### **Committee of Adjustment**



## Comité de dérogation

# DECISION MINOR VARIANCE / PERMISSION

Date of Decision: March 1, 2024

Panel: 3 - Rural

File No(s).: D08-02-24/A-00006

**Application:** Minor Variance under section 45 of the *Planning Act* 

Owners/Applicants: Tyler and Cailin Codling

Property Address: 311 Fireside Drive

Ward: 5 West Carleton - March

**Legal Description:** Lot 19, Plan 4M-175, Geographic Township of West

Carleton

Zoning: V1H

**Zoning By-law:** 2008-250

**Hearing Date:** February 20, 2024, in person and by videoconference

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

[1] The Owners want to construct a detached garage at the rear of their property, as shown on plans filed with the Committee.

#### **REQUESTED VARIANCES**

- [2] The Owners/Applicants require the Committee's authorization for minor variances from the Zoning By-law as follows:
  - a) To permit an increased cumulative floor area for an accessory structure of 100.34 square metres, whereas the By-law permits a maximum cumulative floor area for accessory structures of 55 square metres.
  - b) To permit an increased building height for an accessory structure of 4.918 metres, whereas the By-law permits a maximum building height for an accessory structure of 4.5 metres.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

[3] Tyler Codling, one of the Owners of the subject Property, provided a slide presentation, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary-Treasurer and available from the Committee Coordinator upon request.

- [4] In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Colding confirmed that the septic system is located at the opposite side of the property from the proposed garage and the well is located under the dwelling. He further confirmed that there are no structures or services where the proposed garage will be located.
- [5] City Planner Stephen Kukkonen highlighted concerns with the size of the accessory structure but felt it was in keeping with the neighbourhood.

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

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

[6] 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**

- [7] 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 of support, Building Code Services documents, plans, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
  - City Planning Report received February 14, 2024, with no concerns.
  - Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority email received February 13, 2024, with no objections.
  - Hydro Ottawa email received February 14, 2024, with no comments.

#### Effect of Submissions on Decision

- [8] The Committee considered all written and oral submissions relating to the application in making its decision and granted the application.
- [9] Based on the evidence, the Committee is satisfied that the requested variances meet all four requirements under subsection 45(1) of the *Planning Act*.
- [10] The Committee notes that the City's Planning Report raises some concerns regarding the application, highlighting that "[a]lthough there is some concern that the size of the proposed garage is a relatively substantial increase in building

- footprint for accessory structures, the context of the property and its surroundings appear to make it slightly more appropriate".
- [11] The Committee also notes that no evidence was presented that the requested variances would result in any unacceptable adverse impact on neighbouring properties.
- [12] 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.
- [13] 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.
- [14] 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 surrounding area.
- [15] 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.
- [16] 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 January 15, 2024, 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 **March 1, 2024** 

Michel Bellemare Secretary-Treasurer

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

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