

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

<b>Date of Decision:</b>	September 29, 2023
<b>Panel:</b>	2 - Suburban
<b>File No(s):</b>	D08-02-23/A-00151
<b>Application:</b>	Minor Variance
<b>Owner(s)/Applicant(s):</b>	Elsie Pietroniro
<b>Property Address:</b>	515 Supernova Street
<b>Ward:</b>	22 – Riverside South – Findlay Creek
<b>Legal Description:</b>	Lot 136, Plan 4M-1641
<b>Zoning:</b>	R4Z
<b>Zoning By-law:</b>	2008-250
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	September 19, 2023, in person and by videoconference

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

- [1] The Owner wants to construct an addition at the rear of the existing detached dwelling, as shown on the plans filed with the Committee.

**REQUESTED VARIANCES**

- [2] The Owner requires the Committee’s authorization for a minor variance from the Zoning By-law to permit a reduced rear yard setback of 5.13 metres, whereas the By-Law requires a minimum rear yard setback of 6 metres.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Oral Submissions Summary**

- [3] Patrick Bustin, Agent for the Applicant, stated that the fence bordering the rear property line is 7 feet high, and anyone sitting on the deck would not be able to see the neighbouring property’s grass in the rear yard.
- [4] The Committee also heard oral submissions from the following individual:
- J. Alam, resident, raised concerns regarding lack of privacy. Mr. Alam confirmed that, once the proposal was clarified at the hearing, he had no further concerns.

- [5] City Planner Siobhan Kelly was also present.
- [6] Following the public hearing, the Committee reserved its decision.

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

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

- [7] 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**

- [8] 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, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
  - City Planning Report email dated September 14, 2023.
  - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email dated September 14, 2023.
  - Hydro Ottawa email dated September 19, 2023, with no concerns.
  - J. Alam email dated September 19, 2023, with concerns.

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

- [9] The Committee considered all written and oral submissions relating to the application in making its decision and granted the application.
- [10] Based on the evidence, the Committee is satisfied that the requested variances meet all four requirements under subsection 45(1) of the *Planning Act*.
- [11] The Committee notes that the City's Planning Report raises "no concerns" regarding the application. The report highlights that, "as the rear yard is enclosed with a fence and the addition complies with required side yard setbacks, the variance will not create undue adverse impacts on adjacent properties."

- [12] The Committee also notes that no compelling evidence was presented that the variances would result in any unacceptable adverse impact on neighbouring properties.
- [13] 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.
- [14] The Committee also finds that the requested variance maintains the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan because the proposal respects the character of the neighbourhood.
- [15] 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 on the property that is compatible with the surrounding area.
- [16] Moreover, the Committee finds that the requested variance is minor because it will not create any unacceptable adverse impact on abutting properties or the neighbourhood in general.
- [17] THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT therefore authorizes the requested variance, **subject to** the location and size of the proposed construction being in accordance with the site plan filed, Committee of Adjustment date stamped August 18, 2023, and the elevations filed, Committee of Adjustment date stamped August 18, 2023, as they relate to the requested variances.

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VICE-CHAIR

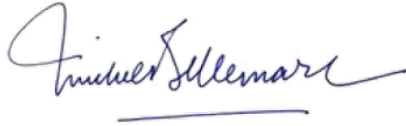
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I certify this is a true copy of the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa, dated **September 29, 2023**.



Michel Bellemare  
Secretary-Treasurer

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