Committee of Adjustment



Hawa Comité de dérogation

DECISIONPERMISSION

Date of Decision: September 15, 2023

Panel: 1 - Urban

File No(s).: D08-02-23/A-00152

Application: Permission under section 45 of the *Planning Act*

Owner(s)/Applicant(s): Louis Rozza

Property Address: 31 Gordon Street

Ward: 17 - Capital

Legal Description: Part of Lot 5 (East Gordon Street), Registered Plan 33446

Zoning: R3P [1474] **Zoning By-law:** 2008-250

Hearing Date: September 6, 2023, in person and by videoconference

APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

[1] The Owner wants to construct a second storey addition and new deck on the east side of the existing detached dwelling, as shown on plans filed with the Committee.

REQUESTED PERMISSION

[2] The Owner/Applicant requires the Committee's permission to expand the existing legal non-complying single detached dwelling to permit the construction of a second-storey addition.

PUBLIC HEARING

- [3] At the scheduled hearing on August 16, 2023, the Committee considered an adjournment request from Murray Chown, Agent for the Applicant, for more time to revise the plans to address a neighbour's concerns.
- [4] With the concurrence of all parties, the application was adjourned to the hearing scheduled for September 6, 2023.

Oral Submissions Summary

- [5] The Committee noted a recommendation in the City's Planning Report to amend the wording of the requested permission, as follows:
 - a) To permit a corner side yard setback of 2.7 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum corner side yard setback of 3 metres.
 - b) To permit a northerly interior side yard setback of 0.52 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum interior side yard setback of 1.8 metres.

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- [6] The application was amended accordingly.
- [7] City Planner Margot Linker stated she had no concerns with the application.
- [8] Mr. Chown and Simran Soor, also acting as Agent for the Applicant, were also present.

DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATION GRANTED, AS AMENDED

Application Must Satisfy Statutory Two-Part Test

[9] The Committee has the power to permit an extension of a legal non-conforming use under subsection 45(2) of the *Planning Act* based upon both the desirability for development of the property in question and the impact on the surrounding area.

Evidence

- [10] 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, plans, a tree information report, a photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
 - City Planning Report received August 10, 2023, requesting adjournment; received September 1, 2023, with no concerns.
 - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email dated August 10, 2023, with no objections; dated August 31, 2023, with no objections.

- Hydro Ottawa email dated August 16, 2023, with comments; dated September 1, 2023, with comments.
- Ministry of Transportation email dated August 10, 2023, with no comments.
- Ottawa International Airport Authority email dated August 16, 2023, with no comments.
- C. Lewis, neighbour, email dated August 16, 2023, with concerns; dated August 21, 2023 with comments.

Effect of Submissions on Decision

- [11] The Committee considered all written and oral submissions relating to the application in making its decision and granted the application.
- [12] Based on the evidence, the Committee is satisfied that the requested permission meets the two-fold test relating to desirability and impact.
- [13] The Committee notes that the City's Planning Report raises "no concerns" regarding the application, highlighting that: "the addition is utilizing the existing exterior wall locations of the legal non-complying building" and that no privacy concerns are anticipated.
- [14] The Committee further notes that no evidence was presented that the proposal would create any unacceptable impact on abutting properties or the neighbourhood in general.
- [15] Considering the circumstances, the Committee finds that, because the proposal fits well in the area, the requested permission 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.
- [16] Moreover, the Committee finds that the proposal will not create any unacceptable adverse impact on abutting properties or the neighbourhood in general.
- [17] THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT therefore permits the requested expansion (enlargement or extension), **subject to** the proposed construction being in accordance with the revised plans filed, Committee of Adjustment date stamped August 24, 2023, as they relate to the requested permission.

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MEMBER

I certify this is a true copy of the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa, dated **September 15, 2023**

Michel Bellemare Secretary-Treasurer

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Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment, 101 Centrepointe Drive, 4th floor, Ottawa, Ontario, K2G 5K7

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