

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

<b>Date of Decision:</b>	November 10, 2023
<b>Panel:</b>	1 - Urban
<b>File No.:</b>	D08-02-23/A-00192
<b>Application:</b>	Minor Variance under section 45 of the <i>Planning Act</i>
<b>Owner/Applicant:</b>	Irja Elliot-Donaghue and YeyEun Hwang
<b>Property Address:</b>	103A Crichton Street
<b>Ward:</b>	13 – Rideau-Rockcliffe
<b>Legal Description:</b>	Part of Lot 9, Registered Plan 17
<b>Zoning:</b>	R4UD [900]
<b>Zoning By-law:</b>	2008-250
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	November 1, 2023, in person and by videoconference

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

- [1] The Owners want to extend the existing covered portion and the uncovered portion of the existing deck.

**REQUESTED VARIANCE:**

- [2] The Owners/Applicants require the Committee's authorization for minor variances from the Zoning By-law as follows:
- a) To permit a projection for a deck to be 0 metres from the rear lot line, whereas the By-Law permits a maximum projection of 2 metres, but no closer than 1 metre from any lot line.
  - b) To permit a reduced rear yard setback of 1.06 metres, whereas the By-Law requires a minimum rear setback of 4.5 metres.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- [3] Applicant Irja Elliot-Donaghue was 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 cover letter, letter from Hydro Ottawa, plans, letter for tree information, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
- City Planning Report received October 26, 2023, with no concerns.
- Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email received October 25, 2023, with no concerns.
- Hydro Ottawa email received October 24, 2023, with no concerns.
- Building Code Services, Order to Remedy, received October 25, 2023, and email confirmation that the Order has been satisfied received October 31, 2023.
- Ministry of Transportation email received October 31, 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 highlighting that "the proposed reduction to the rear yard

setback will not result in a loss of softscaping” and that a “similar relationship to the rear yard exists with the adjacent neighbour, minimizing privacy impact”.

- [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 neighborhood.
- [12] In addition, the Committee finds that the requested variances maintain the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law because the variances represent orderly development that is compatible with surrounding area.
- [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, Committee of Adjustment date stamped September 19, 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 **NOVEMBER 10, 2023**



Michel Bellemare  
Secretary-Treasurer

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