



**Committee of Adjustment  
Public Hearing Notice**

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

**Wednesday, September 16, 2020  
1:00 p.m.**

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**By Electronic Participation**

**This hearing will be held through electronic participation in accordance with the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*. The City of Ottawa remains in a State of Emergency to help stop the spread of COVID-19. The Committee of Adjustment will hold online hearings until further notice.**

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**File No.:** D08-02-20/A-00167  
**Owner(s):** Reuben & Irene Helder  
**Location:** 88 Merton Street  
**Ward:** 15 - Kitchissippi  
**Legal Description:** Part of Lot 7, Reg. Plan 105  
**Zoning:** R4H  
**Zoning By-law:** 2008-250

**PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION:**

The Owners are proposing renovations to the existing 2-storey detached dwelling, which would include the addition of a canopy to cover the existing front entrance as well as the construction of a detached garage located in the rear yard, as shown on plans filed with the Committee. The existing shed located in the rear yard will be demolished.

**RELIEF REQUIRED:**

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

- a) To permit a canopy (over existing front entry) to project 1.52 metres, and to within 0.29 metres of the front lot line, whereas the By-law permits a canopy to project 1.8 metres but no closer than 0.6 metres from any lot line.
- b) To permit an accessory building in the rear yard (detached garage) with a building area of 34 square metres, or 56% of the rear yard area, whereas the By-law states that an accessory building can be no more than 50% of the rear yard area, to a maximum of 55 square metres.

**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 31, 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](mailto:cofa@ottawa.ca) to obtain the link.

**Submit comments in writing:** submit comments in writing, by email, to [cofa@ottawa.ca](mailto: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](mailto:cofa@ottawa.ca) or (613) 580-2436.