

City Council

Motion without Notice

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20 Long Crescent - Request for City Solicitor to Attend at the Toronto Local Appeal Body - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

** 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 Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to seek party status at the Toronto Local Appeal Body hearing, and if successful, to attend at the Toronto Local Appeal Body hearing with appropriate City Staff to support the Committee of Adjustment's decision to refuse the Minor Variance application requested in Application A1324/21TEY respecting 20 Long Crescent.
2. City Council authorize the City Solicitor, if granted party status at the Toronto Local Appeal Body hearing, to negotiate a resolution of the appeal of the decision in Application A1324/21TEY, respecting 20 Long Crescent, and authorize the City Solicitor to settle the matter on behalf of the City at the City Solicitor's discretion after consultation with the Ward Councillor, and with the Director of Community Planning, Toronto and East York District.

Summary

On February 9, 2022, the Committee of Adjustment (the "Committee") refused a Minor Variance application brought by the owner of 20 Long Crescent for the following variances: building height, number of storeys, floor space index, front yard landscaping, and driveway width. A copy of the Committee's decision for the Minor Variance Application (the "Application") is attached. The Application proposes to construct a new three-storey detached dwelling.

In a report from the Director, Community Planning, Toronto and East York District, dated February 3, 2022, Planning opposed the Application. A copy of the Planning report is attached. Planning Staff opined that the Application does not satisfy the statutory test for Minor Variances under section 45 of the Planning Act. Planning Staff also opined that the proposed development does not respect the existing physical character of its context and presents an overdevelopment of the lot.

On March 1, 2022, the owner appealed the Committee's decision to refuse the Application to the Toronto Local Appeal Body. This Motion is urgent as the Toronto Local Appeal Body has

issued a notice of hearing for this matter; the deadline for the City to seek party status for this matter was May 30, 2022, and the hearing is scheduled to proceed on August 3, 2022.

Background Information (City Council)

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Committee of Adjustment Toronto and East York Panel Notice of Decision on application for Minor Variance/Permission for 20 Long Crescent

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-228907.pdf>)

(February 3, 2022) Report from the Director, Community Planning, Toronto and East York District on 20 Long Crescent

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