



**Committee of Adjustment
Public Hearing Notice**

**Minor Variance Application
Section 45 of the *Planning Act***

**Wednesday, August 19, 2020
1:00 p.m.**

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By Electronic Participation

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File No.: D08-02-20/A-00076
Owner(s): Anne Brierley and Amos Wakefield
Location: 54 Strathcona Avenue
Ward: 17 - Capital
Legal Description: Part Lot 24, Reg. Plan 53786
Zoning: R3P
Zoning By-law: 2008-250

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION:

At its hearing on July 22, 2020, the Committee of Adjustment adjourned this application to allow the Owners time to amend the application and add an additional Minor Variance request.

The Owners want to construct a third-floor addition at the rear of an existing two-storey portion of their three-storey duplex dwelling to create a self-contained third dwelling unit, as shown on plans filed with the Committee. Exterior stairs and landings would be rebuilt from ground floor to second floor with a new flight extending to the third floor.

RELIEF REQUIRED:

In order to proceed, the Owners require the Authority of the Committee for Minor Variances from the Zoning By-law as follows:

- a) To permit a reduced lot width of 11.89 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum lot width of 12.0 metres for a three-unit dwelling.
- b) To permit a reduced lot area of 194.2 square metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum lot area of 360.0 square metres for a three-unit dwelling.
- c) To permit a balcony on the third floor to project into the rear yard, whereas the By-law does not permit a balcony to project into a rear yard on lots 30 metres or less in depth.
- d) To permit a reduced rear yard setback of 22.4% of the lot depth or 3.42 metres, whereas the By-law states that for any lot with a depth up to and including 23.5 metres, the rear yard setback is required to be a distance equal to 25% of the lot depth which, in this case, is 3.82 metres.
- e) To permit the construction of a third-floor dormer facing the rear yard with a reduced interior side yard setback of 0.45 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum interior side yard setback of 1.2 metres.
- f) To permit a three-unit dwelling with a communal amenity area of 54.1 square metres which consists of 0% soft landscaping, whereas the By-law requires a communal amenity area of 45 square metres which must consist of at least 80% (36 square metres) of soft landscaping.

THE APPLICATION indicates that the Property is not the subject of any other current application under the *Planning Act*.

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE in the Committee of Adjustment Public Hearing concerning this application because you are an assessed owner of one of the neighbouring properties. See *Annex A – Public Participation Details* below on providing written submissions or verbal comments in advance of the hearing, and how to register to speak at the hearing. The Committee asks that any presentations be limited to five minutes or less, and any exceptions will be at the discretion of the Committee Chair. You may require the Committee to hold the hearing as an oral (in person) hearing if you satisfy the Committee that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause you significant prejudice. To do so, you must provide written submissions to the Committee at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing.

IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE in this Public Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the *Planning Act*, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings. If you have specific comments regarding this application, you may submit a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee at the address shown below, and such written submissions shall be available for inspection by any interested person. Information you choose to disclose in your correspondence, including your personal information, will be used to receive your views on the relevant issues to enable the Committee to make its decision on this matter. The information

provided will become part of the public record. Every attempt should be made to file your submission five days prior to the Public Hearing date.

A COPY OF THE DECISION of the Committee will be sent to the applicant/agent, and to each person who appeared in person or who was represented at the Public Hearing AND who filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request to receive the decision. This will also entitle you to be advised of a possible Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Hearing. Even if you are the successful party, you should request a copy of the Decision since the Committee of Adjustment's Decision may be appealed to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal by the Applicant or another member of the public.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application is available online at <https://ottawa.ca/en/planning-development-and-construction/committee-adjustment>, by navigating to "Public Hearings" and selecting the Panel 1 agenda under the applicable Hearing date. The website also contains additional information about the mandate of the Committee and its processes.

DATED: August 3, 2020

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Annex A - Public Participation Details

Remote Participation – Committee Members, Staff and General Public

City facilities are temporarily closed to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Although in-person Committee of Adjustment hearings have been postponed until further notice, there are several ways in which the general public can participate in this electronic hearing.

The chosen technology for this hearing is Zoom (<https://zoom.us/>) which allows for participation by computers and mobile devices. To reduce the number of participants in the electronic hearing and to allow for a more efficient process, the general public will be asked to participate by viewing the webcast via the Committee of Adjustment YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ9Z3-VJcSMSqrWRORMIRiQ>. You can also contact cofa@ottawa.ca to obtain the link.

Submit comments in writing: submit comments in writing, by email, to cofa@ottawa.ca. Comments received **by noon (12 p.m.) the Monday before the hearing** will be provided to Committee Members prior to the hearing. Comments received after this time will be forwarded to Committee Members as soon as possible but may not be received by Committee Members prior to the hearing.

Submit verbal comments in advance of the hearing (Prior to noon (12 p.m.) the Monday before the hearing) you may call the Coordinator to have comments transcribed (contact details below).

Register to Speak at the Committee Hearing prior to 4 p.m. the Monday before the hearing, by phone or e-mail by contacting the Coordinator (contact details below). Details for those wishing to make visual presentations to the Committee can be provided to you upon request, by email.

Upon receipt of your registration to speak at the hearing, delegates will be provided the Zoom hearing details and password prior to the hearing.

For more information, please contact the Coordinator by e-mail at cofa@ottawa.ca or (613) 580-2436.