# BOARD OF VARIANCE 

## NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

DATE: THURSDAY, 2019 FEBRUARY 07
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, MAIN FLOOR, CITY HALL

## AGENDA

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ELECTIONS
a) Election of Chair

## 3. MINUTES

b) Minutes of the Board of Variance Hearing held on 2019 January 10

## 4. APPEAL APPLICATIONS

(a) APPEAL NUMBER:
B.V. 6349
6:00 p.m.

APPELLANT: Andrew Beunk
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Andrew and Theresa Beunk
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 8448 13th Avenue
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot: 8 DL: 25 Plan: NWP1465
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Section 6.6(2)(d) of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, would allow for an addition, interior alterations and carport enclosure to an existing single family dwelling at 8448 13th Avenue. The applicant requests a variance to allow a side yard setback of 3.70 feet, where a minimum set back of 3.94 feet is required. Zone R5.
(b) APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. $6350 \quad$ 6:00 p.m.
APPELLANT: Olga Abramsky, Galaxie Signs Ltd.
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Galaxie Signs Ltd.
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 5085 Regent Street
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot: 1 DL: 74 Plan: NWP80558

APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Section 402.5 of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, would allow for the construction of a new roof parapet as a continuation of the front face of the existing industrial building at 5085 Regent Street, with a front yard setback of 9.84 feet, where a minimum set back of 19.69 feet is required. Zone M2.
(c) APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. $6351 \quad$ 6:15 pm

APPELLANT: Jason and Tara Chow
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Jason and Tara Chow
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 6554 and 6556 Georgia Street
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot: 4 DL: 206 Plan: NWP19483
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Section 6.3.1 of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, would allow for a new detached garage to an existing two family dwelling at 6554 and 6556 Georgia Street, with a distance between the buildings on the same lot of 10.30 feet, where a minimum distance of 14.80 feet is required. Zone R5.
(d) APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. 6352 6:15 p.m.

APPELLANT: William Beukers, Alair Homes Delta
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Alnesh Mohan
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1135 Eastlawn Drive
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot: 117 DL: 126 Plan: NWP28703
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Section 6.3.1 of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, would allow for an addition and alteration to the existing detached carport at 1135 Eastlawn Drive, with a distance between the buildings on the same lot of 10.71 feet, where a minimum distance of 14.80 feet is required. Zone R2.
(e) APPEAL NUMBER:

APPELLANT: Gary Gao
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Zhao Bing and Ji Hong
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 4892 Carson Place
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot: 40 DL: 157 Plan: NWP20303
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Section 102.6(1)(a) of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, would allow for the construction of a new single family dwelling with a detached garage at 4892 Carson Place, with a principal building height of 31.25 feet (sloping roof) measured from the rear average grade, where the maximum building height of 29.50 feet is permitted. Zone R2.

A previous Board of Variance (BOV 6348, 2019 January 10) decision denied a principal building height of 31.99 feet, where a maximum building height of 29.50 feet was permitted.
(f) APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. 6354 6:30 p.m.

## APPELLANT: Lawrence Higa

REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Franklin and Melissa Soriano
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 2090 Sperling Avenue
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot: 149 DL: 131 Plan: NWP54909
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Sections 6.3.1 and 102.9(1) of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, would allow for an addition and alteration to the existing detached garage at 2090 Sperling Avenue. The following variances are requested:
a) a distance between the buildings on the same lot of 4.20 feet, where a minimum distance of 14.80 feet is required; and,
b) a side yard setback of 3.90 feet, where a minimum setback of 4.90 feet is required.

A previous Board of Variance (BOV 1936, 1979 May 04) decision denied a rear yard setback of 19.5 feet, where a minimum setback of 30.0 feet was required.

A previous Board of Variance (BOV 1953, 1979 June 08) decision allowed a rear yard setback of 24 feet, where a minimum setback of 30.0 feet was required.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT

## 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, 2019 January 10 at 6:00 p.m.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Mr. Stephen Nemeth, Chair
Mr. Rana Dhatt, Citizen Representative
Ms. Brenda Felker, Citizen Representative Mr. Wayne Peppard, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Ms. Margaret Malysz, Development Plan Approvals Supervisor Ms. Lauren Cichon, Administrative Officer

The Administrative Officer called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

## 2. ELECTION

## (a) Election of Chair

MOVED BY MR. DHATT
SECONDED BY MR. PEPPARD
THAT Mr. S. Nemeth be appointed as Chair of the Burnaby Board of Variance for the 2019 January 10 Hearing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
The Administrative Officer requested the election of the Chair for the balance of 2019 be held at the 2019 February 07 hearing.

## 3. MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Board of Variance Hearing held on 2018 December 06

MOVED BY MR. DHATT
SECONDED BY MR. PEPPARD
THAT the minutes of the Burnaby Board of Variance Hearing held on 2018 December 06 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 4. APPEAL APPLICATION

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## APPELLANT'S SUBMISSION:

Gary Gao, on behalf of the property owners, submitted an application to allow for the construction of a new single family dwelling with a detached garage at 4892 Carson Place.

Mr. Gary Gao, Designer, Ms. Ji Hong, Homeowner, and Mr. Jing Wang, Builder, appeared before members of the Board of Variance.

## BURNABY PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

The subject site, which is zoned R2 Residential District, is located in the SussexNelson neighbourhood, in which the majority of the single family dwellings were built in the 1960's. This irregular interior lot is 111.3 feet deep along its northwest (side)
property line and has a frontage of approximately 77.5 feet onto Carson Place to the northeast. The site is bordered by a lane along the southeast (side) property line, which slightly curves to the southwest and continues along the southwest (rear) property line. The southernmost portion of the site is truncated, which is reflected in the chamfered property line alignment in this location.

The subject site abuts single family residential lots all around. Vehicular access to the subject site is proposed to be relocated from the Carson Place frontage to the rear lane to the southwest. The site observes a significant downward slope of approximately 18.0 feet from the front to the rear.

The subject lot is proposed to be re-developed with a new single family dwelling, with a detached garage, for which the following variance has been requested.

The appeal is to vary Section 102.6(1)(a) - "Height of Principal Building" of the Zoning Bylaw from 29.5 feet to 31.99 feet, as measured from the rear average grade, to allow construction of a new single family dwelling with a sloping roof. The intent of the height requirements of the Zoning Bylaw is to mitigate the massing impacts of new buildings and structures on neighbouring properties and to preserve the views.

It appears that the building height relaxation request is partly related to the topography of the site and partly related to the design choices. In this case, the height calculation is based on the proposed grade at the rear elevation. A substantial grade difference from the front to the rear of the subject site contributes to the excess height. It is also noted that the proposed dwelling would observe a height of 25.88 feet when viewed from the front property line, which is less than the maximum height allowed by the Zoning Bylaw (less by 3.62 feet).

When viewed from the rear elevation the height encroachment occurs over the upper roof, which resembles roughly a reversed "L" in plan, with the southwest portion running in a "front-to- rear" direction and the northeast portion running in a "side-toside" direction.

As viewed from the rear elevation, the proposed 2.49 foot height encroachment occurs over the southwest portion of the upper roof and continues into the northeast portion and back from the rear face of the building. The encroachment starts approximately at the mid-point of the upper roof and continues to the roof peak.

With respect to the neighbouring property directly opposite the subject site across the rear lane, considering that the height encroachment area is more than 46.0 feet away from the subject sites rear property line (plus the additional 20.0 feet of the lane separation), no significant impacts are expected. The views from this neighbouring property are predominantly directed towards Patrick Place to the southwest. Furthermore, this property's rear yard is fully screened by a tall hedge and the portion of the northeast elevation (one storey high) visible from the lane, does not have any windows facing the subject site.

Viewed from the southeast elevation, the proposed dwelling would appear over height essentially only at the southwest portion of the upper roof (starting approximately at the mid-point), which is further away from the southeast side property line; the height encroachment area would be at least 36.0 feet away from this property line (plus the additional 20.0 feet of the lane separation). Considering the small scale of the over height portion of the roof in combination with this generous setback, the height encroachment would not be noticeable from the neighbouring dwellings across the lane to the southeast.

Also, due to the sloping terrain, the proposed dwelling would be partly underground, thus substantially reducing the building height as viewed from the northwest side elevation. The proposed dwelling would not appear over height as viewed from the neighbouring property immediately to the northwest.

However, the requested variance is not exclusively related to the sloping site. The excess height of the proposed dwelling is also a result of design choices, particularly with the proposed clear floor to ceiling height on the two lower levels of the building being the major contributing factors. (The proposed clear floors to ceiling heights are: 9.0 feet in the cellar, 10.0 feet on the main level and 8.5 feet on the upper level). It would be possible to construct a dwelling with ceiling heights that would conform to the Bylaw. (For example: 8.0 feet in the cellar, 9.0 feet or 9.5 feet on the main level and 8.0 feet on the upper level.)

Furthermore, lowering the dwelling more into the ground should also be considered; this would help distribute the substantial grade difference more evenly throughout the site. This appeal proposes to maintain a relatively flat front yard area, but to the rear of the dwelling, with the detached garage proposed at the lane level, there is a substantial grade difference between the main floor level at 176.5 feet and the garage slab level at 159.38 feet. (The cellar is proposed at 166.26 feet). As a result, the pathway between the garage and the dwelling includes an upward stair with 12 steps and another upward stair with 3 steps to the main floor, or a downward stair with 8 steps to the cellar. There is no sufficient information on the submitted site plan to verify how the 17.12 foot difference between the garage level and main floor level can be negotiated by 15 steps, as the stair risers typically vary between 7-8 inches.

Otherwise, the submitted site plan does not indicate grading in the rear yard; it is assumed therefore, that no other grading changes are proposed. Currently, the rear yard terrain observes a moderate slope of approximately 8.0 feet, which is retained at the lane edges by an approximately 4.0 foot high retaining wall.

In summary, although it is recognized that the topography of the subject site is a contributing factor, the requested height variance is also the result of the design choices and it is possible to construct this design with the building height in accordance with the Bylaw. Therefore, this Department cannot support the granting of this variance.

## ADJACENT OWNER'S COMMENTS:

Correspondence was received from the owners of 4871 and 4881 Carson Place advising they were opposed to this variance.

MOVED BY MR. DHATT
SECONDED BY MS. FELKER
THAT based on the plans submitted, this appeal be DENIED.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

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

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY MR. DHATT SECONDED BY MR. PEPPARD

THAT this Hearing do now adjourn.

The Hearing adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Mr. S. Nemeth, CHAIR

Mr. R. Dhatt

Ms. B. Felker

Ms. L. Cichon
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Mr. W. Peppard

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## OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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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 Date Feb 72019 Appeal Number BV\# $\qquad$
Required Documents:
$\square$ Fee Application Receipt
Building Department Referral Letter
Hardship Letter from Applicant
Site Plan of Subject Property

January 12, 2019

City of Burnaby - Building and Planning Dept.

RE: BOV Application - $844813^{\text {th }}$ Ave., Burnaby - Garage setback

Dear Sir / Madame,
My wife and I purchased our home at $844813^{\text {th }}$ Ave in April of 2013. I serve as a Pastor of a neighbourhood church and our home was purchased because of its nearby location to our church.

Prior to closing the deal on our home we submitted a site plan of our lot, along with a proposed renovation plan, to the City in order to review initial approval. The plan dated March 2013 was reviewed by the City and we were given an initial green light to proceed. The process led us to believe we had purchased a property with no outstanding building issues.

In the following months, a full building permit application was submitted and approved. On both the site plan reviewed in March 2013 and the building permit application approved in June 2013, the existing garage on our lot was shown, complete with dimensions indicating its precise location. At no time did the City identify that the garage violated the setback allowance.

In the fall of last year we were made aware by the City that our Building Permit file was still open. Both I and my builder were surprised by this because we had not heard anything for almost 5 years about an outstanding permit file. We both remembered providing our inspector with the requested engineering review that we thought was necessary to complete the project and close the file. Now, 5 years later, we were told that the engineering review was not satisfactory.

Now, towards the end of 2018, as we are trying to close out the Building Permit file, the Plan checker identified that one corner of the garage is $21 / 2$ inches too close to the western property line. This was the first time the issue had been identified in spite of the fact that our site plan had been reviewed by the Building Dept. at least twice five years earlier.

The garage is approximately 28 years old. Never has my neighbour expressed any concern that garage is too close to the property line (see attached letter from my neighbor, Mrs. Nancy Burrows). She has lived in her home more than 60 years.

Modifying the existing garage to bring in into compliance with the current setback allowance will require a major renovation, likely a complete reconstruction.

I kindly request that you recognize this as an unnecessary burden and hardship for me and approve my application for a variance.

As I shared with both Mr. Luka Mladin and Mr. Peter Kushnir since even before owning the home I have done all that felt I could do in order to secure proper Building reviews, and permit applications. In fact, a permit application that I submitted in Sept. 2019 for a solar panel project was what alerted the Planning Dept. that my previous Building Permit was still not closed. I write this because as a citizen of Burnaby I have from the beginning sought to do what I thought was necessary to ensure my property meets Code requirements.

I kindly request, that as a citizen trying to do the right thing, you not unnecessarily penalize me for a $21 / 2$ inch setback violation of a structure that was built around 28 years ago.

My sincere thanks to you for considering this application.


Rev. Andrew Beunk


Mrs. T. K. Beunk

## BOARD OF VARIANCE REFERRAL LETTER

| DATE: January 15, 2019 |  |  | This is not an application. <br> Please submit this letter to the Clerk's office (ground floor) when you make your Board of Variance application. |
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| DEADLINE: January 15, 2019 for the February 07, 2019 hearing. |  |  |  |
| APPLICANT NAME: Andrew Beunk |  |  |  |
| APPLICANT ADDRESS: $844813^{\text {th }}$ Ave, Burnaby, BC, V3N 2G9 |  |  |  |
| TELEPHONE: 778-837-8315 |  |  |  |
| PROJECT |  |  |  |
| DESCRIPTION: Addition, interior alterations and carport enclosure to ESFD |  |  |  |
| ADDRESS: $844813{ }^{\text {th }}$ Ave |  |  |  |
| LEGAL DESCRIPTION: | LOT: 8 | DL: 25 | PLAN: NWP1465 |

Building Permit BLD13-00402 has been issued but will require a revision that will be denied by the Building Department because the design is not in compliance with Burnaby Zoning Bylaw No. 4742:

> Zone R5 / Section 6.6(2)(d)

## COMMENTS:

The applicant currently has a building permit for an addition and interior alterations but has also enclosed the carport without permit to an existing single family dwelling. In order to allow the revised Building Permit application to proceed, the applicant requests that the following variance be granted:

1) To vary Section $6.6(2)(\mathrm{d})$ - "Accessory Buildings and Uses" of the Zoning Bylaw requirement for the minimum side yard setback from 3.94 feet to 3.7 feet.

Note: $\quad$ The applicant recognizes that should the project contain additional characteristics in contravention of the Zoning By-law, a future appeal(s) may be required.

The applicability of this variance, if granted, is limited to the scope of the proposal shown on the attached plans.

All principal building projections into the resulting front yard will conform to the requirements of Section 6.12.

Fences and retaining walls will conform to the requirements of Section 6.14.
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## Peter Kushnir

Deputy Chief Building Inspector
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## 2017 Board of Variance Notice of Appeal 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

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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.


Applicant Signature

## Office Use Only

Appeal Date
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ㄷ.0 Building Department Referral Letter
5 Hardship Letter from Applicant
Site Plan of Subject Property

## Galaxie Signs.

Visual solutions since 1963

January 15, 2019

City of Burnaby
Planning and Building Department

Galaxie Signs is requesting a relaxation of the front yard set back in order to construct a new parapet wall at the front elevation of our building.

The parapet will improve the overall look and appeal of our older building.

This relaxation is required as our building was constructed in 1960 which was prior to the introduction of the bylaw setback requirements. Our building at that time was built to all existing bylaw requirements and was fully conforming.

Our hardship is the setback requirements were introduced after our building was constructed and in order to construct a parapet wall to improve the look of our building a relaxation would be required. This relaxation would have no impact on our surrounding area other then to improve the look of our building.

Your truly,


Planning and Building Department

| BOARD OF VARIANCE REFERRAL LETTER |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DATE: 2019 Jan. 14 | DEADLINE: 2019 Jan. 15 <br> Date of Hearing: 2019 Feb. 07 | This is not an application. <br> Please take referral letter to Board of Variance. (Clerk's office) |
| NAME OF APPLICANT: | Olga Abramsky Galaxie Signs Ltd |  |
| ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 5085 Regent Street, |  |  |
| TELEPHONE: (604) 291-6011 |  |  |


| Preliminary Plan Approval Application: PPA18-00166 |  |  |  |
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| DESCRIPTION: |  |  |  |
| A new roof parapet as a continuation of the front face of the existing <br> industrial building. |  |  |  |
| ZONING: | General Industrial District M2 |  |  |
| ADDRESS: | 5085 Regent Street, Burnaby, BC |  |  |
| LEGAL: | LOT: 1 | DL: 74 |  |

The above mentioned application for Preliminary Plan Approval has been suspended pending Board of Variance review pursuant to the following section(s) of the Zoning Bylaw.

Section(s) 402.5 "Front Yard"

## COMMENTS:

An appeal for the relaxation of Section 402.5 of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, would allow the construction of a new roof parapet as a continuation of the front face of the existing industrial building at 5085 Regent Street, with a front yard setback of $3.0 \mathrm{~m}(9.84 \mathrm{ft}$.), where a minimum front yard setback of 6.0 m ( 19.69 ft .) is required.

Note: The applicant recognizes that this appeal request, as per the submitted drawings, if granted, would be subject to full compliance with all other applicable Municipal regulations and requirements. Should the project contain additional characteristics in contravention of the Zoning By-law, future appeal. $(s)$ may be required.


Margaret Malysz
Development Plan Approvals Supervisor







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| Applicant |  |
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| Name of Applicant Jason of Tara Chow |  |
| Mailing Address 6556 Georgia Street |  |
| City/Town Burnaby Postal code V5B1V8 |  |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Phone Number(s) } & \text { (H) } \\ \text { (C) 604-354-9734 }\end{array}$ |  |
| Email Jasonix e hotmail.com |  |
| Property |  |
| Name of Owner | Jason 6 Tara Chow |
| Civic Address of Property | 6554 + 6556 Georgia Stree |

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.


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Appeal Date Feb of 2018 Appeal Number BV\# $\qquad$
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$\square$ Building Department Referral Letter
$\square$ Hardship Letter from Applicant
Site Plan of Subject Property

## To the members of the Board of Variance City of Burnaby

Regarding proposed construction of a two-car garage at 6554/6556 Georgia Street, City of Burnaby.

We are appealing to the Board of Variance to allow reduction in the minimum required distance between the principle building and the proposed detached two-car garage from 4.5 m (14.8 ff.), required by the Burnaby Zoning By-Law (Paragraph 6.3.1.), to the minimum distance of 3.15 m ( 10.3 ft .).

The existing building (duplex) was built back in 1950s under provisions of the previous building regulations. On the rear side of the building there are two decks, which were constructed at the same period as the existing duplex.

Currently Burnaby Zoning By-law requires to provide minimum distance of 4.5 m (14.8 ft.) between the principle building and a detached garage or a carport in R-5 zone.

The footprint and the location of the existing building on the site makes it impossible to comply with the provisions of the Zoning By-law, simply because there is no enough space at the rear yard setback to accommodate a 22 ft . by $\mathbf{2 0} \mathrm{ft}$. garage and maintain the minimum required distance of 4.5 m ( 14.8 ft .) between the garage and the main house.

We appeal to the Board of Variance to allow reduction of the required separation between the buildings by 1.35 m ( 4.5 ft .).
We believe that proposed variance will not affect any adjacent properties, nor the natural environment, or cause inappropriate development or use of the property.

Thank you for your consideration,


Jason Wade Chow
Tara Kim Chow

## BOARD OF VARIANCE REFERRAL LETTER

| DATE: December 5, 2018 | $\begin{array}{l}\text { This is not an application. } \\ \text { Please submit this letter }\end{array}$ |
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| (ground floor) when you |  |
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| Variance application. |  |$\}$

Building Permit application BLD18-00531 will be denied by the Building Department because the design is not in compliance with Burnaby Zoning Bylaw No. 4742:

Zone R5 / Sections 6.3.1

## COMMENTS:

The applicant proposes to build a new detached garage to an existing two family dwelling. In order to allow the Building Permit application to proceed, the applicant requests that the following variance be granted:

To vary Section 6.3.1 - "Distances between Buildings on the same Lot" of the Zoning Bylaw requirement for the minimum distance from 14.8 feet to 10.3 feet.

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.
2. The applicability of this variance, if granted, is limited to the scope of the proposal shown on
the attached plans.
3. All new principal building projections into the resulting required yards will conform to the
requirements of Section 6.12.
4. Fences and retaining walls will conform to the requirements of Section 6.14 .
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Peter Kushnir
Deputy Chief Building Inspector


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Applicant Signature

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Building Department Referral Letter
$\square$ Hardship Letter from Applicant

- Site Plan of Subject Property


## Address - 1135 Eastlawn Dr. Burnaby - Mohan Residence

To whom it may concern,
I am the Construction Manager for a small residential building company called Alair Homes Delta. We specialise in doing medium to large renovations and new home builds. I am currently working on a Design \& Estimation package for one of my clients. I have been asked personally to provide a letter of hardship in addition to my permit application \& BOV application.

The project in question is a garage/carport renovation. The proposed construction will include the removal of the existing carport, construction of a new double garage and some surrounding landscaping/gardening. (New concrete slabs, garden beds and fencing).

The proposed garage has been designed to match the house from a construction point of view and a design point of view, almost perfectly. So from a visual perspective this project will be aesthetically pleasing to all those who can view it. The only thing that is holding me back is the close proximity of the proposed garage to the existing house/dwelling.

Page 3 of the Accessory Building Zoning Information Brochure - City of Burnaby - Revised Aug. 2009, states that any accessory building must not be located closer than 14.8 feet to the main house/dwelling. The existing carport is currently located approximately 10 feet from the house, and the proposed double garage will match this distance of 10 feet exactly.

The proposed garage in question has been designed to accurately match the current size of the existing carport so as to not compromise the surrounding areas in size, neighbours views, openness etc. The proposed garage has been designed to fit 2 small-medium sized cars inside plus some minimal storage within an attached side shed.

The lot is currently not wide enough to be able to construct a double garage and keep within the boundaries of the 2009 Accessory Building Bylaws. In addition to this, any design changes for the proposed garage are difficult due to the unusual shape of the lot and abnormal location of side lanes and rear access.

This residence is currently a shared home between a young father and daughter as well as both grandparents of the daughter. There is a genuine need for a new double garage as the existing carport is becoming dilapidated and the current street parking situation is almost impossible.

I have personally approached all the closely surrounding neighbours to explain the situation regarding the proposed garage and have received only positive feedback to myself and the company. I have also provided them with letters from myself including all relevant details of the project and of the current bylaws and zoning status.

I understand that there is a need to comply with all zoning regulations within the City of Burnaby, but as my proposal suggests, we are conforming to all zoning requirements except for one, and this accessory building separation cannot physically be achieved without relocating the main dwelling or removing the garage completely.

I am happy to discuss this proposal further and appear before the Board, members of the public or public hearing if necessary. I am available at any time and I can be reached on the below details.

Sincerely,


Bill Beukers - Construction Project Manager
Alair Homes Delta - 1047869 BC Ltd.

BOARD OF VARIANCE REFERRAL LETTER

| DATE: January 3, 2019 |  |  | This is not an application. Please submit this letter to the Clerk's office (ground floor) when you make your Board of Variance application. |
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| DEADLINE: January 15, 2019 for the February 7, 2019 hearing. |  |  |  |
| APPLICANT NAME: William Beukers |  |  |  |
| APPLICANT ADDRESS: 1114/933 Seymour St., Vancouver, BC V6B 6L6 |  |  |  |
| TELEPHONE: 1-236-688-6225 |  |  |  |
| PROJECT |  |  |  |
| DESCRIPTION: Addition and alteration to the existing detached carport |  |  |  |
| ADDRESS: 1135 Eastlawn Dr. |  |  |  |
| LEGAL DESCRIPTION: | LOT: 117 | DL: 126 | PLAN: 28703 |

Building Permit application BLD18-00994 will be denied by the Building Department because the design is not in compliance with Burnaby Zoning Bylaw No. 4742 :

Zone R2 / Sections 6.3.1

## COMMENTS:

The applicant proposes to enlarge and convert the existing detached carport to a garage for an existing single family dwelling. In order to allow the Building Permit application to proceed, the applicant requests that the following variance be granted:

1) To vary Section 6.3.1 - "Distance between Buildings on the same Lot" of the Zoning Bylaw requirement for the minimum distance from 14.8 feet to 10.71 feet.

Note: 1. The applicant recognizes that should the project contain additional characteristics in contravention of the Zoning By-law, a future appeal(s) may be required.
2. The applicability of this variance, if granted, is limited to the scope of the proposal shown on the attached plans.
3. All new principal building projections into the resulting required yards will conform to the requirements of Section 6.12.
4. Fences and retaining walls will conform to the requirements of Section 6.14.

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Deputy Chief Building Inspector



LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
LOT 117, EXCEPT: PARCEL "A" (EXPLANATORY PLAN 29413),
DISTRICT LOT 126, GROUP 1, NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT, PLAN 28703
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1135 East Lawn Drive January 11, 2019

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## 2018 Board of Variance Notice of Appeal Form

## OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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


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.


Applicant Signature

## Office Use Only

Appeal Date $\qquad$ Appeal Number BV\# $\qquad$
Required Documents:
Fee Application Receipt
Building Department Referral Letter
Hardship Letter from Applicant
Site Plan of Subject Property

## Any documents submitted in support of this Board of <br> Variance Appeal will be i-57-e available to the Public

## Board of Variance Letter of Hardship for 4892 Carson Place, Burnaby

From: Gary Gao (Designer)
Owner: Hong Ji
Date: January 15, 2019
Re: 4892 Carson Place, Burnaby

To Board of Variance,
My name is Gary Gao, and this is a letter of hardship regarding a new single-family development at 4892 Carson Place. The owner is proposing to build a single family dwelling on this property, but I have encountered some issues. The following is what we are proposing:

Increase building height from 29.5' to $\mathbf{3 0 . 8 8}$ ' (increase by $\mathbf{1 . 3 8}^{\mathbf{\prime}}$ )

## Reasons for increasing of building height by 1.38'

## 1. From Owner's heath and safety perspective

The owner, Ms Ji's mother has been a teacher before she retired. She developed knee problems due to her profession. Both of her menisci was replaced by surgery. It is very difficult for her to climb stairs. She has to rely on a crutch to walk around. As she has to walk in and out of the house almost daily to stay healthy, it is important to keep the main floor and outside ground to the street as flat as possible and stair-free.

## 2. From Design perspective

The property is located at the lower (south) side of Carson Street, in the Burnaby South Slope area. In order to reduce stairs and slopes to make the main floor accessible for the owner's mother, I try to keep the existing outside ground levels at the front. It is calculated that the lowest possible elevation of the main floor is $176.5^{\prime}$ : around the same level as ground elevation at the front property line. The main floor interior ceiling height is proposed as $9.5^{\prime}$ and upper floor ceiling height is $8.5^{\prime}$. The slope of the roof is $4 / 12$, which is the minimum for sloped roof defined by Burnaby Zoning Bylaw. As a result, the proposed roof pitch height works out to be 200' at the minimum. However, the proposed dwelling would observe a height of $24.33^{\prime}$ when viewed from Carson Street (front) property line, which is still 5.17 ' lower than the Zoning Bylaw height requirement of 29.5 ft . On the technical perspective, It is unwise to build the house lower than the existing ground level or make a portion of the roof flat considering the great number of rainy days of Vancouver. New houses that built with main floor lower than outside ground level may create un-necessary drainage problems and a combination of flat and sloped roofs may leak when the house settles. Compare to the mere 1.38 ' height increase that we requested, it is worthwhile to keep the sloped roof and existing main floor height.

The proposed increase in building height is 1.38 '. Please consider our proposal.
$\qquad$ Gary Gao


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| DEADLINE: January 15, 2019 for the February 07, 2019 hearing. |  |  |  |
| APPLICANT NAME: Gary Gao |  |  |  |
| APPLICANT ADDRESS: Unit 111-42 Fawcett Road, Coquitlam, B.C., V3K 6X9 |  |  |  |
| TELEPHONE: 604-618-1885 |  |  |  |
| PROJECT |  |  |  |
| DESCRIPTION: New single family dwelling with detached garage |  |  |  |
| ADDRESS: 4892 Carson Place |  |  |  |
| LEGAL DESCRIPTION: | LOT: 40 | DL: 157 | PLAN: NWP20303 |

Building Permit application BLD18-00939 will be denied by the Building Department because the design is not in compliance with Burnaby Zoning Bylaw No. 4742:

Zone R2 / Sections 102.6(1)(a)

## COMMENTS:

The applicant proposes to build a new single family dwelling and detached garage. In order to allow the Building Permit application to proceed, the applicant requests that the following variance be granted:

1) To vary Section 102.6(1)(a) - "Height of Principal Building" of the Zoning Bylaw requirement for the maximum building height from 29.50 feet to 31.25 feet as measured from the rear average grade for the proposed single family dwelling with a sloping roof.

Note: A previous Board of Variance (B.V. 6348) denied an appeal requesting: a) a principal building height of 31.99 feet (sloping roof) measured from the rear average

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1. The applicant recognizes that should the project contain additional characteristics in <br>
contravention of the Zoning By-law, a future appeal(s) may be required. <br>

| 2. The applicability of this variance, if granted, are limited to the scope of the proposal shown |
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| on the attached plans. |
| 3. All new principal building projections into the resulting required yards will conform to the |
| requirements of Section 6.12 . | <br>

4. Fences and retaining walls will conform to the requirements of Section 6.14 . <br>
Peter Kushnir
\end{tabular} Deputy Chief Building Inspector

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## 2019 Board of Variance Notice of Appeal Form

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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 Date Feb 72019 Appeal Number BV\# $\qquad$
Required Documents:

> Fee Application Receipt
> Building Department Referral Letter
> Hardship Letter from Applicant
> Site Plan of Subject Property

2090 Sperling Avenue, Burnaby, BC

We propose to add onto the existing garage to create tandem parking as there is no back lane and there is no possible way to build a garage in the rear of the property and keep the garage the requisite distance from the existing house. We respectfully ask that you allow us to build the garage as proposed as it is the least intrusive design for both the neighbors and the homeowners.

There are a number of reasons why this is the least intrusive design in every direction. By building the garage in this manner it creates the smallest possible footprint as it both utilizes and reduces the existing driveway and is largely or entirely invisible from any neighbor.


Note that the proposed addition sits behind hedges/trees that are higher than the proposed addition. Moreover, the principal residence obscures the proposed addition so it is almost totally obscured from the neighboring properties.


Aesthetically, the garage is far less imposing as from the street, you can only see the front elevation from the street (Westerly neighbors). As the Westerly neighbors themselves have large vegetation, it will be impossible for them too see the garage from their house.
Furthermore, it is and will remain almost entirely obscured by the existing hedge and from the Eastern neighbor's tree which will afford all neighbors even more privacy.


The aerial photos also indicate that the garage will not be visible from either the adjacent or any neighboring properties.


By building the garage in this manner, the house and the tall hedge will obscure the garage entirely from the Southern neighbors. It will be largely invisible to the Eastern neighbors as the existing garage is already obscured by an existing tree and what can possibly be seen from the Eastern neighbors, will be totally obscured by the existing garage.

The Northern neighbors' existing garage and hedge will obscure the garage for themselves and the Northern adjoining neighbor's house will obscure the garage entirely for any other Northern neighbor. Moreover the Northern neighbor's existing tall hedge will further obscure any new construction and already casts more of a shadow than the proposed garage structure.

Given that no neighbor is impacted by the proposed structure and that it is impossible to build any garage near the house without violating the distance bylaws between a garage and the house, I urge you to hear and grant our variance.


| DATE: January 3, 2019 | This is not an application. <br> Please submit this letter to <br> the Clerk's office (ground <br> floor) when youmake your <br> Board of Variance <br> application. |
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| APPLICANT NAME: Lawrence Higa |  |
| APPLICANT ADDRESS: PO Box 91160, West Vancouver, BC <br> V7V 3N6 |  |
| PROJECT | DL: 131 |
| DESCRIPTION: Addition and alteration to the existing detached garage |  |
| ADDRESS: 2090 Sperling Avenue | PLAN: 54909 |
| LEGAL DESCRIPTION: | LOT: 149 |

Revised Building Permit application BLD18-00820 will be denied by the Building Department because the design is not in compliance with Burnaby Zoning Bylaw No. 4742:

Zone R2 / Sections 6.3.1/102.9(1)

## COMMENTS:

The applicant proposes to extend and convert the existing detached carport to a garage for an existing single family dwelling. Note: the BLD18-00820 has been already issued for additions and alterations to the existing single family dwelling. In order to allow the Building Permit application to proceed, the applicant requests that the following variances be granted:

1) To vary Section 6.3.1 - "Distance between Buildings on the same Lot" of the Zoning Bylaw requirement for the minimum distance from 14.8 feet to 4.2 feet.
2) To vary Section 102.9(1) - "Side Yard" of the Zoning Bylaw requirement for the minimum side yard width from of 4.9 feet to 3.9 feet.
Note: 1. The applicant recognizes that should the project contain additional characteristics in contravention of the Zoning By-lan; a future appeal(s) may be required.
2. The applicability of this variance, if granted, is limited to the scope of the proposal shown on the attached plans.
3. All new principal building projections into the resulting required yards will conform to the requirements of Section 6.12.
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Note: A previous Board of Variance appeal (B.V. 1936 May 4, 1979) seeking relaxation for rear yard setback from minimum 30 feet to 19.5 feet was denied.
Note: A previous Board of Variance appeal (B.V. 1953 June 8, 1953) seeking relaration for rear yard setback from minimum 30 feet to 24 feet was approved.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION

## LOT 149 OF LOT 131 GROUP $1, N H D$ PLAN 54909

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LOT AREA: 11.231
MAXIMUM FSR: 4492
BASEMENT: 1635.545 MAN FLOOR: 1825.50 UPPER FLOOR: 1006.36 TOTAL 4467.405 (LESS 100 OPEN (100.00) FLOOR AREA
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