

DECISION MINOR VARIANCE

Date of Decision:	March 28, 2025
Panel:	1 - Urban
File No.:	D08-02-24/A-00254
Application:	Minor Variance under section 45 of the <i>Planning Act</i>
Applicant:	Vivien Runnels
Property Address:	478 Lawson Avenue
Ward:	13 - Rideau-Rockcliffe
Legal Description:	Lot 5, Registered Plan 696
Zoning:	R1O
Zoning By-law:	2008-250
Heard:	March 19, 2025, in person and by videoconference

APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

- [1] The Applicant wants to construct a carport on the east side of the existing dwelling, as shown on plans filed with the Committee.
- [2] At the scheduled hearing on November 6, 2024, the Committee adjourned the proceeding to allow time for the Applicant to consult with the City Planner and to identify additional minor variances. The Applicant has since reapplied and wants to proceed with the application.

REQUESTED VARIANCES

- [3] The Applicant seeks the Committee's authorization for minor variances from the Zoning By-law:
 - a) to permit a reduced total interior side yard setback of 1.34 metres, with the easterly interior side yard being 0 metres, whereas the By-law requires a total interior side yard setback of 3 metres, with no yard less than 1.2 metres.

- b) To permit a reduced front yard setback of 4.2 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum front yard setback of 6 metres.
 - c) To permit landscape strip on an interior lot line of a driveway of 0 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum landscape strip of 0.15 metres.
 - d) To permit an entrance to a carport to be 1.71 metres closer to the front lot line than the edge of a landing or porch, whereas the By-law requires an entrance to a garage to be set back at least 0.6 metres further from the front lot line than either the principal entrance or the front edge of a landing or porch
 - e) To permit an entrance to a carport to be 4 metres closer to the front lot line than the principal entrance to the dwelling, whereas the By-law requires an entrance to a garage to be set back at least 0.6 metres further from the front lot line than the principal entrance to the dwelling.
 - f) To permit a reduced driveway width of 2.49 metres, whereas the By-law requires a driveway width of 2.6 metres when providing access to a parking garage.
 - g) To permit an increased walkway width of 2 metres, whereas the By-law permits a maximum walkway width of 1.2 metres.
- [4] The subject property is not the subject of any other current application under the *Planning Act*.

PUBLIC HEARING

Oral Submissions Summary

- [5] The Applicant, Vivien Runnels, 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 minor variances 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 variances are minor, are 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 all 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, photos of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
- City Planning Report received March 13, 2025, with no concerns; received October 31, 2024, requesting adjournment.
- Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email dated March 14, 2025, with no objections; dated November 1, 2024, with no objections.
- Hydro Ottawa email dated March 6, 2025, with no comments.
- Ontario Ministry of Transportation email dated March 12, 2025, with no comments; dated October 18, 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 variances meet 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.
- [12] The Committee also notes that no evidence was presented that the variances 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 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.
- [14] 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.

- [15] 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.
- [16] 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.
- [17] **THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT ORDERS** that the application is granted and the variances to the Zoning By-law are authorized subject to the location and size of the proposed construction being in accordance with the revised site plan filed, Committee of Adjustment date stamped February 13, 2025 and revised elevations filed, Committee of Adjustment date stamped February 19, 2025, 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, 2025**

"Michel Bellemare"
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SECRETARY-TREASURER

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