

**DECISION**  
**MINOR VARIANCE**

<b>Date of Decision:</b>	February 27, 2026
<b>Panel:</b>	2 - Suburban
<b>File:</b>	D08-02-25/A-00286
<b>Application:</b>	Minor Variance under section 45 of the <i>Planning Act</i>
<b>Applicant:</b>	Société Professionnelle Chiropratique Dr. François Charbonneau
<b>Property Address:</b>	2548 St-Joseph Boulevard
<b>Ward:</b>	2 - Orléans West-Innes
<b>Legal Description</b>	Part of Lots 5 and 6, s/s of St-Joseph Blvd., Registered Plan 10
<b>Zoning</b>	AM3
<b>Zoning By-law:</b>	2008-250
<b>Heard:</b>	February 17, 2026, in person and by videoconference

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

- [1] The Applicant wants to convert the existing building from a medical facility into a restaurant (bakery), as shown on plans filed with the Committee.

**REQUESTED**

- [2] The Applicant requests that the Committee authorize a minor variance from the Zoning By-law to permit a reduction in the number of parking spaces to 9, whereas the By-law requires 17 parking spaces.
- [3] The Property is not the subject of any other current application under the *Planning Act*.

## PUBLIC HEARING

### Oral Submissions Summary

- [4] Mohamed Saadouni, 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] In response to the Panel's question, Mr. Saadouni confirmed the bakery's hours of operation would be 7 am to 8 pm, and that thirty seats would be provided indoors, with no outdoor seating.
- [6] City Planner Dylan Geldart confirmed that the proposed bakery is designated as a restaurant under the current Zoning By-law due to the inclusion of seating, which requires a higher parking minimum. He also highlighted that the new Zoning By-law, which has not yet come into force, will not require any on-site parking for a restaurant. He further confirmed that there was on street parking on one side of St-Jean Street.
- [7] Following the public hearing, the Committee reserved its decision.

## DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATION GRANTED

### Application Must Satisfy Statutory Four-Part Test

- [8] 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 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

- [9] 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 a cover letter, plans, parcel abstract, tree information, correspondence with city planning, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
  - City Planning Report received February 11, 2026, with no concerns.
  - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email dated February 10, 2026, with no objections.

- Hydro Ottawa email dated February 13, 2026, with comments.
- R. Behnk, resident, email dated February 6, 2026, in opposition.
- C. Charie, resident, email dated February 9, 2026, in opposition.

### **Effect of Submissions on Decision**

- [10] The Committee considered all written and oral submissions relating to the application in making its decision and granted the application.
- [11] Based on the evidence, the Committee is satisfied that the requested variance meets all four requirements under subsection 45(1) of the *Planning Act*.
- [12] The Committee notes that the City's Planning Report raises "no concerns" regarding the application.
- [13] The Committee also notes that no compelling evidence was presented that the variance would result in any unacceptable adverse impact on neighbouring properties.
- [14] 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.
- [15] 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.
- [16] 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.
- [17] 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.
- [18] **THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT ORDERS** that the application is granted and the variance to the Zoning By-law is authorized, subject to:
- a) the relief applies to the use of the building as a restaurant/bakery; and,
  - b) provided the capacity of the restaurant/bakery is limited to a maximum of thirty seats.

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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 27, 2026**

*"Michel Bellemare"*  
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SECRETARY-TREASURER

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- **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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