

DECISION
MINOR VARIANCE / PERMISSION

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| Date of Decision: | March 28, 2024 |
| Panel: | 1 - Urban |
| File No.: | D08-02-24/A-00017 |
| Application: | Minor Variance under section 45 of the <i>Planning Act</i> |
| Owner/Applicant: | 2250276 Ontario Inc. |
| Property Address: | 370 Cambridge Street N. |
| Ward: | 14 - Somerset |
| Legal Description: | Lot 15, Plan 33 (S of Stone Boundary) W. Cambridge Street N. |
| Zoning: | R4UD |
| Zoning By-law: | 2008-250 |
| Hearing Date: | March 20, 2024, in person and by videoconference |

APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

- [1] The Owner wants to construct a four-storey, 20-unit, low-rise apartment building, as shown on plans filed with the Committee. The existing townhomes will be demolished.

REQUESTED VARIANCES

- [2] The Owner requires the Committee's authorization for minor variances from the Zoning By-law as follows:
- a) To permit three motor vehicle parking spaces, whereas the By-law requires a minimum of four motor vehicle parking spaces.
 - b) To permit no visitor parking spaces, whereas the By-law requires a minimum of one visitor parking space.

PUBLIC HEARING

Oral Submissions Summary

- [3] Mike Segreto, Agent for the Owner, confirmed the dimensions of the proposed parking spaces are compliant with the Zoning By-law and include a separate walkway.
- [4] City Planner Margot Linker was also in attendance.

DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATION GRANTED

Application Must Satisfy Statutory Four-Part Test

- [5] 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

- [6] 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, parcel abstract, 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 no objections.
 - Hydro Ottawa email received March 13, 2024, with no objections.
 - Ministry of Transportation email received March 6, 2024, with comments.

Effect of Submissions on Decision

- [7] The Committee considered all written and oral submissions relating to the application in making its decision and granted the application.
- [8] Based on the evidence, the Committee is satisfied that the requested variances meet all four requirements under subsection 45(1) of the *Planning Act*.

- [9] The Committee notes that the City's Planning Report raises "no concerns" regarding the application, highlighting that "[i]t is the intent for development within the Downtown Core Transect to prioritize travel by walking, cycling, and transit." The report further highlights that "[u]rban greening is encouraged in the transect to reduce the urban heat island effect. By reducing the number of parking spaces required, more of the lot can be dedicated to soft landscaping and help achieve the aforementioned".
- [10] The Committee also notes that no evidence was presented that the variances would result in any unacceptable adverse impact on neighbouring properties.
- [11] 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.
- [12] 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.
- [13] In addition, the Committee finds that the requested variances maintain the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law because they represent orderly development that is compatible with the surrounding area.
- [14] 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.
- [15] THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT therefore authorizes the requested variances, **subject to** the location and size of the proposed construction being in accordance with the site plan filed, Committee of Adjustment date stamped February 5, 2024, and the elevations filed, Committee of Adjustment date stamped January 29, 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 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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