

BOARD OF VARIANCE PLANNING COMMENTS

BV#	6422	Address	4781 Frances Street
X-Reference	BOV #21-00004	Hearing	2021 March 04

Project	New Single Family Dwelling with secondary suite and detached garage.	
Zoning	R5 Residential District	
Neighbourhood Brentwood Park – Single Family and Two Family Neighbourhood		

Appeal(s) to vary:	Section 105.9 – "Front Yard" of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw which, if permitted would allow for the construction of a new single family dwelling with secondary suite and detached garage at 4781 Frances Street. This relaxation would allow for a front yard depth of 6.32 m (20.72 ft.) where a minimum front yard depth of 7.67 m (25.18 ft.) is required based on front yard averaging.	
Zoning Bylaw intent:	Front yard setbacks help to harmonize the siting of new dwellings within the existing building setbacks on the block and to minimize massing impacts.	
Variance Description:	The proposed variance is measured from the fronting property line along Frances Street to the front façade of the proposed dwelling. A front yard depth variance of 1.35 m (4.43 ft.) is requested.	

Subject Site Considerations

- This typical interior lot is 37.17 m (121.96 ft.) deep and has a width of 10.05 m (32.99 ft.) fronting onto Frances Street to the south. A lane abuts the property to the north (rear).
- Front yard averaging calculations are based on two adjacent properties to the east and two adjacent properties to the west, with front yards setbacks of 7.74 m (25.40 ft.), 8.01 m (26.30 ft.), 7.56 m (24.80 ft.) and 7.38 m (24.20 ft.) respectively.
- The subject site is relatively flat and vehicular access will be retained from the rear lane.

Neighbourhood Context Considerations

- The subject site is located in an established single and two family neighbourhood where it is surrounded by single family dwellings of varying age and condition.
- The development pattern of the block has typical established front yard setbacks with minimal exclusions both on the south and north side of Frances Street near the subject site.

Specific Project Considerations

- The proposed variance is observed along the front facade of the proposed dwelling for a distance of 3.66 m (12.00 ft.) from the southeast corner where it steps in 0.76 m (2.50 ft.) and continues for a distance of 3.91 m (12.83 ft.) to the southwest corner of the proposed dwelling. The front yard depth at this southwest corner would be 7.07 m (23.22 ft.) as measured to the front facade. The second storey is aligned with the first floor front facade.
- With respect to the neighbour directly east of the subject property, the proposed dwelling would sit 1.39 m (4.58 ft.) in front of this neighbour as measured at the southeast corner. The neighbour directly west of the subject site would observe the proposed dwelling 0.73 m (2.38 ft.) in front as measured to the southwest corner of the proposed dwelling.
- Although the staggered design of the proposed dwelling reduces impacts due to massing on neighbouring dwellings, other design options could be explored.

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