

The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To:	Council
From:	Barbara Koopmans, Commissioner, Development Services
Date:	March 22, 2021
Report No:	DS-020-21
Subject:	Site-specific Exception for 270 Fay Court, Milton, to Interim Control By-law 082-2020.
Recommendation:	 THAT Report DS-020-21, dated March 22, 2021, with respect to a request for a site-specific exception to Interim Control By-law 082-2020 by the property owners of 270 Fay Court, Milton, be received; AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the proposed amendment to Interim Control By-law 082-2020, attached as Appendix 2, to permit a site-specific exception to By-law 082-2020 for 270 Fay Court, Milton.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- On October 19, 2020, Milton Council enacted Interim Control By-law 082-2020 through report DS-044-20, to restrict the level of change in the Town's mature neighbourhoods until new directions have been established through the completion of Phases 2 and 3 of the Mature Neighbourhood Character Study.
- Milton Council also approved a process for considering exceptions to Interim Control By-law 082-2020.
- The Owner of 270 Fay Court, in the Dorset Park Neighbourhood, has requested an exception to Interim Control By-law 082-2020 to facilitate the construction of a twostorey dwelling to replace a house lost to fire.
- This report recommends that Council approve a site-specific exception to Interim Control By-law 082-2020, permitting the owner of 270 Fay Court to proceed with a Minor Variance Application as the proposal makes efficient use of the land, and the proposed new dwelling is in keeping with the character of Fay Court.

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The Town of Milton is currently experiencing increased pressure for large scale home rebuilds in established neighbourhoods which has raised public concern about protecting the character and integrity of the Town's mature neighbourhoods. As such, the Mature



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Neighbourhoods Character Study was initiated in April 2018 in response to a Council direction to review Town policies and regulations relating to the construction of new dwellings and recommend appropriate changes to protect these neighbourhoods.

The study is phased to recognize the extent of the Town's stable low-density residential neighbourhoods. Phase 1 of the Study, addressing the Downtown Character Area is now complete. Phase 2, covering Mountainview, Mountain View Survey and Martin Meadows neighbourhoods and Phase 3, reviewing the Fallingbrook, Forrest Grove, Bronte Meadows, Valley View, Dorset Park and Timberlea neighbourhoods, are underway.

To restrict the level of change in the Town's mature neighbourhoods until new directions have been established through the completion of Phases 2 and 3, Council enacted Interim Control By-law 082-2020, through report DS-044-20, on October 19, 2020.

Interim Control By-law 082-2020 prohibits the erection of new single-detached, semidetached, duplex, triplex or townhouse dwellings or additions to existing single-detached, semi-detached or duplex dwellings, resulting in greater than a 25 percent increase in gross floor area and/or increases the height of the structure beyond that which existed on the same lot within defined areas of the Town of Milton. It would restrict the level of change, pending the completion of Phases 2 and 3 of the Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study.

The Interim Control By-law is in effect until October 19, 2021, unless extended by Council for one additional year in accordance with Section 38 of the Planning Act, or repealed by Council at an earlier date.

Council also approved a process for considering exceptions to Interim Control By-law 082-2020. The process consists of a review of a proposed residential dwelling or additions within the subject area of the Interim Control By-law on a case-by-case basis, to determine their compatibility with existing neighbourhood character. Council approval is required to grant a site-specific exception to the Interim Control By-law to proceed with a Minor Variance Application under the *Planning Act*.

To request a site-specific exception to Interim Control By-law 082-2020, applicants must submit a written request to the Town's Development Services Department, which includes:

- Address, lot dimensions and legal survey of the subject property;
- Photos of all four sides of the existing dwelling (front, sides and rear), as well as photos of the streetscape that depict the relationship between the existing dwelling and adjacent dwellings;
- Gross floor area of the existing dwelling;
- Gross floor area and conceptual site plan of the proposed dwelling or addition, four elevations of the proposed dwelling or addition (front, sides and rear);



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- Explanation of how the proposed dwelling or addition is compatible with the existing character of the neighbourhood; and
- Applicant's contact information

Upon receipt of an exemption request, the Town notifies all abutting property owners and provides 14 days to make a written submission to the Town for staff consideration.

Staff reviews and provides a recommendation to Council on all requests for exceptions to the Interim Control By-law. Requests are evaluated against the following Council endorsed criteria:

- Physical character compatibility of the proposed dwelling or addition with the physical character of the existing neighbourhood, inclusive of height, massing, roof lines and built form;
- Streetscape character compatibility of the proposed dwelling or addition with the streetscape character of the existing neighbourhood, inclusive of setbacks, building projections, siting on property and relationship to adjacent dwellings; and
- **Percentage increase** of the gross floor area.

Should Council grant an exemption, the Town would notify all abutting property owners, as outlined in the *Planning Act*, any Council-approved exemption would be subject to a 60-day appeal period. The Town would only issue building permits once the appeal period has lapsed and approval of any required minor variances has been obtained.

Discussion

On February 01, 2021, the Development Services Department received a request to exempt 270 Fay Court, Milton from Interim Control By-law 082-2020. The subject property is located within the Dorset Park neighbourhood. The property is zoned RLD (Low Density Residential). The RLD zone permits single detached dwellings including attached and detached garages. The property is currently vacant. Surrounding land uses include 1, 1.5 and 2 storey single and semi-detached dwellings. A location map of the subject property is attached as Figure 1 of this Report.

The owner is seeking relief from the Interim Control By-law to facilitate the construction of a new two-storey dwelling to replace a pre-existing single detached dwelling that was demolished after it was destroyed by fire during the construction of a planned expansion approved in 2020. A minor variance application will be required to permit a proposed increase in lot coverage.

The proposal, attached as Appendix 1 of this report, has the following square metre and square footage distribution:



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- Basement (including area under garage and rear porch): 196.8 square metres (2,118.3 square feet);
- Main Floor: (including garage and front and rear porches): 203.56 square metres (2,191.1 square feet); and
- Second Floor: 174.84 square metres (1,882 square feet)

Prior to submitting the application, the proponent met with Development Services staff to discuss the design concept and variances needed and receive feedback. In response to staff's comments, the dwelling height was lowered from 10 to 9.5 metres. A subsequent review resulted in a further reduction of the dwelling height to 9.21 metres and an increase to the front yard setback.

Upon receipt of this request, Town staff notified the owners of all properties on Fay Court. Property owners were provided with 14 days to make a written submission to the Town for staff consideration. A few written submission were received, one of which indicated "no exemptions should be granted until those phases [Phases 2 and 3 of Study] are complete and the Town can fully "understand, with community input, the elements that add to neighbourhood character", and that the proposed building is larger than the neighbouring houses.

The request for 270 Fay Court has been reviewed by Town staff against the Councilapproved criteria noted above, and staff offers the following comments:

Physical Character Compatibility:

- The massing, exterior finish and window layout of the proposed new dwelling are consistent with the physical character of the area.
- The Town's zoning By-law permits a height of up to 11 metres to the mean height between the eave and ridge. The height of the proposed house is 9.21 metres (to the roof peak).
- The proposed 9.21 metre height is respectful of the adjacent properties.
- The step back on the second floor, above the garage, and design elements such as the inclusion of smaller roofs above the garage and porch provide variation in the overall massing.

Streetscape Character Compatibility:

 The proposed 8.74 metre front yard setback is consistent with and respectful of the average line of the front yard setbacks of the houses on either side on the cul-desac.



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- The 2.16 metre and 3.37 metre side yard setbacks in the closest points to the public right-of-way respond to the existing separation pattern between houses on Fay Court.
- Proposed siding and exterior cladding finishes carry over materials of the surrounding houses.
- The introduction of enhanced landscaping will contribute to the quality of the streetscape.

Percentage increase of the gross floor area:

- In accordance with the definition of Gross Floor Area in the Interim Control By-Law, the proposal's GFA, totaling 3,940 square feet, will result in an increase of the GFA of the pre- existing dwelling, as approved in 2020, by 82%. The GFA excludes the porches, cellar, mechanical room and the garage within the building.
- The subject property has an area of 837 square metres. The proposed dwelling and attached garage have a total lot coverage of 24.32% (a difference of +4.32%), whereas a maximum lot coverage of 20% is currently permitted on lots equal or greater than 830 square metres.
- The overall increase in massing is generally distributed towards the rear of the property, as the side yard setbacks and positioning of the house with respect to the court are consistent with the existing patterns.

Staff is of the opinion that the resulting design would not compromise the character of the neighbourhood. However, a variance from the Town's zoning by-law, associated to the proposed lot coverage, would be required. The proposed new dwelling complies with all other regulations of the Zoning By-law including building height, setbacks, and landscaped open space.

As such, Town staff recommends that Council approve a site-specific exception to Interim Control By-law 082-2020 permitting the owner to proceed with a Minor Variance Application as the proposal makes efficient use of the land, and the proposed addition is in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood. In order to grant this site-specific exception to Interim Control By-law 082-2020, Council must amend the by-law by adding a new Section (Appendix 2). As required under Section 38 of the *Planning Act*, any amendment to an Interim Control By-law is subject to a 60-day appeal period.

Any Minor Variance Application submitted for the subject lands would go through the standard review process, which involves a further evaluation by staff of the appropriateness of the Minor Variance Application, through the lens of the four tests set out by Section 45(1) of the *Planning Act*, and a decision of the Committee of Adjustment.



Financial Impact

There is no financial impact with respect to this Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Koopmans, MPA, MCIP, RPP, CMO Commissioner, Development Services

For questions, please contact: Hugo Rincon, Policy Planner Phone: Ext. 2307

Attachments

Figure 1. Location Map Appendix 1: Applicant's Information Package Appendix 2: Proposed Interim Control By-law Amendment Appendix 3: Public Comments

CAO Approval Andrew M. Siltala Chief Administrative Officer



FIGURE 1 LOCATION MAP







1A Conestoga Drive - Unit 300 Brampton, Ontario L6Z 4N5



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Attention: Hugo Rincon Planner, Policy 150 Mary Street, Milton ON, L9T 6Z5 905-878-7252 x2307

Reference: Mature Neighbourhoods Interim Control By-law 270 Fay Ct. Milton, ON L9T 3H1 - New Single Family Dwelling

We are writing this to request for an Interim Control By-law exemption for the construction of a new 2 storey single family dwelling on the property address noted above. In 2020 a permit was issued for an addition/renovation that totaled approx. 2800 sq ft. Unfortunately, as the project was under construction it caught fire and was subsequently torn down. The approved renovation and addition were discussed and concluded to be considered as the "existing structure". We are seeking to construct a new dwelling with a total GFA of 3200 sq ft. This would be a rough increase of about 17% over the "existing structure".

The proposed dwelling carries over the materials of the surrounding houses by using mostly siding as the exterior cladding. There is some stone incorporated in the design as well but it should tie in well with the existing brick homes in the area. The structure is 2 storeys with a low slope roof incorporated in the roof framing to ensure the roof does not exceed 9.5m in height. We have taken great care to design the second floor of the proposed dwelling to step in above the garage to carry through the theme of the neighb ourhood which includes a front covered porch as well.

If you require any additional information please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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FRONT ELEVATION





LEFT ELEVATION







REAR ELEVATION



PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS



EXISTING CONDITIONS



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

BY-LAW NO. XXX-2021

BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE TOWN OF MILTON INTERIM CONTROL BY-LAW NO. 082-2020 TO GRANT A SITE-SPECIFIC EXCEPTION FOR THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AT LOT 10, PLAN M98, MUNICIPALLY IDENTIFIED AT 270 FAY COURT, IN THE TOWN OF MILTON, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON FROM INTERIM CONTROL BY-LAW NO. 082-2020 (Town File: ICBL-01/21)

WHEREAS on October 19, 2020, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton enacted Interim Control By-law No. 082-2020 to to control the development of single detached, semi-detached, duplex, triplex, quadraplex and townhouse dwellings within defined areas of the Town of Milton for a period of one year.

AND WHEREAS on October 19, 2020, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton approved Report No. DS-044-20, in which recommendations were made relating to the Exemption Process for Interim Control By-law No. 082-2020.

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton deems it appropriate to amend Interim Control By-law 082-2020;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton hereby enacts as follows:

1.0 That Interim Control By-law 082-2020, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

"11. Notwithstanding Section 1 of this By-law, the by-law shall not apply to the property with the municipal address 270 Fay Court, Milton, and the owner shall be permitted to submit a Minor Variance Application for the consideration by the Committee of Adjustment for the construction of a new two-storey dwelling on the lot".

PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL ON MARCH 22, 2021.

_Mayor

Gordon A. Krantz

Deputy Clerk

Meaghen Reid

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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Sharon Pyle Thursday, February 25, 2021 4:40 PM Debbie Johnson Allan Pyle comments on request for exemption for 270 Fay Court

Dear Debbie:

Thank you for taking the time this morning to explain to me the February 9, 2021 letter we received and forwarding the PDF file.

We wish to submit the following comments re: Request for Exemption to the Interim Control By-law 082-2020 Location: 270 Fay Court (Lot 81, Plan 556) Town File: ICBL-01/21.

We believe that the members of Milton Town Council made a very wise decision in initiating the Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study in 2018 and again in passing the By-law on October 2020 which temporarily prohibits applications for minor variances in these neighbourhoods. Barb Koopmans, Commissioner, Development Services said at that time, "This By-law temporarily restricts the level of change permitted in stable neighbourhoods until the necessary policies that reflect community interests and support the character of each neighbourhood are in place."

The letter states that Phases 2 and 3 of the study will not be will not be completed until October 2021. We believe that no exemptions should be granted until those phases are complete and the Town can fully "understand, with community input, the elements that add to neighbourhood character". (Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study - Town of Milton)

At a square footage of 3268 for the first and second floor, the proposed building would be considerably larger than the neighbouring houses. We do not know if that is the reason for the request for the variance or if there is also a proposed increase in height. Are those issues that would be discussed in your Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study? Please consider finishing the study before granting any exemptions to By-law 082-2020.

Allan and Sharon Pyle