Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

September 18, 2025

File: A/103/25

Address: 133, 135, and 137 Beaverbrae Drive, Markham

Agent/Applicant: Malone Given Parsons Ltd

Hearing Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2025

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

The Applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of the "Residential Two - Special (R2-S*642)" Zone under By-law 177-96, as amended, to permit:

a) <u>Section 7.642.2b):</u> a minimum lot frontage of 6.1 metres per unit on an interior lot, whereas the by-law requires a minimum lot frontage of 7.0 metres per unit on an interior lot;

as it relates to three townhouse lots located within Block 303 on PLAN 65M-4837.

BACKGROUND

Property Description

The subject lands are comprised of one 0.17 ha (1,700 m² or 18,298.65 ft²) block, known as Block 303 (the "Subject Lands") (refer to Appendix "A" – Aerial Photo) and are generally located south of Elgin Mills Road E and east of Victoria Square Boulevard. The Subject Lands are currently being redeveloped as a residential neighbourhood.

Proposal

The Applicant is proposing to construct a townhouse development on Block 303. The variance request applies only to the three interior townhouse lots with lot frontages of 6.1 m (20.0 ft) (the "Proposed Development") (refer to Appendix "B" – Plans). The townhouses on either end of Block 303 have a lot frontage of 9.30 m (30.51 ft) and 13.92 m (45.67 ft) and do not require a variance.

Official Plan and Zoning

Official Plan 2014 (partially approved on November 24, 2017, and updated on July 17, 2024

The Official Plan designates the Subject Lands as "Residential Low Rise", which permits low-rise housing forms. The Subject Lands are located within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan ("OPA 24") which permits townhouse dwellings with direct frontage on a public street. Planning Staff have had regard for the requirements of the infill development criteria in the preparation of the comments provided below.

Zoning By-Law 177-96, as amended by By-law 2021-6

The Subject Lands are zoned "Residential Two - Special (R2-S*642)" under By-law 177-96, as amended, which permits townhouse dwellings. The amending By-law 2021-6 requires that interior lots require a minimum frontage of 7.0 m (23.0 ft).

Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Not Undertaken

The Applicant has confirmed that a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) has <u>not</u> been conducted. It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that the Application has accurately identified all the variances to the Zoning By-law required for the proposed development. If the variance request in this Application contains errors, or if the need for additional variances is identified during the Building Permit review process, further variance Application(s) may be required to address the non-compliance.

COMMENTS

The <u>Planning Act</u> 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.

Reduced Minimum Lot Frontage

The Applicant is requesting a minimum lot frontage of 6.1 m (20.0 ft), whereas the Bylaw permits a minimum lot frontage of 7.0 m (23.0 ft).

Staff have reviewed the application and have no concern with the variance and are of the opinion that reduction of lot frontages within the new subdivision does not significantly change the product that is being delivered. Staff opine that the proposed minimum lot frontage is minor in nature and meets the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of September 18, 2025. 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 <u>Planning Act</u>, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, and are of the opinion that the variance request meets the four tests of the <u>Planning Act</u> 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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Appendix "A" – Aerial Photo

Appendix "B" – Plans
Appendix "C" – Conditions of Approval for A/103/25

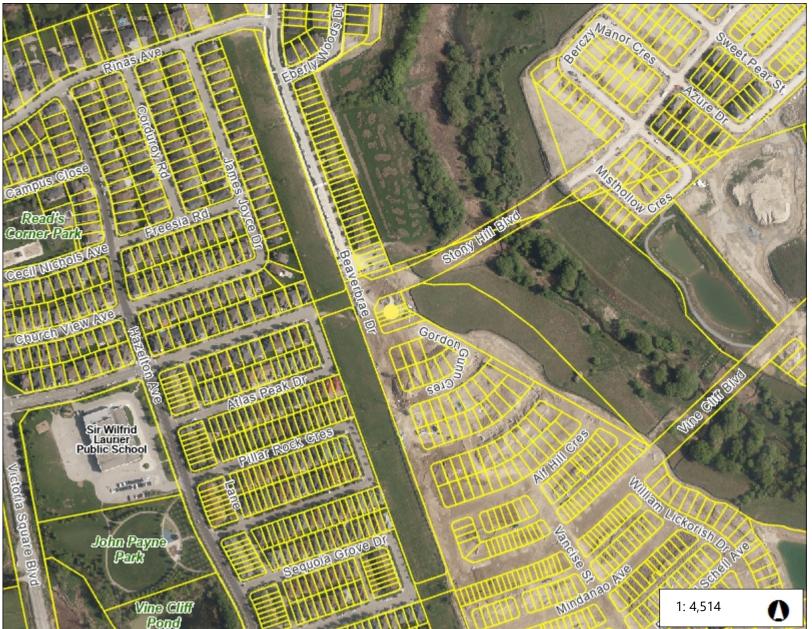


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Appendix "A" - Aerial Photo



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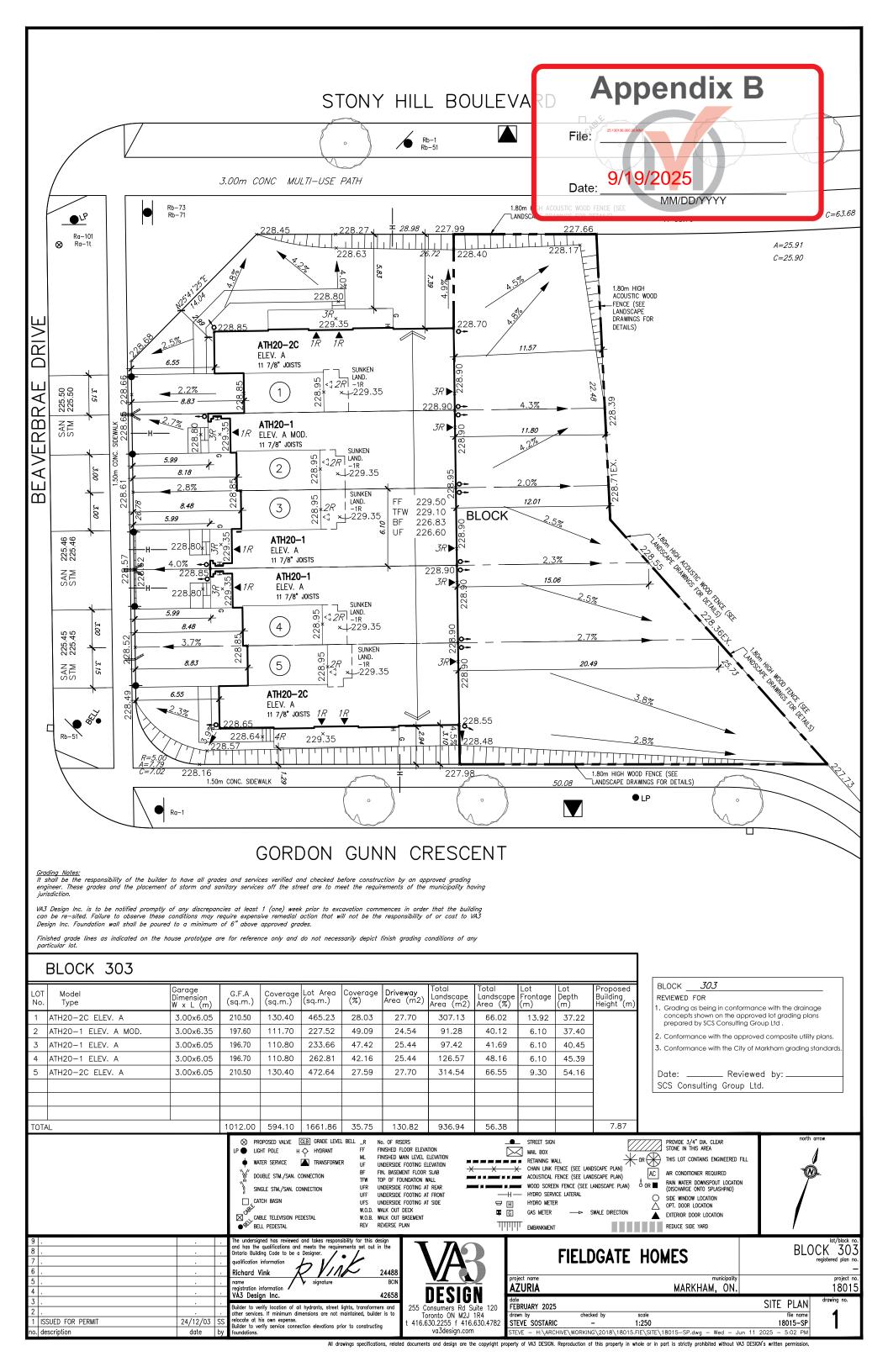


Legend

Subject Lands
Block 303
133, 135, 137
Beaverbrae Crescent

Notes

DISCLAIMER: The information is presented on a best-efforts basis, and should not be relied upon for making financial, survey, legal or other commitments. If you have questions or comments regarding the data displayed on this map, please email cgis@markham.ca and you will be directed to the appropriate department.



APPENDIX "C" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/103/25

- 1. The variances apply only to the Proposed Development as long as it remains;
- 2. That the variances apply only to the Proposed 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.

CONDITIONS PREPARED BY:

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