# BOARD OF VARIANCE 

## NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

DATE: THURSDAY, 2019 APRIL 04
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, MAIN FLOOR, CITY HALL

## AGENDA

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

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## 2. ELECTIONS

(a) Election of Chair

## 3. MINUTES

(b) Minutes of the Board of Variance Hearing held on 2019 March 07

## 4. APPEAL APPLICATIONS

(a) APPEAL NUMBER:
B.V. 6356
6:00 p.m.

## APPELLANT: Douglas Chernoff

REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Alison and Douglas Chernoff

CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 3862 Harper Court
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot: C DL: 35 Plan: EPP80024

> APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Section 105.8(1) of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, would allow for the construction of a new single family dwelling with a secondary suite and attached garage at 3862 Harper Court, with a principal building depth of 74.43 feet, where the maximum building depth of 60.0 feet is permitted. Zone R5.
(b) APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. 6357 6:00 p.m.

APPELLANT: Nazeer Bawa, EWAN Design and Construct INC.

REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Navdeep and Navraj Kahlon
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 5570 Rugby Street
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot: 12 DL: 85 Plan: NWP17524
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Section 101.8 of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, would allow for the construction of a new single family dwelling and attached garage at 5570 Rugby Street, with a front yard depth of 24.33 feet, where the minimum front yard depth of 29.50 feet is required. Zone R1.
(c) APPEAL NUMBER: B.V. 6359 6:15 p.m.

APPELLANT: Jonathan Ehling Architect Inc.
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Peter Dutzi
CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 341 Hythe Avenue North
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot: 99 DL: 189 Plan: NWP32145
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Sections 6.14(5)(a)(b), 102.6(2) and 102.8(1) of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, would allow for an interior alteration to the main floor and second floor addition, including a new attached garage to an existing single family dwelling at 341 Hythe Avenue North. The following variances are requested:
a) a principal building height of 32.83 feet (flat roof), measured from the rear average grade, where the maximum height of 24.30 feet is permitted.
b) a principal building height of 24.91 feet (flat roof) measured from the front average grade, where the maximum height of 24.30 feet is permitted.
c) a front yard depth of 22.70 feet, where a minimum front yard depth of 24.61 feet is required. Zone R2.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

## BOARD OF VARIANCE

## 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, 2019 March 07 at 6:00 p.m.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Mr. Stephen Nemeth, Chair
Mr. Rana Dhatt, Citizen Representative
Mr. Jag Dhillon, Citizen Representative
Ms. Brenda Felker, Citizen Representative
ABSENT: 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 6:01 p.m.

## 2. ELECTIONS

## (a) Election of Chair

MOVED BY MR. DHATT
SECONDED BY MS. FELKER
THAT Mr. S. Nemeth be appointed as Chair of the Burnaby Board of Variance for the 2019 March 07 Hearing.

The Administrative Officer requested the election of the Chair for the balance of 2019 be held at the 2019 April 04 hearing.

## 3. MINUTES

(b) Minutes of the Board of Variance Hearing held on 2019 February 07

MOVED BY MR. DHATT
SECONDED BY MS. FELKER
THAT the minutes of the Burnaby Board of Variance Hearing held on 2019 February 07 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 4. APPEAL APPLICATIONS

## (a) APPEAL NUMBER: <br> B.V. 6355

APPELLANT: Gurdev (Dave) Hayre
REGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY: Gurdev (Dave) and Rhonda Hayre

CIVIC ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 4014 Napier Street
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot: 2 DL: 117 Plan: NWP1222
APPEAL: An appeal for the relaxation of Section 105.6(1)(a) of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted, would allow for the construction of a new single family dwelling with a secondary suite and detached garage at 4014 Napier Street. The following variances are requested:
a) a principal building height of 30.66 feet (sloped roof) measured from the rear average grade, where the maximum height of 29.50 feet is permitted; and,
b) a principal building height of 30.31 feet (sloped roof) measured from the front average grade, where the maximum height of 29.50 feet is permitted.

## APPELLANT'S SUBMISSION:

Mr. Dave Hayre submitted an application for the construction of a new single family dwelling with a secondary suite and detached garage.

Mr. Hayre appeared before members of the Board of Variance.

## BURNABY PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

The subject site, which is zoned R5 Residential District, is located in the Willingdon Heights neighbourhood, in which the age and condition of the single and two family dwellings vary. This interior lot, approximately 50.0 feet wide and 121.9 feet deep, fronts onto Napier Street to the north. The subject site abuts single family residential lots on all sides. Vehicular access to the site is proposed to be relocated from the Napier Street to the rear lane to the south.

The subject lot observes a downward slope of approximately 6.4 feet from the north (front) to the south (rear) and of approximately 5.7 feet from the east (side) to the west (side).

The subject property is proposed to be re-developed with a new single family dwelling, with a secondary suite and a detached garage, for which two variances has been requested. Both variances are related to the proposed principal building height.

The first a) appeal is to vary Section 105.6(1)(a) - "Height of Principal Building. Single Family Dwelling" of the Zoning Bylaw from 29.5 feet to 30.66 feet, as measured from the rear average grade, to allow construction of a new single family dwelling with a sloping roof.

The second b) appeal is to vary Section 105.6(1)(a) - "Height of Principal Building. Single Family Dwelling" of the Zoning Bylaw from 29.5 feet to 30.31 feet, as measured from the front 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 the new buildings and structures on neighbouring properties and to preserve the views.

It appears that both building height relaxations are partly related to the topography of the site and partly related to the design choices.

A moderate grade difference of approximately 6.1 feet from the north-east corner of the proposed dwelling to the south-west corner contributes to the excess height. Additionally, the existing grading at the north-west corner of the proposed dwelling drops by approximately up to 2.0 feet, due to the driveway access which currently slopes downwards at the north-west portion of the subject site.

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 all three levels of the building as the major factor. The proposed clear floor to ceiling heights are: 9.0 feet in the cellar, 10.0 feet on the main level and 9.0 feet on the second 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.

Further, the proposed upper roof form is also a contributing factor. The upper roof is considered to be a sloping roof, with the proposed roof pitch and the proposed sloping roof area just meeting the definition of "Roof, Sloping" in the Zoning Bylaw. The upper roof is proposed to have a pitch of 4 in 12, where a pitch of 4 in 12 or greater is required, and would cover 80.3 percent of the surface of the roof as measured in plan view, where at least 80 percent is required.

The remaining 19.7 percent of the main upper roof consists of a large roof deck (248.1 sq. ft.), placed roughly off center and to the west of the upper roof area. It also consists of a small feature flat roof ( 68.9 sq . ft.) over the elevated decorative element which is proposed at the front elevation. (There is also an exterior stair, leading from the second floor level to the roof deck on top, which is excluded from the overall sloping roof area calculations.)

With regards to the first a) appeal, the height encroachment of 1.16 feet (as measured from the rear average grade) occurs mainly across the upper portion of the guardrail which surrounds the roof deck. According to the submitted drawings, the upper portion of the guardrail would be constructed of safety glass. The height encroachment also extends over the very tip of the main upper roof and partly over the smaller upper roof (over the interior stair leading to the roof deck) beyond.

With regards to the second b) appeal, the height encroachment of 0.83 feet (as measured from the front average grade) occurs primarily at the upper portion of the elevated decorative element. This element is located slightly off center and to the east of the front elevation. The height encroachment also extends across the upper portion of the proposed roof deck guardrail beyond.

Although the over height portions of the overall roof massing are relatively small in scale and would not create substantial impacts on the neighbouring dwellings or the existing streetscape, it is possible to make small modifications to this roof design which would lessen or potentially eliminate a need for the building height relaxations.

In summary, although it is recognized that the topography of the subject site is a contributing factor, the requested height variances are also the result of the design choices. Therefore, this Department cannot support the granting of both variances.

## ADJACENT OWNER'S COMMENTS:

No correspondence was received regarding this appeal.

## MOVED BY MR. DHATT

SECONDED BY MS. FELKER

THAT based on the plans submitted, part (a) of this appeal be ALLOWED.


This appeal was ALLOWED.
MOVED BY MR. DHATT
SECONDED BY MR. DHILLON
THAT based on the plans submitted, part (b) of this appeal be ALLOWED.
FOR: MR. DHATT
MR. DHILLON
MR. NEMETH
OPPOSED: MS. FELKER
CARRIED
This appeal was ALLOWED.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

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

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY MR. DHATT
SECONDED BY MR. DHILLON
THAT this Hearing do now adjourn.

The Hearing adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Ms. L. Cichon
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mr. S. Nemeth, CHAIR

Mr. R. Dhatt

Mr. J. Dhillon

Ms. B. Felker

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## OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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


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 Aprl $4^{\text {th }} 2019$ Appeal Number BV\# $\qquad$
Required Documents:

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

City Of Burnaby Board of Variance
Re: 3862 Harper Court Length of Building Bylaw Variance Request.

To The Board of Variance.

We are requesting an exemption from the building length Bylaw on the grounds that the unusual shape of the lot constitutes a hardship to our building design.

The lot in question is a pie shaped lot with a narrow front and wide back.
When the proposed house is measured from the front to back in a straight line, the house falls well within the maximum of 60 feet.

However, the particular measurement technique used by the bylaw means the house is measured along a diagonal line following the shape of the lot. This puts our length calculation over the length limit.

We are seeking an exemption from the bylaw on the grounds that the house is not exceptionally long, and that it does not pass the bylaw simply because the lot shape causes the calculation of the length to be measured diagonally across the structure.

## Best Regards

Doug \& Alison Chernoff
3863 Gilpin St
Burnaby, BC

## BOARD OF VARIANCE REFERRAL LETTER

| DATE: March 08, 2019 | This is not an application. <br> Please submit this letter <br> to the Clerk's office <br> (ground floor) when you <br> make your Board of <br> Variance application. |
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| DEADLINE: March 08, 2019 for the April 04, 2019 hearing. |  |
| APPLICANT NAME: Doug Chernoff |  |
| APPLICANT ADDRESS: $\mathbf{3 8 6 3}$ Gilpin St., Burnaby, B.C., V5G 2H2 |  |
| TELEPHONE: 604-451-5401 |  |
| PROJECT |  |
| DESCRIPTION: New single family dwelling with secondary suite and attached garage |  |
| ADDRESS: 3862 Harper Court | PLAN: EPP80024 |
| LEGAL DESCRIPTION: | LOT: C |

Building Permit application BLD18-01190 will be denied by the Building Department because the design is not in compliance with Burnaby Zoning Bylaw No. 4742:

Zone R5 / Sections 105.8(1)

## COMMENTS:

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

1) To vary Section 105.8(1) - "Depth of Principal Building" of the Zoning Bylaw requirement for the maximum building depth from 60 feet to 74.43 feet.

Notes: 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, are 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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Applicant
Name of Applicant $\qquad$
Mailing Address
City/Town
Unit 213-3993 Kenning Drive
$\qquad$ Postal Code $\qquad$
Phone Number (s)
(H) $\qquad$ (C) $\qquad$
Email $\qquad$

Property

Name of Owner
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Civic Address of Property $\qquad$
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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.


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Appeal Date April th 2019 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 Variance Appeal will be i-19-e available to the Public

To: The Board of Variance
City of Burnaby
Dear Madam/Sir

## LETTER OF HARDSHIP

## PROJECT: SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING AT

5570 RUGBY STREET, BURNABY, BC.

We are acting as the agents for the owners for the above project.

This site is irregular in shape and located in a cul-di-sac. The site setbacks creates severe constraints on the building envelope and results in a hardship in fulfilling the requirements of the owners is achieving a single family dwelling of decent building depth. We have proposed a creative design solution considering all the impediments impacting this site. However, the front yard setback for the portion of the cul-di-sac impacts the proposed design as 183 sqft of lot coverage falls outside the setback as shown in the hatched portion of the site plan. We kindly request a relaxation of the front yard setback for this portion of the building so that the proposed design is permitted as per the drawings submitted to the building department.

Thank you

Truly

Nazeer Bawa AIA(SL) , MSc Spatial Planning, PMP
Principal

## BOARD OF VARIANCE REFERRAL LETTER

| DATE: February 27, 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: March 12, 2019 for the April 04, 2019 hearing. |  |  |  |
| APPLICANT NAME: Nazeer Bawa |  |  |  |
| APPLICANT ADDRESS: Unit 213-3993 Henning Drive, Burnaby, B.C., V5C 6P7 |  |  |  |
| TELEPHONE: 604-338-8127 |  |  |  |
| PROJEC |  |  |  |
| DESCRIPTION: New Single Family Dwelling and Attached Garage |  |  |  |
| ADDRESS: 5570 Rugby Street |  |  |  |
| LEGAL DESCRIPTION: | LOT: 12 | DL: 85 | PLAN: NWP17524 |

Building Permit application BLD18-01105 will be denied by the Building Department because the design is not in compliance with Burnaby Zoning Bylaw No. 4742:

## Zone R1 / Section 101.8

## COMMENTS:

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

1) To vary Section 101.8 - "Front Yard" of the Zoning Bylaw requirement for the minimum front yard depth from 29.50 feet to 24.33 feet.

Notes: 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, are 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<br>Deputy Chief Building Inspector


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| Applicant |  |
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| Name of Applicant <br> Mailing Address <br> City/Town <br> Phone Number(s) <br> Email | Shnathan Ehlinis <br> 829 W. $15^{\text {th }}, ~ S 1$, N. Van V7P $1 M 5$ <br> Vancover Postal code V7P 15 <br> 770-1380 (c) $\qquad$ arche Axionet. com |
| Property |  |
| Name of Owner <br> Civic Address of Property | Petee: Carol Dutzi <br> 341 Hythe Avenue Noth, Bby |

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 appliedfor with in this application.


Office Use Only
Appeal Date Aprl $4^{\text {th }} 2019$ Appeal Number BV\# $\qquad$
Required Documents:
Fee Application Receipt Building Department Referral Letter
Hardship Letter from Applicant Site Plan of Subject Property

March 10, 2019

Burnaby City Hall<br>City Clerk's Office<br>4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C.<br>V5G 1M2

Attn: Ms. Eva Prior Administrative Officer

## Re: 341 Hythe Avenue North - application for Variance.

Dear Ms. Prior,
When I was first approached by my client regarding a renovation to their family home we were aware that the home was already nonconforming with regards to existing front yard setback and had existing siting issues considering that there is no lane access and the only entry is currently $16^{\prime}$ below the level of the front road. Aside from wanting to enlarge the existing home; the prime reason for the renovation was to improve the existing driveway which is currently too steep and hence dangerous to use in poor weather. The concept behind the proposed renovation, therefore, was to add another level to the home to enable use of their permitted Gross Floor Area while at the same time improving the angle of the driveway to improve safety and sight lines for entering and exiting the property. The new driveway is to be backfilled against the existing slope for stability and our new floor is to work with the existing foundations of the current home in order to minimize and new site work that would be otherwise required.

Since we are working with existing conditions our addition is non-conforming to the required front-yard setback of $24.6^{\prime}$ by virtue of having an existing f.y.s.b. of only $21.7^{\prime}$. As it is, our proposed addition was pulled back from the existing corner of the house to improve the condition but in the end we are still non-conforming with a setback of $22.7^{\prime}$. The second variance relates to the allowable building height as we are again working with existing conditions and a steep site. In this case we are seeking a relaxation to both the front and rear building heights partly owing to the context ie hardship of steep site and existing building levels as well as incorporating a low slope roof that improves the overall massing but is punitive in that it reduces the allowable ht limit from $29.5^{\prime}$ for a sloping roof to $24.3^{\prime}$ for a flat roof within the bylaw regulations. Our proposed roof (while still a sloping roof) is just below the permitted slope of 4 in 12 in order to qualify for the higher height limit. In our case the proposed slope is 3 in 12. Part of the reason for the lower slope roof was that we are matching the slope of the original home and its original design as well as keeping the ridge of the roof as low as possible relative to sightlines of adjacent properties. Regardless we are still above the overall height limits but I wanted to add this interpretation for context.

It has been the intent of my client to keep as much of the original home as possible and salvaging building materials wherever possible. Limited access to the site for construction is in another reason for retention as there is no lane and the building sites has a cross fall slope of $34^{\prime}$. As I stated earlier, by
adding a floor we improve the access to the property while trying to minimize impact to the adjacent lots. Whatever we did we were likely to involve the Board of Variance to seek relaxations owing to hardships based on the configuration of our lot.

In summation; after discussions with the Planning Department, Engineering Department and Building Department, we are seeking these relaxations due to the hardships encountered on site and for reasons referred to above. We ask for your support and in recognition of the ongoing involvement and cooperation with the related City agencies.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments.
Yours truly,


Jonathan Ehling Architect AIBC
cc. Peter and Carol Dutzi

## BOARD OF VARIANCE REFERRAL LETTER

| DATE: February 21, 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: March 21, 2019 for the April 4, 2019 hearing. |  |  |  |
| APPLICANT NAME: Jonathan Ehling |  |  |  |
| APPLICANT ADDRESS: 200-829 W. 15 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street, N. Vancouver BC, V7P 1MS |  |  |  |
| TELEPHONE: 604-770-1380 |  |  |  |
| PROJECT |  |  |  |
| DESCRIPTION: ESFD - Interior Alteration to Main Floor, and Second Floor Addition including a New Attached Garage |  |  |  |
| ADDRESS: 341 N. Hythe Avenue |  |  |  |
| LEGAL DESCRIPTION: | LOT: 99 | DL: 189 | PLAN: 32145 |

Building Permit application BLD18-00488 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(2) and 102.8(1)

## COMMENTS:

The applicant proposes to build interior alterations, an upper level addition, and a new attached garage to an 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 102.6(2) - "Height of Principal Building" of the Zoning Bylaw requirement for the maximum building height from 24.30 feet to 32.83 feet as measured from the rear average grade for the proposed single family addition with a flat roof.
2) To vary Section 102.6(2) - "Height of Principal Building" of the Zoning Bylaw requirement for the maximum building height from 24.30 feet to 24.91 feet as measured from the front average grade for the proposed single family addition with a flat roof.
3) To vary Section 102.8(1) - "Front Yard" of the Zoning Bylaw requirement for the minimum front yard depth from 24.61 feet to 22.70 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.
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Deputy Chief Building Inspector


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