Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment April 22, 2022

File:	A/019/22
Address:	7089 Yonge Street – Markham, ON (Thornhill)
Applicant:	Devron Developments (Adrienne Van)
Hearing Date:	May 4, 2022

The following comments are provided on behalf of the West District team. The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of Parking Standards By-law 28-97, as amended (the "Parking By-law"), as they relate to legalizing reduced parking space sizes. The requested variances are to permit:

- a) Parking By-law 28-97, Section 6.1.2(a): six parking spaces 0.10 m (0.33 ft) short, whereas the By-law requires 5.80 m (19.03 ft) in length; and
- b) Parking By-law 28-97, Section 6.1.2(a): one parking space 0.40 m (1.31 ft) short, whereas the By-law requires 5.80 m (19.03 ft) in length.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The subject property is located at the southeast corner of Yonge Street Avenue and Grandview Avenue along the Yonge Steeles Corridor in Thornhill. The site has an existing 27-storey mixed use high rise building, with a surface parking area to the east of the building. Located north and east of the surface parking lot is a public strata park.

PROPOSAL

Through request of the above noted variances, the applicant seeks to recognize the existing length of seven non-residential surface parking spaces, six of which require a reduction of 0.10 m (3.94 in) in length, and one of which requires a reduction of 0.40 m (1.31 ft) in length.

OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING

<u>Official Plan 2014 (partially approved on November 24/17, and updated on April 9/18)</u> The Official Plan 2014 designates the subject property "Mixed Use High Rise", which provides for mixed use development comprising of high density residential and nonresidential uses including office, retail, and service uses. Until such time a Secondary Plan is prepared for the Yonge Steeles Corridor key development area lands, the provisions of the Official Plan 1987 and the Thornhill Secondary Plan remain in force.

Official Plan 1987

The subject property is designated "Commercial" and "Community Amenity Area" under the Official Plan 1987. However, these lands were subject to an OMB approved site specific Official Plan Amendment under the Official Plan, which provides for a mixed use development comprising of high density residential and non-residential uses including office, retail, and services uses.

Zoning By-Law 2337

The subject property is split zoned "Open Space (O1)" and "Community Amenity Area 1 (CA1)" under By-law 2337, as amended.

Parking Standards By-law 28-97

Seven of the constructed surface parking spaces do not comply with the Parking By-law with respect to the minimum length requirement.

ZONING PRELIMINARY REVIEW (ZPR) NOT UNDERTAKEN

The owner has confirmed that a ZPR has not been conducted. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the application has accurately identified all of 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 any non-compliances.

COMMENTS

The *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended,* states that four tests must be met in order for a variance to be granted by the Committee of Adjustment (the "Committee"):

- a) The variance must be minor in nature;
- b) The variance must be desirable, in the opinion of the Committee, 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 Parking Dimension

Located at the southeast corner of the property are 15 surface non-residential parking spaces, eight of which are located on the north side of the two-way drive aisle. Seven of the eight parking spaces have been constructed with a parking length that does not comply with the Parking By-law size requirements (see parking spaces #19 - #25 in Appendix "C"). The applicant requests variances to legalize the length of the parking spaces as noted above: six would have a length of 5.70 m (18.70 ft) (parking spaces #19 - #24) and one would have a length of 5.40 m (17.72 ft) (parking space #25), whereas the By-law requires that each parking space has a length of no less than 5.80 m (19.03 ft). This is a reduction of 0.10 m (0.33 ft), and 0.40 m (1.31 ft), respectively.

The applicant submitted a transportation letter and maneuvering analysis drawing, which concludes that the proposed parking sizes can accommodate the maneuvering of passenger vehicles. Transportation staff have reviewed the letter, and concur with the study's findings within this specific site context. The letter notes that there is currently a bollard that exists within the most easterly parking space (#19), and that the bollard is intended to be relocated while ensuring protection of the gas supply lines. The applicant has noted that the requested reduction to the size of parking space #25 as shown in Appendix "C" "will legally need to be 5.40 m (17.72 ft) due to the location of the residential condo boundary".

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of April 22, 2022. Additional information may be received after the writing of this report, and the Secretary-Treasurer will provide information on this at the meeting.

CONCLUSION

Staff have reviewed the application with respect to Section 45(1) of the *Planning Act*, and recommend that the Committee satisfy themselves as to the appropriateness of the

requested variances. Staff recommend that the Committee consider public input and the subsequent conditions of approval in reaching a decision. The onus is ultimately on the applicant to demonstrate how they satisfy the tests of the *Planning Act* required for the granting of minor variances.

APPENDICES

Appendix "A" – Conditions of Approval Appendix "B" – Plans Appendix "C" – Draft Plan of Condo

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REVIEWED BY:

Rick Cefaratti, MCIP, RPP, Senior Planner II, West District

APPENDIX "A" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/019/22

- 1. That the variances apply only to the seven surface parking spaces for as long as they remain.
- 2. That the applicant submits site photos to the Director of Planning and Urban Design or designate, that shows the bollard which is currently located within the existing parking space has been relocated outside of the parking area relating to the subject development, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that the site photos have been reviewed to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Urban Design, or their designate.
- 3. That the applicant installs signage for each parking space that indicates "*this parking space length is substandard, and is recommended for small vehicles only*", and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Urban Design, or their designate.

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APPENDIX "B" PLANS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/019/22





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June 30, 2017

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APPENDIX "C" DRAFT PLAN OF CONDO

15-010 - 7089 YONGE ST.

Level	GFA	
	SQ.M.	SQ.FT.
Grandview Unit #1	180.22	1939.87
Grandview Unit #2	77.27	831.73
Grandview Unit #3	110.17	1185.86
Yonge Unit #1	197.95	2130.71
Yonge Unit #2	121.71	1310.07
Yonge Unit #3	138.54	1491.23
Yonge Unit #4	212.22	2284.31
Total Area	1038.08	11174

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Level	GF	A
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Office Unit #1	78.3	842.81
Office Unit #2	179.15	1928.35
Office Unit #3	144.4	1554.31
Office Unit #4	202.79	2182.81
Office Unit #5	119.85	1290.05
Office Unit #6	104.95	1129.67
Office Unit #7	104.37	1123.43
Office Unit #8	121.43	1307.06
Office Unit #9	102.54	1103.73
Office Unit #10	80.05	861.65
Office Unit #11	72.88	784.47
Office Unit #12	118.94	1280.26
Office Unit #13	74.98	807.08
Total Area	1504.63	16195.69

Total GFA for Office Non-Sel	lable (Common Space)	
Level	GFA	
	SQ.M.	SQ.FT.
P1	30.67	330.13
1	84.76	912.35
2	208.25	2241.58
Total Area	323.68	3484.06

Total Parking Count	
Level	Parking Spaces
P1	68
1	26
Total	94



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