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Toronto City Councillor – Ward 23, Willowdale

Date: August 12, 2014
To: North York Community Council –City Clerk's Office-Secretariat
From: Councillor John Filion
Subject: Representation at an Ontario Municipal Board hearing for 16 Elynhill Drive.

SUMMARY:

Application for Minor Variance was submitted by Sanju Mehta, on behalf of Sanju Mehta and Sharon Harrietha, to permit the construction of a new three-storey dwelling on the subject lot.

In their Staff Report, City Planning Staff recommended that the variance to permit a 3-storey dwelling be refused, on the grounds that it was not in keeping with the existing neighbourhood character. They also recommended that the proposed finished first floor height and the proposed area of the rear second storey balcony be reduced, in order to be more in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood.

On July 9th, 2014, the Committee of Adjustment refused the requested variances on the grounds that the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law was not being maintained, the variances were not considered desirable for the appropriate development of the land, and, in the opinion of the Committee, the variances were not minor.

Sanju Mehta has appealed this decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Council authorize the City Solicitor and the City Planner to attend the Ontario Municipal Board hearing in support of the Committee of Adjustment's refusal of the minor variances.



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