# BOARD OF VARIANCE 

## NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

DATE: THURSDAY, 2015 FEBRUARY 05
TIME: $1: 00$ PM
PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, MAIN FLOOR, CITY HALL

## AGENDA

## 1. CALL TO ORDER <br> PAGE

## 2. ELECTIONS

(a) Election of the Chairperson
3. MINUTES
(b) Minutes of the Board of Variance Hearing held 2015 January 08
4. APPEAL APPLICATIONS
(a) APPEAL NUMBER:
B.V. 6141
1:00 p.m.

## APPELLANT: Dave Ghataurah

REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Satinder and Arvind Ghataurah
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 4084 Fir Street
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 70; District Lot 35; Plan 27645

> APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Section 104.9 of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, will allow for the contstruction of a new single family dwelling at 4084 Fir Street. The front yard setback will be 24.70 feet to the foundation where a minimum front yard setback of 42.67 feet
(b) APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. 6142 ..... 1:00APPELLANT: Dharam KajalREGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Sudesh and Dharam KajalCIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 5469 Forglen Drive
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 9; District Lot 32; Plan 17168
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Section 104.9 of the Burnaby ZoningBylaw which, if permitted, will allow for the construction of a new singlefamily dwelling at 5469 Forglen Drive. The front yard setback will be25.02 feet to the foundation where a minimum front yard setback of35.66 feet is required based on front yard averaging. The window seatprojects 1.0 foot beyond the foundation. The overhang projects 2.0 feetbeyond the foundation and the porch stairs project 3.5 feet beyond thefoundation.
(c) APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. 6143 1:15 p.m. ..... 36
APPELLANT: Nirmal Takhar
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Hirenkumar and Devang Patel
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:

7060 and 7062 (proposed strata address) Ramsay Avenue

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 115; District Lot 30; Plan 64617

APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Section 105.9 of the Burnaby Zoning
Bylaw which, if permitted, will allow for the construction of a new two
family dwelling at 7060 and 7062 (proposed strata address) Ramsay
Avenue. The front yard setback will be 20 feet to the foundation where a
minimum front yard setback of 28.02 feet is required based on front yard
averaging. The roof overhang will project 2.95 feet beyond the
foundation.
(d) APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. 1:15 P.M. $\underline{6144}$

APPELLANT: Vijay Jain
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: 0981909 BC LTD.
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 7516 Edmonds Street WITHDRAWN

APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of the Local Government Act Section 911.(5) to allow construction of a new rear deck (including stairs and landing) to 7516 Edmonds Street. The appeal is to allow construction of a new rear deck (including stairs and landing) where no structural alteration or addition can be made in or to a building or structure while the non-conforming use is continued in all or any part of it.
(e) APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. 6145 1:30 p.m.

APPELLANT: Vishal Dhami
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Samantha Wong and Ashwani Paul
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 4718 Cambridge Street
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot G; District Lot 188; Plan 15872
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Sections 6.13(1)(b) and 6.14(5)(a) of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, will allow for the construction of a structure for a new single family dwelling currently under construction at 4718 Cambridge Street. The following variances are being requested: a) a structure along the vision clearance line facing Cambridge Street with varying heights up to a maximum of 6.3 feet and will allow a structure along the vision clearance line facing the lane with varying heights up to a maximum of 6.59 feet where the maximum permitted height along the vision clearance lines is 3.28 feet; and, b) a retaining wall in the required front yard with varying heights up to a maximum of 3.59 feet where the maximum permitted height is 3.28 feet.

## (f) APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. 6146 <br> 1:30 p.m.

APPELLANT: John Rogic
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Coastview Construction LTD
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 5850 Braemar Avenue
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 4; District Lot 86; Plan 18705
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Sections101.6(1)(a) and 101.8 of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, will allow for a new single family dwelling at 5850 Braemar Avenue. The following variances have are being requested: a) the principal building height measured from the
rear and front average elevations will be 34.89 feet and 28.75 feet respectively, where a maximum building height of 29.5 feet is permitted; and c) the front yard setback will be 27.59 feet to the post where a minimum front yard setback of 49.06 feet is required based on front yard averaging. The roof overhang will be 2.0 feet beyond the post.

## CITY OF BURNABY

## BOARD OF VARIANCE

## MINUTES

A Hearing of the Board of Variance was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C., on Thursday, 2015 January 08 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Ms. C. Richter
Mr. B. Pound
Mr. S. Nemeth
Mr. P. Ferronato
Mr. B. Bharaj
STAFF: Ms. M. Malysz, Planning Department Representative
Mr. E. Prior, Administrative Assistant

The Secretary called the Hearing to order at 1:00 p.m.

## ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

MOVED BY MR. S. NEMETH:
SECONDED BY MR. B. POUND:
"THAT Ms. C. Righter be appointed as Chair of the Burnaby Board of Variance for the 2015 January 08 Board of Variance Hearing."

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board requested the election of the Chair for the balance of 2015 be held at the next hearing.

## MINUTES

## MOVED BY MR. P. FERRONATO:

SECONDED BY MR. S. NEMETH:
"THAT the minutes of the Hearing of the Burnaby Board of Variance held on 2014 December 04 be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## APPEAL APPLICATIONS

The following persons filed application forms requesting that they be permitted to appear before the Board of Variance for the purpose of appealing for the relaxation of specific requirements as defined in the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Bylaw No. 4742:

## 1. APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. 6137

APPELLANT: Gurpreet Singh
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Afroza and Hafizur Khan
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 6777 Hersham Avenue
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 7; District Lot 91; Plan 2367
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Section 105.8(1) of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, will allow for new deck cover to the upper floor and secondary suite to the main floor of a single family dwelling at 6777 Hersham Avenue. The principal building depth will be 73.0 feet where a maximum depth of 60.0 feet is permitted.(Zone R-5)

## APPELLANT'S SUBMISSION:

Gurpreet Singh submitted an application for the retention of a deck cover to the upper floor and secondary suite.

Mr. Singh and Ms. Kan appeared before members of the Board of Variance at the Hearing.

## BURNABY PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENTS COMMENT:

An appeal for the relaxation of Section 105.8(1) of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, will allow for addition of a roof over the existing upper floor deck of a single family dwelling at 6777 Hersham Avenue. The proposed principal building depth is 73.0 feet where a maximum depth of 60.0 feet is permitted.

The subject site, zoned R5 Residential District, is located in the Richmond Park neighbourhood in which the age and condition of single and two-family dwellings vary. This interior lot, approximately 40 ft . wide and 166.4 ft . long, fronts onto Hersham Avenue to the northeast. The subject site abuts single family lots to the northwest and southeast. Vehicular access to the subject site is provided via the rear lane. The site is relatively flat with a downward slope of approximately 2 ft . from the front to the rear. The subject site is improved with a single family dwelling, originally built in 1990. Sometime before 2002, the site was further improved with an addition and alterations to the main floor to accommodate a secondary suite and a roof addition over the rear deck on the upper floor. These improvements were made without the benefit of a building permit. The unauthorized main floor addition
increases the gross floor area beyond that permitted for the subject site and is to be removed. The roof addition only is the subject of this appeal.

The appeal is for a principal building depth of 73 ft . where a maximum building depth of 60.0 ft . is permitted.

The Bylaw's intent in limiting building depth is to prevent the creation of dwellings that present a long wall, such that the massing of the building impacts neighbouring properties.

The new roof spans across the entire rear deck, which is 10 ft . deep and 32 ft . wide and consists of a flat aluminum roof supported on aluminum posts and beams. The roof connects to the main roof of the dwelling just under the gutter level. The new roof projects in front of neighbouring dwellings on both sides of the subject property, and partly overlaps the covered patio/deck of the neighbouring dwelling to the northwest and the open deck of the neighbouring dwelling to the southeast. Many similar deck covers are found in the subject block.

It should be noted that the existing dwelling is 73 ft . deep and is legal non-conforming with respect to the requirements of the Zoning Bylaw. The main body of the dwelling contributes 63 ft . to the overall building depth, with the remaining 10 ft . contributed by the rear deck, which is raised from the ground approximately 9.5 ft .

In summary, given the small massing of the new roof, the neighbouring residences to the northwest and southeast of the subject site are marginally affected. Also, considering the siting of the subject dwelling, aligned in general with the neighbouring dwellings when viewed from the lane (rear), the new roof addition does not create the perception of a long wall.

In view of the above, this Department does not object to the granting of this variance.

## ADJACENT OWNER'S COMMENTS:

Correspondence was received from Mr. Chen, 6785 Hersham Avenue, in opposition to this appeal.

## DECISION:

MOVED BY MR. B. POUND:
SECONDED BY MR. S. NEMETH:
"THAT based on the plans submitted this appeal be ALLOWED."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. 6138

APPELLANT: Gurcharan Minhas
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Simar Custom Homes LTD
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 7689 Rosewood Street

## LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 11; District Lot 30; Plan 19519

APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Section 105.9 of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, will allow for construction of a new two family dwelling 7689 and 7691 (proposed strata address) Rosewood Street. The front yard setback will be 23.5 feet to the post where a minimum front yard setback of 26.55 feet is required based on front yard averaging. The roof overhang will be 2.0 feet beyond the post. (Zone R-5)

## APPELLANT'S SUBMISSION:

Gurcharan Minhas submitted an application for relaxation of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw to allow for construction a new two family dwelling at 7689 Rosewood Street.

Mr. Minhas appeared before members of the Board of Variance at the Hearing.

## BURNABY PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENTS COMMENT:

An appeal for the relaxation of Section 105.9 of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, will allow for construction of a new two family dwelling at 7689 Rosewood Street. The proposed front yard setback is 23.5 feet to the post where a minimum front yard setback of 26.55 feet is required based on front yard averaging. The proposed roof overhang extends 2.0 feet beyond the post.

The subject site, zoned R5 Residential District, is located in the Richmond Park neighbourhood in which the age and condition of single and two-family dwellings vary. This irregular "L" shaped interior lot, which is approximately 60 ft . wide (at the front property line) and 118.8 ft . deep, fronts onto Rosewood Street to the southeast. The subject site abuts single family lots to the southeast and northeast. Vehicular access to the subject site is proposed via the rear lane to the northwest and the existing redundant access from Rosewood Street is proposed to be removed. The site observes a downward slope of approximately 7 ft . in the south to north direction. The applicant proposes to redevelop the site with a new two-family dwelling including two detached garages, for which a variance has been requested.

The appeal proposes a front yard setback of 23.5 ft ., measured to the front porch posts of the proposed single-family dwelling, with a further projection for roof eaves of 2 ft ., where front yard averaging requires a minimum setback of 26.55 ft . from the front property line.

In 1991, Council responded to public concerns regarding the bulk and massing of newer and larger homes that were being built in existing neighbourhoods. Several text amendments to
the Zoning Bylaw were made to address these concerns including a requirement to set new construction back from the front property line based on an average of the two houses on either side of the subject site. The intent was to ease new construction into existing street frontages with minimal impacts.

In this case, front yard averaging calculations are based on the front yards of the two existing dwellings at 7659 and 7667 Rosewood Street immediately southwest of the subject site. The front yard setbacks for these properties are 26.78 ft . and 26.31 ft . respectively. The existing dwellings to the northeast of the subject site, which front Canada Way, are not included in the front yard averaging calculation. The existing dwelling on the subject lot, which was built in 1959, observes a front yard setback of approximately 25.5 ft .

As mentioned above, the front yard setback is measured to the front porch posts. With the exception of the front porch and bay window features, the main body of the proposed dwelling would be set back an additional 1.5 ft . resulting in a front yard setback of 25 ft ., consistent with the existing front yard setback. Also, the upper floor is proposed to be set back 16.6 ft . from the front porch posts.

With respect to the existing streetscape, the proposed dwelling would be located approximately 2.81 ft . in front of the adjacent dwelling to the southwest (or 1.31 ft . if the front porches and bay windows are excepted). If the actual 'corner to corner' relationship is considered, the south corner of the subject dwelling would be approximately 5 ft . in front of the adjacent corner of this neighbouring dwelling.

Similarly, on the opposite side of the subject property, the east corner of the subject dwelling would be approximately 5 ft . in front of the adjacent corner of an existing detached garage in the rear yard of the neighbouring property at 6985 Canada Way.

Although the requested variance is relatively minor and somewhat mitigated by the generous upper floor setback and absence of overlapping windows, design alternatives exist that are consistent with all provisions of the Zoning Bylaw. For instance, if the proposed garages were rotated to flank the rear lane, the proposed two family dwelling could be moved back to provide the required 26.55 ft . front yard setback.

For this reason, this Department cannot support the granting of this variance.

## ADJACENT OWNER'S COMMENTS:

No submissions or comments were received regarding this appeal.

## DECISION:

## MOVED BY MR. P. FERRONATO: <br> SECONDED BY MR. S. NEMETH:

"THAT based on the plans submitted this appeal be ALLOWED."

## 3. APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. 6139

APPELLANT: Axel Tjaden
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Axel Tjaden and Karen Tee
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 6311 Lakeview Avenue
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 17; District Lot 92; Plan 13792
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Sections 104.8(1), 104.10(1) and 104.11of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, will allow for the construction of a new carport to the basement, and a new deck and addition to the main floor at 6311 Lakeview Avenue. The following variances are being requested:
a) the building depth, measured from the front of the existing principal building to the rear of the new deck, will be 36.25 feet where a maximum 33.42 feet is permitted;

Note: the existing principal building is approximately 0.50 feet closer to the rear (northwest) property line than the new deck.
b) The side yard setback, measured from the south property line to the addition, will be 0.61 feet where a minimum 4.9 feet is required; and
c) The rear yard setback, measured from the northwest property line to the new deck post, will be 6.0 feet where a minimum of 29.5 feet is required. (Zone R-4)

## APPELLANT'S SUBMISSION:

Axel Tjaden and Karen Tee submitted an application for relaxation of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw to allow for additions to an existing single family dwelling.

Mr. Tjaden appeared before members of the Board of Variance at the Hearing.

## BURNABY PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENTS COMMENT:

An appeal for the relaxation of Sections 104.8(1), 104.10(1) and 104.11 of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, will allow for the construction of a new carport to the basement, and a new deck and addition to the main floor at 6311 Lakeview Avenue. The following variances are being requested:
a) the building depth, measured from the front of the existing principal building to the rear of the new deck, will be 36.25 feet where a maximum 33.42 feet is permitted;
Note: the existing principal building is approximately 0.50 feet closer to the rear (northwest) property line than the new deck.
b) The side yard setback, measured from the south property line to the addition, will be 0.61 feet where a minimum 4.9 feet is required; and
c) The rear yard setback, measured from the northwest property line to the new deck post, will be 6.0 feet where a minimum of 29.5 feet is required.

The subject site, which is zoned R4 Residential District, is located in the Kingsway-Beresford neighbourhood in which the age and condition of single family dwellings vary. This irregular, roughly triangular interior lot has a frontage of 76.3 ft . along Lakeview Avenue to the east. A rear lane runs at an angle immediately northwest of the subject site and intersects Lakeview Avenue and Stanley Street directly at the northern property line, which follows the curve of the lane. The lot is 110.6 ft . long along the south property line, but only 48.8 ft . long along the curved northern property line. The site is approximately 73.42 ft . deep as measured along the line joining the center points of the front (east) and rear (northwest) property lines. Abutting the site across the lane to the northwest are single family dwellings. A single family dwelling is also being constructed on the property to the immediate south. The subject site slopes downward approximately 10 ft . in the northwest- southeast direction. Vehicular access to the property is provided from the rear lane.

The site is improved with a single family dwelling, which was originally built in 1954/65. Subsequently, the site was further improved following two successful appeals to the Board on 1972 April 05 and 1972 October 05 (BV \# 680 and BV \#752 respectively), which permitted additions and alterations resulting in a front yard setback of 24 ft ., where a 25 ft . setback was required, and a rear yard setback of 12 ft ., where a 30 ft . setback was required. Sometime after 1989, the dwelling was further improved with a small addition on the south side, without the benefit of a building permit. This addition is the subject of the second b) appeal. A new carport/deck rear addition is the subject of the first a) and third c) appeal.

The irregular shape of the lot, and its flanking orientation to the only fronting street, Lakeview Avenue, present a hardship that must be considered in reviewing the first a) and third c) appeal. Specifically, the depth of the northern portion of the lot is insufficient to accommodate the required 24.6 ft . front yard setback and 29.5 ft . rear yard setback. In addition, the existing dwelling is oriented parallel to the Lakeview Avenue property line and at an angle to the slanting rear lane. The dwelling generally observes the required 24.6 ft . front yard setback, but fails to observe the required rear yard setback except in the southernmost part of the property. The existing garage and driveway access are located off the rear lane in the northern half of the property, where the lot narrows.

The first a) and third c) appeals, which relate to the rear addition, are co-related and are discussed first.

The first a) appeal is for a rear addition to the existing single family dwelling, which would result in a principal building depth of 36.25 ft . as measured to the new carport/deck, where a maximum building depth of 33.42 ft . is permitted.

The Bylaw's intent in limiting building depth is to prevent the creation of dwellings that present a long wall, such that the massing of the building impacts neighbouring properties.

In this case, the building depth calculation is based on the building depth as projected onto the lot depth, which is the line joining the center points of the front and rear property lines. Due to the site geometry, this line is angled in relation to these property lines and measures only 73.42 ft ., as noted above. Measured along this line, the proposed building depth is 36.25 ft ., which exceeds the maximum permitted building depth by 2.83 ft . It is noted that the existing building depth, as constructed in 1954/65, is approximately 36.75 ft ., which is legal nonconforming with respect to current Zoning Bylaw requirements. The new carport/deck rear addition would not increase this non-conformity.

The proposed rear addition consists of a new one-car carport at the basement level, partly recessed into the ground, and a new open deck above, which would wrap around the northwest corner of the existing dwelling. The proposed carport would be directly adjacent to the existing one-car attached garage at the northwest corner of the dwelling. To accommodate the proposed carport, the existing vehicular access (from the rear lane) would be widened by approximately 10 ft . This widened vehicular access would be directly opposite a paved parking area on the neighbouring property across the lane to the northwest. In general, there is strong presence of detached garages and fences in the subject lane.

Given the rotated orientation of the subject dwelling with respect to the rear property line, no substantial massing impacts are expected to the neighbouring residences to the northwest of the subject site. As such, the proposed carport/deck rear addition would not result in a long "wall" effect as viewed from properties across the lane to the northwest. Further, the site geometry and the existing angled placement of the subject dwelling creates design challenges and limits development options available on this site.

Given these factors and the relatively low impact of the proposal on neighbouring properties, this Department does not object to the granting of this first a) appeal.

The third c) appeal is for a rear yard setback of 6.0 ft ., measured to the proposed rear addition to the existing single family dwelling, where a minimum rear yard setback of 29.5 ft . is required.

The intent of the Bylaw is to mitigate the massing impacts of new buildings and structures on neighbouring properties and to ensure sufficient outdoor living area in the rear yard.

In this case, the existing dwelling observes a rear yard setback of 11.49 ft ., as measured to the northwest corner of the building, which is legal non-conforming with respect to current Zoning Bylaw requirements. The proposed new carport/deck rear addition to the northwest corner of the dwelling would further reduce this setback by 5.49 ft .

The rear yard measurement for the subject site is taken from the rear lot line to the northwest face of the proposed carport/deck addition, which is parallel to the lane. Again, given the rotated orientation of the addition in relation to the rear property line, the proposed encroachment would have limited impact on surrounding properties. Further, the proposed carport/deck addition would be comparable in massing to neighbouring detached garages along the subject lane. Lastly, sufficient green area would remain available in the southwest part of this site.

In view of the above, and considering the above noted design challenges related to the existing orientation of development and site geometry, this Department does not object to the granting of this third c) appeal.

The second b) appeal would permit a side yard setback of 0.61 ft . from the south property line to the side addition, with a further projection for roof eaves of approximately 1.0 ft ., where a minimum side yard setback of 4.9 ft . is required.

The intent of the Bylaw is to mitigate the impacts of building massing on neighbouring properties.

In this case, the existing dwelling observes a south side yard setback of 5.91 ft ., which is in compliance with respect to the side yard setback requirement.

The already constructed side addition is approximately 12.5 ft . wide and projects approximately 5.25 ft . from the main body of the existing dwelling in the middle of the south elevation. The addition is covered with a shed type roof, which is approximately 9 ft . high at the point of connection with the south wall of the dwelling. The roof slightly overhangs the neighbouring fence along the shared south property line. This fence is approximately 5.5 ft . high and partly screens the addition when viewed from the neighbouring property to the south, which is currently under construction. However, the side addition fully overlaps the neighbouring dwelling, which observes a side yard setback of 6.5 ft ., and with a setback of only 0.61 ft ., creates a sense of overcrowding. Further, this neighbouring dwelling features a window directly opposite the addition.

Since the proposed addition negatively impacts the neighbouring residence to the south, this Department objects to the granting of this second $\mathbf{b}$ ) variance.

## ADJACENT OWNER'S COMMENTS:

No submissions were received regarding this appeal.

## DECISION:

MOVED BY MR. B. BHARAJ:
SECONDED BY MR. S. NEMETH:
"THAT based on the plans submitted part (a) of this appeal be ALLOWED."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
MOVED BY MR. B. BHARAJ:
SECONDED BY MR. S. NEMETH:
"THAT based on the plans submitted part (b) of this appeal be ALLOWED."

MOVED BY MR. B. BHARAJ:
SECONDED BY MR. S. NEMETH:
"THAT based on the plans submitted part (c) of this appeal be ALLOWED."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
4. APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. 6140

APPELLANT: Avtar Basra
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Canada Haojun Development Group Co. and A-G Tej Construction Ltd

CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1205 Sperling Avenue
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 3; District Lot 132; Plan 20814
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Sections 104.9 and 6.6(2)(g)(i) of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, will allow for the construction of a new two family dwelling with detached garages at 1205 Sperling Avenue. The following variances are being requested:
a) the principal building front yard setback, measured from the east property line to the principal building, will be 36.0 feet where a minimum 40.0 feet is required based on front yard averaging; and
b) the proposed detached garage (B-North), measured from the north property line to the detached garage, will be 16.0 feet where a minimum 24.6 feet is required. (Zone R-4)

## APPELLANT'S SUBMISSION:

Vikram Tiku submitted an application for relaxation of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw to allow for construction of his client's new two family dwelling.

Mr. Tiku before members of the Board of Variance at the Hearing.

## BURNABY PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENTS COMMENT:

An appeal for the relaxation of Sections 104.9 and 6.6(2)(g)(i) of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, will allow for the construction of a new two family dwelling with two detached garages at 1205 Sperling Avenue. The following variances are requested:
a) a principal building front yard setback, measured from the east property line to the principal building, of 36.0 feet where a minimum of 40.0 feet is required based on front yard averaging; and
b) a proposed detached garage (B-North) setback, measured from the north property line to the detached garage, of 16.0 feet where a minimum of 24.6 feet is required.

The subject site, zoned R4 Residential District, is located in the Lochdale neighbourhood in which the age and condition of single and two-family dwellings vary. This corner lot, approximately 83.1 ft . wide and 121 ft . deep, fronts Sperling Avenue to the east and flanks Aubrey Street to the north. Abutting the site to the south and across the lane to the west are single family dwellings. Vehicular access to the subject property is proposed via the lane. The subject lot is relatively flat with a downward slope of approximately 3.6 ft . in the northwestsoutheast direction. The subject site is currently vacant. The subject lot is proposed to be developed with a new two-family dwelling including two detached garages, for which two variances have been requested.

The first a) appeal proposes a front yard setback of 36.0 ft ., measured to the foundation of the principal building, with a further projection for roof eaves of 2.5 ft ., where front yard averaging requires a minimum setback of 40.0 ft . from the front property line.

In 1991, Council responded to public concerns regarding the bulk and massing of newer and larger homes that were being built in existing neighbourhoods. Several text amendments to the Zoning Bylaw were made to address these concerns, including a requirement to set new construction back from the front property line based on an average of the two houses on either side of the subject site. The intent was to ease new construction into existing street frontages with minimal impacts.

In this case, front yard averaging calculations are based on the front yards of the two existing dwellings at 1225 and 1245 Sperling Avenue immediately south of the subject site, which both observe front yard setbacks of 40.0 ft .

Although the subject site fronts Sperling Avenue, the proposed siting of the two-family dwelling is oriented towards Aubrey Street. As a result, the proposed east elevation along Sperling Avenue would have the appearance of a 'side' elevation, rather than a 'front' elevation, with no setback variations. With respect to the south elevation, the upper floor is proposed to be set back 14.8 ft . from the main floor face. In addition, the rear exterior corner of the upper floor of each unit would consist of a covered deck. These features reduce, to an extent, massing impacts on the neighbouring properties to the south.

With respect to the existing streetscape, the proposed dwelling would be located 4.0 ft . in front of the adjacent dwelling to the south. If the actual 'corner to corner' relationship is considered, the southeast corner of the subject dwelling would be approximately 9.0 ft . in front of the northeast corner of this neighbouring dwelling (which is set back 5.0 ft . from its most east facade). As noted above, the proposed upper floor setback and massing reduce, to an extent, the impacts on the adjacent dwelling to the southwest. Another factor is an increased south side yard setback of 8.71 ft ., where a minimum side yard setback required is 4.9 ft . Further, the adjacent dwelling features no windows on the elevation facing the subject site. Lastly, the proposed front yard setback would be consistent with that of the neighbouring
dwelling across Aubrey Street to the north, which observes a similar front yard setback of approximately 35.5 ft .

Nonetheless, this variance request appears to be the result of a design choice rather than hardship, as alternatives exist to redistribute or reduce the proposed floor area to meet the required setback. For this reason, this Department cannot support the granting of this first a) variance.

The second b) appeal would permit the construction of a detached garage observing a flanking street side yard setback of 16.0 ft ., where a minimum flanking street side yard setback of 24.6 ft . is required.

The intent of the Bylaw is to mitigate the impact of massing on neighbouring properties. In the case of an accessory building facing a flanking street, the Bylaw requires it to be located not closer to the flanking street than the front yard setback for the principal building on the same flanking street.

In this case, the proposed north detached garage would encroach 8.6 ft . into the required flanking street side yard. At the same time, the garage would be located approximately 8.6 ft . in front of the adjacent dwelling across the lane to the west, which observes a front yard setback of approximately 24.6 ft . The proposed one-car detached garage would be 11.16 ft . wide by 20.25 ft . long by 9 ft . high. It appears that most of the garage massing would be screened from the neighbouring residence across the lane to the west by a mature hedge that borders the front yard of this property. Also, the neighbouring residence has no windows on the east elevation facing the lane. It should be noted that the detached garage would just meet all other Bylaw setback requirements, including the required vision clearance zone, with little room for alternative placement.

In view of the above, this Department does not object the granting of this second b) variance.

## ADJACENT OWNER'S COMMENTS:

No submissions were received regarding this appeal.

## DECISION:

MOVED BY MR. B. BHARAJ:
SECONDED BY MR. S. NEMETH:
"THAT based on the plans submitted part (a) of this appeal be ALLOWED."
FOR: MR. B. BHARAJ
MR. P. FERRONATO
MR. B.POUND
MR. NEMETH
OPPOSED: MS. C. RICHTER

CARRIED

MOVED BY MR. B. BHARAJ:
SECONDED BY MR. B. POUND:
"THAT based on the plans submitted part (b) of this appeal be ALLOWED."
FOR: MR. B. BHARAJ
MR. P. FERRONATO
MR. B.POUND
MR. NEMETH
OPPOSED: MS. C. RICHTER

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## A D J OURNMENT

MOVED BY MR. P. FERRONATO:
SECONDED BY MR. B. BHARAJ:
"THAT this Hearing do now adjourn."

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Hearing adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. C. Richter

Mr. B. Bharaj

Mr. P. Ferronato

Mr. S. Nemeth

Mr. B. Pound

E. Prior<br>Administrative Officer

## Board of Variance Appeal <br> Board of Variance Appeal Application Form

## OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby BC, V5G 1M2, Phone: 604-294-7290 Emal: clerks@burnaby.ca

## Applicant

| Name of Applicant | Dave Ghatauren |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mailing Address | 405s lister court |  |
| City/Town | BURNABY | Postal Code 156263 |
| Phone Number(s) | (H) $6044.760 \cdots 3500$ | (604) 805-0872 |
| Email | CROWNHOUSE ELECTRIC YAMOO.COM |  |

## Property

| Name of Owner | SATINDER GHATAMRAH (SAT_S_GGYAHD.Com) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Civic Address of Property | 4084 FIR STRKET, BORNABY, BC, YG $2 A B$ |

Signature for Board of Variance Appeal

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Date


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Required Documents:
Hardship Letter from Applicant
Site Plan of Subject Property
Buidme Department Referral Letter


City of Burnaby
Board of Variance

## RE: VARIANCE APPLICATION FOR 4084 FIR STREET, BURNABY, BC, V5G 2A8

Dear Sir or Madam,
My family and my parents have been residents of the Burnaby hospital area since 2010 and 2013 respectively. We love the area and now, with my two daughters, have even more interactions with my parents, who babysit them while my wife and 1 are at work. As time progresses, our daughters love playing with their grandparents more and more, thus, we decided to move closer to my parents in order to pass down good family values to our children. We purchased 4084 Fir Street with the intension to build a home that would suite a growing family while ensuring that we were within walking distance of my parent's house, which is located on 4055 Lister Court, Cascade Heights Elementary School and Moscrop Secondary School. We intend to live here for the next few decades.

The older houses on the block are set back further from the property line quite a distance. The neighbouring properties around us are set back 39.7 feet, 37.0 feet and 51.3 feet for 4068 Fir Street, 4078 Fir Street and 4088 Fir Street respectively. Averaging these numbers sets our house back by 42.67 feet. With respect to the bylaw, the usual minimum front set-back in our R4 zoned neighbourhood is 24.6 feet ( 7.5 m ) in depth. The houses in front of us, however, appear to be set back less and what appears to be 24.6 feet.

With new homes being constructed in the neighbourhood, the front set backs are lessening to be consistent with newer properties throughout Burnaby. The houses across the street have an approximate set back of 24.6 feet ( 4099 Fir Street, 4095 Fir Street, 4091 Fir Street, 4089 Fir Street, 4083 Fir Street and 4081 Fir Street). The houses on the west side of the block are approximately 24.6 feet ( 3956 Fir Street, 3940 Fir street). None of the newly constructed homes in the neighbourhood are built with a front set back as far as 42.67 feet.

Constructing a new house with a front set back as far as 42.67 feet would limit the utilization of the property. With no back lane and having the double car garage, driveway, swing set and secondary suite parking in the rear of the house, my children would have severely limited space to play within. Having any celebration such as birthday parties would be limited as my children, their cousins and friends would not have as much space to play. We would also not be able to have a small area to grow vegetables with our children or perform composting activities or place a laundry line in the back to dry clothes and save energy.

Utilizing the front yard for the children to play would result in limited privacy and safety for the children. Having the swing set in the front yard would not be very appealing for the neighbourhood and neither would a vegetable garden, a compost pile or a laundry line.

We have received signatures from multiple neighbours around our neighbourhood that support the variance on the front set back.

For the reasons and hardships described above, we would like to apply for a variance for the relaxation of the front set back requirements so that we may construct a new home 24.6 feet from the front of the property line.


Satinder \& Arvind Ghataurah
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The following list of people below support a front yard of 24.6 feet for 4084 Fir Street.


## BOARD OF VARIANCE REFERRAL LETTER

| DATE: December 29, 2014 | DEADLINE: January 13, 2015 for the <br> February 5, 2015 hearing | This is not an <br> application. <br> Please take letter to <br> Board of Variance. <br> (Clerk's office - <br> Ground Floor) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NAME OF APPLICANT: Dave Ghataurah |  |  |
| ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 4055 Lister Court, Burnaby V5G 2C3 |  |  |
| TELEPHONE: 604-760-3500 | PLAN: 27645 |  |
| PROJECT |  |  |
| DESCRIPTION: New single family dwelling |  |  |
| ADDRESS: 4084 Fir Street | DL: 35 |  |
| LEGAL: | LOT: 70 |  |

The above mentioned application, which includes the attached plan of the proposal, has been refused by the Building Department on the basis of contravention of:

## Zone/Section(s) R4 [104.9]

of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw No. 4742

## COMMENTS:

The applicant is proposing to build a new single family dwelling. The following relaxation is being requested.

1) The front yard setback, to the foundation, will be 24.70 feet where a minimum front yard setback of 42.67 feet is required based on front yard averaging. The overhang projects 2 feet beyond the foundation. The porch stairs project 6.0 feet beyond the foundation.

Note: The applicant recognizes that should the project contain additional characteristics in contravention of the zoning by-law a future appeal(s) may be required.

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Peter Kushnir
Assistant Chief Buiding Inspector, Permits and Customer Service
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# Burnaby Board of Variance <br> OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY 

BURNABY CITY HALL, 4949 CANADA WAY, BURNABY BC, V5G 1M2, PHONE 604-2947290 FAX 604-294-7537

## APPEAL APPLICATION

## PLEASE PRINT

Date: Jan. 13, 2015
Name of Applicant:
DHARAM KAJAL
Mailing Address: 3565 MONMOUTH AVENUE
City/Town:
VANCOUVER
Postal Code: $\qquad$
Phone \#s
(H) 604-433-2350
(W) 604-789-9520

Email:
dkajal e haw. ca Fax $\qquad$
Signature of Applicant


The following required information pertains to the subject property upon which the appeal has been filed.

Name of Owner SUDESH/DHARAM KAJAL
Civic Address of Property 5469 FORQLEN DRIFE,BBY, VSH3K8
Legal Description of Property

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\text { District Lot } 32
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Plan $\square$
Zoning of Property


## OFFICE USE ONLY

Appeal Number BV\# 6142 .
Date Appeal Received $\qquad$
Applicant Referred by: Building Planning License Other
Required Documents: (i) Hardship Letter from Applicant CITY OF BURNABY
(ii) Site Plan of Subject Property
(iii) Additional Plans

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Date and Time Appeal will be heard: $20 \leq 5$ febuccuay 05
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## DHARAMKAJAL

3565 MONMOUTH AVENUE, VANCOUVER, V5R 5 SI PHONE: $(604) .789 .9520$. FACSIMILE(604).412.0008

# Owner Hardship for Construction of New Home 

## Attention:

City of Burnaby<br>Board of Variance

Dear Sir:

## Re: Hardship for Construction of New Home at 5469 Forglen Drive Burnaby

Please note that we have purchase this property to build my dream home for my family and for parents at the above noted development. Now we are facing hardship to build my dream home due to front setback to be set at 39.66 ft ., rather than current R 424.6 ft . to construct to match with old homes built in 1940 after completing planning and engineering requirements.

My hardship points are as per following:

1. The front setback, to the foundation, shall be 25.02 where a minimum front yard setback of 35.66 feet is required based on front averaging based home built 70 years ago and do not compile with current by law zoning. Setback 35.66 ft . are very deep and which are non-coherent with the construction of new home and also are not realistic to current by law zoning which indicated minimum front setback shall be 24.6 feet. The neighbourhood home on the east of Forglen Drive mostly are new and are built with new current R4 setbacks. The average extreme front setback depth by R4 zoning by law is 24.6 feet.
2. Based on current offset, the distance between building foundation and garage shall be minimum 14.5 feet and this is not achievable to less depth available due to match with front setback 39.66 ft . with respect to 70 years old built homes.
3. Based on current 39.66 ft . front, rear setback deck depth is not enough deep and rear deck construction could not be achieved due to match with applicable 70 years old homes rather than current bylaws.
4. In order to build my dream home construction as well rear deck the anticipated cost is about $\$ 600,000$. (600 thousands). The land value of this home is about $\$$ $100,000.00$ and overall projected cost will be 1.600 .000 ( 1.6 million) which is not
worthwhile and realistic to match front setback 39.66 ft . depth in front of the home which is very deep. Secondly due to deep setback 39.66 ft . to build this dream home as well to match with existing averages front setback with old homes built in 1970, the dream home is not achievable as well no sustainable. This will not match with existing eastside of Froglen Drive as well as with existing neighbourhood concept.
5. The existing home built south of this lot has 25.0 feet setback and we should be allowed to match with existing south home which was recently built few years ago.
6. Exception should be allowed to build home on 5469 Forglen Drive to match home along south setback as well as allowed to match with front setback 24.6 ft . by R4 current by law of City of Burnaby rather than 39.66 ft . front setback averaging old home which were built in 1950 and do not match with current latest city standards, specification and building codes.

In view of the above, we kindly request that please allow us use current R4 bylaw depth equal to 24.6 ft . as per applicable by law rather than to match averages with 70 years old built homes or allow us to relax rear setback from 14.5 ft . to 5 ft . between foundation of building and garage to build a deck so that we could be able to construct my dream home achievable and sustainable to match with new built homes as well as to coherent with existing neighbourhood concept at the project cost of $1,600,000$ ( 1.6 million).

We appreciate your positive response in near future.
Thanking you.


## BOARD OF VARIANCE REFERRAL IETTER

| DATE: January 9, 2014 | DEADLINE: January 13, 2015 for the <br> February 5, 2015 hearing | This is not an <br> application. <br> Please take letter to <br> Board of Variance. <br> (Clerk's office <br> Ground Floor) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NAME OF APPLICANT: Dharam Kajal |  |  |
| ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 3565 Monmouth Ave., Vancouver v5R5Si |  |  |
| TELEPHONE: 604-789-9520 |  |  |
| PROJECT |  |  |
| DESCRIPTION: New single family dwelling |  |  |
| ADDRESS: 5469 Forglen Drive | DL: 32 |  |
| LEGAL: | LOT: 9 |  |

The above mentioned application, which includes the attached plan of the proposal, has been refused by the Building Department on the basis of contravention of:

Zone/Section(s) R4 [104.9]<br>of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw No. 4742

## COMMENTS:

The applicant is proposing to build a new single family dwelling. The following relaxation is being requested.

1) The front yard setback, to the foundation, will be 25.02 feet where a minimum front yard setback of 35.66 feet is required based on front yard averaging. The window seat projects 1 foot beyond the foundation. The overhang projects 2 feet beyond the foundation. The porch stairs project 3.5 feet beyond the foundation.

Note: The applicant recognizes that should the project contain additional characteristics in contravention of the zoning by-law a future appeal(s) may be required.

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Peter Kushnir
Assistant Chief Building Inspector, Permits and Customer Service

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# Burnaby Board of Variance 

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
BURNABY CITY HALL, 4949 CANADA WAY, BURNABY BC, V5G 1M2, PHONE 604-2947290
FAX 604-294-7537

## APPEAL APPLICATION

## PLEASE PRINT

Date: $\qquad$
Name of Applicant:
Nirmal taknar
Mailing Address:
$103-12889-84 A V E$
City/Town:

SuRREy BC Postal Code: $\sqrt{3 W 0 K 5}$
(H) $\qquad$ (W) $604-889-1875$

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Signature of Applicant
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The following required information pertains to the subject property upon which the appeal has been filed.

Name of Owner

Civic Address of Property

NoRMAL TAKNAR
$7060 / 7062$ Ramsay AVE


District Lot $\qquad$

Blk $\qquad$
Plan 17311

Zoning of Property
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## OFFICE USE ONLY

Appeal Number BV\# blt.
Date Appeal Received $\qquad$
Applicant Referred by: Building Planning License
Required Documents: (i) Hardship Letter from Applicant
(ii) Site Plan of Subject Property
(iii) Additional Plans

Date and Time Appeal will be heard: bots Pecos al:15p C as CLESOFFIOE

Date: December 17,2012

Board of Variance
City of Burnaby
Burnaby, BC
Re: 7060 Ramsay Ave., Bumaby, BC.

## Re: Approval of Minimum Front Yard set Back.

Dear Sir/Madam
I am proposing to construct Two family dwelling including two car detached garage access from back lane at 7060 Ramsay Avenue under R-5 Zoning.

The minimum front yard of $\mathrm{R}-5$ Zoning is 19.7 and the average front yard setback of south side next 2 neighbours $28.01^{3}$. I am proposing $20.0^{\prime}$ as front yard setback which compiles the minimum front yard setback (19.7) for R-5 zoning.

As you know this property is located in front of a cul-de-sac of Ramsay Avenue and the south next two neighbours do not located in front a cul-de-sac area. I am proposing $20.0^{\prime}$ set back from center of a cul-de sac but $34.72^{\prime}$ from non cul-de-sac line and from the same level the next two neighbours front yard average set back is 28.01'。

Under the above circumstances, I am requesting to allow minimum front yard setback 20 .

Yours faithfully


Nirmal Takhar
Phonix Homes
Phone: 7788891875

## BOARD OF VARIANCE REFERRAL IETTER

| DATE: December 16, 2014 |  | DEADLINE: January 13, 2015 for the February 5, 2015 hearing |  |  | This is not an application. <br> Please take letter to Board of Variance. (Clerk's office Ground Floor) |
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| NAME OF APPLICANT: Nirmal Takhar |  |  |  |  |  |
| ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 103-12889 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Ave, Surrey B.C. V3K 0K5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| TELEPHONE: 604.889.1875 |  |  |  |  |  |
| PROJECT |  |  |  |  |  |
| DESCRIPTION: New Two Family Dwelling |  |  |  |  |  |
| ADDRESS: 7060/7062 Ramsay Avenue |  |  |  |  |  |
| LEGAL: | LOT: 115 |  | DL: 30 | PI | AN: 64617 |

The above mentioned application, which includes the attached plan of the proposal, has been refused by the Building Department on the basis of contravention of:

Zone/Section(s) R5[105.9]
of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw No. 4742

## COMMENTS:

The applicant is proposing to build a new two family dwelling. The following relaxation is being requested.

1) The front yard setback will be 20.00 feet to the foundation where a minimum front yard setback of 28.02 feet is required based on front yard averaging. The roof overhang will be 2.95 feet beyond the foundation.

Note: The applicant recognizes that should the project contain additional characteristics in contravention of the zoning by-law a future appeal(s) may be required.

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Peter Kushnir
Assistant Chief Buiding Inspector, Permits and Customer Service

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Burnaby Board of Variance OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
BURNABY CITY HALL, 4949 CANADA WAY, BURNABY BC, VEG IM2, PHONE $604-2947290$
FAX 604-294-7537


The following required information pertains to the subject property upon which the appeal has been filed.

Name of Owner
Civic Address of Property
Legal Description of Property


Plan 15872.

Zoning of Property

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Applicant Referred by: Building

Date Appeal Received
Planning License Other
Required Documents: (i) Hardship Letter from Applicant
(ii) Site Plan of Subject Property
(iii) Additional Plans

Date and Time Appeal will be heard: 205 Febos@130 I Meterks officE

To whom it may concern,
We are writing this letter on behalf of the clients at 4718 Cambridge 5 t. (previousiy 4714 Cambridge St.) requesting a relaxation on the visibility clearances on the NW comer of the property (please refer to BP Site Plan).

We would like to propose 3 ' high fence on the existing NW retaining wall. as the clients have a 2 year old daughter and two sons on the way, and are very concerned with safety and security. Please consider that this fencing will not obstruct visibility of traffic from Cambridge S t. nor the Lane, see photos attached.


Jenna Asurticion
Project Coordinator
Victoreric Premium Homes





| DATE: January 6, 2015 | DEADLINE: January 13, 2015 for the <br> February 5, 2015 hearing | This is not an application. <br> Please take letter to Board <br> of Variance. <br> Clerk's office - Ground <br> Floor) |
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| NAME OF APPLICANT: Vishal Dhami |  |  |
| ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 15 E. $\mathbf{3}^{\text {rd }}$ Ave., Vancouver V5T 1C5 |  |  |
| TELEPHONE: 604.767.5583 |  |  |
| PROJECT |  |  |
| DESCRIPTION: Structure for new single family dwelling under construction. |  |  |
| ADDRESS: 4718 Cambridge St. | DL: 188 |  |
| LEGAL: | LOT: G |  |

The above mentioned application, which includes the attached plan of the proposal, has been refused by the Building Department on the basis of contravention of:

Zone/Section(s) R5 [6.13(1)(b); 6.14(5)(a)]<br>of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw No. 4742

## COMMENTS:

The applicant is building a new single family dwelling. The following relaxations are being requested.

1) The relaxation of $6.13(1)(b)$ of the Zoning By-Law which, if permitted, will allow a structure along the vision clearance line facing Cambridge Street with varying heights up to a maximum of 6.3 feet and will allow a structure along the vision clearance line facing the lane with varying heights up to a maximum of 6.59 feet where the maximum permitted height along the vision clearance lines is 3.28 feet.
2) The relaxation of $6.14(5)(a)$ of the Zoning By-Law which, if permitted, will allow a retaining wall in the required front yard with varying heights up to a maximum of 3.59 feet where the maximum permitted height is 3.28 feet.

Note: The applicant recognizes that should the project contain additional characteristics in contravention of the soning by-law a future appeal(s) may be required.

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Peter Kushnir
Assistant Chief Building laspector, Permits and Customer Service

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# Burnaby Board of Variance 

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
BURNABY CT HALL, 4949 CANADA WAY, BURNABY BC, VEG UM, PHONE $604-2947290$
FAX 604 294-7537

## APPEAL APPLICATION



The following required information pertains to the subject property upon which the appeal has been filed.

Name of Owner
Civic Address of Property

COASTVIEW CONSTRUCTION IT A 5850 BRAEMAR AVE $\qquad$
Legal Description of Property
Lot 4 $\qquad$

BlK GNP 1
District Lot $\qquad$ Plan 18705
Zoning of Property $\square$ RI

## OFFICE USE ONLY

Appeal Number BVH

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Applicant Referred by: Building Planning License Other
Required Documents: (i) Hardship Letter from Applicant
(ii) Site Plan of Subject Property
(ii) Additional Plans

Date and Time Appeal will be heart: $\square$ 2015 f Fe ely -

5850 BRAEMAR AVENUE

BURNABY, B.C.
January 15, 2015

## Board of Variance

City of Burnaby

## Dear Board Members:

We are the owners of 5850 Braemar Avenue and have plans to build a new home. Our goal is to design and build a beautiful high quality and high value home that will fit in with, and improve, the neighbourhood. We are aware of the impact any new construction has on a neighbourhood and have made every effort to design as a good neighbour and to stay in compliance with Building Bylaw. We have been working on the building plans and have had meetings with city staff prior to these final drawings and have already made changes and concessions as requested by the Building Department.

This property is a corner lot and is situated where the subdivision transitions from low lying properties, on Whelen Court, to high sitting properties, on Braemar Avenue. As a result of the location and topography, it is a very difficult lot on which to design in accordance with the Burnaby Building Bylaw. The property has a slope of over 25 feet from the south west corner to the north east corner. It also has a grouping of trees at the south side of the east property line.

After working on this design for three months we feel that, given these site conditions on this particular property, a home designed to meet all the technical aspects of the Building Bylaw would not be very well received by the local property owners. We have, to the best of our ability, designed a home that will satisfy the difficult topography conditions without becoming a dominant presence on the street and without having a negative impact on the streetscape or existing trees. We feel our proposed design satisfies all the intents of the Building Bylaw. However, the plan does require relaxation of the City of Burnaby Building Bylaw and we ask that you allow us the following variances:

## a) Height

As mentioned, the lot slopes over 25 feet from the south west corner to the north east corner. This severely skews the building height calculation, making it impossible for us to come up with a design that satisfies the technical interpretation of the height bylaw and still have a reasonable home design. The North East corner is extremely low, while the other three are within design reason of each other.

All the roof lines of the existing houses along Braemar Ave drop in elevation as you go from Burris St. to Whelen Court. Our House follows this pattern, and is lower than the neighboring house at 5870 Braemar Ave. Our roof line begins at the first story, and the second story is buried within the roof, reaching a top height of 29.5 feet at the front yard. This roof design was specifically chosen to limit overall massing to ensure the house does not dominate adjacent properties or affect any views.

Because of the natural slope, of the subdivision, up to the south and west, the homes on the opposite side of Braemar are well above our house, so we will not affect them at all. We have also reduce the massing on the rear elevation by lowering the roof that projects furthest back on the property. There is also a natural privacy buffer of trees between our property and the low lying adjacent property on Whelen, such that you can hardly see one house from the other.

## b) Front yard set back

We are proposing a front yard setback of 31.09 feet. The adjacent property at 5870 Braemar is set back 24.61 feet and the property at 5890 Braemar is set back 73.51 feet. The property at 5890 Braemar is an irregular pan handle shape and required an exceptionally deep front yard. We feel that 5890 Braemar Ave is an anomaly and should not be considered when averaging the front yards.

We have worked very hard, and truly tried our best, to get a design that is attractive, buildable and one that does not have a negative impact on our neighbours. We hope that you look favourably on this application.

Sincerely,


BOARD OF VARIANCE REFERRAL LETTER

| DATE: January 15, 2015 | DEADLINE: January 13, 2015 for the <br> February 5, 2015 hearing | This is not an <br> application. <br> Please take letter to <br> Board of Variance. <br> (Clerk's office <br> Ground Floor) |
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| NAME OF APPLICANT: John Rogic |  |  |
| ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 13699 - 32 Avenue Surrey B.C. V4P 3C8 |  |  |
| TELEPHONE: 604.786.6254 |  |  |
| PROJECT |  |  |
| DESCRIPTION: New single family dwelling |  |  |
| ADDRESS: 5850 Braemar Avenue | PLAN: 18705 |  |
| LEGAL: | LOT: 4 | DL: 86 |

The above mentioned application, which includes the attached plan of the proposal, has been refused by the Building Department on the basis of contravention of:

Zone/Section(s) R1 [101.6(1)(a); 101.7(a); 101.8]
of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw No. 4742

## COMMENTS:

The applicant is proposing to build a new single family dwelling. The following relaxations are being requested.

1) The principal building height, measured from the rear average elevation will be 34.89 feet. The principal building height, measured from the front average elevation will be 28.75 feet. The maximum building height of 29.5 feet is permitted.
2) The depth of the principal building will be 63.5 feet where a maximum depth of 60.0 feet is permitted.
3) The front yard setback will be 27.59 feet to the post where a minimum front yard setback of 49.06 feet is required based on front yard averaging. The roof overhang will be 2.0 feet beyond the post.

Note: The applicant recognizes that should the project contain additional characteristics in contravention of the zoning by-law a future appeals) may be required

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## NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT. PLAN 18705




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    Assistant Chief Building Inspector, Permits and Customer Service

