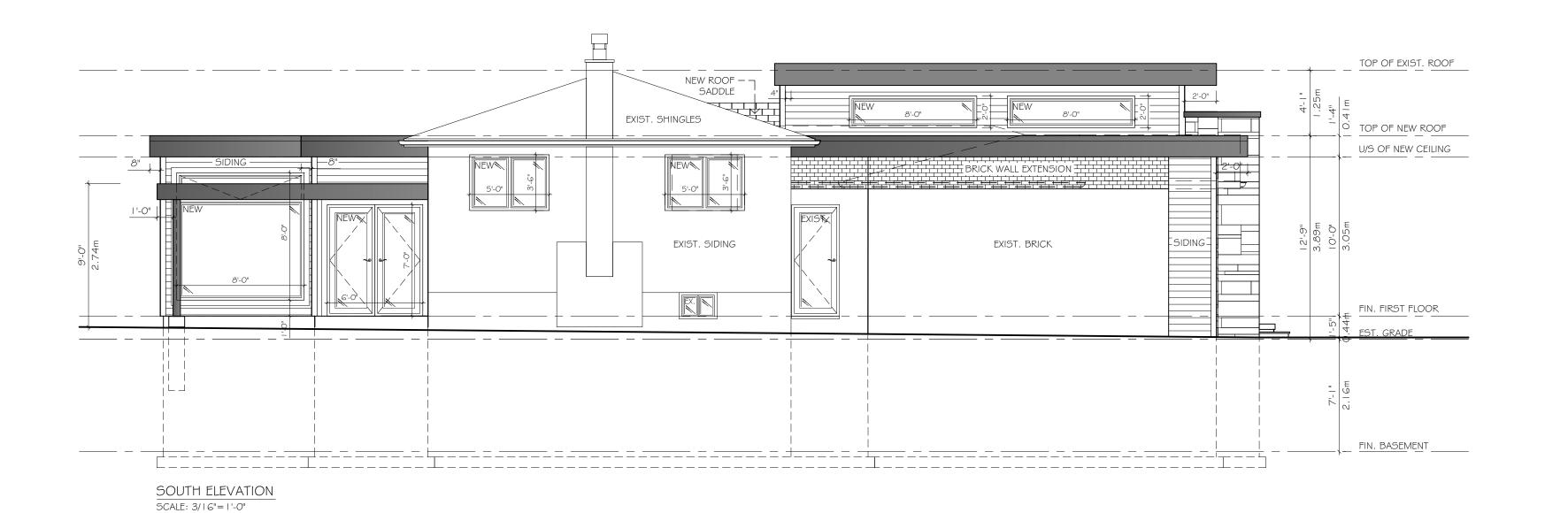
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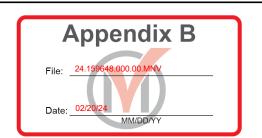
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