3508 West 18th Avenue - Board Minutes and Decision

Appeal Section:

573(1)(a) & 573(1)(b) - Appeal of Regulation & Decision

Legal Description:

East 16.5 Ft of Lot 10, of Lot 3, Block 28, District Lot 139 and

Plan 4488

Lot Size:

Lot Area = 2,013.99 sq. feet.

Zone:

RS-5

Related By-Law Clause:

Sections 4.8.1 (Site Coverage) and 4.8.5 (Impermeable

Coverage)

Appeal Description:

Appealing the decision of the Director of Planning who refused Minor Amendment to Development Application No. DP-2022-00698 and a request to permit interior and exterior alterations to this existing one-family dwelling.

Scope of work includes: adding a garage in the rear of the site.

Development Application No. DP-2022-00698 was refused for the following reasons:

-Non-compliance with Section 4.8.1 (Site Coverage) of the RS-5 District Schedule and the proposed development does not comply with the regulations of the Zoning and Development By-law that affect the site.

Maximum permitted

Site Coverage:

40% (805 sq. feet)

Existing:

40% (798 sq. feet)

Proposed:

44% (893 sq. feet)

-Non-compliance with Section 4.8.5 (Impermeable Coverage) of the RS-5 District Schedule and the proposed development does not comply with the regulations of the Zoning and Development By-law that affect the site.

Maximum permitted

Site Impermeable Area:

60% (1,208 sq. feet)

Existing:

65% (1,309 sq. feet)

Proposed:

69% (1,409 sq. feet)

Discussion:

Ada Sakowics and Jim Bussey were present to speak in support of the appeal.

At the request of the Chair, the appellant agreed to dispense with the reading of the submission, which had been in the Members' possession prior to the meeting.

The appellant's initial comments were that they're requesting one parking spot on site, covered and closed. The bylaw prohibits them from building a garage.

The Director of Planning's Representative

Ms. Erichsen's initial comments were that this is a refusal to construct a garage in the rear building of the site. The site is 16.5 feet wide, which is small. The addition of the garage will put the site coverage and impermeability over. The Director of Planning is unable to support this appeal, they look to the Board to uphold their decision.

<u>The Board Chair stated</u> that the Board's site office received four (4) letters in Support and no (0) letter in opposition to this appeal.

The Chair stated that if there were any interested parties in the audience who wished to speak to this appeal, they should raise their hand to be recognized and when recognized, state their full name and address and spell their surname for the record.

There were no comments.

Final Comments:

Ms. Erichsen had no final comments.

The appellant had no final comments.

This appeal was heard by the Board of Variance on November 15th, 2022 and was ALLOWED, thereby overturning the decision of the Director of Planning who refused Minor Amendment to Development Application No. DP-2022-00698 and the Board APPROVED interior and exterior alterations to this existing one-family dwelling (all the scope of work noted-above), and subject to the following condition:

(1) that the development shall otherwise comply with the requirements and regulations of the Zoning and Development By-law to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning.

Board's summary and decision based on the following:

- -Site Hardship included the age of the existing home (built in the mid-1980s) and the site's existing site width (16.50 feet Lot Width) and with a Lot Area at 2,014 sq. feet).
- -Site Impermeability regulation was adopted in May 2000, and this home was built in 1980s.
- -No opposition from the neighbourhood with four (4) letters of Support from the neighbours.
- -Owner's agent confirmed at the appeal hearing that they will continue to work with the City
- and to obtain all the City permits to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning.

<u>NOTE</u>: AUDIO recording of this appeal is available upon request and please contact the Secretary to the Board of Variance at (604) 873-7723.

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Letter of Hardship

Single Family Dwelling Renovation 3508 West 18th Avenue Vancouver, B.C.

Architect:

Formwerks Architectural Inc. |

Representatives:

Jim Bussey Matt Mauza

Ada Sakowicz

Summary:

Applying to the Board of Variance to request additional site coverage and impermeable area to facilitate the construction of a single-car garage.

Relevant Prior-to Conditions:

RS-5 - Site Coverage 4.8.1a

"The maximum site coverage for buildings shall be:

a) 40 percent of the site area for all uses except for two-family dwellings and two family dwellings with secondary suite."

DE was issued with a shed accessory and site coverage conforming.

See pg <u>Site Plan - A 01</u>

RS-5 – Impermeable Materials 4.8.4 & 4.8.7

4.8.4:

"The area of impermeable materials, including building coverage, shall not exceed 60 percent of the total site area except that where developed secondary vehicular access to a site is not available, the Director of Planning may exclude from the area of impermeable materials an amount not exceeding:

(a) for the first parking space, the product of the distance, in meters as measured along the driveway center line, from the point where the driveway crosses the property boundary to the point where it meets the nearest side of the approvable parking space times 3.1 m; and

(b) for each additional parking space, 67 m² to accommodate vehicular access

and maneuvering."

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4.8.7: The Director of Planning may vary section 4.8.4 for buildings existing prior to October 8, 1996 to a maximum of 70 percent impermeable materials site coverage provided that:

(a) the percentage of the site covered by existing impermeable materials is not increased by the proposed development;

(b) the Director of Planning considers the advice of the City Engineer; and

(c) the Director of Planning considers all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council.

Existing Impermeable: 1368.54 sq ft. 60% Impermeable: 1208.39 sq ft. 70% Impermeable: 1409.80 sq ft.

DE was issued with a shed accessory and site impermeable proposed at 1309.84 sq ft.

See pg Impermeable 0 02

BOV REQUEST

Requesting variance to **site coverage** for an additional **87.67 sq ft** to allow for a 209 sq ft single car garage.

Allowable: 805.60 sq ft.

Total requested: 893.27 sq ft.

See pg Site Plan A 01.b & Garage Accessory A 12

Requesting variance to **site impermeability** to the max relaxation of 70 percent or 1409.80 sq ft (4.8.7).

Existing Impermeable: 1368.54 sq ft. Previously Proposed (shed): 1309.84 sq ft. Total Requested (garage): 1409.01 sq ft.

See pg <u>Impermeable Existing + Proposed **Garage** O 02.**b** & <u>Landscape and</u> <u>Planting Plan L 01.**b**</u></u>

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HARDSHIP

An unusually narrow site and existing non-conforming structure has resulted in a hardship of insufficient site coverage to accommodate secure and sheltered parking for a single vehicle.

Note: There is parking for only one car entitlement directly in front of the site.

See bottom of pg \underline{BOV} ref \underline{B} 01 for additional reference photos.

Please find 4 neighbour approval letters attached.



September 7, 2022

RE 3508 W 18TH AVENUE, Vancouver, BC V6S 1B1 Development Application Number DP-2022-00698

Please be advised that the Director of Planning has Refused DP-2022-00698 on September 2, 2022, for the following reason(s):

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:

Following a detailed review of the above noted application, I recommend REFUSAL for the following reasons:

• Refusal 1 - Non-compliance - Section 4.8.1 (Site Coverage) of the RS-5 District Schedule; the proposed development does not comply with the regulations of the Zoning and Development By-law that affect the site;

Maximum allowed	Existing	Proposed
40%	40%	44%
805 sq.ft.	798 sq,ft.	893 sq.ft.

• Refusal 2 - Non-compliance - Section 4.8.4 (Impermeable Coverage) of the RS-5 District Schedule; the proposed development does not comply with the regulations of the Zoning and Development By-law that affect the site;

Maximum allowed	Existing	Proposed
60%	65%	69%
1208 sq.ft.	1309 sq,ft.	1409 sq.ft.

You may be eligible to appeal this decision to the Board of Variance within 30 days of the date of this letter. For more information please contact the writer.

Yours truly,

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