# BOARD OF VARIANCE <br> NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING 

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

## AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

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2. MINUTES
(a) Minutes of the Board of Variance Hearing held on 2015 October 01
3. APPEAL APPLICATIONS
(a) APPEAL NUMBER:
B.V. 6192
WITHDRAWN

## APPELLANT: Ron Bijok

REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Kevin Snelgrove and Sabrina Machel
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 5883 Monarch Street
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 22; District Lot 80; Plan 1798
(b) APPEAL NUMBER:
B.V. 6193
1:00
APPELLANT: Rosa Alexander
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Rosina Alexander
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 175 Ranelagh Avenue North
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 22; District Lot 189; Plan 4953

APPEAL: An Appeal for the relaxation of Sections 105.6(1)(a) and 6.12(3)(a) of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, would allow for the substantive reconstruction of the basement, main floor and upper floor of an existing single family home at 175 Ranelagh Avenue North. These would include interior alterations to the basement and main floor; a new porch, deck and addition to the main floor; and a new upper floor. The following variances are being requested:
a) the principal building height, measured from the rear average grade, would be 30.41 feet where a maximum of 29.5 feet is permitted. Note the height measured from the front average grade would be 28.31 feet, and
b) the side yard setback would be 2.6 feet where a minimum side yard setback of 3.3 feet is required. (Zone R5)
(c) APPEAL NUMBER:

## APPELLANT: Tony Gill

REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Belltown Homes LTD and A-Pacific Development LTD

CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 7357 Newcombe Street
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 32; District Lot 25; Plan 14945
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Section 6.3.1 of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw, which, if permitted, would allow for the construction of a new single family home at 7357 Newcombe Street. The distance between the principal building and the detached garage would be 0.53 feet where a minimum distance of 14.8 feet is required. (Zone R10)

A previous Board of Variance (BOV 61772015 July 09) denied an appeal requesting the front yard setback of 24.93 feet measured to the foundation where a minimum front yard setback of 40.63 feet is required.

A previous Board of Variance (BOV 61902015 September 03) denied an appeal requesting the front yard setback of 33.86 feet measured to the foundation where a minimum front yard setback of 40.63 feet is required; and allowed the distance between the principal building and the detached garage of 9.75 feet where a minimum distance of 14.8 feet is required.
(d) APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. 6195 1:15

APPELLANT: Xiao Jia Hu

## REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Yang and Xiao Hu

CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 4862 Gilpin Court
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 3; District Lot 34; Plan 15142
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Section 105.6(1)(b) of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, would allow for: additions to the basement, main floor and upper floor; interior alterations/finishing to the basement and main floor; new main porch and deck; new upper floor deck, and a new basement attached garage at 4862 Gilpin Court. The following variances are being requested:
a) the principal building height, measured from the rear average elevation, would be 28.57 feet where a maximum of 24.3 feet is permitted, and
b) the principal building height, measured from the front average elevation, would be 27.45 where a maximum of 24.3 feet is permitted. (Zone R5)

A previous Board of Variance (BOV 61112014 June 05) allowed a principal building height of 27.95 feet measured from the rear yard and 26.83 measured from the front yard, a principal building depth of 38.75 feet, a front yard setback of 14.08 feet and a rear yard setback of 7.92 feet.

## 4. NEW BUSINESS

5. ADJOURNMENT

## CITY OF BURNABY

## BOARD OF VARIANCE

## NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

## MINUTES

A Hearing of the Board of Variance was held in the Council Chamber, Main Floor, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C., on Thursday, 2015 October 01 at 1:00 PM.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Ms. C. Richter, Chair
Mr. B. Bharaj, Citizen Representative
Mr. G. Clark, Citizen Representative
Mr. S. Nemeth, Citizen Representative
Mr. B. Pound, Citizen Representative
STAFF:
Ms. E. Prior, Administrative Officer
Ms. M. Malysz, Development Plan Approvals Supervisor
The Chair for the Board of Variance called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

## 2. MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Board of Variance Hearing held on 2015 September 03

MOVED BY MR. B. POUND:
SECONDED BY MR. S. NEMETH:
THAT the minutes of the Hearing of the Burnaby Board of Variance held on 2015 September 03 be adopted as circulated.

## 3. 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.
(a) APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. 6191

APPELLANT: Carman Kwan
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: EC 888 Holdings Inc
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 3701 Keith Street
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 1; District Lot 175; LMP13886
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Section 405.6 of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, would allow for the construction of a new warehouse and office building at 3701 Keith Street, with a front yard setback to the foundation of 15.0 feet where a minimun front yard setback of 29.53 feet is required. The canopy overhang would project up to 3.94 feet beyond the foundation where a maximum projection of 3.94 feet is permitted. (Zoning: Light Industrial District M5)

## APPELLANT'S SUBMISSION:

Carman Kwan, architect, submitted an application on behalf of the owner to allow for the construction of a new warehouse and office building at 3701 Keith Street.

The owner and Carman Kwan appeared before members of the Board of Variance Hearing.

## BURNABY PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

The subject site is located in the westernmost section of the Big Bend area, adjacent to Boundary Road. The age and condition of surrounding development varies, and includes new business centre oriented developments as well as older industrial properties and single family residences.

The subject property is zoned M5 Light Industrial District. In general, the M5 District is intended for high standard industrial and business centre developments that can be located in closed proximity to residential areas with a minimum of conflict.

The subject site is an irregular corner lot, approximately 156 ft . wide and 286 ft . deep along the longer west side property line. The property fronts onto the Keith Street cul-de-sac to the southeast and flanks Boundary Road to the west. The site orientation is unique in that the Keith Street cul-de-sac intrudes into the southeast corner of the site. As a result, the south property line consists of the curved cul-de-sac line at the southeast portion of the lot, and a straight segment extending to the west side (Boundary Road) property line. This site orientation is consistent with the orientation of adjacent lots to the east, which front on Keith Street. To the west, across Boundary Road, is a green buffer area with a townhouse complex beyond, that are located in the City of Vancouver. To the north of the subject property, across the lane, are single
family residences. To the south and across the Keith Street cul-de-sac is an industrial development, containing primarily warehouse and wholesaling uses. Across the lane to the east, the subject site is bordered by an un-developed lot. The site observes a substantial downward slope of approximately 44 ft . from the north to the south. The property is currently a vacant wooded lot with no developed vehicular access.

The present configuration of the property originated with a five lot consolidation that incorporated a portion of the Keith Street right-of-way, which formerly extended to Boundary Road. At that time, a partial cul-de-sac was created at the southeast corner of the property, deducting a small area from the subject site. In addition, an approximately 33 ft . wide statutory right of way along the south property line was registered on the subject title for water, electricity and telephone purposes. Subsequently, the partial cul-de-sac was enlarged to its present form, deducting further from the subject site in accordance with the terms of subdivision (Subdivision Reference SUB\#44/91). In addition, two covenants were registered at that time; the first established an approximately 26 ft . wide no-build area along the west (Boundary Road) property line and the second prohibited vehicular access to or from Boundary Road.

The subject site is proposed to be developed with a new industrial building including associated surface parking, which is the subject of this appeal. Vehicle access is proposed from the Keith Street cul-de-sac.

The appeal proposes the relaxation of the front yard setback to 15.0 ft ., measured to the foundation, with a further canopy projection of up to 3.94 ft ., where a minimum front yard setback of 29.53 ft . is required from the south (Keith Street) property line.

The intent of the Bylaw is to mitigate the massing impacts of new buildings and structures on neighbouring properties and to preserve a unified streetscape.

The requested variance is directly related to the unusual site geometry, which limits the developable area of the subject site, primarily within the Keith Street frontage in relation to the curved cul-de-sac frontage.

The main part of the proposed building would be sited well outside of the required front yard setback. The smaller three storey office component, proposed at the southeast corner of the building, would project approximately 14 ft . from the main building face. Only this office component would encroach, to varying degrees, into the required front yard setback along the cul-de-sac portion of the property line, with a maximum encroachment of 14.53 ft . at its southeast tip. However, given the relationship of this cul-de-sac to the neighbouring front property lines to the east of the subject site, the proposed building would be placed well behind other buildings within the subject block. As such, this relaxation would not result in any massing impacts to neighbouring sites or the street frontage.

Further, the steep topography of the subject site presents an additional challenge with
respect to parking and loading requirements. In this case, the proposal utilizes a more level area at the southwest portion of the site for loading and parking. This is likely the only area where required on-site maneuvering for loading activities can be fully accommodated, given the unusual site geometry.

Given that site conditions present a hardship and this request would not result in any impacts to the neighbouring properties or the existing streetscape, this Department does not object to the granting of this variance.

## ADJACENT OWNER'S COMMENTS:

No correspondence was received regarding this appeal.
MOVED BY MR. B. POUND:
SECONDED BY MR. S. NEMETH:
THAT based on the plans submitted this appeal be ALLOWED.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 4. NEW BUSINESS

No items of new business were brought forward at this time.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY MR. B. POUND:
SECONDED BY MR. B. BHARAJ:
THAT this Hearing do now adjourn.
The Hearing adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Ms. C. Richter

Mr. B. Bharaj

Mr. G. Clark

Mr. S. Nemeth

Mr. B. Pound

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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 Email: clerks@burnaby.ca
Applicant


Property

Name of Owner
Civic Address of Property

I hereby declare that the information submitted in support of this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct in all aspects, and further that my plans have no conflict with municipal bylaws other than those applied for with in this application.


Office Use Only

Appeal Number BV\# $\qquad$ 6193

Required Documents:

- Hardship Letter from Applicant
[] Site Plan of Subject Property
Applicant Signature


October 8, 2015

Dear City of Burnaby, Board of Variance Committee:

We, Rosa and Simon Alexander have applied to the Board of Variance for a variance to our North Side yard setback to $2.6^{\prime}$ for the purposes of replacing our main floor joists and main floor exterior wall and varying the overall permitted height by $12^{\prime \prime}$. When we purchased the home on July 19, 1988, the house was already non-conforming with the setbacks as it was built before the bylaws.

We applied to the city for an addition/renovation permit to the home last year (June, 2014) and finally started construction to our home this year. After our contractor started the renovation work to our house, he advised us that the North main floor exterior wall and the main floor, floor joists were not structurally sound and had to be removed and replaced. The main floor was sloping about 6 " as well so we had to correct this by sistering the existing wall studs in the basement.

We are hoping that we can be granted this variance so that we do not have to demolish the north side existing foundation wall as the costs for this would ruin our budget. A small excavator would have some trouble accessing this area of the site as the setback is only at 2.6' as mentioned previously.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


Rosa \& Simon Alexander

BOARD OF VARIANCE REFERRAL IET TER

| DATE: October 9, 2015 | DEADLINE: October 13, 2015 for the <br> November 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: Rosa Alexander |  |  |
| ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 175 Ranelagh Ave. North, V5B 1H7 |  |  |
| TELEPHONE: 604.2309595 | PROJECT |  |
| DESCRIPTION: Existing single family dwelling substantially reconstructed. Basement: <br> interior alterations; Main floor: new porch, new addition, interior alterations, new deck; <br> Upper floor: all new. |  |  |
| ADDRESS: 175 Ranelagh Avenue North |  |  |
| LEGAL: | LOT: 22 | DL: 189 |

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 [105.6(1)(a);6.12(3)(a)
of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw No. 4742

## COMMENTS:

The applicant is substantially reconstructing an existing single family dwelling. Basement: interior alterations; Main floor: new porch, new addition, interior alterations, new deck; Upper floor: all new. The following relaxations are being requested.

1) The principal building height, measured from the rear average grade, will be 30.41 feet where a maximum of 29.5 feet is permitted. Note the height measured from the front average grade will be 28.31 feet.
2) The side yard setback will be 2.6 feet where a minimum side yard setback of 3.3 feet is required.

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

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# Board of Variance Appeal Application Form 

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## Office Use Only

Appeal Date 2015 NoV. 05
Appeal Number BV\#


CITY OF BURNABY
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$\square$ Site Plan of Subject Property
B Building Department Referral Letter

## Letter of Hardship

The city of Burnaby
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby

Belltown Homes L.td<br>A-Pacific Developments Ltd

9558-134 St
Surrey, BC

I am the owner of the property located at 7357 Newcombe st, Burnaby. I am hoping to get an approval for relaxing the setback between the principle building and the accessory building from $14^{\prime} 8^{\prime \prime}$ to 0.53 ft . Our hardship begins with the lot being an R10 Zoning, which allows for a second story of the building to be half the size of the main floor. Currently the average setback as assessed by the survey of the property comes in at 40.63 ft . So, this does not leave enough room in the rear to build the garage in the back with the required setback as the lot is only $109^{\prime}$ ft deep. We have moved the retaining walls to make better use of the lot, and this lot also slopes quite a bit from the rear to the front and that makes it not possible to have a built in garage in the main building. This property currently has a garage in the rear with access through the lane in the back but does not qualify for the minimum garage setback from the main building of $14^{\prime} 8^{\prime \prime}$ Min, so we are looking for rear yard setback to be relaxed to accommodate the garage. The whole neighborhood wanted the house to be moved back, so now we are trying to keep everyone happy in the neighborhood and accommodate everyone. We have moved the house to the average front yard setback of 40.63 ft . With our new proposal we would like a relaxation for the rear yard setback so we can keep the whole neighborhood happy and still be able to build a decent house. We are further limited to the size of the second floor of the building being only half of the main floor else, it would be feasible to build a bigger in the second floor and decrease the size of the footprint of the main bullding. We have made every effor possible to design the house in such a way that would have the minimal impact on the surrounding area but it is not feasible to buid a new house with these Imitations. We have spent a lot of time trying to make different styes of plans and none of them work. I Hope everyone can understand the hardship we are facing and make an accurate judgement for this variance application. Would like to thank everyone for their time and consideration in this process and hope to go forward with the proposed building plans.

## Thanks

Regards,

BOARD OF VARIANCE REFERRAL LETTER

| DATE: Sept 29, 2015 | DEADLINE: Oct 13, 2015 for the Nov <br> 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: Tony Gill |  |  |
| ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 9558 134 St., Surrey V3V 5S5 |  |  |
| TELEPHONE: 604-728-3078 |  |  |
| PROJECT |  |  |
| DESCRIPTION: New single family dwelling |  |  |
| ADDRESS: 7357 Newcombe Street | PLAN: 14945 |  |
| LEGAL: | LOT: 32 |  |

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) R10 [6.3.1]
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 distance between the principal building and the detached garage is 0.53 feet where a minimum distance of 14.8 feet is required.

Note: A previous Board of Variance (B.V. 6177) denied an appeal requesting the front yard setback of 24.93 feet measures to the foundation where a minimum front yard setback of 40.63 feet is required.

Note: A previous Board of Variance (B.V. 6190) denied an appeal requesting the front yard setback of 33.86 feet measures to the foundation where a minimum front yard setback of 40.63 feet is required; and allowed the distance between the principal building and the detached garage of 9.75 feet where a minimum distance of 14.8 feet is required.

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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## Office Use Only

Appeal Number BV


Required Documents:
Hardship Letter from Applicant
Site Plan of Subject Property
Building Deparment Referral Letter

CITY OF BURNABY
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CLERKS OFFICE

Dear Board of Variance members,

Today, we are here to seek the relaxation of the building height to our house expansion, which is built 0.6 ft . higher than the approved architect design.

## 1. City zoning bylaws

Section 105.6 - Height of Principal Building shall not exceed:
(a) 29.5 ft . for sloping roof, or
(b) 24.3 ft . for flat roof.

B/L No. 9663-91-12-16
"ROOF, SLOPING" means a roof on a building that has one or more roof surfaces that have a pitch of 4 in 12 or greater and cover an area at least equal to 80 percent of the area of all roof surfaces as measured in plan view.

## 2. Apply city zoning bylaws

This project is an addition to an existing old house.

The old portion, built in 1968, contains a roof at an incline, but is not steep enough to be considered a sloped roof. The roof height is 17.84 ft , which is lower than the flat roof limitation 24.3ft by the current bylaw 105.6(b)

The new portion, currently under construction, contains a sloped roof. The finished height is 27.44 ft (measured from the front average elevation), and 28.56 ft (measured from the rear average elevation), which are 0.6 ft higher than approved design height 26.83 and 27.95 respectively. The heights are all lower than the sloping roof limitation 29.5 ft by the current sloping roof bylaw 105.6(a)

According to the bylaws Section 105.6 and B/L No. 9663-91-12-16, the house has both flat and sloping roofs, but is considered a flat roof, and the flat height limitation 24.3 ft applied instead of sloping height limitation 29.5 ft .

## 3. Project hardship

Background knowledge of our project:

If we had chosen to rebuild the existing flat roof to a sloping roof, just for the purpose to meet the bylaw definition of a sloped roof to get 29.5 f height limitation, we could buld the new roof even higher, since the finished bulding height is 28.56 ft that is lower than the limitation 29.5 ft . Then, this appeal would not be necessary.

But we don't Ilke the above option since it is not beneficial to any parties, including the environment, the neighbors, and the owner:

1) A raised roof from flat old roof to sloping roof will increase the building height at the old section by at least 4 ft (a pitch of 4 in 12 or greater).
2) Raising the height of the old roof would also cause disruption to the neighbors as it may obstruct the view from their house.
3) It is not cost-effective nor environmentally sound to replace the old roof. The existing roof is only 5 years old and in fairly good condition, so there is no need to replace it with a newer sloped roof.

## 4. Appeal

The finished building height is 28.56 ft , it is 0.6 ft , higher than the design of 27.95 ft . but it is still lower than a sloping roof limitation of 29.5 ft , we request for relaxation of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw to allow for the height while keeping the existing flat roof.

Currently, we are living in what remains of our older house, all while working on a large scale project with the harsh winter weather upon us. We are hopeful that our case will be relaxed, so we can promptly continue our construction after a strenuous year.

Name of Applicant
Yang Mu


## BOARD OF VARIANCE REFERRAL LETTER



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 [105.64 (1)(b)

of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw No. 4742

## COMMENTS:

The applicant is proposing to construct a basement addition, a main floor addition, an upper floor addition, basement interior alterations, main floor interior alterations, new main floor decks, new upper floor deck, a new main floor porch and a new basement attached garage only. The following relaxation is being requested.

1) The principal building height, measured from the rear average elevation, will be 28.57 feet where a maximum of 24.3 feet is permitted.
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Note: A previous Board of Variance (B.V. 6111 ) allowed a principal building height (rear) of 27.95 feet, a principal building height (front) of 26.83 , a principal building depth of 38.75 feet, a front yard setback of 14.08 feet and a rear yard setback of 7.92 feet.

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