

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

<b>Date of Decision:</b>	July 29, 2023
<b>Panel:</b>	1 - Urban
<b>File No.:</b>	D08-02-23/A-00147
<b>Application:</b>	Minor Variance under section 45 of the <i>Planning Act</i>
<b>Owners/Applicants:</b>	Penelope Simons & Hilary Patton
<b>Property Address:</b>	176 Holmwood Avenue
<b>Ward:</b>	17 - Capital
<b>Legal Description:</b>	Part of Lot 18, South Holmwood Avenue, Registered Plan 78373
<b>Zoning:</b>	R3L [1474]
<b>Zoning By-law:</b>	2008-250
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	July 19, 2023 in person and by videoconference

**APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION**

- [1] The Owners want to demolish and rebuild an accessory structure (detached garage) at the rear of the existing dwelling, as shown on the plans filled with Committee.

**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 0.4 metres for an accessory structure, whereas the By-law requires a minimum interior side yard setback for an accessory building of 0.6 metres.
  - b) To permit a reduced distance between the principal building and the proposed accessory structure (detached garage) of 0.2 metres, whereas the By-laws requires a minimum distance from a principal building to any other building located on the same lot of 1.2 metres.

## PUBLIC HEARING

- [3] Jessica D’Aoust, Agent for the Applicant, and City Planner Margot Linker were present. Ms. Linker confirmed that the Planning Department has no concerns.

## 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 cover letter, plans, tree information, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
  - City Planning Report received July 13, 2023, with no concerns as there will be adequate access to all areas of the site, and no stormwater runoff on adjacent properties is expected.
  - Rideau Valley/South Nation/Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority email received dated July 11, 2023, with no objections.
  - Hydro Ottawa email received dated July 13, 2023, with no concerns.

### 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 variances meet 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. The evidence revealed that there will be adequate access to all areas of the site, and no stormwater runoff on adjacent properties is expected.

- [9] The Committee also notes that no evidence was presented that the variances 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 variances are, 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 variances maintain the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan because the proposal respects the character of the neighbourhood.
- [12] In addition, the Committee finds that the requested variances maintain the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law because the proposal represents orderly development on the property that is compatible with the neighbourhood.
- [13] Moreover, the Committee finds that the requested variances, both individually and cumulatively, are minor because they will not create any unacceptable adverse impact on abutting properties or the neighbourhood in general.
- [14] THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT therefore authorizes the requested variances, **subject to** the location and size of the proposed construction being in accordance with the plans filed and Committee of Adjustment date-stamped June 15, 2023, as they relate to the requested variances.

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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 29, 2023**



Cheryl Williams  
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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