

**DECISION
MINOR VARIANCE / PERMISSION**

Date of Decision:	May 24, 2024
Panel:	2 - Suburban
File No.:	D08-02-23/A-00305
Application:	Minor Variance under section 45 of the <i>Planning Act</i>
Owner/Applicant:	Laura Grant
Property Address:	213 Pine Hill Drive
Ward:	23 – Kanata South
Legal Description:	Part of Block 15, Plan 4M-1025
Zoning:	R3X
Zoning By-law:	2008-250
Heard:	May 14, 2024, in person and by videoconference

APPLICANT’S PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

- [1] The Owner/Applicant wants to construct a one-storey sunroom addition to the rear of the existing dwelling on their property, as shown on plans filed with the Committee.

REQUESTED VARIANCE

- [2] The Applicant requires the Committee’s authorization for a minor variance from the Zoning By-law to permit a reduced rear yard setback of 5.91 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum rear yard setback of 7.5 metres.

PUBLIC HEARING

- [3] Laura Grant, Applicant, and Syed Ahmed, Agent for the Applicant, were present.
- [4] 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(s) 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, tree information, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
 - City Planning Report received May 9, 2024, with no concerns.
 - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email received May 10, 2024, with no objections.
 - Ontario Ministry of Transportation email received April 30, 2024, with no 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 variance meets 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.
- [10] The Committee also notes that no evidence was presented that the variance 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 neighborhood.
- [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 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 impact on abutting properties or the neighbourhood in general.

[15] THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT therefore authorizes the requested variance, **subject to** the location and size of the proposed construction being in accordance with the site plan filed, Committee of Adjustment date stamped February 1, 2024, and the elevations filed, Committee of Adjustment date stamped December 15, 2023, 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 **MAY 24, 2024**.



Michel Bellemare
Secretary-Treasurer

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Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment,
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