REPORT FOR ACTION

38 Munson Crescent, Committee of Adjustment Application

Date: September 6, 2019
To: Chair and Committee Members of the Committee of Adjustment, Scarborough Panel
From: Director, Community Planning, Scarborough District
Wards: 21
File Number: A0214/19SC
Hearing Date: September 18, 2019

RECOMMENDATIONS

Community Planning recommends that the Committee refuse the requested variance to permit front yard parking (variance number 2).

SUMMARY

The applicant is proposing to enclose a portion of the existing carport for living space, and to construct an open porch at the rear of the house. The following variances are being requested:

By-law No. 569-2013:

1) The proposed north side yard setback is 1.1 m
   Whereas the minimum required side yard setback is 1.2 m

By-law No. 569-2013 & By-law No. 9350:

2) The proposed parking space is located in the front yard
   Whereas a parking space may not be in a front yard or a side yard abutting a street.

COMMENTS

The subject property is located east of Midland Avenue and north of Lawrence Avenue East. The property is designated Neighbourhoods in the Official Plan. It is zoned Single Family Residential (S) in the Bendale Community By-law No. 9350, as amended and
Residential Detached (RD) in the City of Toronto Zoning By-law No. 569-2013, as amended. Neither By-law permits vehicle parking in the front yard.

Official Plan Policy 4.1.5, as amended by OPA 320, states that "development in established Neighbourhoods will respect and reinforce the existing physical character of each geographic neighbourhood, including in particular:

e) prevailing location, design and elevations relative to the grade of driveways and garages."

Community Planning staff are concerned that the applicant's request for front yard parking does not respect and reinforce the physical character of the neighbourhood. The predominant built form in the neighbourhood includes parking within a garage or carport.

The applicant's request for front yard parking does not meet the general intent of the Official Plan, Bendale Community Zoning By-law No. 9350, as amended and City-wide Zoning By-law No. 569-2013, as amended. Community Planning staff recommend the Committee refuse variance number 2 respecting front yard parking.

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SIGNATURE

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