

**DECISION  
MINOR VARIANCE**

**Date of Decision:** June 13, 2025  
**Panel:** 2 - Suburban  
**File No.:** D08-02-25/A-00110  
**Application:** Minor Variance under section 45 of the *Planning Act*  
**Applicant:** Norberry Residences Limited  
**Property Address:** 740 Springland Drive  
**Ward:** 16 - River  
**Legal Description:** Block A on Registered Plan 749 and Block D on Registered Plan 775  
**Zoning:** R5B [2459] H( 18)  
**Zoning By-law:** 2008-250  
**Heard:** June 3, 2025, in person and by videoconference

**APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION**

- [1] The property includes a Planned Unit Development consisting of one high-rise and three mid-rise residential buildings ("Norberry Residences"), a community centre and a convenience store. The Applicant wants to construct three new apartment buildings on the property, shown as Buildings A, B and C on plans filed with the Committee.

**REQUESTED VARIANCE**

- [2] The Applicant seeks the Committee's authorization for a minor variance from the Zoning By-law to permit increased building heights of 19 metres (Buildings A and B), whereas the By-law permits a maximum building height of 18 metres.
- [3] The application indicates that the property is the subject of an approved Site Plan Control application (File No. D07-12-19-0099), and is not the subject of any other current application under the *Planning Act*.

**PUBLIC HEARING****Oral Submissions Summary**

- [4] Christine McCuaig, agent for the Applicant provided a slide presentation, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary-Treasurer and available from the Committee Coordinator upon request.
- [5] The Committee also heard oral submissions from the following individuals:
- D. Coyle, president, Riverside Park Community Association, expressed concerns about the impact of the development on the neighbourhood and the loss of greenspace.
  - R. Dougan, resident, raised concerns about the loss of green space and parking.
  - P. Gill, resident, expressed concerns regarding parking and safety risks due to the increased traffic.
- [6] Following the public hearing, the Committee reserved its decision.

**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 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, landscaping plan, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
  - City Planning Report received May 29, 2025, with no concerns.
  - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email received May 29, 2025, with no objections.

- Hydro Ottawa email received May 26, 2025, with comments.
- B. Panter, resident, email received May 23, 2025, with comments.
- M. Gotterrill, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, email received May 29, 2025, with comments.
- B. Howatt, resident, email received June 2, 2025, with 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.
- [12] The Committee also notes that no compelling 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 ORDERS** that the application is granted and the variance to the Zoning By-law is authorized, **subject to** the location and size of the proposed construction being in accordance with the plans filed, Committee of Adjustment date stamped April 30, 2025, as they relate to the requested variance.

*"Fabian Poulin"*  
FABIAN POULIN  
VICE-CHAIR

*Absent*  
JAY BALTZ  
MEMBER

*"George Barrett"*  
GEORGE BARRETT  
MEMBER

*"Heather MacLean"*  
HEATHER MACLEAN  
MEMBER

*"Julianne Wright"*  
JULIANNE WRIGHT  
MEMBER

I certify this is a true copy of the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa, dated **June 13, 2025**.

*"Michel Bellemare"*  
MICHEL BELLEMARE  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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- **OLT E-FILE SERVICE** – An appeal can be filed online through the [E-File Portal](#) . First-time users will need to register for a My Ontario Account. Select [Ottawa (City): Committee of Adjustment] as the Approval Authority. To complete the appeal, fill in all the required fields and provide the filing fee by credit card.
- **BY EMAIL** - Appeal packages can be submitted by email to [cofa@ottawa.ca](mailto:cofa@ottawa.ca). The appeal form is available on the OLT website at [Forms | Ontario Land Tribunal](#). Please indicate on the appeal form that payment will be made by credit card.
- **IN PERSON** – Appeal packages can be delivered to the Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment, 101 CentrepoinTE Drive, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Ottawa, Ontario, K2G 5K7. The appeal form is available on the OLT website at [Forms | Ontario Land Tribunal](#). In person payment can be made by certified cheque or money order made payable to the Ontario Minister of Finance, or by credit card. Please indicate on the appeal form if you wish to pay by credit card.

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