Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment January 26, 2023

File:	A/215/22
Address:	16 Cachet Parkway, Markham
Applicant:	Monica Nijhawan
Agent:	CS&P Architects Inc. (Sam Spagnuolo)
Hearing Date:	Wednesday, February 1, 2023

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

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of By-law 304-87, RRE & O1 as amended:

a) By-law 304-87, Section 7.5 (c):

a maximum height of 12.31 metres, whereas the By-law permits a maximum height of 10.7 metres.

b) Parking By-law 28-97, Section 6.2.4.1 b) and 6.2.4.7:

an attached garage floor lower than the street elevation, whereas the By-law requires an attached private garage floor for a single detached dwelling to be higher than the street elevation.

c) <u>By-law 304-87, Section 2.0:</u>

a second kitchen within the single family dwelling definition, whereas the By-law does not permit a secondary kitchen.

d) By-law 2008-21:

the sum of both sides yards to be 8.35 metres, whereas the By-law requires 9 metres.

e) <u>By-law 304-87, Section 7.5 (b):</u>

a side yard setback of 2.378 metres, whereas the By-law requires 3 metres.

f) Parking By-law 28-97, Section 6.2.4:

a driveway width of 18 metres roundabout, whereas the By-law permits a driveway width of 6.1 metres.

as it relates to a proposed two-storey detached dwelling.

BACKGROUND

Property Description

The 5,925.43 m² (63,780.79 ft²) subject property is located on the south side of Cachet Parkway, east of Warden Avenue and south of Major Mackenzie Drive East. The property is located within an established residential neighbourhood comprised of two-storey detached dwellings. The surrounding area does include lots undergoing a transition with

newer dwellings being developed as infill developments. The subject property is currently vacant with mature vegetation across the property.

The subject land is partially within TRCA's Regulated Area as the rear portion of the site is traversed by a valley corridor associated with the Rouge River Watershed.

Proposal

The applicant is proposing to construct a 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 Official Plan designates the subject property "Residential Estate" and "Greenway", which provides for low rise housing forms including single detached dwellings on large lots some with a private sewage disposal system. The Greenway designation also provides for single detached dwellings on a lot of record that existed prior to the adoption of the current Official Plan. Infill development is required to meet the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan with respect to height, massing, and setbacks to ensure that the development is appropriate for the site and generally consistent with the zoning requirements for adjacent properties, and properties along the street, while accommodating a diversity of building styles. Regard shall also be had for the retention of existing trees and vegetation, as well as the proposed width of garages and driveways.

Zoning By-Law 304-87

The subject property is zoned Rural Residential Estate Zone ("RRE") & Open Space One Zone ("O1") under By-law 304-87, as amended, which permits a single family detached dwelling.

Parking Standards By-law 28-97

The proposed dwelling and site design also does not comply with the standard of the Parking By-law 28-97 with respect to the grade elevation of the attached garage in relation to the street elevation and the maximum driveway width. Further details of the requirement is provided in the comment section below.

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, "for variance (a) & (b) Ravine LOT the SLOPE drops 4 metres from the front of the house to the rear of the house. For variance (c) this is a cultural tradition that the owners are requesting for variance (d) & (e) this is a result of the positioning of the house due to the available table lands for Variance (f) this is also an owners request for convenience and is similar to other houses on the street".

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 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 Driveway Width

Staff note that the proposed driveway has a width of 18 m (59.08 ft), whereas the City's Parking By-law 28-97 only permits the driveway width to be 6.1 m (20 ft), provided a minimum 40% soft landscaping is provided in the front yard.

The requested variance seeks to permit a single vehicular access onto Cachet Parkway, which leads into an internal circular driveway. In addition, the applicant's architect has indicated that the front yard proposes to maintain 61.41% of soft landscaping in the front yard. The variance would not detract from the streetscape.

Increase in Maximum Building Height

The applicant is requesting relief to permit a maximum building height of 12.31 m (40.39 ft), whereas the By-law permits a maximum building height of 10.7 m (35.1 ft). This represents an increase of 1.61 m (5.28 ft), or 15%.

The By-law calculates building height using the vertical distance of building or structure measured between the established grade and the mean level between eaves and ridge of a gabled roof.

Reduced Side Yard Setback

The applicant is requesting a minimum 2.378 m (7.83 ft) side yard setback, whereas the by-law requires a minimum side yard setback of 3.0 m (3.85 ft). In addition, the applicant is requesting a minimum of 8.35 m (27.4 ft) for the sum of both side yards, whereas the By-law requires a minimum of 9.0 m.

Engineering staff have reviewed the application and have no concern with the variance respecting drainage.

Reverse Sloped Driveway

The applicant is requesting relief to permit a private driveway leading to a private garage to have a floor elevation lower than the elevation of the public street, whereas the by-law requires a private driveway leading to a private garage to have a floor elevation higher than the elevation of the public street.

By-law 28-97, as amended, requires that the garage floor elevation be above the elevation of the public street, in order to prevent "reverse" or "negative" slope driveways. The only exception to this is a case where the first floor of the dwelling is lower than the level of the street due to natural topography, in which case a garage floor may be 1.0 metre lower than the first floor of the dwelling. In this instance, the above exception does not apply, since the dwelling's first floor elevation is higher than the elevation of the public street.

Planning staff generally do not support reverse slope driveways. The flooding of dwellings has been a growing problem in many parts of Markham, and reverse slope driveways can be a significant contributing factor. With reverse slope driveways, catch basins that drain the driveway are at a lower elevation in relation to the road. However, in this instance Engineering staff are of the opinion that the requested variance does not present a flooding issue given the larger lot size.

Adding a Second Kitchen within the Dwelling

Staff note that the By-law definition of a single family dwelling permits only one (1) kitchen or other facility for the preparation of meals. The applicant is proposing to permit a second kitchen for presentation and aesthetic reasons.

The purpose of this restriction was likely to preclude multiple units within a single family dwelling, however with the recent provincial changes including Bill 23, up to 3 units may be permitted within a detached dwelling. However, it is noted that the applicant has indicated the second kitchen is not for the purpose of a second unit.

Tree Preservation

Tree Preservation staff have no concerns on the Minor Variance application. Barriers have been installed and confirmed. Any change to the proposed grading plan with respect to tree impacts is to also be submitted via a Residential Infill Grading and Servicing (RGS) application for further review. Tree barriers are approved based on the Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan associated with RGS. The applicant shall verify if there are any changes to tree preservation.

EXTERNAL AGENCIES

TRCA Comments

The subject property is located within Toronto Region and Conservation Authority (TRCA)'s Regulated Area. The rear portion of the site is traversed by a valley corridor associated with the Rouge River Watershed. TRCA provided comments on January 10, 2023 (Appendix A), indicating that they have no concerns subject to conditions outlined in their letter.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of January 26, 2023. 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.

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Appendix A: Committee of Adjustment Conditions List Standard Minor Variance Conditions

Issue Date: January 26, 2023

- 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 B' to this Staff Report and received by the City of Markham on October 31, 2022 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;
- 3. Submission of a Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan, prepared by a qualified arborist in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual (2009), as amended, to be reviewed and approved by the City, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from Tree Preservation Technician or Director of Operations that this condition has been fulfilled to his/her satisfaction, and that any detailed Siting, Lot Grading and Servicing Plan required as a condition of approval reflects the Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan;
- 4. That prior to the commencement of construction or demolition, tree protection be erected and maintained around all trees on site in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual, including street trees, in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual (2009) as amended, and inspected by City Staff to the satisfaction of the Tree Preservation Technician or Director of Operations.
- 5. That tree replacements be provided and/or tree replacement fees be paid to the City if required in accordance with the Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Tree Preservation Technician or Director of Operations;
- 6. That the Applicant satisfies the requirements of the TRCA, financial or otherwise, as indicated in their letter to the Secretary-Treasurer attached as Appendix C to this Staff Report, to the satisfaction of the TRCA, and that the Secretary Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled to the satisfaction of TRCA.

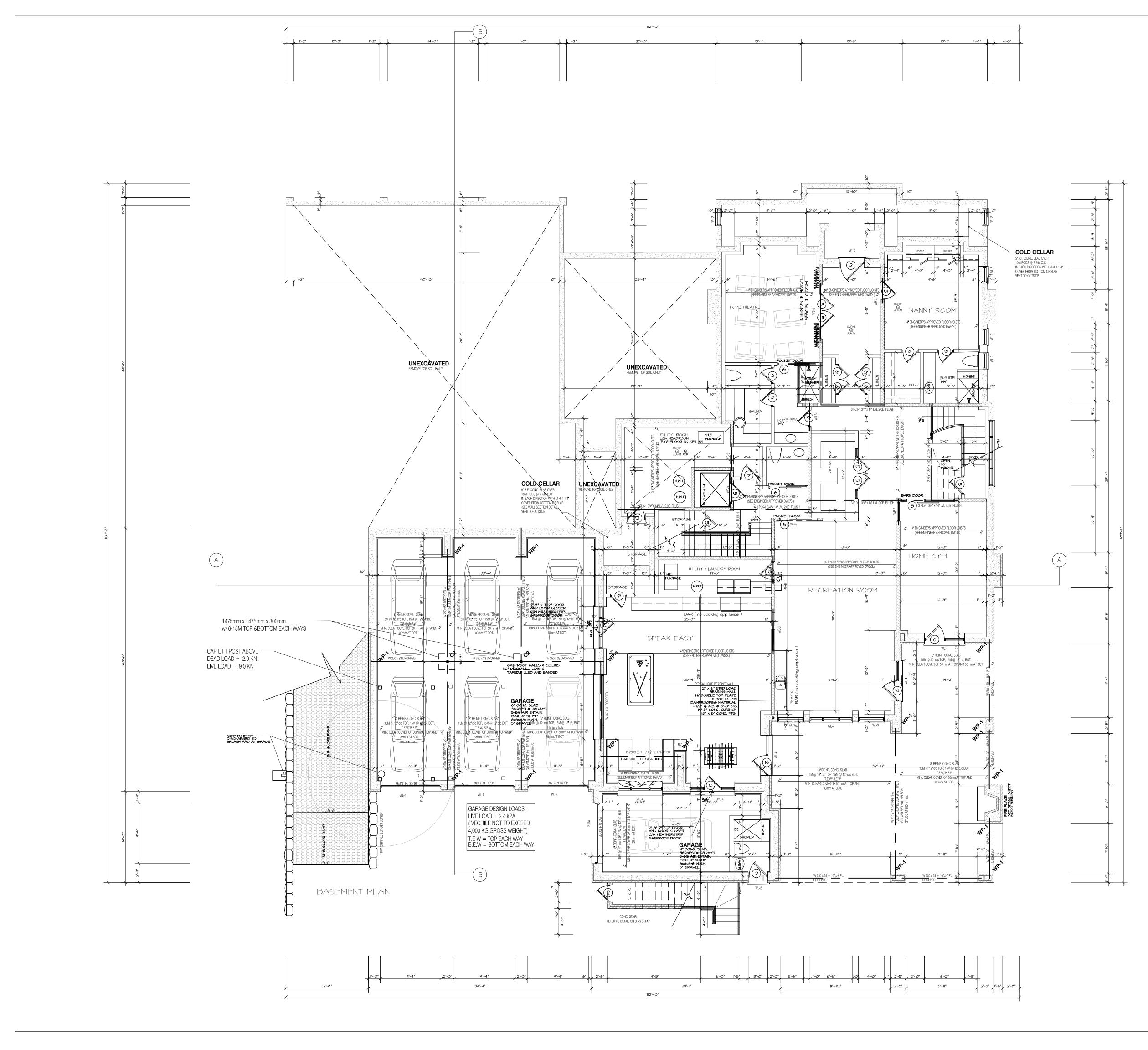
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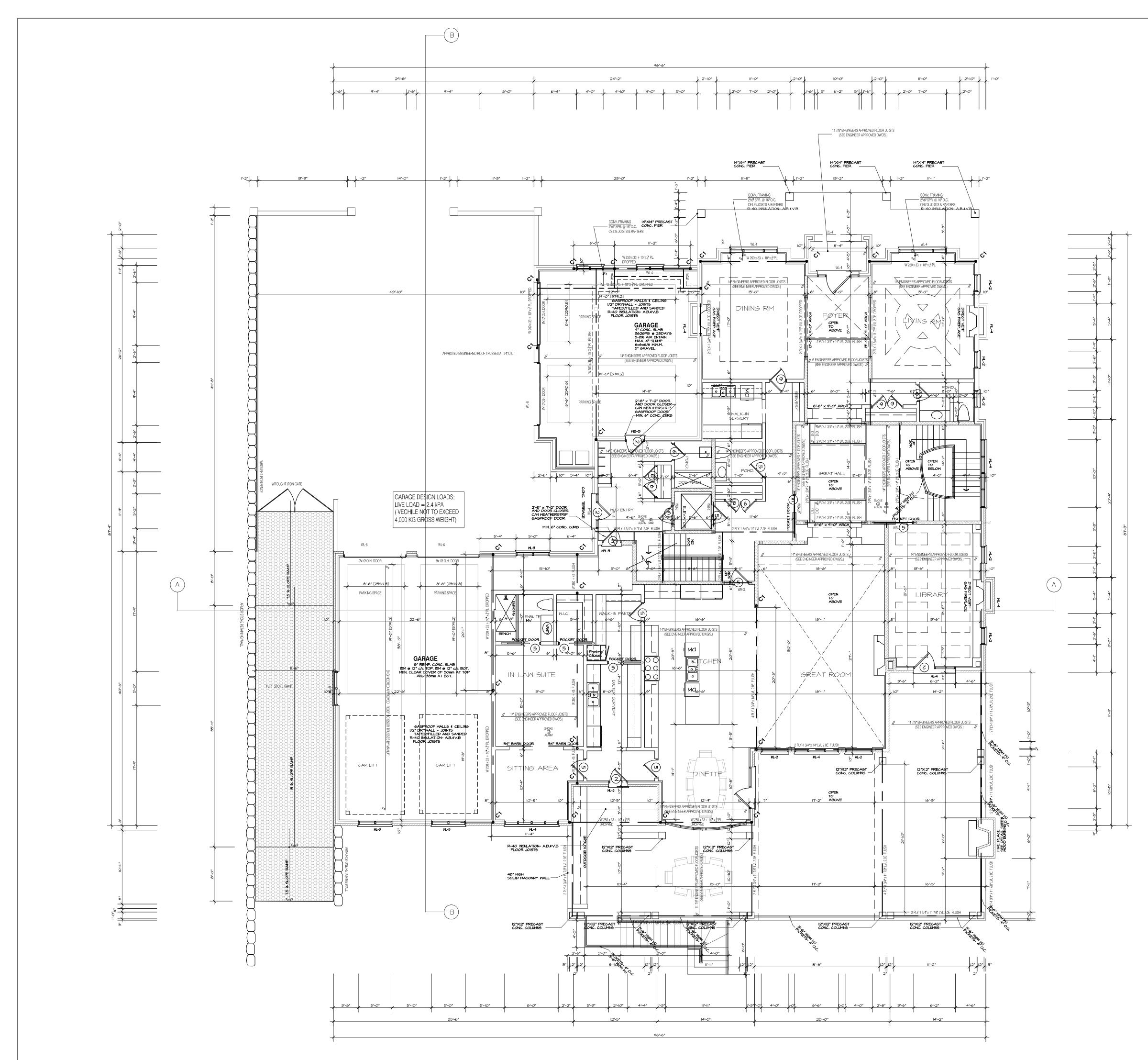
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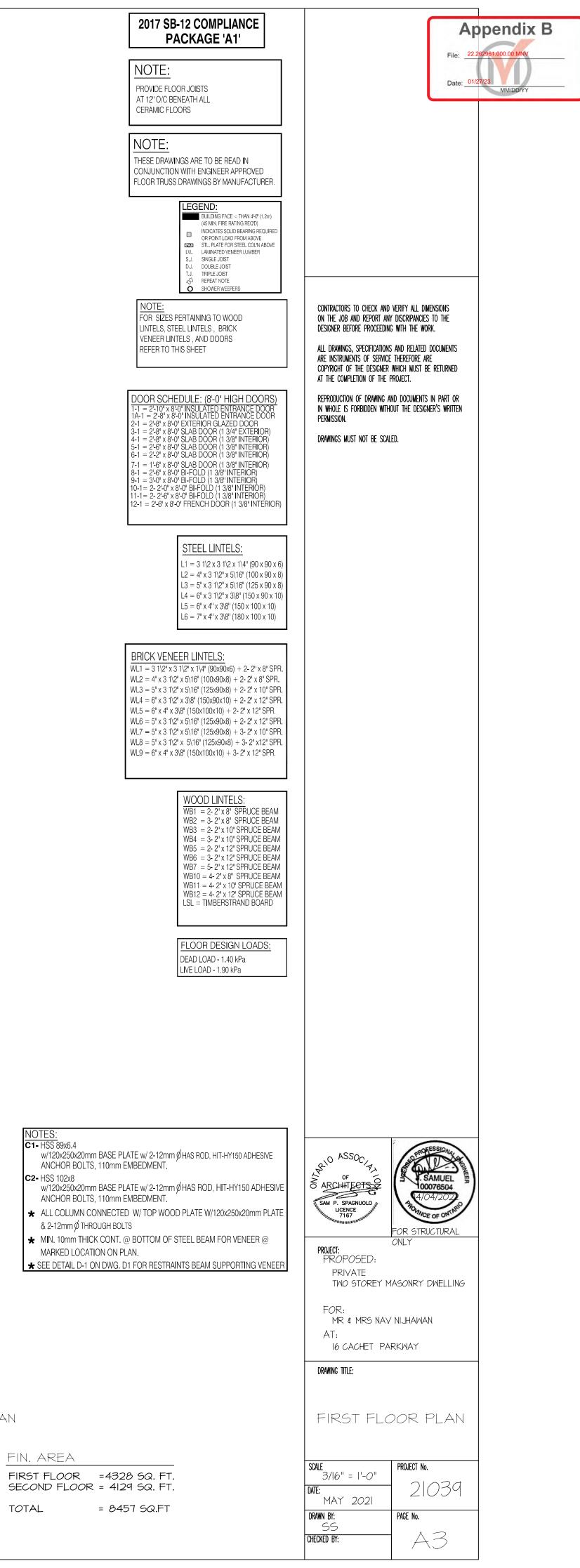
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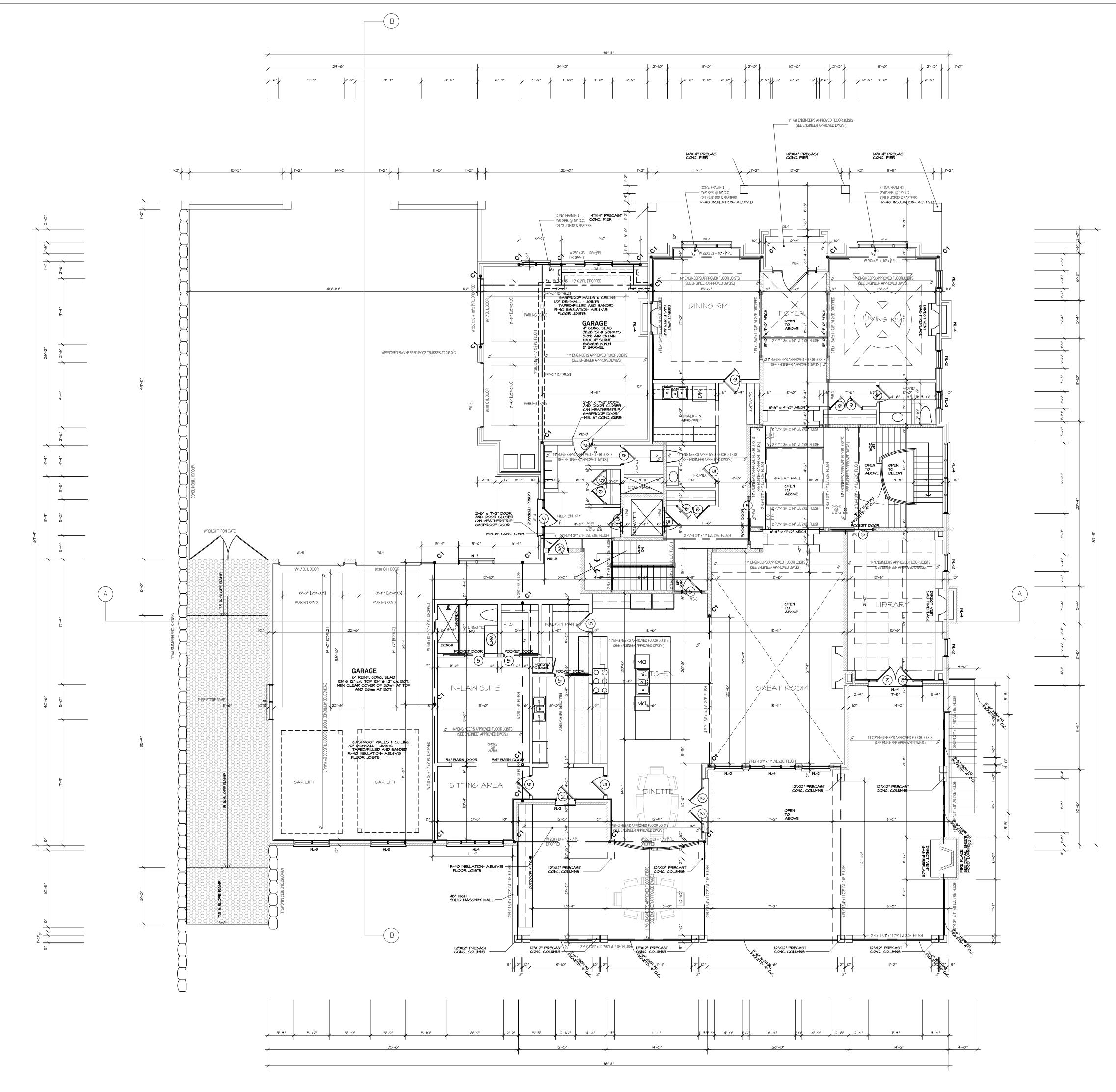
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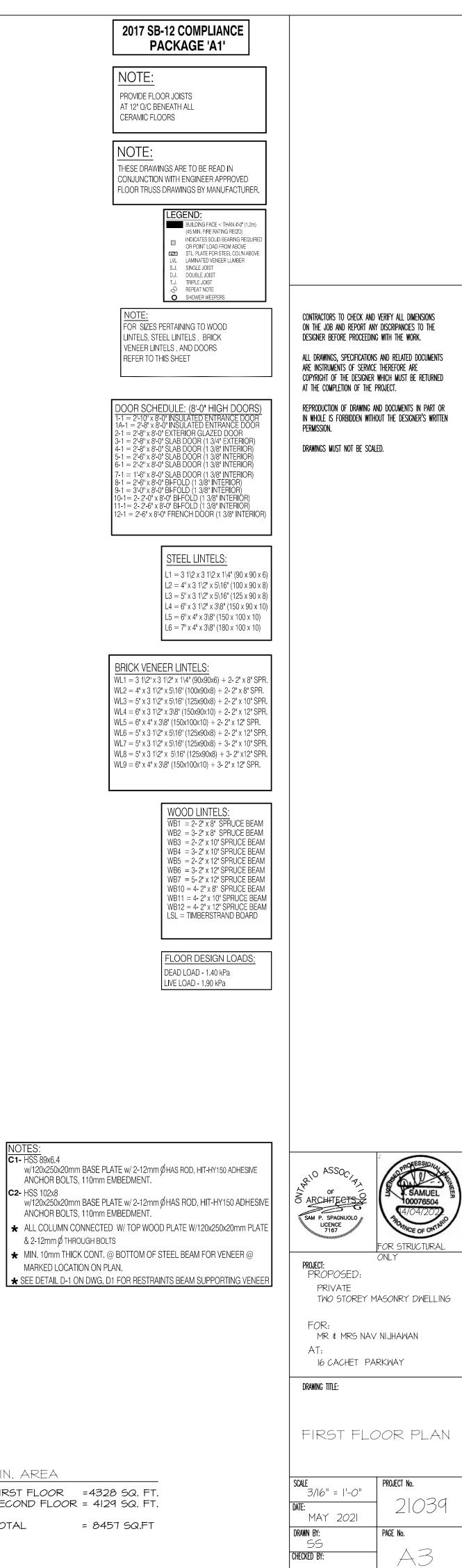




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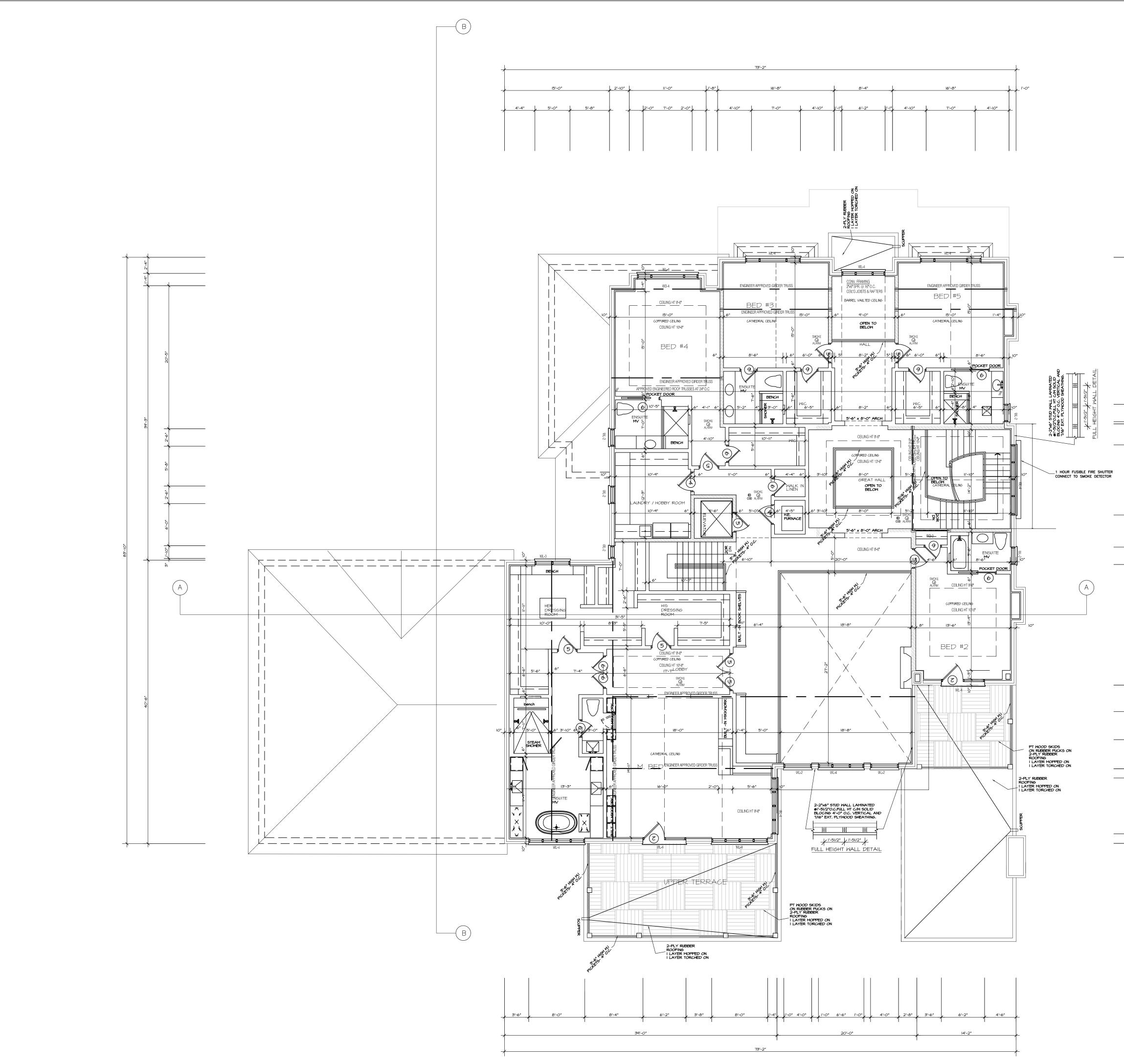
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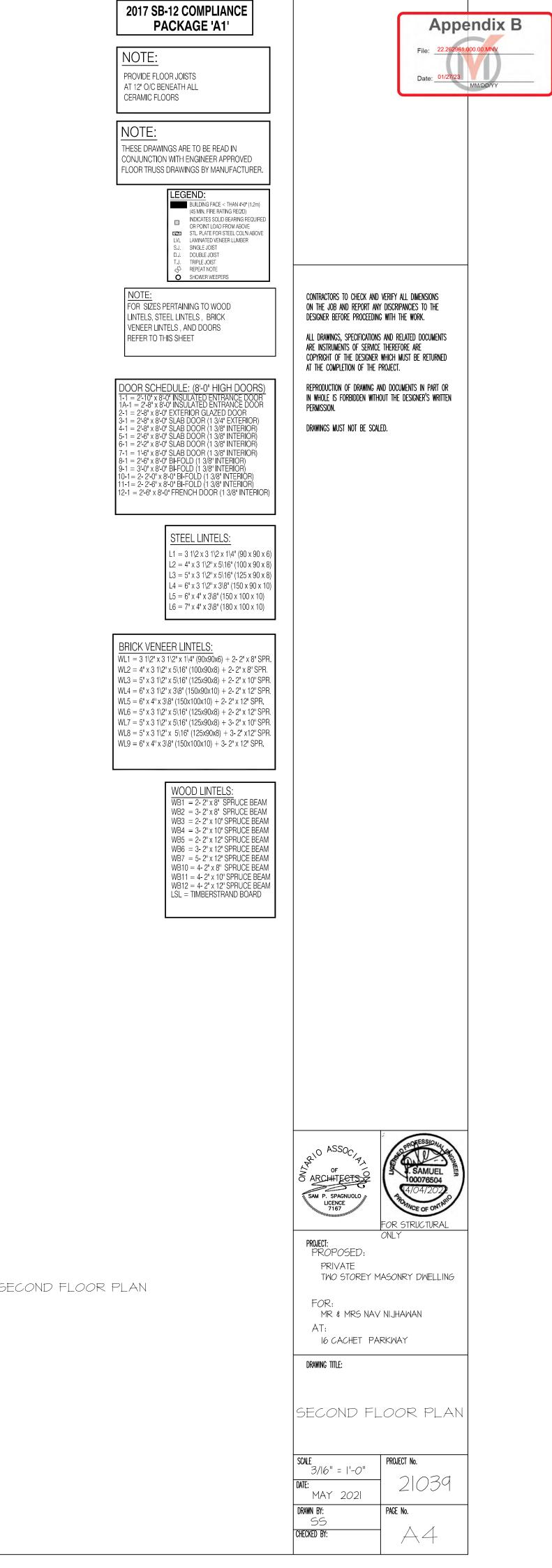


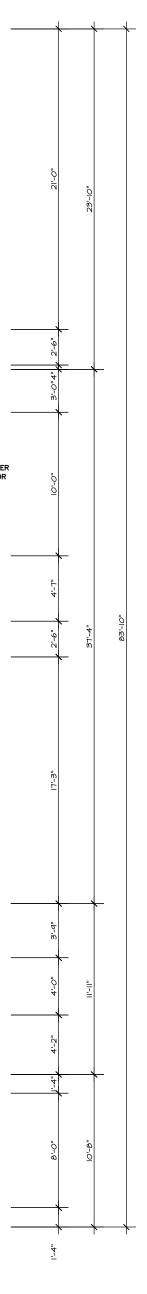


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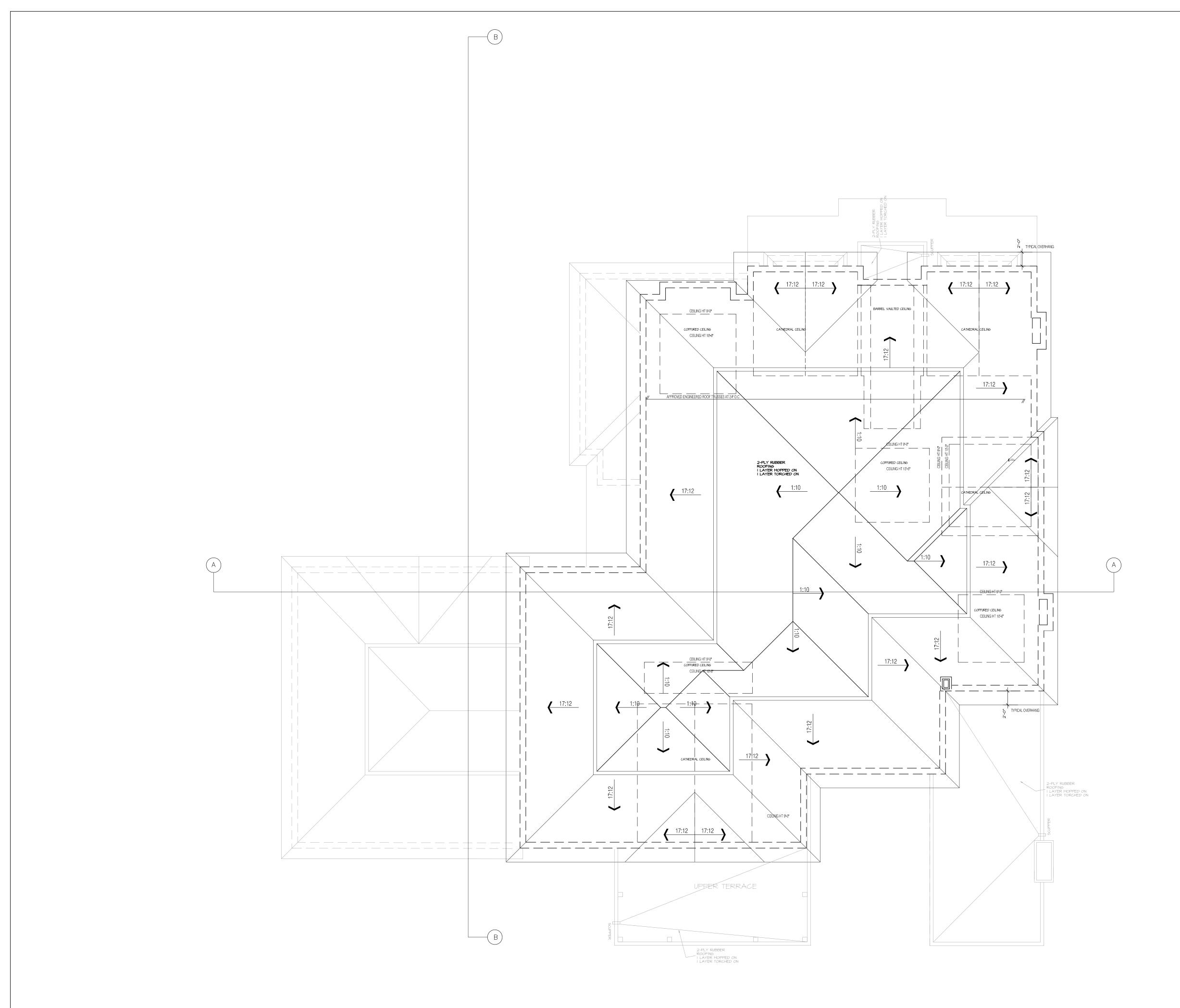
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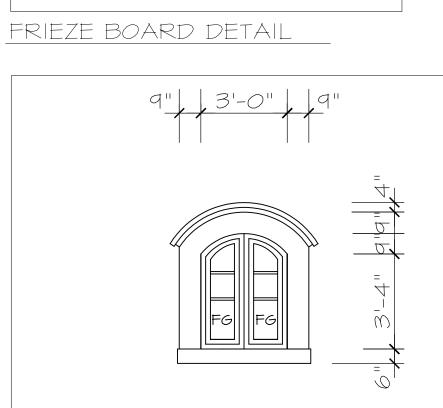
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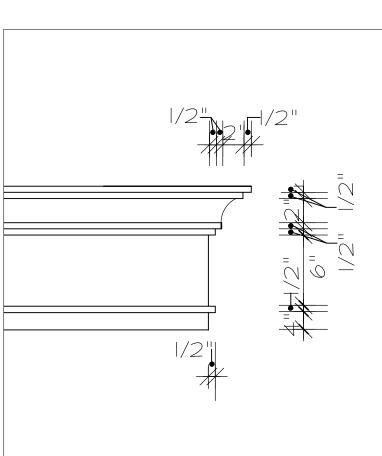
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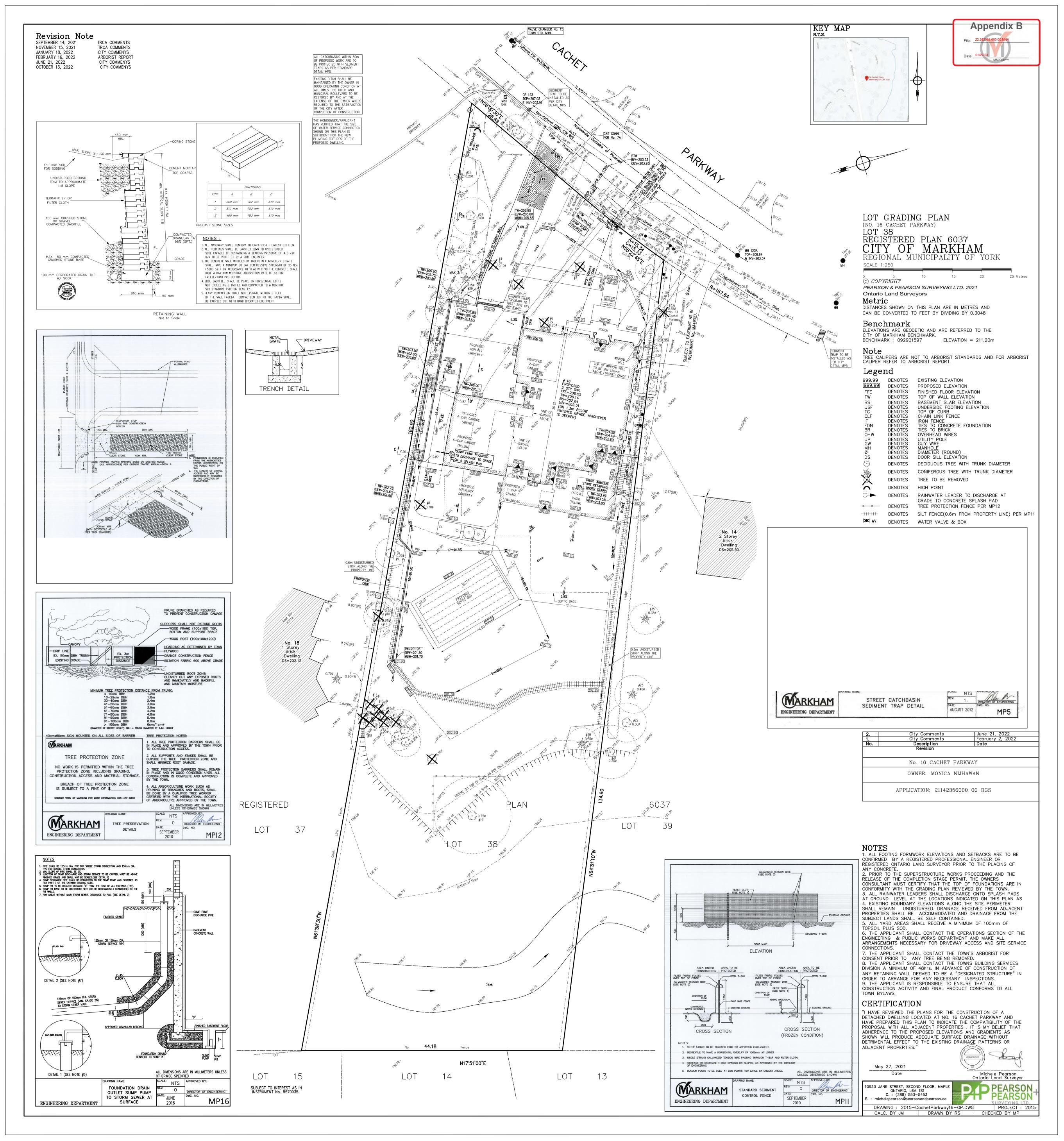






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APPENDIX C: EXTERNAL AGENCY COMMENTS FOR FILE A/215/22

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

We understand the proposal involves the construction of a two-storey detached dwelling with rear deck, septic system, and driveway. The site is located south of Major Mackenzie Drive East and east of Warden Avenue in the City of Markham.

Policies and Regulations:

TRCA Regulation and Policy:

The subject property (16 Cachet Parkway) is partially located within a TRCA Regulated Area of the Rouge River Watershed as it contains a top of slope associated with a valley corridor and stream corridor and a Regulatory (Regional Storm) flood plain. In accordance with Ontario Regulation 166/06 (Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shoreline and Watercourse Regulation), a permit is required from the TRCA prior to any new development taking place within this Regulated Area.

'Development' is defined as:

- I. the construction, reconstruction, erection or placing of a building or structure of any kind,
- II. any change to a building or structure that would have the effect of altering the use or potential
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- IV. site grading, the temporary or permanent placing, dumping or removal of any material originating on the site or elsewhere.

TRCA staff were involved with the review of this proposal through the permit application CFN 65629 and have issued TRCA permit number C-211438 which is valid until **December 13, 2023**. TRCA staff note that the proposed detached dwelling and driveway are not consistent with TRCA's approved drawings, however, they appear to not be within TRCA's Regulated Area as per the related TRCA permit application. TRCA staff note that there appears to be new grading proposed around the proposed septic system as part of Minor Variance Application A/215/22. The additional grading will require a revision to Permit C-211438. TRCA staff recommends the proponent contact the undersigned for next steps with the Permit Revision – Minor application. Nevertheless, the proposed development (septic system and related grading) appears to be sufficiently setback from the top of slope. Therefore, TRCA has **no objection** to the proposed works.

Application Review Fee

As per TRCA's role as a commenting agency for *Planning Act* application circulated by member municipalities to assess whether a proposed development

may be impacted by TRCA, the applicant is advised that the TRCA has implemented a fee schedule for our planning application review services. The submitted application is subject to a review fee in the amount of \$120 (2022 TRCA Planning Fee Schedule – Screening Letter). This fee can be submitted via Checkfront Online Payment System. I have not copied the Agent/Owner to provide the City of Markham the opportunity to review. Please forward this letter to the Agent/Owner upon completion of review.

Recommendation

In light of the above, TRCA staff have **no objection** to Minor Variance Application A/215/22, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the outstanding planning screening/review fee (\$120) be remitted to TRCA.
- 2. That the applicant obtains a Permit Revision for C-211438 from the TRCA under Ontario Regulation 166/06, as amended, for the proposed works.