

DECISION
MINOR VARIANCE / PERMISSION

Date of Decision:	June 30, 2023
Panel:	1 - Urban
File No(s):	D08-02-23/A-00113
Application:	Minor Variance under section 45 of the <i>Planning Act</i>
Owner(s)/Applicant(s):	Kristin Macrae and Scott French
Property Address:	26 Willard Street
Ward:	17 - Capital
Legal Description:	Part of Lots 9 and 10, West Willard Street, Plan 116
Zoning:	R3P [487]
Zoning By-law:	2008-250
Hearing Date:	June 21, 2023, in person and by videoconference

APPLICANTS' PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

- [1] The Owners want to construct a one-storey addition at the rear (northwest corner) of their detached dwelling, replacing an existing covered porch, as shown on plans filed with the Committee.

REQUESTED VARIANCES

- [2] The Applicants require the Committee's authorization for minor variances from the Zoning By-law, as follows:
- a) To permit a reduced total interior side yard setback of 1.37 metres, with one side being 0.49 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum total interior side yard setback of 1.8 metres with no side less than 0.6 metres.
 - b) To permit a reduced front yard setback of 2.07 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum front yard setback of 3.0 metres.

PUBLIC HEARING

Oral Submissions Summary

- [3] Drew Mason, Agent for the Applicants and City Planner Basma Alkhatib were 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 a cover letter, plans and a sign posting declaration.
- City Planning Report received June 16, 2023, with no concerns.
- Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, email dated June 20, 2023, with no objections.
- Hydro Ottawa, email dated June 14, 2023, with comments.
- Ministry of Transportation, email dated June 12, 2023, with no comments.

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 addition to add one-storey to the rear corner of the house does not change the existing southern interior yard setback nor the front yard setback. The required minor variances therefore represent a recognition of a legal non-complying situation."
- [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 maintains the character of the neighbourhood.
- [12] 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 that is compatible with the 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 May 5, 2023, as they relate to the requested variances.

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CHAIR

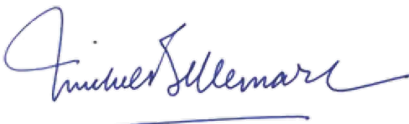
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I certify this is a true copy of the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa, dated **June 30, 2023**.



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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