

**DECISION**  
**MINOR VARIANCE / PERMISSION**

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| <b>Date of Decision:</b>      | July 14, 2023  |
| <b>Panel:</b>                 | 2 - Suburban   |
| <b>File No(s):</b>            | D08-02-23/A-00119  |
| <b>Application:</b>           | Minor Variance under section 45 of the <i>Planning Act</i> |
| <b>Owner(s)/Applicant(s):</b> | Kenneth and Kathy Ferguson                                 |
| <b>Property Address:</b>      | 1970 Ruth Street   |
| <b>Ward:</b>                  | 18 – Alta Vista  |
| <b>Legal Description:</b>     | Lot 690, Registered Plan 643                               |
| <b>Zoning:</b>                | R1O  |
| <b>Zoning By-law:</b>         | 2008-250   |
| <b>Hearing Date:</b>          | July 4, 2023, in person and by videoconference             |

**APPLICANTS' PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION**

- [1] The Owners want to build a new detached garage at the rear and an attached carport on the east side of their existing dwelling. The existing garage will be demolished.

**REQUESTED VARIANCES**

- [2] The Owners require the Committee's authorization for Minor Variances from the Zoning By-law as follows:
- a) ~~To permit a reduced interior side yard setback of 0.7 metres for a detached garage, whereas the By-law requires a minimum interior side yard setback of 1.2 metres.~~
  - b) To permit a reduced interior side yard setback of 0.45 metres for an attached carport, whereas the By-law requires a minimum interior side yard setback of 1.2 metres.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Oral Submissions Summary**

- [3] Chris Szymanowicz, Agent for the Applicant and City Planner Justin Grift were present.

## **DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATION GRANTED**

### **Application Must Satisfy Statutory Four-Part Test**

- [4] The Committee has the power to authorize a minor variance from the provisions of the Zoning By-law if, in its opinion, the application meets all four requirements under subsection 45(1) of the *Planning Act*. It requires consideration of whether the variance is minor, is desirable for the appropriate development or use of the land, building or structure, and whether the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law are maintained.

### **Evidence**

- [5] Evidence considered by the Committee included any oral submissions made at the hearing, as highlighted above, and the following written submissions held on file with the Secretary-Treasurer and available from the Committee Coordinator upon request:
- Application and supporting documents, including a cover letter, tree information, letter authorizing the agent, plans, photo of the posted sign and sign posting declaration.
  - City Planning Report received June 29, 2023, with no concerns.
  - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email dated June 30, 2023, with no objections.
  - Hydro Ottawa email dated June 20, 2023, with comments.

### **Effect of Submissions on Decision**

- [6] The Committee considered all written and oral submissions relating to the application in making its decision and granted the application.
- [7] Based on the evidence, the Committee is satisfied that the requested variance meets all four requirements under subsection 45(1) of the *Planning Act*.
- [8] The Committee notes that the City's Planning Report raises "no concerns" regarding the application, highlighting that variance (a) is not required as the

accessory structure meets the required setback of 0.6 metres. The Committee therefore considers variance (a) as withdrawn. The report also highlights that the proposal will not create excess drainage onto the neighbouring properties.

- [9] The Committee also notes that no evidence was presented that the variance would result in any unacceptable adverse impact on neighbouring properties.
- [10] Considering the circumstances, the Committee finds that, because the proposal fits well in the area, the requested variance is, from a planning and public interest point of view, desirable for the appropriate development or use of the land, building or structure on the property, and relative to the neighbouring lands.
- [11] The Committee also finds that the requested variance maintains the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan, because the proposal maintains the character of the neighbourhood.
- [12] In addition, the Committee finds that the requested variance maintains the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law because the proposal represents orderly development that is compatible with the surrounding area.
- [13] Moreover, the Committee finds that the requested variance, is minor because it will not create any unacceptable adverse impacts on abutting properties or the neighbourhood in general.
- [14] THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT therefore authorizes the requested variance, **subject to** the location and size of the proposed construction being in accordance with the plans filed, Committee of Adjustment date stamped May 17, 2023, as they relate to the requested variance.

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I certify this is a true copy of the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa, dated **July 14, 2023**.



Michel Bellemare  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment,  
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The Appeal Form is available on the OLT website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/>. The Ontario Land Tribunal has established a filing fee of \$400.00 per type of application with an additional filing fee of \$25.00 for each secondary application. Payment can be made by certified cheque or money order made payable to the Ontario Minister of Finance, or by credit card. Please indicate on the Appeal Form if you wish to pay by credit card. If you have any questions about the appeal process, please contact the Committee of Adjustment office by calling 613-580-2436 or by email at [cofa@ottawa.ca](mailto:cofa@ottawa.ca).

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