City Council

Motion without Notice

MM11.35	ACTION			Ward:19
---------	--------	--	--	---------

Request for Attendance at an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing -Appeal of Committee of Adjustment Decision respecting 146 Crawford Street (A0680/15TEY) - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair. * This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Solicitor and appropriate staff to attend the Ontario Municipal Board to support the Committee of Adjustment's decision to refuse the minor variances for relief from the landscaping requirements in Zoning By-laws 569-2013 and 438-86 related to 146 Crawford Street (A0680/15TEY) and to retain outside consultants, if necessary.

Summary

The Toronto and East York Committee of Adjustment refused a minor variance application for landscaping relief and approved other minor variances related to the property municipally known as 146 Crawford Street on September 9, 2015 (A0680/15TEY). The purpose of the application was to legalize and to maintain the rear third floor deck extension that was constructed beyond the scope of an existing building permit, and to construct a rear carport for two vehicles. The application included variances related to rear yard setbacks for ancillary buildings, side yard setbacks, landscaping, minimum dimensions of parking spaces, roof eave projections, building depth and gross floor area.

This Motion would direct the City Solicitor to support the Committee of Adjustment's decision to refuse the requested variances from the landscaping requirements. These minor variances do not represent good planning because they are not desirable for the appropriate development of the land and are not in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood.

The Committee of Adjustment's decision has been appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (Case No. PL151081). This matter is urgent because a hearing has been scheduled for March 11, 2016.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion 11.35 Committee of Adjustment, Toronto and East York District Notice of Decision on application for Consent and Minor Variance/Permission for 146 Crawford Street (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-86610.pdf)