

DECISION
MINOR VARIANCE

Date of Decision:	April 17, 2026
Panel:	1 - Urban
File:	D-08-02-26/A-00019
Application:	Minor Variance under section 45 of the <i>Planning Act</i>
Applicants:	S. and K. Veinotte
Property Address:	142 Cathcart Street
Ward:	12 - Rideau-Vanier
Legal Description	Part of Lot 15 (South Cathcart Street), Registered Plan 42482
Zoning By-law:	2008-250
Zoning	R4UD
Heard:	April 8, 2026, in person and by videoconference

APPLICANTS' PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

- [1] The Applicants wish to build a two-storey addition at the rear of the house, as well as a detached garage in the backyard, as shown in the plans submitted to the Committee. The existing one-storey additional at the rear of the house will be demolished.

REQUESTED VARIANCES

- [2] The Applicants are requesting that the Committee authorize minor variances from the zoning regulations, as follows:
- a) To permit a reduced westerly interior side yard setback for an accessory structure (detached garage) of 0 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum interior side yard setback for an accessory structure of 0.6 metres;

- b) To permit an increased building height for an accessory structure (detached garage) of 4.4 metres, whereas the By-law permits a maximum building height for an accessory structure of 3.2 metres;
 - c) To permit a reduced westerly interior side yard setback for the second storey addition of 0 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum interior side yard setback of 0.6 metres.
- [3] There are no other pending applications regarding the property under the *Planning Act*.
- [4] For the purposes of the transition and continuation provisions of Zoning By-law 2026-50, these applications were deemed complete on March 2, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING

Oral Submissions Summary

- [5] S. Veinotte, one of the Applicants, presented a slide show, a copy of which may be obtained upon request from the Coordinator upon request. Mr. Veinotte provided an overview of the application and answered questions from the Panel.
- [6] City Planner Penelope Horn was also present.

DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATION GRANTED

- [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] The evidence reviewed by the Committee included all oral statements made during the hearing, as noted above, as well as the following written documents, which may be obtained upon request from the Coordinator:
- Application and supporting documents, including cover letter, plans, tree information, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
 - City Planning Report received April 2, 2026, with no concerns.
 - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email dated March 30, 2026, with no objections.

- Hydro Ottawa email dated April 2, 2026, with comments.
- D. Kearns and P. Gaby, residents, email dated April 7, 2026, 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 variances meet 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 variances 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 variances, 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 variances maintain 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 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.
- [16] Moreover, the Committee finds that the requested variances are minor, both individually and cumulatively, because they 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 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 February, 25, 2026, as they relate to the requested variances.

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Absent
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MEMBER

I certify this is a true copy of the decision of the Ottawa Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa, dated **April 17, 2026**

"Michel Bellemare"
MICHEL BELLEMARE
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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