Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment February 15, 2024

File: A/003/24

Address: 59 Woodward Avenue, Markham (Thornhill)
Applicant: In Roads Consultants (Ida Evangelista)
Agent: In Roads Consultants (Ida Evangelista)

Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

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

The Applicant is requesting relief from the following "Fourth Density Single Family Residential (R4)" zone requirements of By-law 2237, as amended, as it relates to a proposed two storey dwelling. The variances requested are to permit:

- a) Amending By-law 101-90; Section 1.2 (iv): a building depth of 20.07 metres, whereas the By-law permits a maximum building depth of 16.80 metres;
- b) Amending By-law 101-90; Section 1.2 (i): a building height of 9.4 metres, whereas the By-law permits a maximum building height of 8.60 metres;
- c) Amending By-law 101-90, Section 1.2 (ii): a front yard setback of 8.35 metres, whereas the by-law requires a minimum front yard setback of 10.70 metres;
- d) <u>By-law 2237, Section 6.1;</u> a minimum east side yard setback of 1.57 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum east side yard setback of 1.80 metres for the two-storey dwelling;
- e) Amending By-law 101-90, Section 1.2 (vii): a maximum floor area ratio of 60.09 percent, whereas the by-law permits a maximum floor area ratio of 50 percent;
- f) By-law 2237, Section 3.7: an unenclosed/unexcavated roofed porch encroachment of 101", whereas the By-law permits a maximum encroachment of 18".

BACKGROUND

Property Description

The 652 m² (7,018 ft²) Subject Lands are located on the south side of Woodward Avenue, east of Willowdale Boulevard, and north of Highland Park Boulevard (refer to Appendix "A" – Aerial Photo). The Subject Lands are located within an established residential neighbourhood comprised of one and 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 with one mature tree in the front yard. There is an existing 165.10 m² (1,777.12 ft²) one-storey detached dwelling on the Subject Lands which was constructed in 1950, according to assessment records.

Proposal

The Applicant is proposing to construct a two-storey detached dwelling with a gross floor area of 376.40 m² (4,051 ft²), as shown in Appendix "B".

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. These development criteria were 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. Planning staff have had regard for the requirements of the infill development criteria in the preparation of the comments provided below.

Zoning By-Law 2237

The Subject Lands are zoned "Fourth Density Single Family Residential (R4)" under Bylaw 2237, as amended, which permits a single detached dwelling.

Residential Infill Zoning By-law 101-90

The subject property is also subject to the Residential Infill Zoning By-law 101-90. 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 building depth, building height, front yard setback and floor area ratio.

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 20.07 metres (65.85 feet), whereas the By-law permits a maximum building depth of 16.80 metres (55.12 feet). This represents an increase of approximately 3.27 metres (10.73 feet).

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.

The variance includes a front covered porch which adds approximately 2.57 metres (8.43 feet) to the overall depth of the building. The main component of the building, excluding the front covered porch, has a depth of 17.50 metres (57.41 feet). The requested building depth variance is partially attributable to the proposed front covered porch and building footprint.

Staff have no concerns with the requested variance and are of the opinion the proposed building depth will not adversely impact the streetscape and is minor in nature.

Increased Maximum Building Height Variance

The Applicant is requesting relief to permit a maximum building height of 9.40 metres (30.84 feet), whereas the By-law permits a maximum building height of 8.60 metres (28.22 feet). This represents an increase of 0.80 metres (2.62 feet).

Staff are of the opinion that the proposed maximum building height is minor in nature, will have limited impact the streetscape and therefore have no concern with the requested variance.

Reduced Front Yard Setback Variance

The Applicant is requesting relief to permit a minimum front yard setback of 8.35 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum rear yard setback of 10.70 metres. This represents a reduction of approximately 2.35 metres. The variance is partially attributable to the front covered porch, and the proposed building footprint.

The main front wall of the building provides a front yard setback that is generally consistent with the established front yard setback pattern on the street. Staff are of the opinion that the proposed front yard setback is minor in nature and have no concerns with the requested variance.

Reduced Side Yard Setback Variance

The Applicant is requesting a minimum east side yard setback of 1.57 metres for the twostorey portion of the dwelling, whereas the by-law requires a minimum side yard setback of 1.80 metres for the two-storey portion of the dwelling.

The requested variance only applies to the two-storey portion of the building. Engineering staff have reviewed the application and have no concern with the variance respecting drainage.

Increased Maximum Floor Area Ratio Variance

The Applicant has revised the proposal and is now requesting relief from the Zoning By-law requirements to permit a floor area ratio of 60.09 percent, whereas the By-law permits a maximum floor area ratio of 50.0 percent. The variance will facilitate the construction of a two-storey detached dwelling with a floor area of 391.9 m² (4,217 ft²), whereas a maximum floor area of 307 m² (3,313 ft²) is permitted. This represents an increase of approximately 83.98 m² (904 ft²) above what is permitted by the By-law.

Floor Area Ratio is a measure of the interior square footage of the dwelling as a percentage of the net lot area, however, it is not a definitive measure of the mass of the dwelling. The building layout meets most other zoning provisions that establish the prescribed building envelope, which ensures the proposed dwelling will be in keeping with the intended scale of residential infill developments for the neighbourhood.

Staff are of the opinion that the proposed maximum floor area ratio will be compatible with existing development on the street, have no concern with the requested variance and that the proposed dwelling is generally consistent with what the Bylaw permits.

Increased Maximum Eaves/Roofed Encroachment Variance

The Applicant is requesting a maximum unenclosed/unexcavated roofed rear porch encroachment of 101", whereas the By-law permits a maximum encroachment of 18".

Development Engineering has commented that they have no concerns regarding water runoff and Staff are of the opinion that the requested variance is minor in nature.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

One written submission was received in opposition as of February 29, 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 requested variances meet 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 "C" for conditions to be attached to any approval of this application.

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APPENDICES

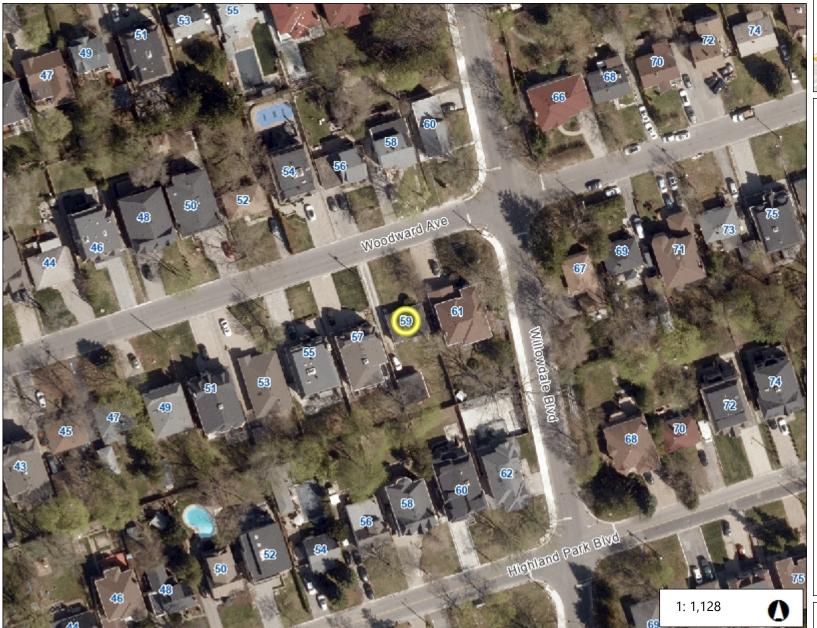
Appendix "A" - Aerial Context Photo

Appendix "B" - Plans

Appendix "C" – A/003/24 Conditions of Approval



Appendix A - Aerial Photo - 59 Woodward Avenue





Legend

Subject Lands

Notes

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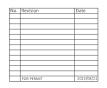
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Appendix B APPROXIMATE CENTRE LINE OF PAVEMENT WOODWARD AVENUE File: 24.159095.000.00.MNV (BY REGISTERED PLAN 2446) PIN 03020-0502(LT) Lo CURB CUT 1, 1 Date: 03/01/24 MM/DD/YY 193.15 2x80.40 DRIVEWAY 193,30 9.88 / 200 Hrs. 193.35 193,40 × 0,29€ 200 NT6-53:00 W(PLANK) 42,67(PLP1AN) LOT 200 PIN 03020-0237(LT) PIN 03020-0236(LT) 1000 LOT AREA: PROPOSED LOWER FLOOR PROPOSED MAIN FLOOR PROPOSED SECOND FLOOR 172.40 sq.m.
PROPOSED TOTAL GFA: 57.73% 376.40 sq.m. (E) (F).50 FRONT YARD LANDSCAPING CALCULATION FRONT YARD AREA: DRIVEWAY + STEPS, PORCH & WALKWAY AREA 33,40 m2 3.80 m2 [41.70 m2] Soft Landscaping=69,27% BACK YARD LANDSCAPING CALCULATION BACK YARD AREA: [252.80 m2] X BOARD FENCE 50'-2" [15.28 m] AREA OF WALKOUT AND STEPS (47.30 m2) LOT 146 LOT 147 PIN 03020-0175(LT) PIN 03020-0176(LT) 47.30/252,80*100=18,71% AVERAGE GRADE : 193.60 C/L OF THE ROAD 193.07 BUILDING HEIGHT: HIGHLAND PARK BOULEVARD ROOF RIDGE FROM EST. GRADE

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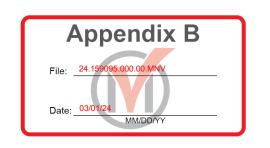
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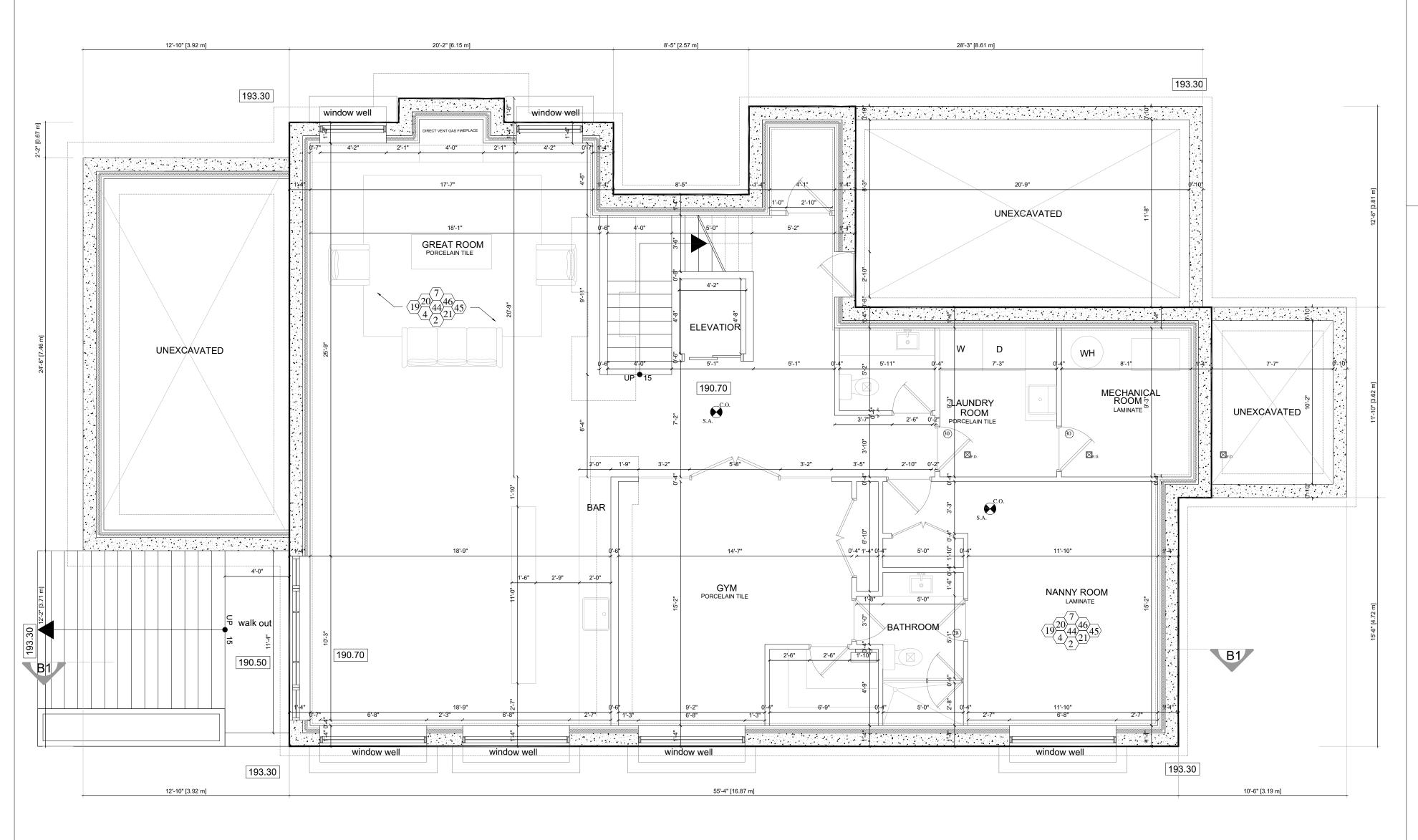
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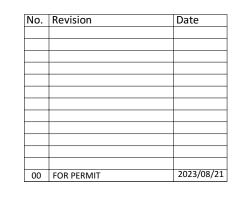
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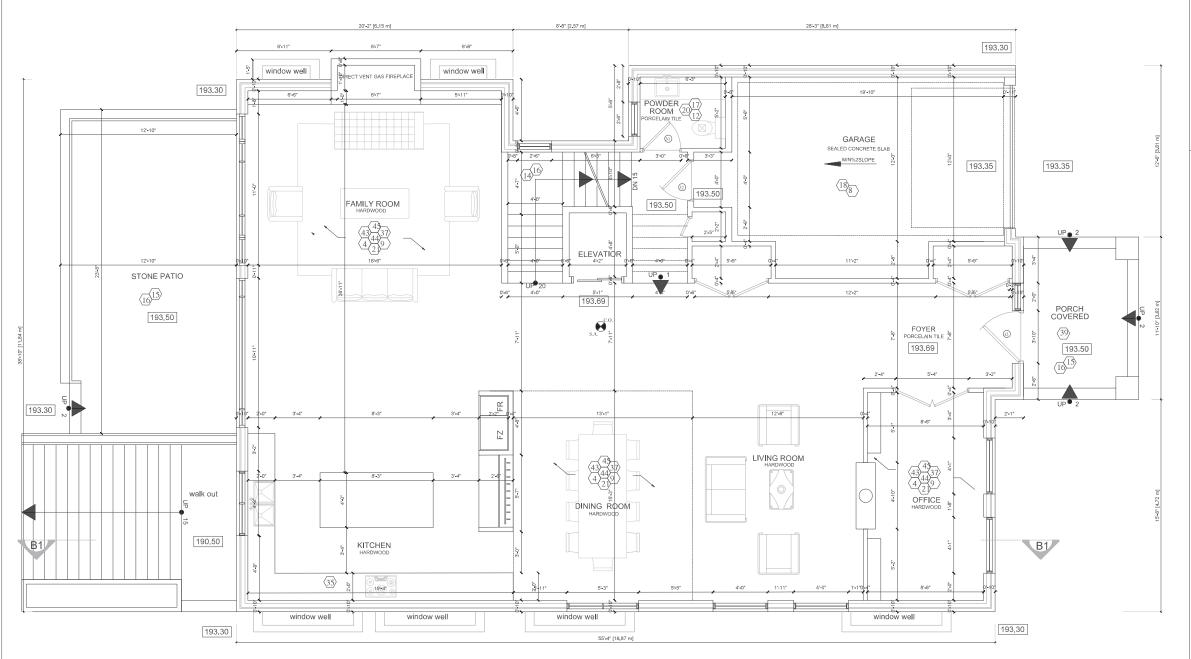
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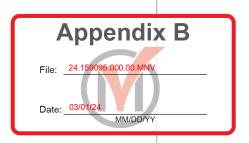
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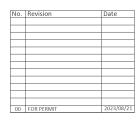
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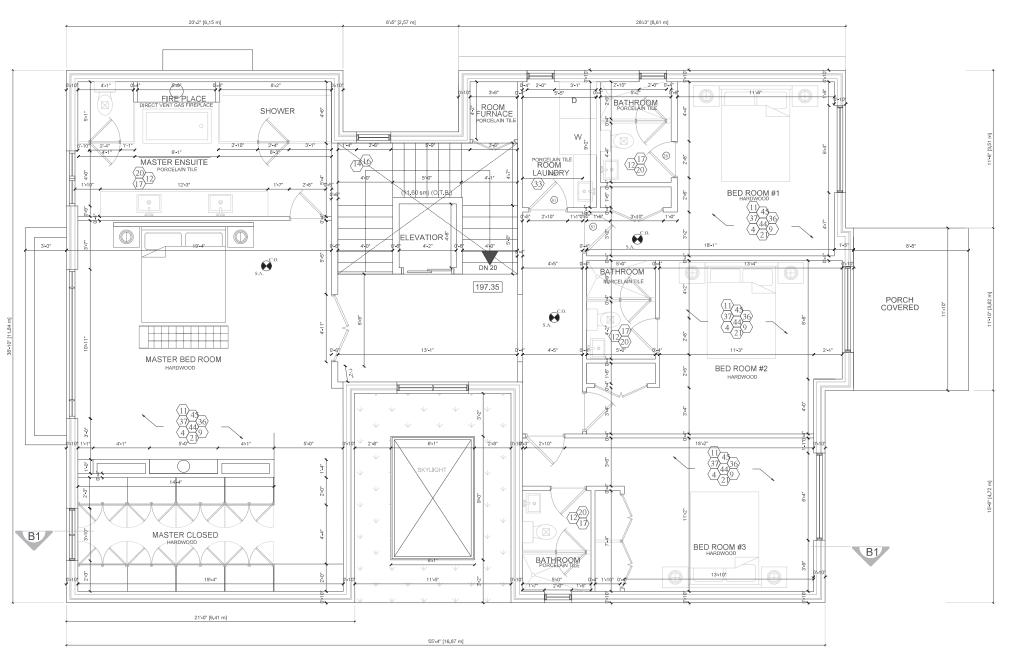
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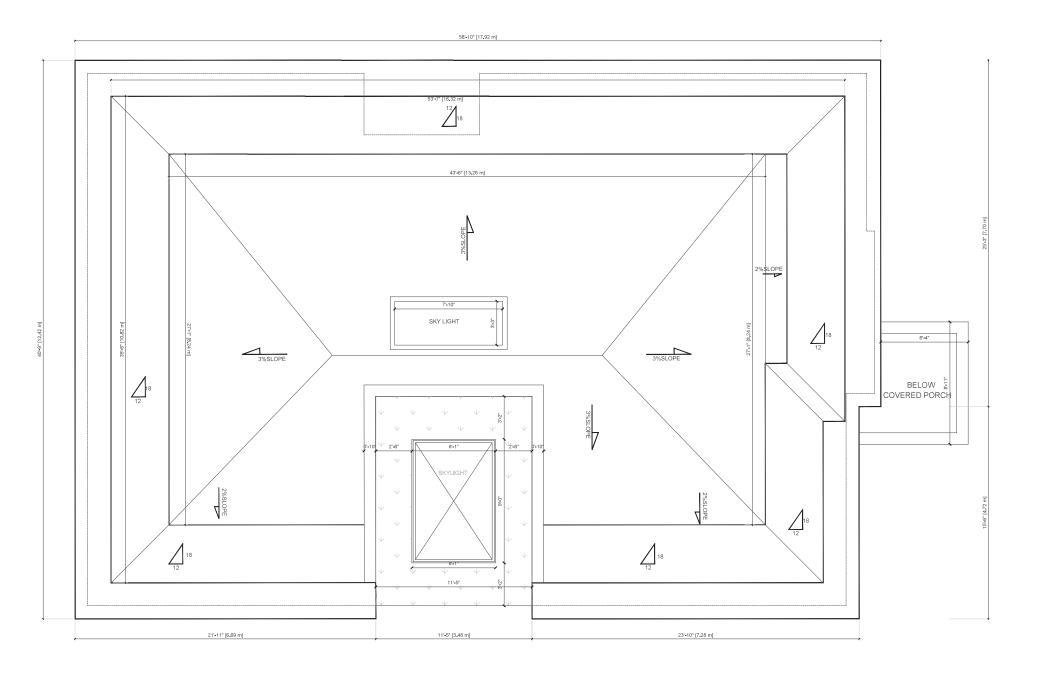
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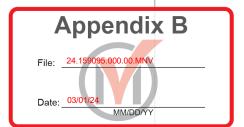
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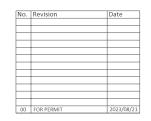
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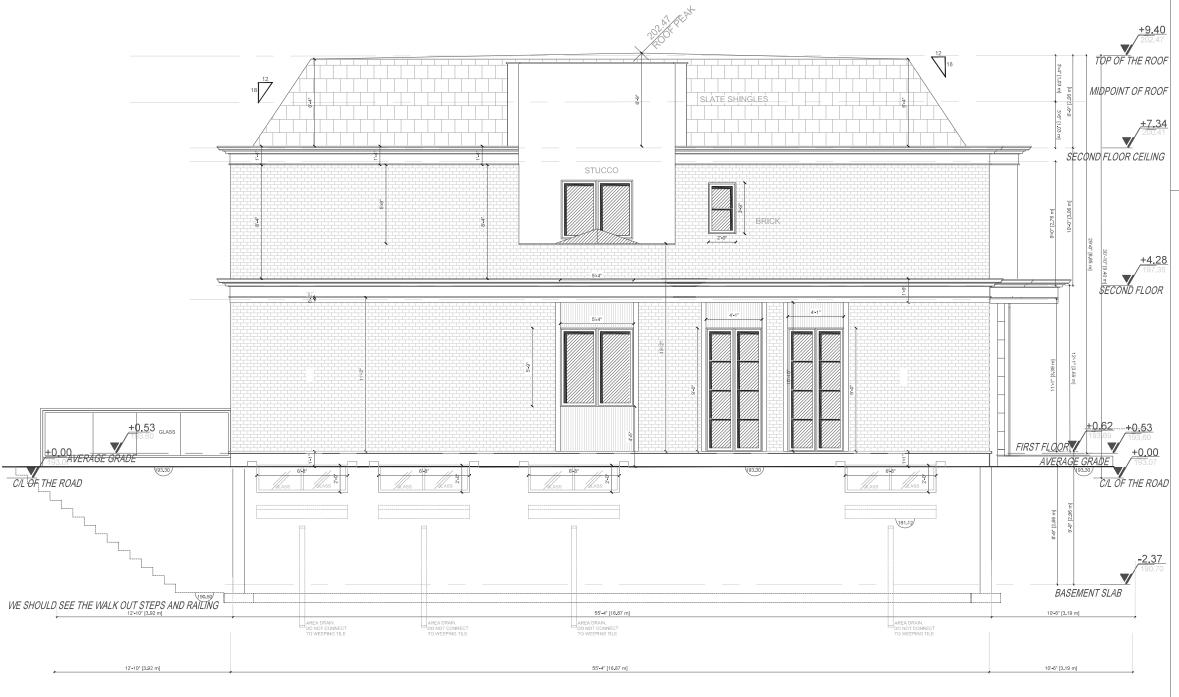




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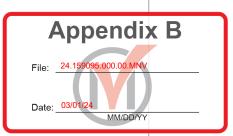
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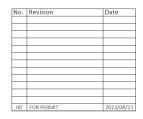
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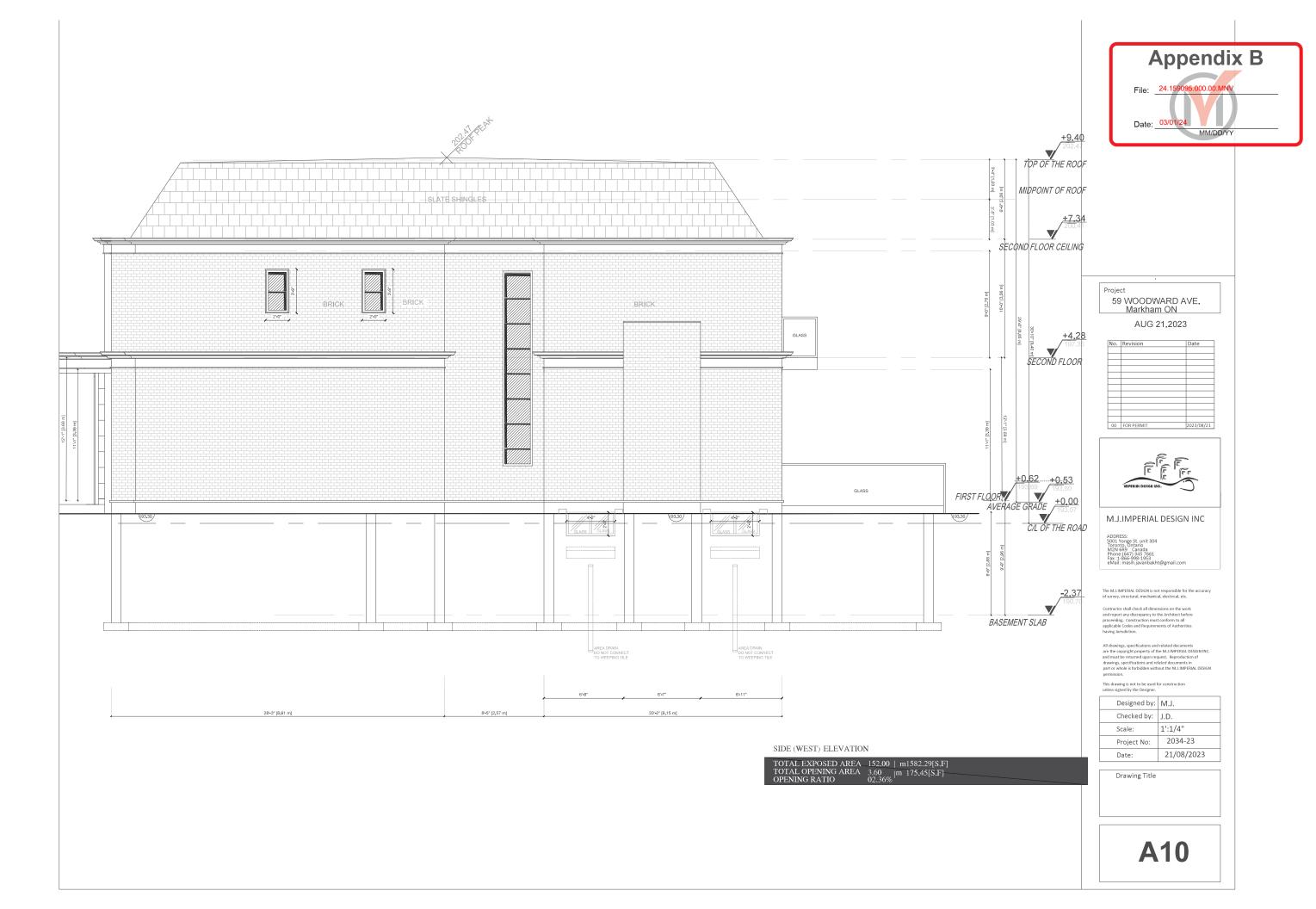


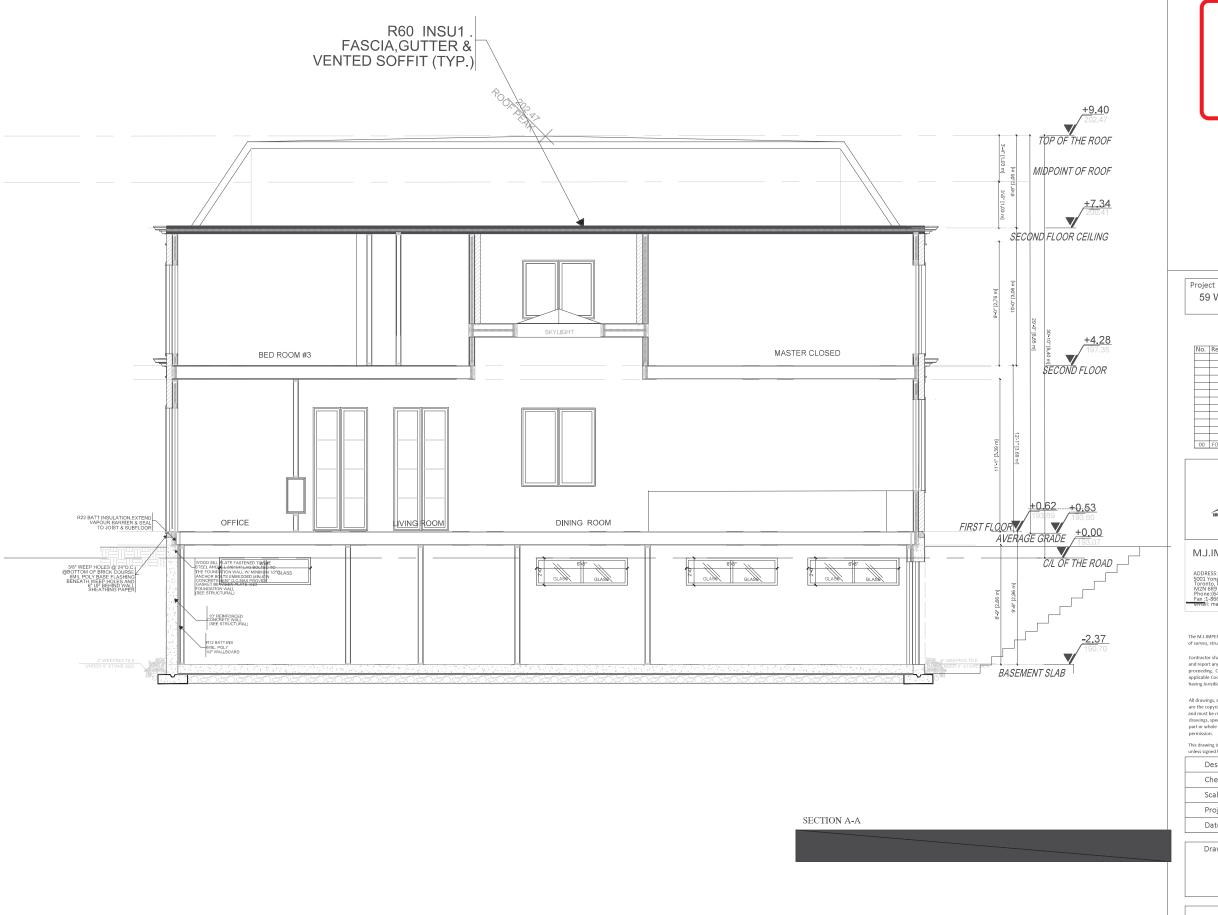
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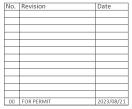






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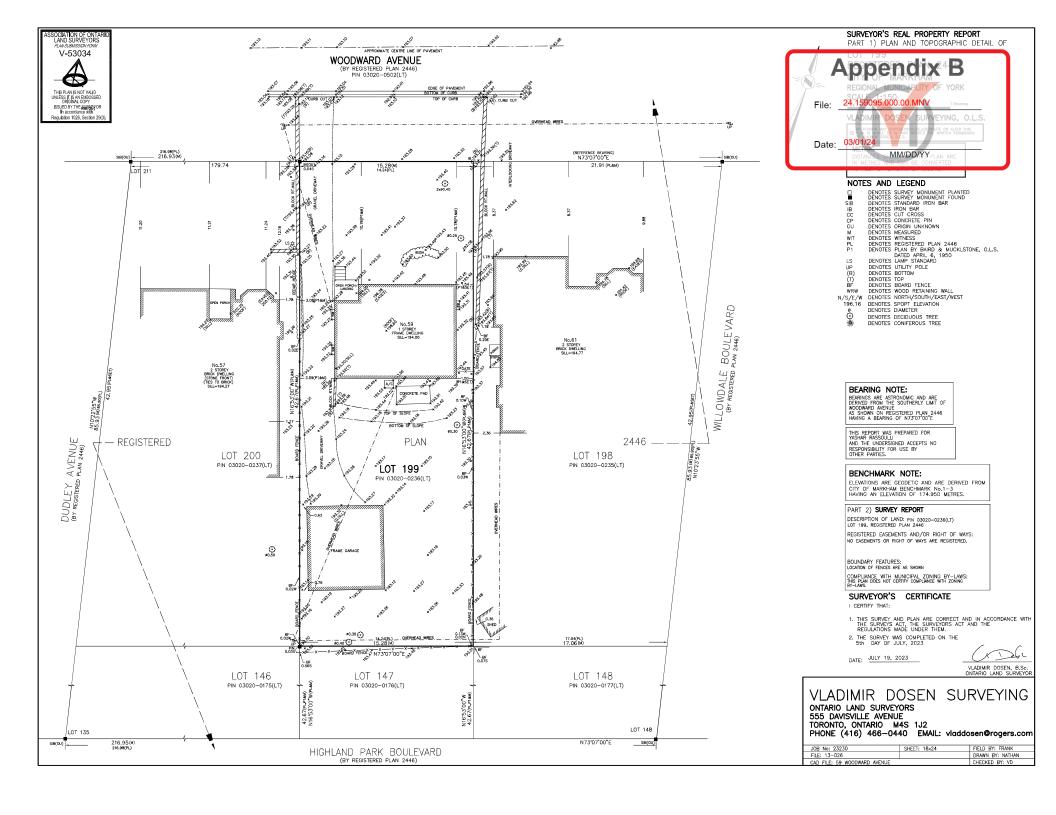
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APPENDIX "C" - A/003/24 Conditions of Approval

CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/003/24

- 1. The variances apply only to the proposed development as long as it remains; and
- 2. 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 that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from the Supervisor of the Committee of Adjustment or designate that this condition has been fulfilled to their satisfaction.

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