

Committee of Adjustment

MISSION STATEMENT:

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To: Committee of Adjustment

Subject Application: Relief from the provisions of Zoning By-law 85-18

Owner: David Wilkinson

Location: 3965 Baseline Road

Legal Description: PLAN 1523 LOT 3

1. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minor Variance application of David Wilkinson for relief from the provisions of Zoning By-Law 85-18 to permit the severed and retained lots resulting from the proposed consent with reduced lot width and lot area on the property municipally known as 3965 Baseline Road, **BE GRANTED**, with no conditions.

2. THE REQUESTED VARIANCES:

Request for relief from the minimum lot width and lot area requirements for the severed and retained lots, thereby seeking the following variances from Zoning By-law 85-18:

	PROVISION	PROVISION DESCRIPTION	REQUIRED	PROPOSED
1	7.1.3.a	Minimum Lot Area- <i>Retained Lot</i>	1,858.0 m ²	1,320.0 m ²
2	7.1.4.a	Minimum Lot Frontage- <i>Retained Lot</i>	30.0 m	22.9 m
3	7.1.3.a	Minimum Lot Area- <i>Severed Lot</i>	1,858.0 m ²	1,295.0 m ²
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Re: Refer to B-032/26

3. **PLANNING ANALYSIS:**

The subject property consists of Plan 1523, Lot 3, and contains an existing single unit dwelling and an existing accessory building. The applicant proposes to retain the existing dwelling and create a new lot on the remaining portion west of the dwelling to accommodate a future single unit dwelling. A concurrent Consent application has been submitted to facilitate the severance (B-032/26). The lots resulting from the proposed severance will have reduced lot width and lot area. Therefore, the applicant is seeking relief from Zoning By-law 85-18 to permit the severed and retained lots with reduced lot width and lot area. No changes are proposed to the existing dwelling or accessory building.

PLANNING ACT

Subsection 45(1) of the Planning Act states that the Committee of Adjustment “*may, despite any other Act, authorize minor variance from the provisions of the by-law, in respect of the land building or structure or the use thereof, as in its opinion is desirable for the appropriate development or use of the land, building or structure, if in the opinion of the committee the general intent and purpose of the by-law and of the official plan, if any, are maintained.*”

PROVINCIAL PLANNING STATEMENT (PPS) 2024

The Planning Staff has reviewed the relevant policies of the PPS - “Building Homes, Sustaining Strong and Competitive Communities” (Policy statement 2.2.1.b of the PPS). The requested minor variance is consistent with these policies, permitting and facilitating all housing options required to meet the social, health, economic, and well-being requirements of current and future residents.

OFFICIAL PLAN (OP)

The Minor Variance Policies in Section 11.6.6 are attached hereto as **Appendix A**. Section 11.6.6.2 outlines the evaluation criteria for minor variance applications.

The subject land is designated Residential per the Official Plan. The proposed development is permitted and conforms to the associated objectives and policies. Therefore, the requested variances meet the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan per Section 11.6.6.2(a).

The proposed development is permitted and conforms to the zoning by-law provisions, except for the requested variances. Therefore, the general intent and purpose of the by-law being varied is maintained as per Section 11.6.6.2(b).

The proposal will have minimal impact on the properties in the immediate neighbourhood. Therefore, the variances are minor in nature as per Section 11.6.6.2(c).

The requested variances exceed the 20 percent variation guideline identified in Section 11.6.6.2(d) of the Official Plan. However, the proposed severed and retained lots are consistent with the existing lot pattern along this portion of Baseline Road, where lots with similar lot width and area are present, including the abutting property to the east (3985 Baseline Road). No changes are proposed to the existing dwelling or accessory building, and the retained lot remains in compliance with the maximum permitted lot coverage requirement. Therefore, the intent of this policy is maintained.

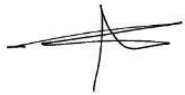
The variances are desirable for the appropriate use of the land, building, or structure and would not hinder the reasonable development and/or use of properties in the neighbourhood, thus complying with Section 11.6.6.2(e).

ZONING BY-LAW

The subject land is zoned Hamlet Residential Zone (RH) per Zoning By-law 85-18. The proposed use is permitted and complies with the applicable provisions except for the requested variances. The requested variances will not result in undue hardship on the owner, adjoining properties, or the public realm; therefore, the variances are minor in nature. The proposed variances meet the intent of Zoning By-law 85-18.

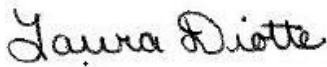
4. PLANNER'S OPINION:

The requested variances are minor in nature and maintain the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law 85-18. Therefore, the variances are consistent with section 45 (1) of the Planning Act. The Planning Division recommends approval of the applicant's request with no conditions.



Zaid Zwayyed MCIP, RPP
Planner II - Development Review – Development Review

I concur with the above comments and opinion of the Planner II.



Laura Diotte MCIP, RPP
Manager of Development Applications

APPENDICES:

Appendix "A" - Excerpts from the Official Plan Volume I

Appendix "B" - Comments received by the Secretary Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment

APPENDIX “A”
Excerpts From Official Plan Volume I

11.6.6 Minor Variance Policies

*COMMITTEE OF
ADJUSTMENT*

11.6.6.1 Council has appointed a Committee of Adjustment pursuant to the Planning Act to consider applications for minor variance from the Zoning By-law (s) and/or any other by-law that implements the Official Plan.

*EVALUATION
CRITERIA*

11.6.6.2 When reviewing an application for minor variance the Committee of Adjustment shall be satisfied that:

- (a) The general intent and purpose of the Official Plan, including the Strategic Directions, Goals and Objectives of the land use designation in which the property is located, is maintained;
- (b) The general intent and purpose of the By-law being varied is maintained;
- (c) The variance or the number of variances to the By-law are minor in nature, would not more appropriately be considered through an application to amend the Zoning By-law due to the cumulative impacts of the variances, preserves the pattern, scale and character of the blockface;
- (d) The variance(s) are generally not more than 20 percent above the By-law regulation being varied where the variances would increase the building envelope of a main building or accessory building containing a dwelling unit. For clarity this includes variances related to lot width; lot area; lot coverage; front, rear, and side yard depth; building height; and maximum gross floor area; and
- (e) The variance is desirable for the appropriate use of the land, building or structure and would not hinder the reasonable development and/or use of properties in the neighbourhood, would not cause a detriment, safety concerns, or would not detract from the character or amenity of nearby properties or the neighbourhood. The area of influence or the neighbourhood will vary with the scale of development and associated areas of potential impact.

*EXISTING
UNDERSIZED LOTS*

11.6.6.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (d) above, the Committee may give further consideration to variances required to enable appropriate development for existing undersized lots, where existing non-complying structures are being altered or where infilling and intensification is occurring provided that the Committee is satisfied that the provisions of 11.6.6.2 subsections (c) and (e) have been fully addressed.

*TERMS &
CONDITIONS*

11.6.6.4 The Committee of Adjustment may attach such terms and conditions as it deems reasonable and appropriate to the approval of the application for a minor variance. The conditions shall relate directly to the impact of the variance and may include measures required to mitigate the impact of altering the zoning regulations on the resulting built form or property development, including but not limited to: a) Specifying architectural elements such as window location, outdoor amenity space, fencing or other screening and door location; b) Requiring additional landscaping including low impact design elements; c) Providing additional bicycle facilities in lieu of motor vehicle parking; and d) Improvement to grading and stormwater management.

AGREEMENTS

11.6.6.5 The Committee of Adjustment may require the owner of the land to enter into one or more agreements with the Municipality and address the impacts of the variance dealing with some or all of the terms and conditions of its decision. An agreement may be registered against the land to which it applies, and the Municipality is entitled to enforce the agreement against the owner and, subject to the Registry Act and the Land Titles Act, against any and all subsequent owners of the land.

APPENDIX “B”
Comments Received by the Secretary Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment

Zoning Review

Requested variances from Zoning By-law 8600:

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[*Stefan Pavlica- Zoning Coordinator*]

Development, Projects & Right-of-Way

This department has no objection to the proposed application. Right-of-way permits must be obtained for any work within the right of way.

[*Sandy Mio- Technologist*]

Transportation Planning

Transportation planning has no comments.

[*Aashvi Sarvaiya- Transportation Planning*]

Windsor Police Service

The Windsor Police Service has no concerns or objections with any of the applications listed in this agenda. In reviewing them, all are relatively minor in terms of their potential impact on public safety, security, or public disorder. None of the applications to be considered are therefore anticipated to create outcomes that will negatively impact the ability of the Windsor Police Service to provide a proper and adequate response to incidents, whether emergency or non-emergency in nature, and other service delivery requirements.

[*Barry Horrobin- Windsor Police Service*]

Heritage Planning

There is no apparent built heritage concern with this property.

The subject property is located within the Archaeological Potential Zone (as per the Windsor Archaeological Management Plan, 2024; OPA 181; and updated 2024 archaeological potential model OP Volume I Schedule C-1). However, the subject property is not within an Archaeologically Sensitive Area (ASA).

Thus, an archaeological assessment is not requested at this time. Nevertheless, the Applicant should be notified of the following archaeological precaution.

1. Should archaeological resources be found during grading, construction or soil removal activities, all work in the area must stop immediately and the City's Planning & Development Services Department, the City's Manager of Culture and Events, and the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism must be notified and confirm satisfaction of any archaeological requirements before work can recommence.
2. In the event that human remains are encountered during grading, construction or soil removal activities, all work in that area must be stopped immediately and the site secured. The local police or coroner must be contacted to determine whether or not the skeletal remains are human, and whether the remains constitute a part of a crime scene. The Local police or coroner will then notify the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism and the Registrar at the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services if needed, and notification and satisfactory confirmation be given by the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

[*Ryan Upton- Heritage Planning*]

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Windsor Police: 911

Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement

Registrar of Burial Sites, War Graves, Abandoned Cemeteries and Cemetery Closures:

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