

DECISION
MINOR VARIANCE

Date of Decision:	March 13, 2026
Panel:	2 - Suburban
File:	D08-02-25/A-00242
Application:	Minor Variance under section 45 of the <i>Planning Act</i>
Applicants:	S. Lapierre and A. Gregorich
Property Address:	1248 Collins
Ward:	18 - Alta Vista
Legal Description:	Lot 466, Registered Plan M-23
Zoning:	R2F
Zoning By-law:	2008-250
Heard:	March 3, 2026, in person and by videoconference

APPLICANTS' PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

- [1] The Applicants have constructed a walkway and driveway at the front of the detached dwelling, as shown on plans filed with the Committee. The existing driveway and garage at the rear of the property will remain.

REQUESTED VARIANCES

- [2] The Applicants request that the Committee authorize minor variances from the Zoning By-law:
- a) To permit parking in the front yard, whereas the By-law does not permit parking in the front yard.
 - b) To permit 0 metres of soft landscaping between a walkway and a driveway, in the front yard, whereas the By-law requires a minimum of 0.6 metres of soft landscaping between a walkway and driveway, in the front yard.

- c) To permit a reduced parking space length of 3.7 metres in the front yard, whereas the By-law requires a minimum parking space length of 5.2 metres in the front yard.

[3] The property is not the subject of any other current application under the *Planning Act*.

PUBLIC HEARING

Oral Submissions Summary

- [4] S. Lapierre and A. Gregorich, the Applicants, and City Planner Elizabeth King 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 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

- [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, streetscape analysis, petition in support signed by eight neighbors, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
 - City Planning Report received February 26, 2026, with no concerns.
 - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email received February 23, 2026, with no objections.
 - Hydro Ottawa email received February 25, 2026, with no comments.

- S. Lapierre, one of the Applicants, email received February 17, 2026, petition signed by one resident, in support; email received February 23, 2026, petition signed by two residents, in support; email received February 27, 2026, petition signed by one resident, in support; email received March 2, 2026, petition signed by one resident, in support.
- J. Hamel and A. Theriault, residents, email received February 26, 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 variances meet 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, highlighting that "[w]hile the parking space is undersized, Staff have noted that the front yard parking spaces does comply with new Zoning By-law and has sufficient soft landscaping in all other yards".
- [11] The Committee also notes that no compelling evidence was presented that the variances 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 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.
- [13] 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.
- [14] 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.
- [15] 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.
- [16] **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 complying with the plans filed with the Committee of Adjustment on November 3, 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 13, 2026**.

"Michel Bellemare"
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SECRETARY-TREASURER

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