# **Committee of Adjustment**



# Comité de dérogation

# DECISION MINOR VARIANCE / PERMISSION

**Date of Decision:** December 22, 2023

Panel: 1 - Urban

File No(s).: D08-02-23/A-00267

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

Owner(s)/Applicant(s): 13098931 Canada Inc.

Property Address: 368 Tweedsmuir Avenue

Ward: 15 - Kitchissippi

**Legal Description:** Lot 41, Registered Plan 263

**Zoning:** R4UB **Zoning By-law:** 2008-250

**Hearing Date:** December 13, 2023, in person and by videoconference

## APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

[1] At the hearing on October 5, 2022, the Committee approved minor variances for a reduced rear yard setback and an increase to the permitted number of dwelling units. It has since been determined that an additional variance is required, and the Owner is now reapplying.

## REQUESTED VARIANCE

[2] The Owner/Applicant requires the Committee's authorization for a Minor Variance from the Zoning By-law to permit a reduced number of parking spaces to zero, whereas the By-law requires a minimum of 2 parking spaces.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

# **Oral Submissions Summary**

- [3] Peter Hume, agent for the Applicant, confirmed that a previous Site Plan Control application was completed under the *Planning Act*.
- [4] City Planner Margot Linker was also present.

#### 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 a cover letter, plans, tree information, a photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
  - City Planning Report received December 7, 2023, with no concerns.
  - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email dated December 7, 2023, with no objections.
  - Hydro Ottawa email dated December 6, 2023, 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 "the Official Plan provides for minimum parking requirements to be eliminated on sites in close proximity to an O-Train Station or Transit Priority Corridor; as the subject site is located within 300 metres of the Westboro transit station and 55 metres from the Richmond Road Transit Priority Corridor, it satisfies both criteria."
- [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 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.
- [12] 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 and eliminates parking in an area where active transportation is encouraged.
- [13] 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.
- [14] Moreover, the Committee finds that the requested variance is minor because it will not create any unacceptable adverse impacts 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 plans filed, Committee of Adjustment date stamped November 2, 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 **December 22, 2023** 

Michel Bellemare Secretary-Treasurer

Timbel Sillemare

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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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