



The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To: Council
 From: Barbara Koopmans, Commissioner, Development Services
 Date: October 25, 2021
 Report No: DS-083-21
 Subject: Authorization for Submission of a Minor Variance Application on lands municipally known as 256 Oriole Court, Milton

Recommendation: THAT Report DS-083-21 entitled "Authorization for Submission of a Minor Variance Application on lands municipally known as 256 Oriole Court.", dated October 25, 2021 be received;
 AND THAT in accordance with the provisions of subsections 45(1.4) of the *Planning Act; R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13*, as amended, the Owner shall through this Resolution, be permitted to apply to the Committee of Adjustment for a variance from the provisions of Zoning By-law 081-2020, before the second anniversary of the day on which the by-law was approved by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- On October 19, 2020, as recommended through the Mature Neighbourhoods Character Area Study, Milton Council enacted Town-initiated Official Plan Amendment 60 and Zoning By-law 081-2020.
- The amendments introduced new policies and standards that apply to low-density residential development in the Downtown Character Area to ensure that new development is sympathetic to the existing neighbourhood.
- The focus of this report is on the *Planning Act* change that prohibits applying for a minor variance for two years following the passing of a zoning by-law amendment, unless permitted by Council resolution.
- The intent of the prohibition is to prevent changes to newly approved policies and zoning provisions, but the effect may hinder legitimate applications that do not negatively affect the general intent and purpose of the new provisions.
- This report recommends that the owner of 256 Oriole Court be permitted to apply to the Committee of Adjustment, as the proposed relief is considered minor in nature and maintains the intent of the Mature Neighbourhood Character Area amendments.



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Background

On December 3, 2015, the Province of Ontario enacted Bill 73 “Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015” which amended the *Planning Act* and *Development Charges Act*, 1997. Several changes to the *Planning Act* came into force on July 1, 2016. One of the changes to the *Planning Act* is the introduction of a two year moratorium (or “freeze”) on three types of amendments, subject to Council’s discretion to provide relief from the prohibition:

1. Amendments of a new Official Plan;
2. Amendments of a new comprehensive Zoning By-law; and
3. Minor variance of a by-law that has already been amended for the land, building or structure.

The focus of this report is on the *Planning Act* change that prohibits applying for a minor variance of a by-law for two years following the passing of a zoning by-law amendment, unless permitted by Council resolution, as detailed below.

Section 45 (1.3)

Subject to subsection (1.4), no person shall apply for a minor variance from the provision of the by-law in respect of the land, building or structure before the second anniversary of the day on which the by-law was amended. 2015, c.26,s.

The only exception to this rule is where Council has declared by resolution, pursuant to Section 45(1.4) of the *Planning Act* that an application can proceed. Section 45(1.4) of the *Planning Act* allows Council to exempt by resolution a specific application, class of applications, or application generally from the two year moratorium.

Section 45(1.4)

Subsection (1.3) does not apply in respect of an application if the council has declared by resolution that such an application is permitted, which resolution may be made in respect of a specific application, class of application or in respect of such applications generally. 2015, c.26, s. 29(2)

Discussion

The Owner of 256 Oriole Court has indicated their desire to submit a Minor Variance Application to seek relief from the maximum lot coverage provision of the Residential Low Density 3 (RLD3) Zone (to allow a lot coverage of 22.44%, whereas the by-law allows a maximum of 20% plus an additional 1.0% for covered porch area provided there is no gross floor area or amenity area located above), to facilitate the build of an addition on to an existing single-detached dwelling.



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Discussion

Since the enactment of Bill 73, the Development Services Department has implemented an approach that assumes no Minor Variance Applications are permitted before the second anniversary of the day on which the by-law was amended, unless Council has declared by resolution that such an application is permitted.

In this instance, staff recommends that Council authorize the Owner to apply to the Committee of Adjustment for variances from the provisions of Zoning By-law 081-2020 for the following reasons:

- The proposed addition is compatible with and sympathetic to the existing built form in the neighbourhood in terms of height, setback, scale and architectural design; and
 - The proposed addition is respectful of and consistent with the character of the surrounding neighbourhood. The roof renovation, height and façade materials represent a positive contribution to preserving neighbourhood character.

Any Minor Variance Application submitted for the subject lands would continue to be subject to the standard review process, which involves an 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 are no financial implications associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

Figure 1 Location Map Figure 2 Proposed Drawings. Elevations & Materials

CAO Approval
Andrew M. Siltala
Chief Administrative Officer



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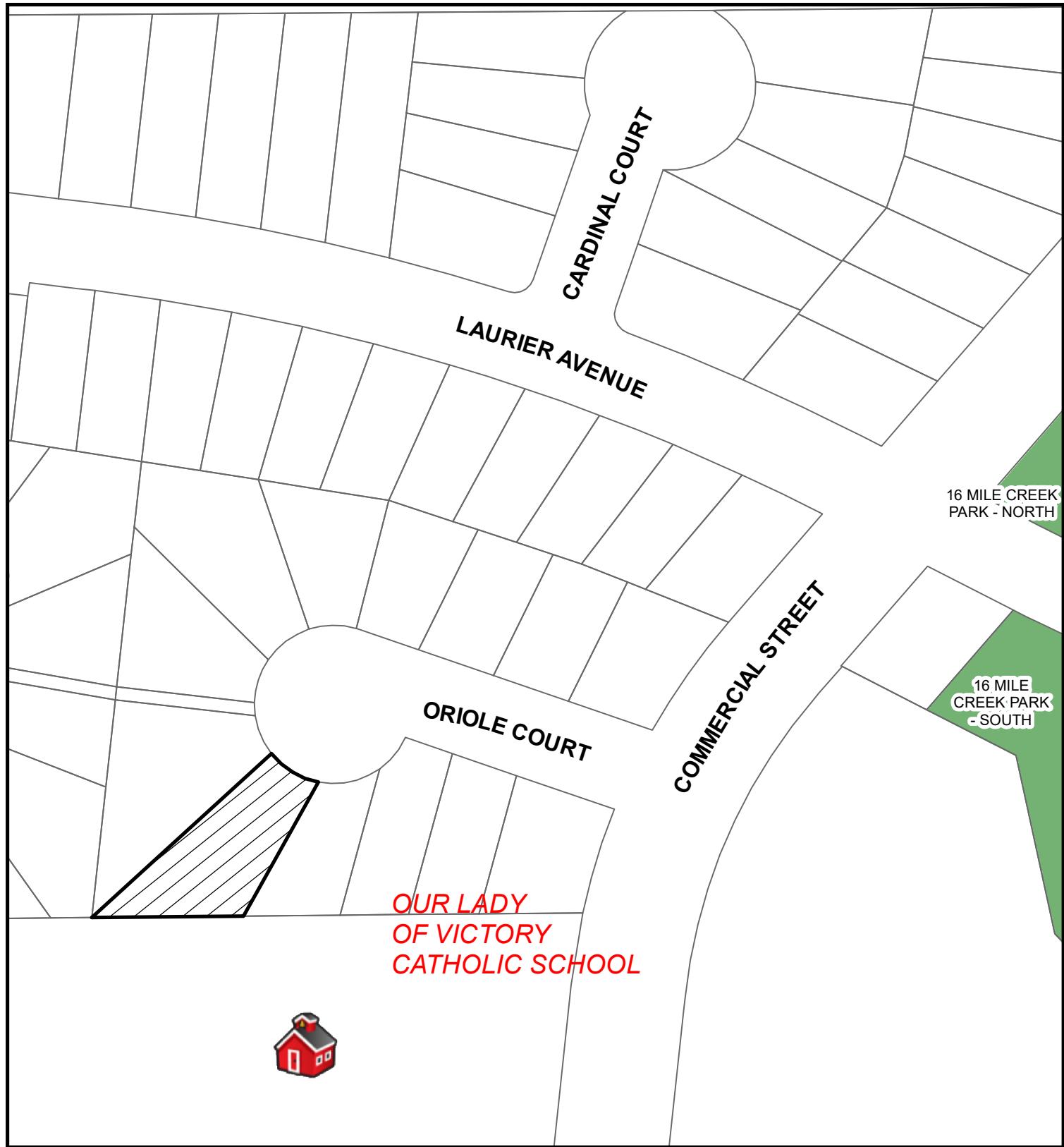
Recognition of Traditional Lands

The Town of Milton resides on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also recognize the traditional territory of the HuronWendat and Haudenosaunee people. The Town of Milton shares this land and the responsibility for the water, food and resources. We stand as allies with the First Nations as stewards of these lands.



FIGURE 1

LOCATION MAP



Council Meeting Date:
October 25, 2021

Scale: 1: 1,900

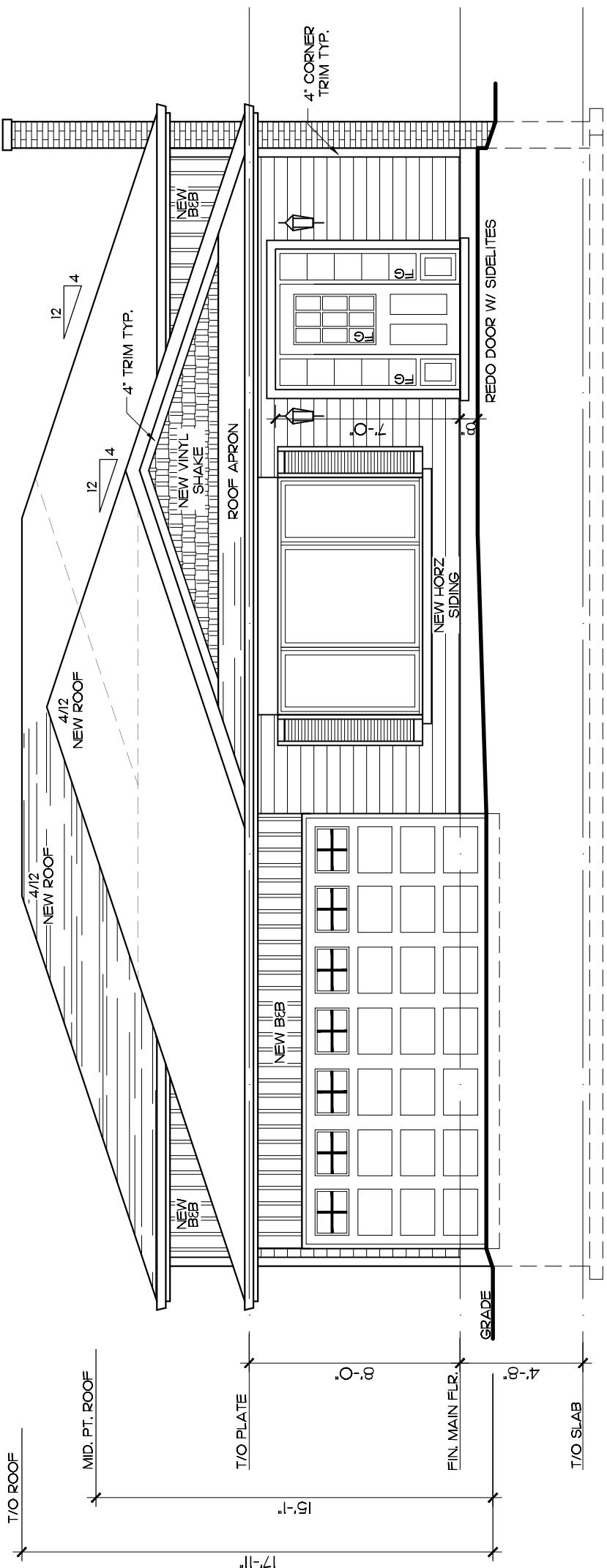
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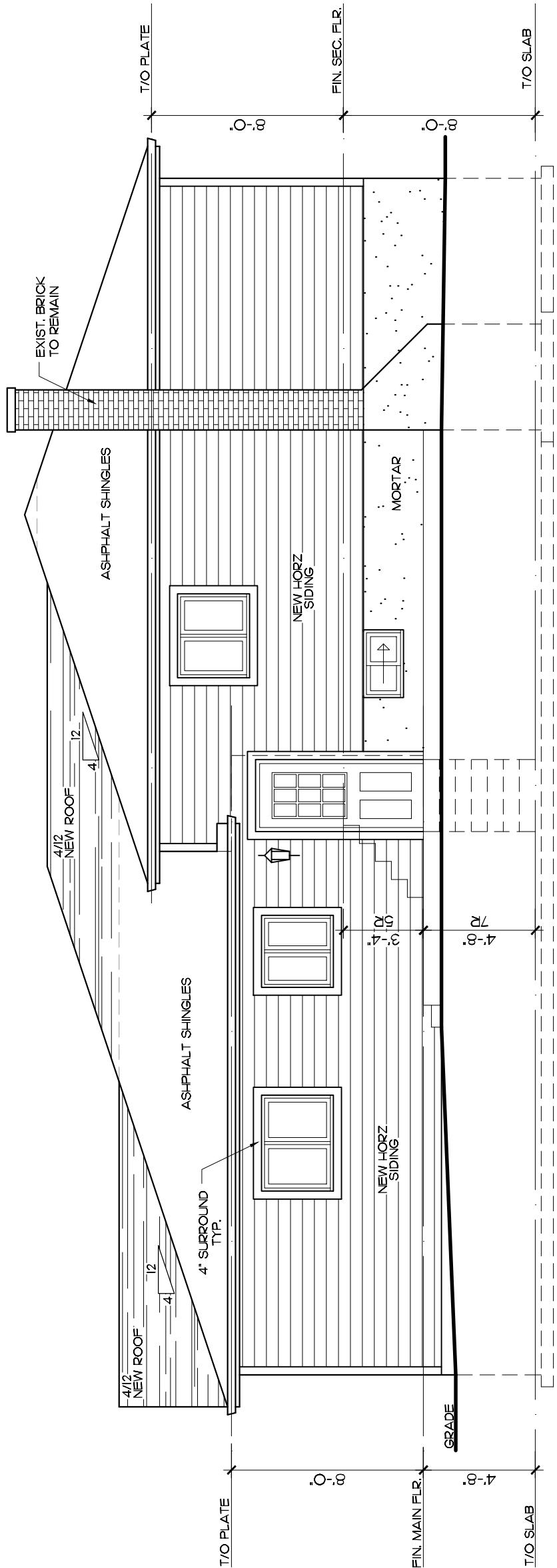
Subject Property

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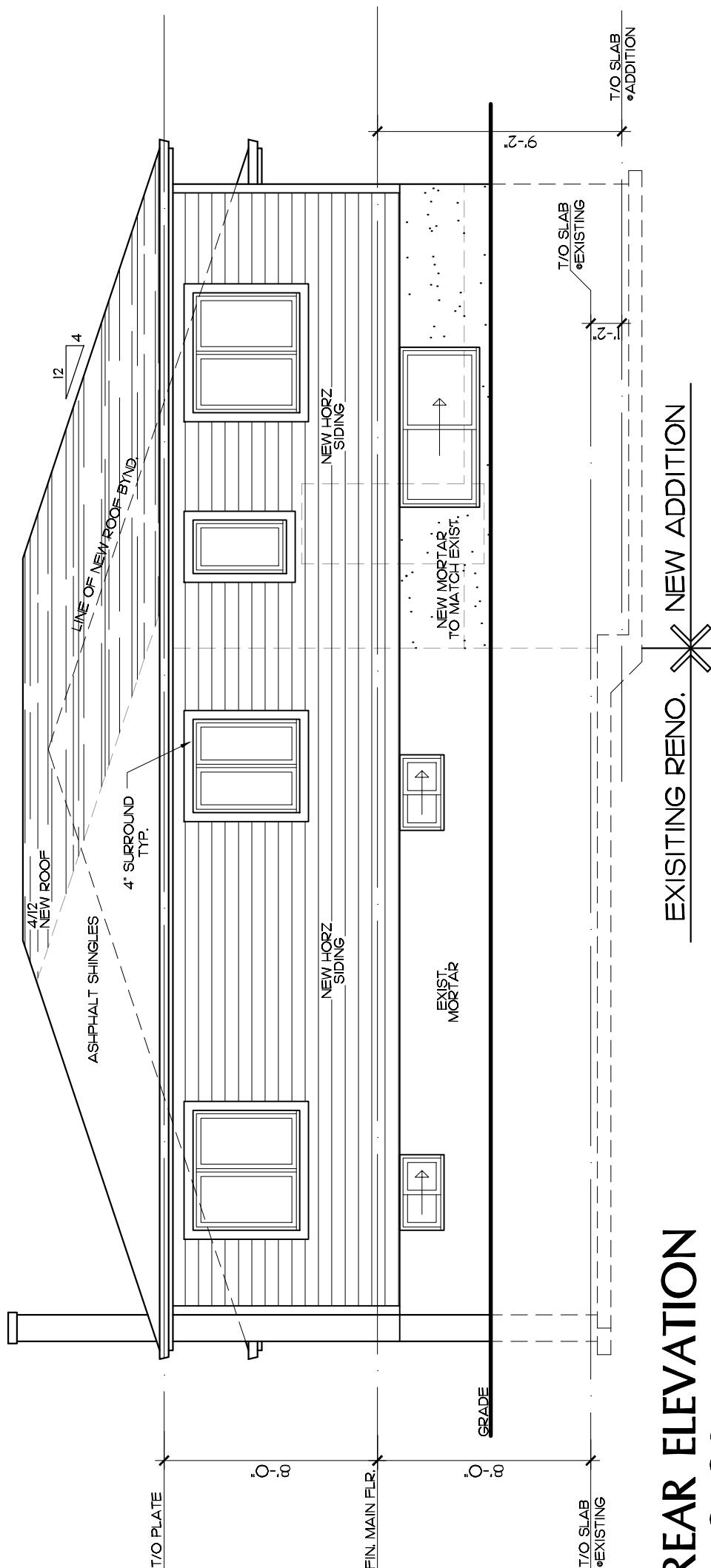
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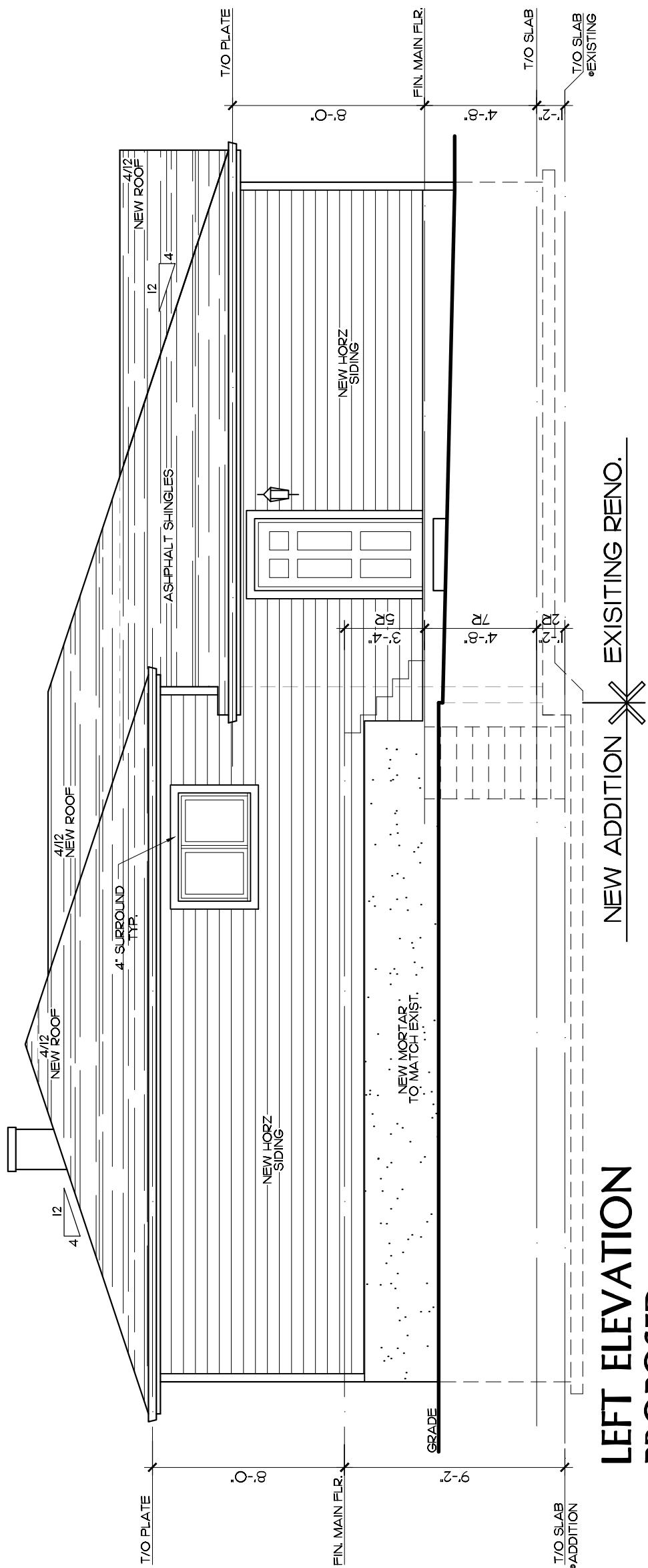
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PRODUCT	SUPPLIER	COLOUR
STONE	BRAMPTON BRICK	GRAY TONE
BOARD & BATTEN	MAIBEC	TO BE WHITE OR OFF-WHITE AS NOTED ON THE APPROVED SITE PLAN APPROVAL PACKAGE
HORIZ. WOOD SIDING	MAIBEC	GRAY TONE, TO BE DIFFERENT SHADE THAN STONE & SHAKE
SHAKE SIDING	MAIBEC	DARK GRAY TONE
FRIEZE - ALUM.	ALUM.	DARK GRAY/BLACK
WINDOWS	CASA BELLA	BLACK
SHINGLES	BP CANADA	TWILIGHT GRAY
WIN. MUNTIN BARS	CASA BELLA	SDL - BLACK