Committee of Adjustment



Comité de dérogation

DECISION MINOR VARIANCE / PERMISSION

Date of Decision: March 28, 2024
Panel: 2 - Suburban

File No.: D08-02-24/A-00023

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

Owners/Applicants: 6382924 Canada Inc.

Property Address: 400 Inlet Private

Ward: 1 – Orléans East-Cumberland

Legal Description: Part of Lots 28 and 29, Concession 1 (Old Survey),

Geographic Township of Cumberland

Zoning: R5A [2605] S405

Zoning By-law: 2008-250

Hearing Date: March 19, 2024, in person and by videoconference

APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

[1] The Owner wants to reconfigure the interior layout of the residential tower, currently under construction, to add an additional 19 dwelling units, for a total of 261 units, as shown on plans filed with the Committee.

REQUESTED VARIANCE

[2] The Owner requires the Committee's authorization for a minor variance from the Zoning By-law to permit a reduced residential parking space rate of 1.1 parking spaces per dwelling unit, for a total of 287 residential parking spaces, whereas the By-law requires a minimum of 1.2 parking spaces per dwelling unit, in this case 313 parking spaces.

PUBLIC HEARING

Oral Submissions Summary

[3] Daniel Paquette, agent for the Applicant, provided a slide presentation, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary-Treasurer and available from the Committee Coordinator upon request. He highlighted that the proposed reduced parking space rate of 1.1 spaces per dwelling unit applies to the residential parking only and does not impact the required number of visitor parking spaces.

- [4] City Planner, Samantha Gatchene was present and confirmed that she had no concerns with the application.
- [5] The Committee also heard oral submissions from the following individual:
 - B. Khouri, resident, highlighted concerns about a potential increase in area traffic as a result of the development.
- [6] Following the public hearing, the Committee reserved its decision.

DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATION GRANTED

Application(s) 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.
- [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, planning rationale, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
 - City Planning Report received March 14, 2024, with no concerns.
 - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email received March 12, 2024, with comments.
 - Hydro Ottawa email received March 13, 2024, with no comments.
 - Ministry of Transportation email received March 6, 2024, with no comments.
 - B. Khouri, neighbour, email received March 18, 2024, with no comments.

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 variance meets 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, highlighting that the requested variance is appropriate for the proposed development.
- [12] The Committee also notes that no compelling evidence was presented that the variance would result in any unacceptable adverse impact on adjacent properties or the neighbourhood in general.
- [13] Considering the circumstances, the Committee finds that, because the proposal fits well in the area, the requested variance 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.
- [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 neighborhood.
- [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 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 plans filed, Committee of Adjustment date stamped February 12, 2024, as they relate to the requested variance.

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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 28, 2024.**

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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