

DECISION
MINOR VARIANCE

Date of Decision:	March 27, 2026
Panel:	1 - Urban
File:	D08-02-26/A-00011
Application:	Minor Variance under section 45 of the <i>Planning Act</i>
Applicant(s)	B. and K. Morris
Property Address:	60 Pinehurst Avenue
Ward:	15 - Kitchissippi
Legal Description	Lot 106, Registered Plan 88291
Zoning	RHUB
Zoning By-law:	2008-250
Heard:	March 18, 2026, in person and by videoconference

APPLICANTS' PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

- [1] The Applicants want to renovate the existing detached garage to add a vehicle lift, as shown on plans filed with the Committee.

REQUESTED VARIANCES

- [2] The Applicants request that the Committee authorize a minor variance from the Zoning By-law:
- a) To permit an increased building height for an accessory structure (garage) of 4.36 metres, whereas the By-law permits a maximum building height of 3.6 metres for an accessory structure.
 - b) To permit an increased exterior wall height for an accessory structure (garage) of 3.45 metres, whereas the By-law permits a maximum height of the exterior walls of 3.2 metres for an accessory structure.

- [3] For the purposes of the transition and continuation provisions of Zoning By-law 2026-50, these applications were deemed to be complete on February 16, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING

Oral Submissions Summary

- [4] Paul Telfer, agent for the Applicants, provided an overview of the application and responded to questions from the Committee, highlighting that the proposed garage was exclusively for personal use and the Applicants would not use the building for residential purposes in the future.
- [5] Responding to the Panel's questions, City Planner Penelope Horn confirmed that while the proposed detached garage is considered an accessory building for zoning purposes, if a residential use was introduced, it would be considered a coach house.

DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATION GRANTED

Application(s) 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, tree information, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
 - City Planning Report received March 12, 2026, with no concerns.
 - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email dated March 10, 2026, with no objections.
 - Hydro Ottawa email dated March 10, 2026, with comments.

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.
- [11] The Committee also notes that no 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 January 28, 2026, and being restricted to the life of the proposed accessory building only.

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I certify this is a true copy of the decision of the Ottawa Committee of Adjustment, dated **March 27, 2026**.

“Michel Bellemare”

MICHEL BELLEMARE
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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