

DECISION
MINOR VARIANCE

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| Date of Decision: | February 13, 2026 |
| Panel: | 3 - Rural |
| File: | D08-02-25/A-00273 |
| Application: | Minor Variance under section 45 of the <i>Planning Act</i> |
| Applicant: | M. O'Higgins |
| Property Address: | 330 Old Quarry Road |
| Ward: | 5 - West Carleton-March |
| Legal Description: | Lot 4, Registered Plan 519 |
| Zoning: | RR15 [343r] |
| Zoning By-law: | 2008-250 |
| Heard: | February 3, 2026, in person and by videoconference |

APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

- [1] The Applicant wants to construct a detached dwelling, as shown on plans filed with the Committee.

REQUESTED VARIANCE

- [2] The Applicant requests that the Committee authorize a minor variance from the Zoning By-law to permit a building or structure (detached dwelling) to be located 28.2 metres from the normal highwater mark of the Ottawa River, whereas the By-law states, in part, that no building or structure shall be located closer than 30 metres from the normal highwater mark of any watercourse or waterbody.
- [3] The property is not the subject of any other current application under the *Planning Act*.

PUBLIC HEARING

Oral Submissions Summary

- [4] Zuzana Keslerova, agent for the Applicant, and City Planner Wendy Yang were present.
- [5] 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

- [6] 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

- [7] 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, slope stability assessment, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
 - City Planning Report received January 29, 2026, with no concerns.
 - Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority email received January 27, 2026, with no objections.
 - Hydro Ottawa email received January 28, 2026, with no comments.
 - M. and L. Leduc, residents, email received February 2, 2026, in support.

Effect of Submissions on Decision

- [8] The Committee considered all written and oral submissions relating to the application in making its decision and granted the application.

- [9] Based on the evidence, the Committee is satisfied that the requested variance meets all four requirements under subsection 45(1) of the *Planning Act*.
- [10] The Committee notes that the City's Planning Report raises "no concerns" regarding the application.
- [11] The Committee also notes that no evidence was presented that the variance would result in any unacceptable adverse impact on neighbouring properties.
- [12] 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.
- [13] 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.
- [14] 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.
- [15] 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.
- [16] **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 complying with the plans filed with the Committee of Adjustment on January 6, 2026, 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 **February 13, 2026**.

“Michel Bellemare”

MICHEL BELLEMARE
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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- **IN PERSON** – Appeal packages can be delivered to the Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment, 101 Centrepointe Drive, 4th 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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