Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment January 29, 2024

File:	A/004/24
Address:	21 Forest Park Crescent, 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 District:

The applicant is requesting relief from the following "Third Density Single Family Residential (R3)" zone requirements of By-law 2237, R3 as amended, as it relates to a proposed addition to a two-storey residential dwelling to permit:

a) Amending By-law 101-90, Section 1.2(iv):

a building depth of 20.1 metres, whereas the by-law permits a maximum building depth of 16.8 metres;

BACKGROUND

Property Description

The 975.35 m² (10,498.58 ft²) subject property is located on the east side of Forest Park Crescent, north of John Street and generally south of Ladies Golf Club of Toronto. The property is located within an established residential neighbourhood comprised of a mix of one and two-storey detached dwellings. Mature vegetation exists across the property.

The subject property currently contains a two-storey detached dwelling with a two-car garage and mature trees in the front and at the back of the property.

Proposal

The owner is proposing to construct a two-storey extension to the rear of the property.

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. This criteria was 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 property is zoned Third Density Single Family Residential (R3)_under By-law 2237, as amended, which permits single detached dwellings.

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 the building depth.

Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Not Undertaken

The owner has confirmed that a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) has <u>not</u> been conducted. However, the applicant has received comments from the Building Standards Department through their permit process 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 20.1 m (65.9 ft), whereas the By-law permits a maximum building depth of 16.8 m (55.1 ft). This represents an increase of approximately 3.3 m (10.8 ft). The increased building depth is proposed for a portion of the dwelling towards the north side of the property, east of the existing 2-car garage.

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. Staff note that there are multiple mature trees between the subject property and the property to the north side at 23 Forest Park Crescent. This will mitigate any visual impacts of privacy that may be caused due to the proposed extension. Additionally, the subject property will align with the building located to at 19 Forest Park Crescent as a result of the rear extension. Staff are of the opinion that the proposed building depth is minor in nature and will not adversely impact the character of the neighbourhood.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of February 28, 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 "C" for conditions to be attached to any approval of this application.

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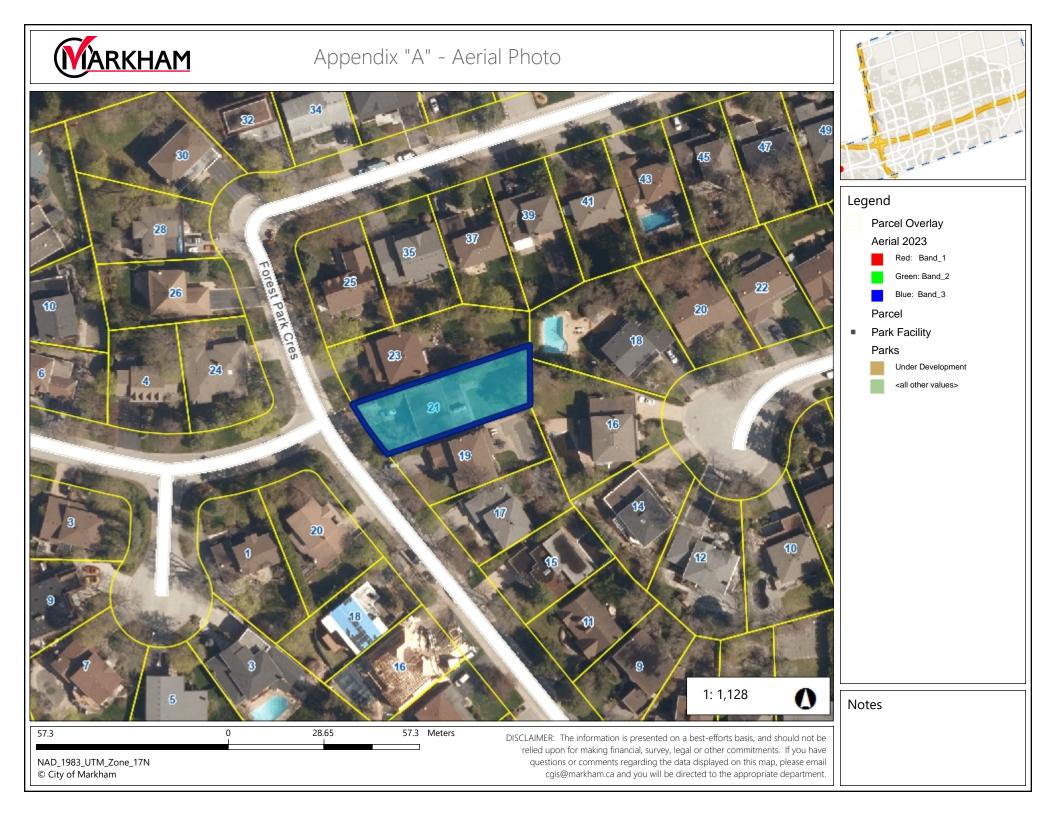
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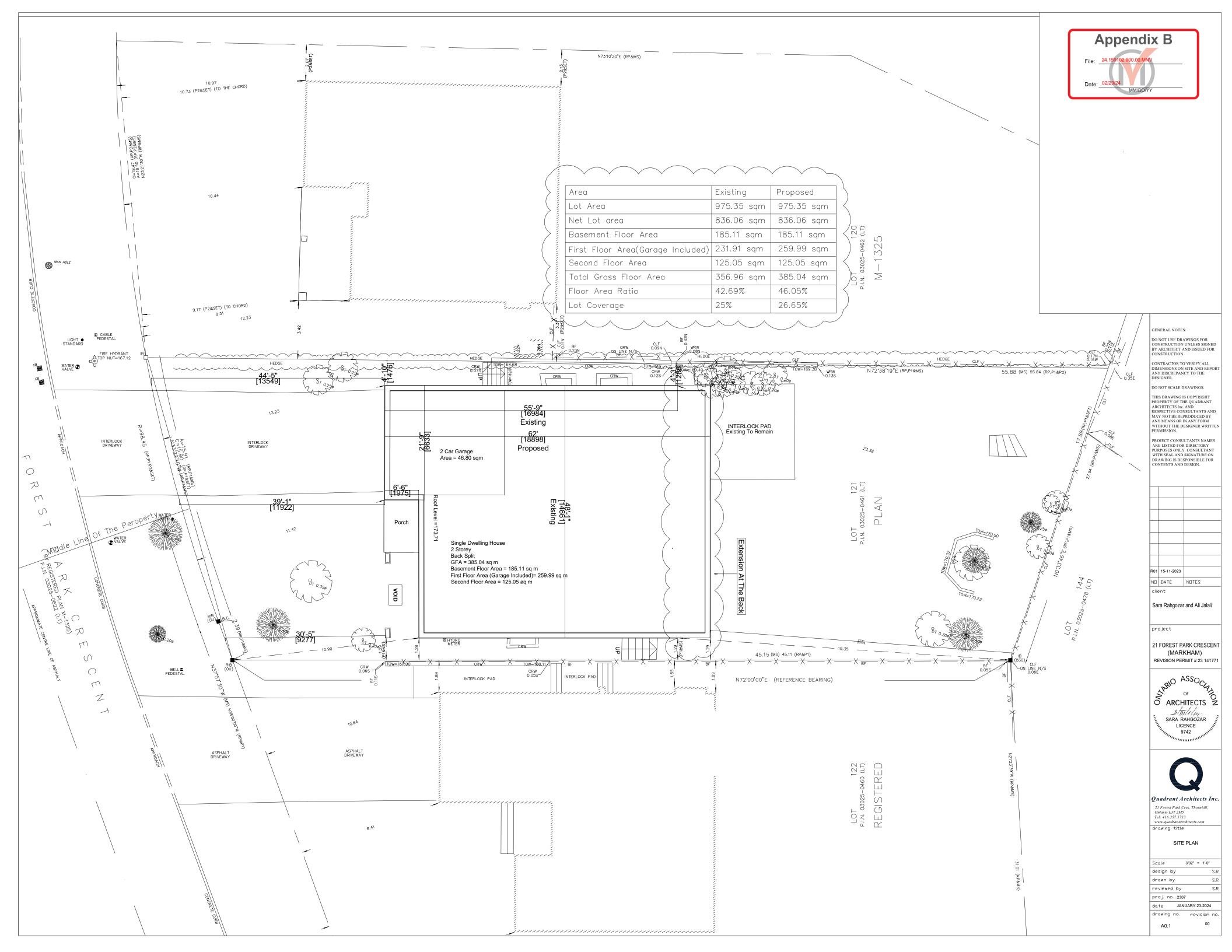
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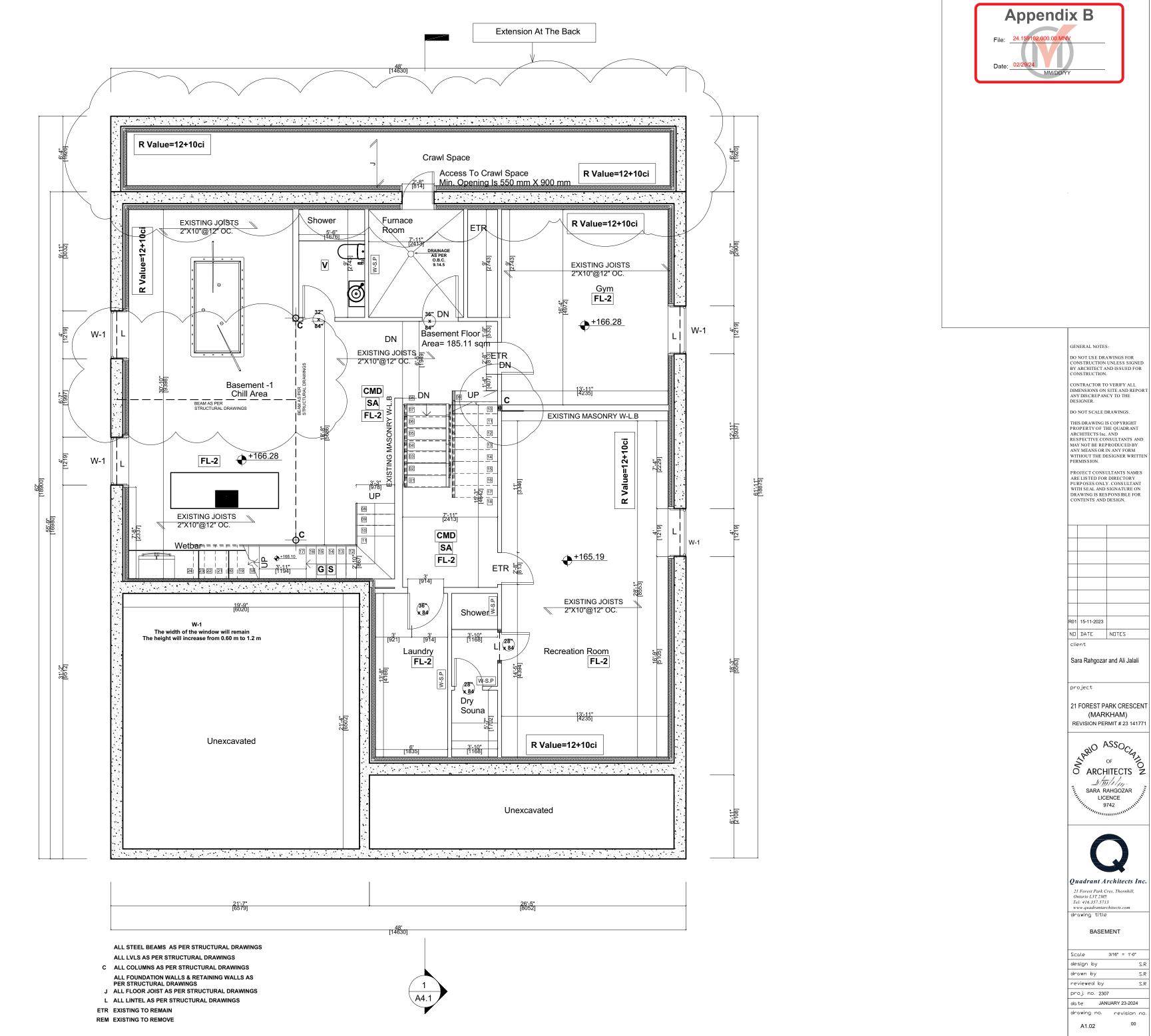
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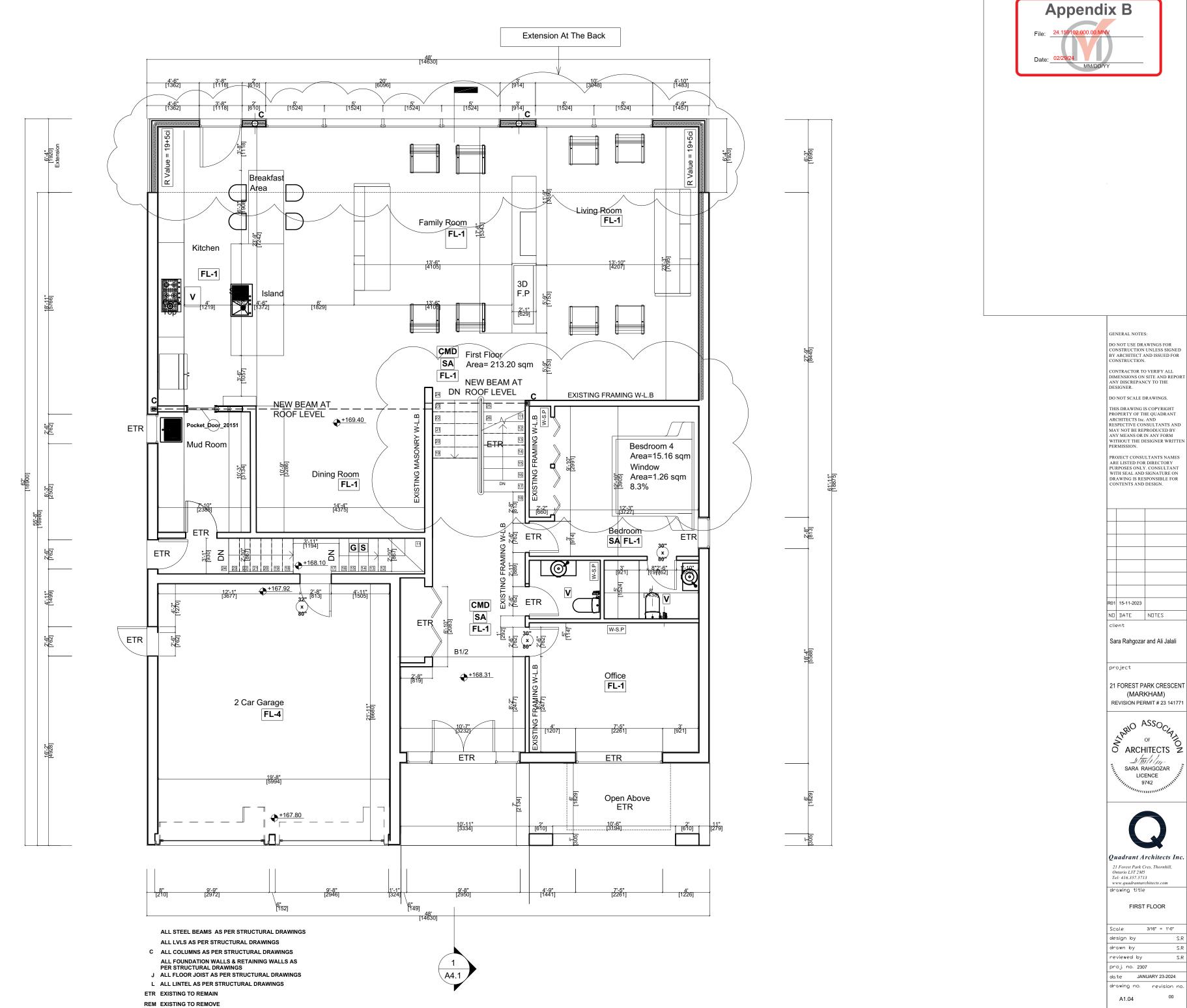




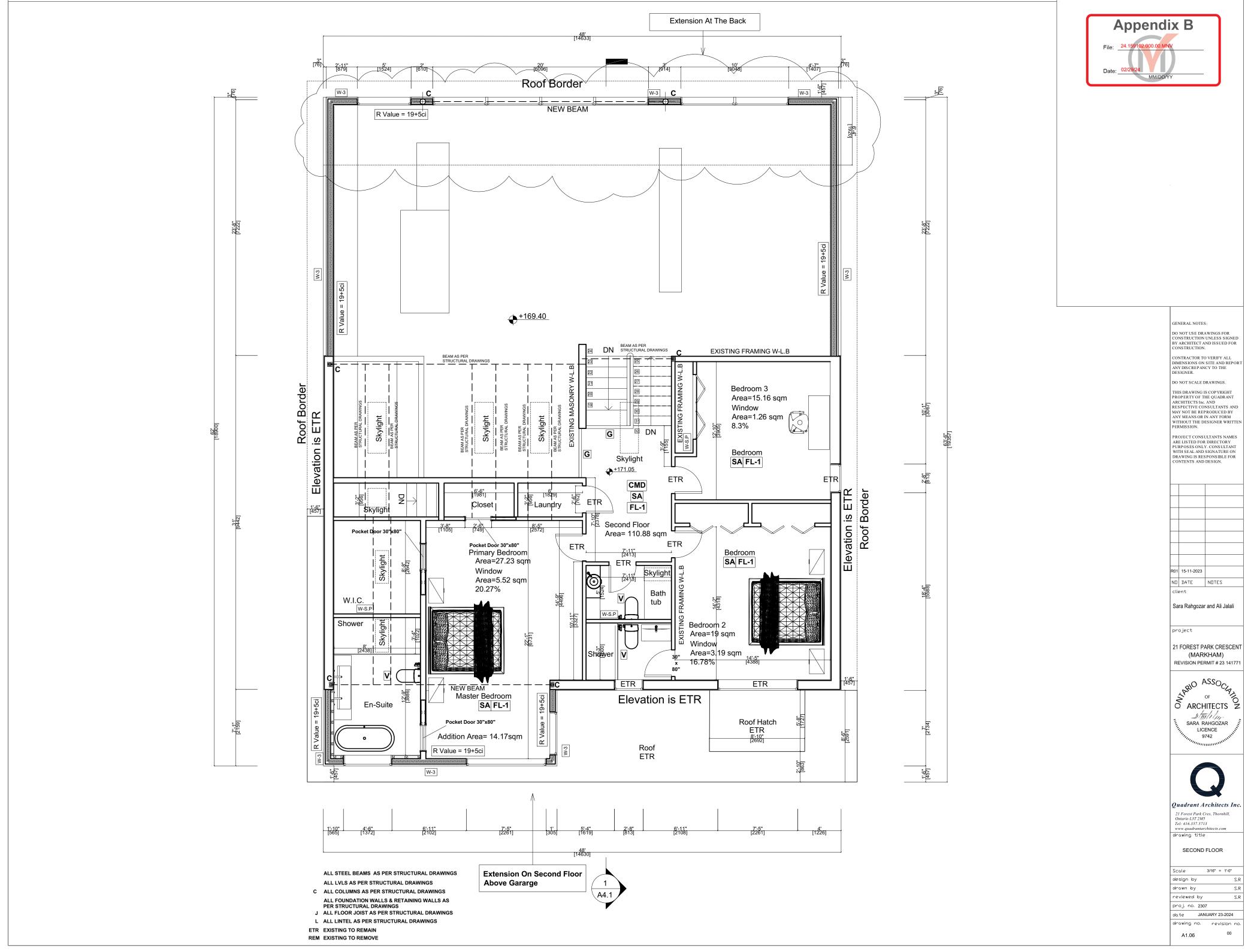


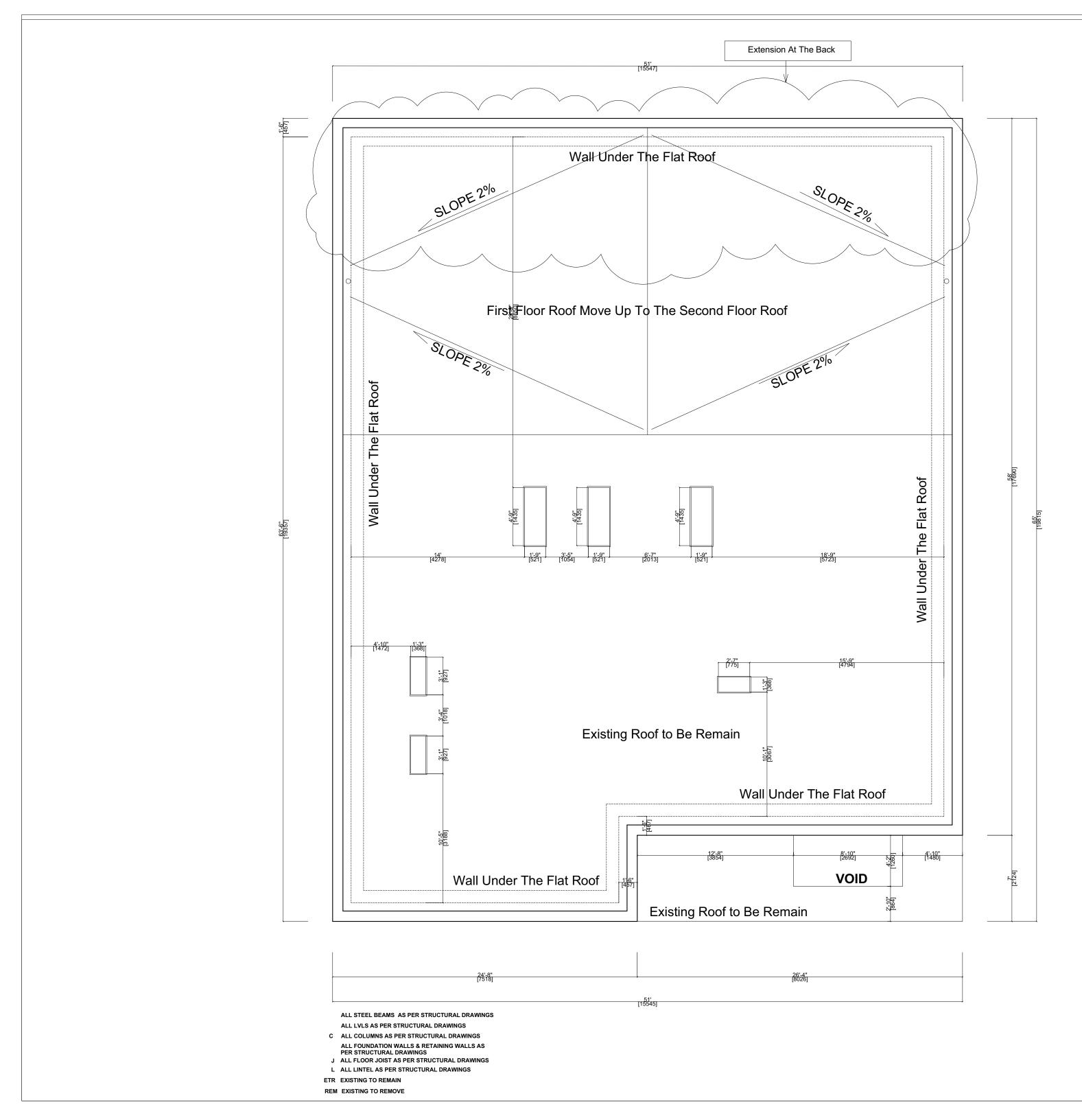
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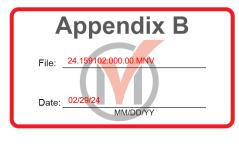
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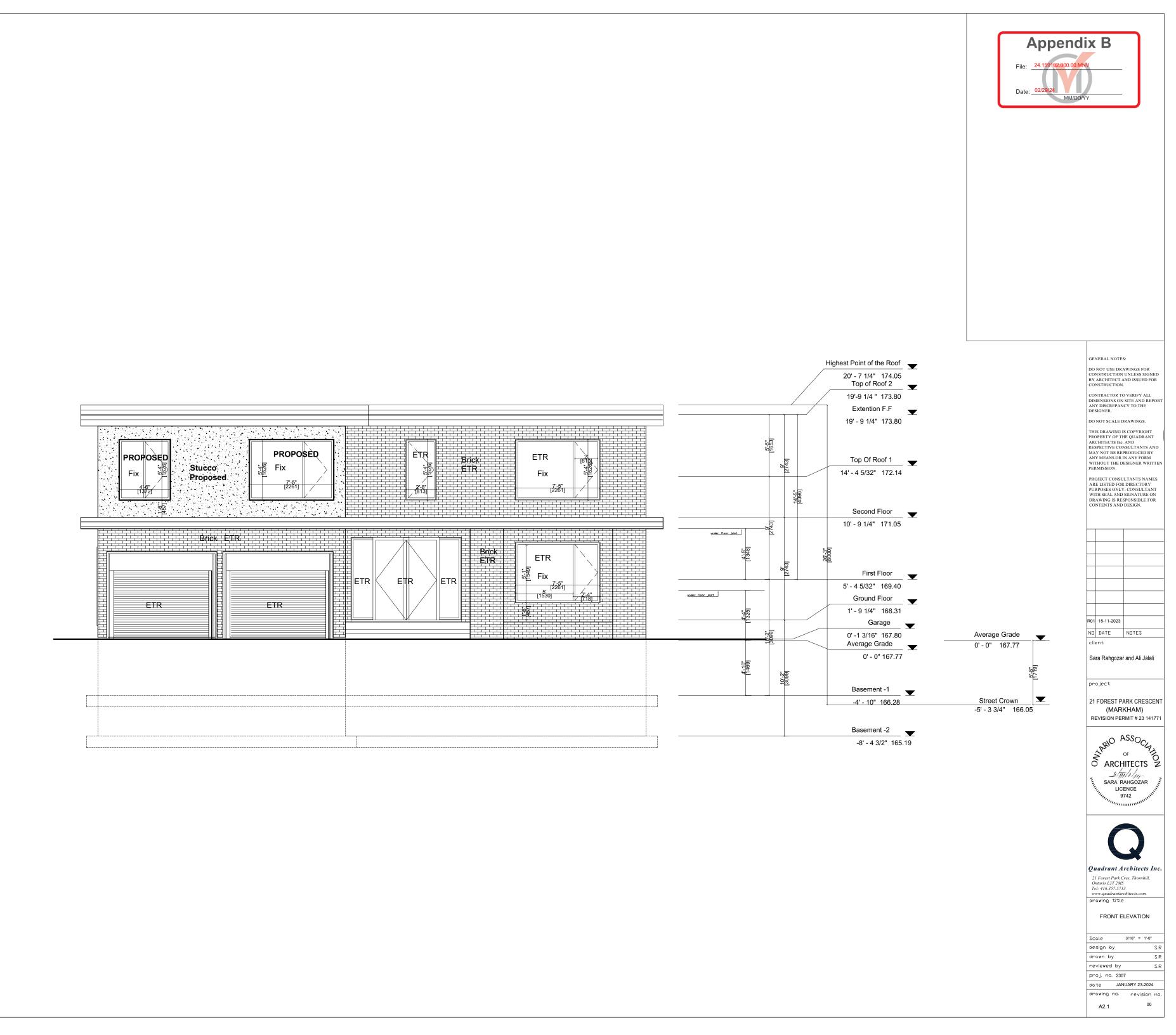
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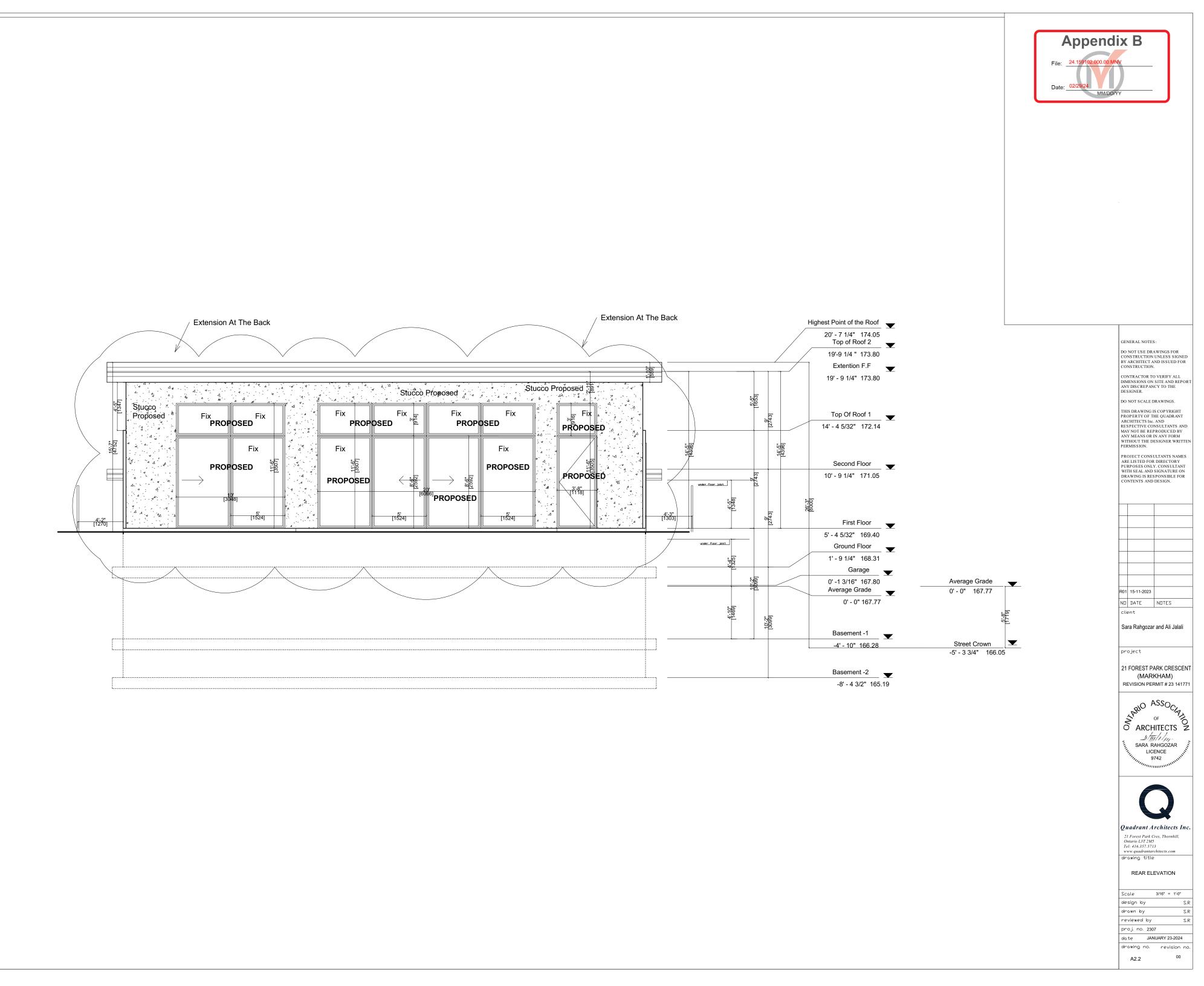
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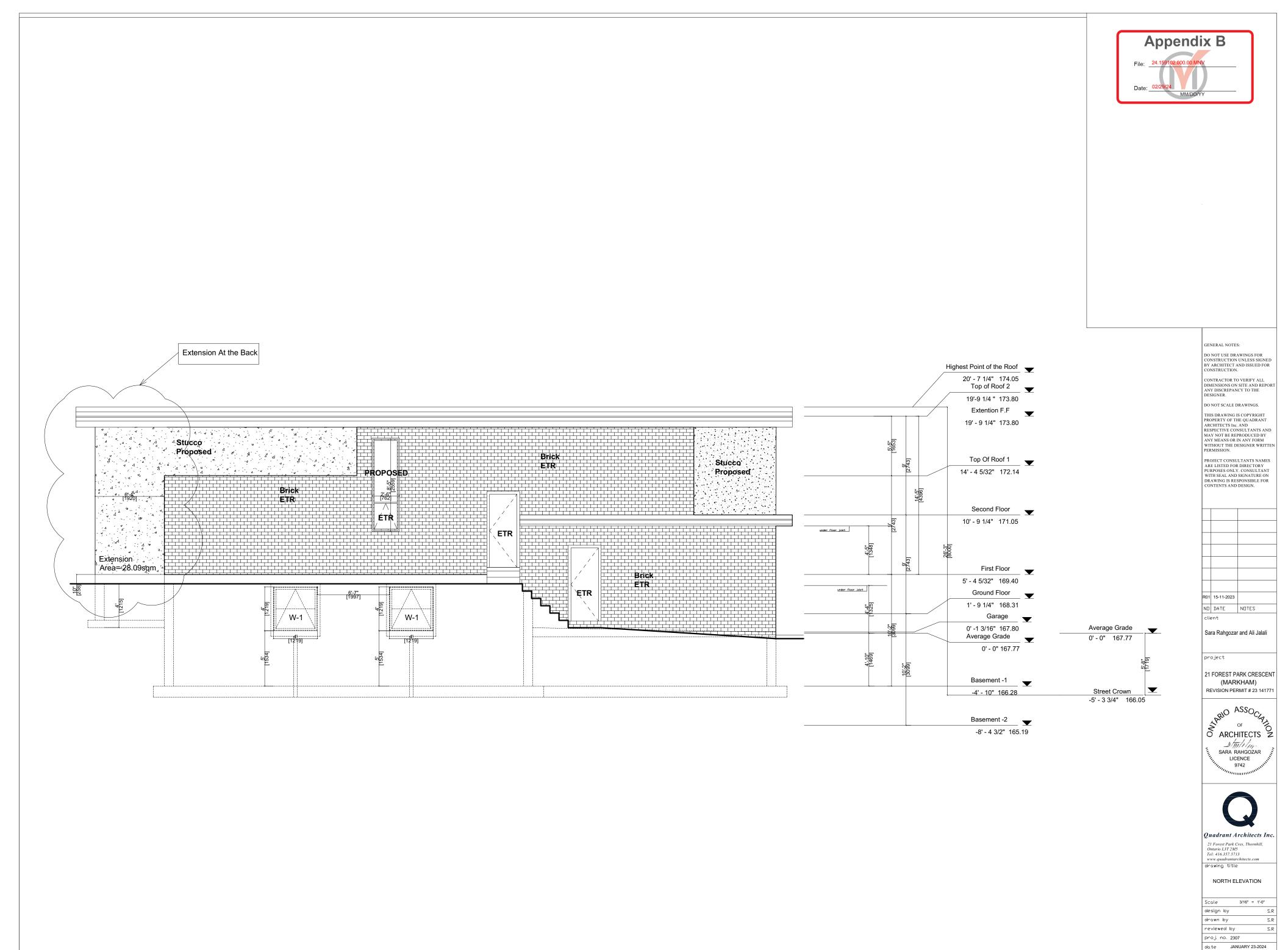
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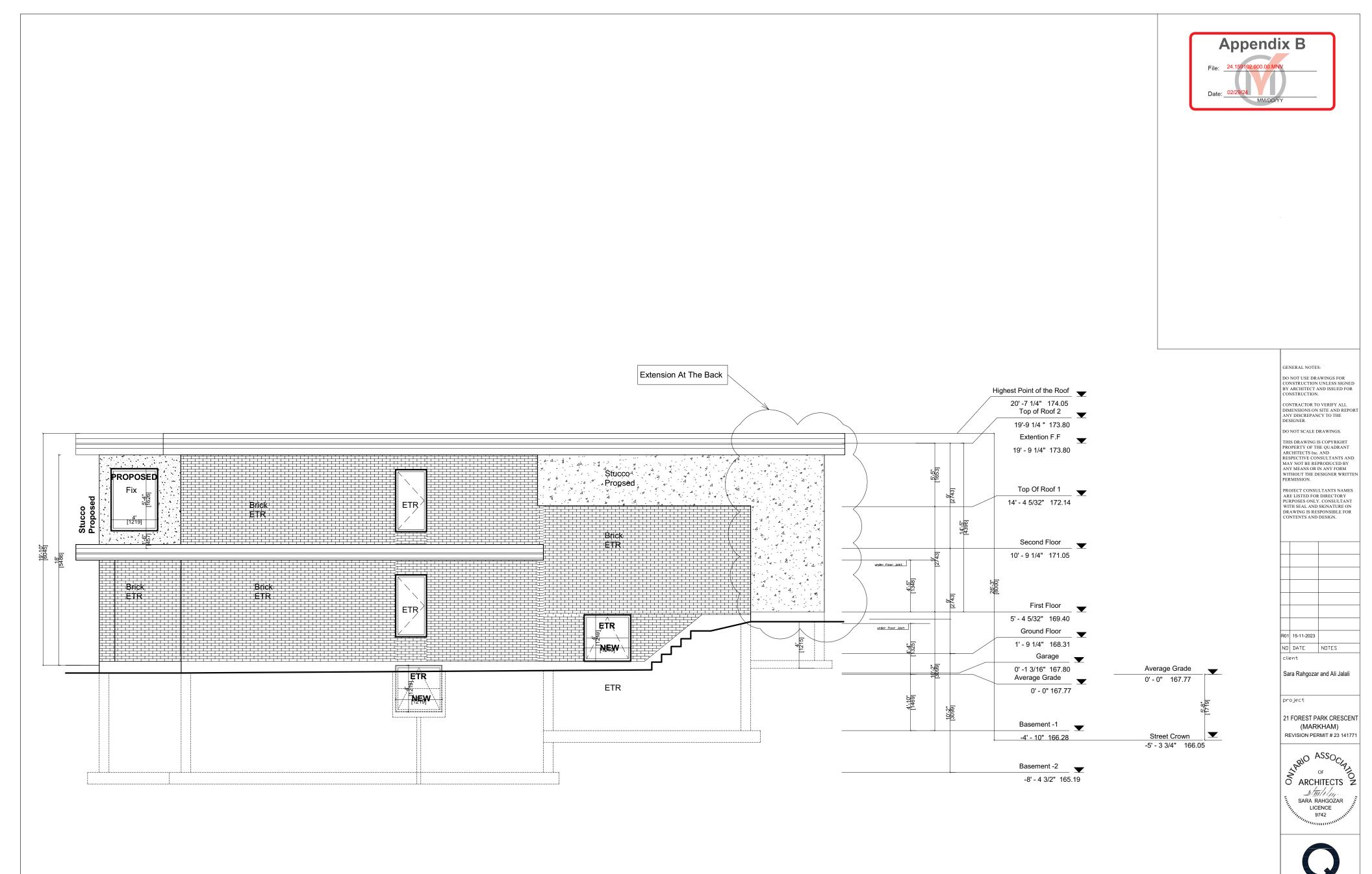




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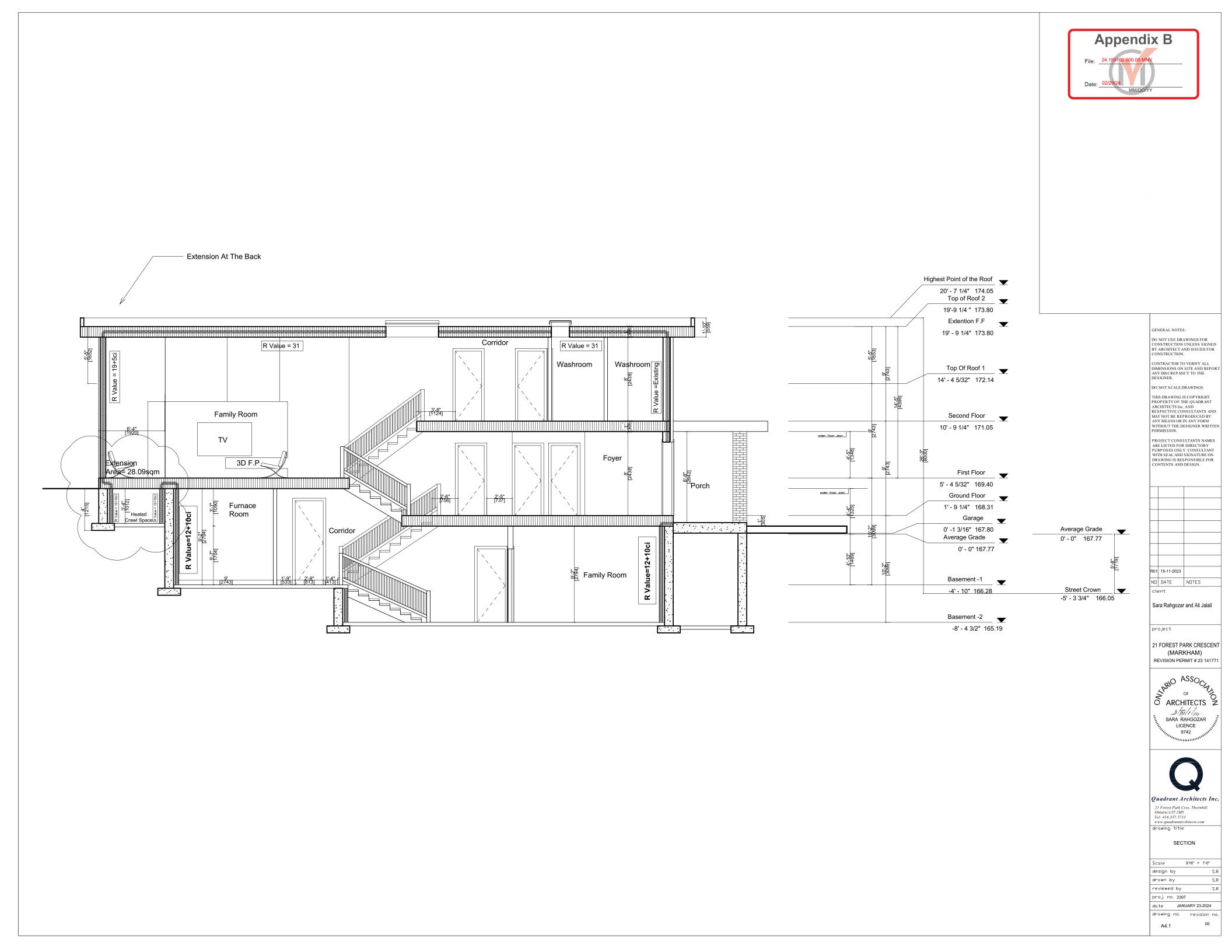
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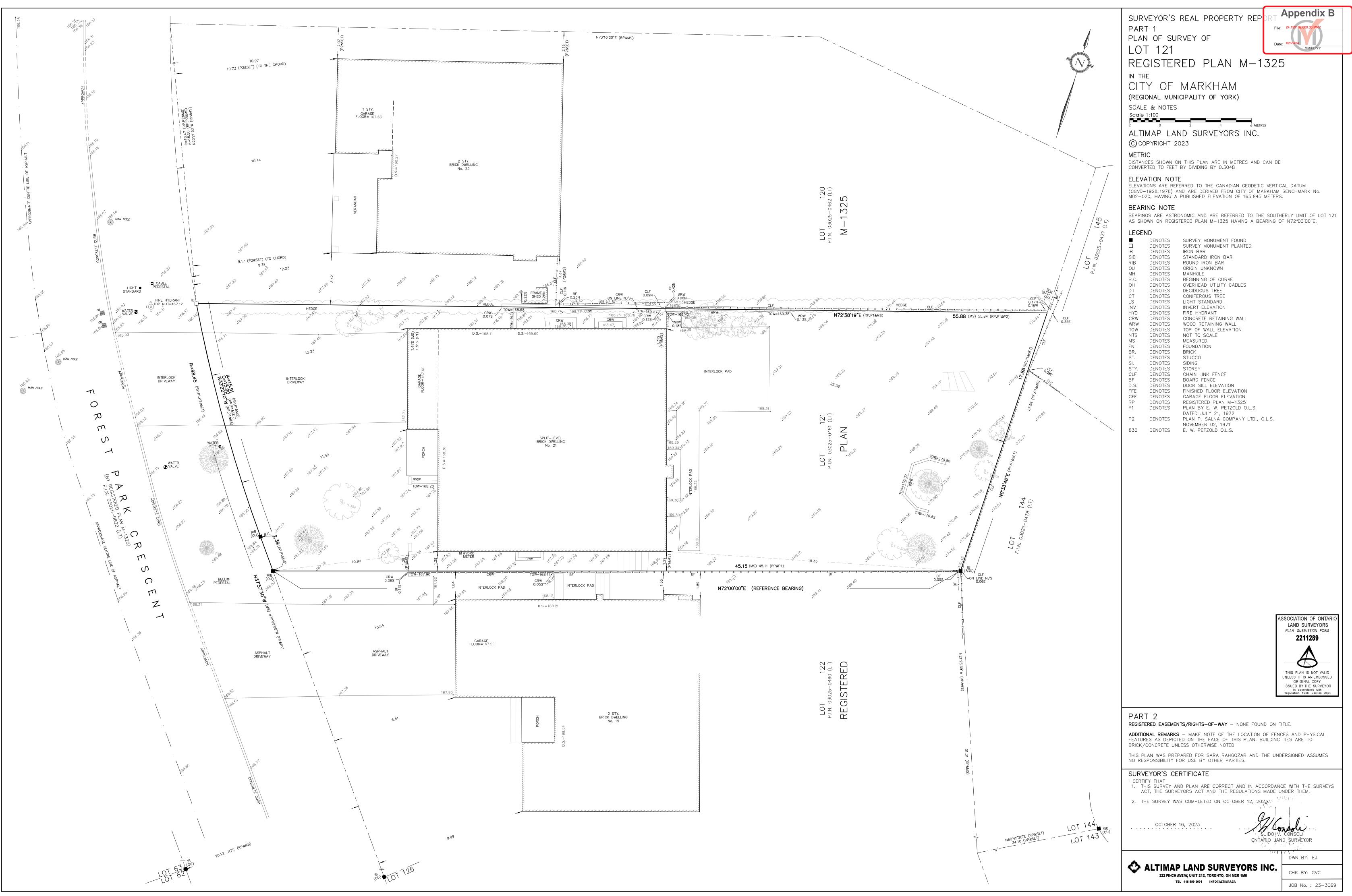
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APPENDIX "C" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/004/24

- 1. The variances apply only to the proposed development for as long as it remains.
- 2. That the variances apply only to the proposed development, in substantial conformity with the plans 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.

CONDITIONS PREPARED BY:

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