# **Committee of Adjustment**



# Comité de dérogation

# DECISION MINOR VARIANCE

Date of Decision: June 14, 2024

Panel: 3 - Rural

**File No.:** D08-02-24/A-00104

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

Owner/Applicant: Karen Proud

Property Address: 1342 Corkery Road

**Ward:** 5 – West Carleton-March

**Legal Description:** Part Lot 13, Concession 8, Geographic Township of

Huntley; Part 1 on Plan 5R-9315; Geographic Township

of West Carleton

**Zoning**: RU

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

**Heard:** June 4, 2024, in person and by videoconference

## APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION:

- [1] The Applicant wants to convert an existing garage into a coach house dwelling on their property, as shown on plans filed with the Committee.
- [2] On November 10, 2023, the Committee granted a minor variance application (D08-02-23/A-00244) to permit an increased building footprint for the conversion of the garage to a coach house. It has since been determined that an additional variance is required.

#### REQUESTED VARIANCE:

- [3] The Applicant requires the Committee's authorization for a minor variance from the Zoning By-law as follows:
  - a) To permit an increased building footprint for a building containing a coach house of 26% of the area of the interior side yard, whereas the By-law permits a maximum building footprint for a building containing a coach house and all accessory buildings of 5% of the area of the yard in which they are located.
- [4] The application indicates that the property is not the subject of any other current application under the *Planning Act*.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

# **Oral Submissions Summary**

- [5] Karen Proud, Agent for the Applicant, and City Planner Elizabeth King were present.
- [6] There were no objections to granting this unopposed application as part of the Panel's fast-track consent agenda.

## DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATION GRANTED

# **Application 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.

#### Evidence

- [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 a cover letter, a zoning deficiency letter, plans, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
  - City Planning Report received May 30, 2024, with no concerns.
  - Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority email received May 28, 2024, with no objections.
  - Hydro Ottawa email received May 30, 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, "[t]he requested variance is considered

- minor, considering that the proposed coach house is an existing garage structure that is not being further enlarged nor appears to impact abutting properties."
- [12] The Committee also notes that no evidence was presented that the variance would result in any unacceptable adverse impact on neighbouring properties.
- [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 neighbourhood.
- [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 April 22, 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 **June 14, 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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