



Hamilton

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

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NOTICE OF DECISION
Minor Variance

APPLICATION NO.:	A-25:176	SUBJECT PROPERTY:	20 Canada Street, Hamilton
ZONE:	"R1a" (Low Density Residential - Small Lot)	ZONING BY-LAW:	Hamilton Zoning By-law 05-200

APPLICANTS: Owner: Roderick Aaron Frank
Applicant: Marina L. Fensham

The following variances are **GRANTED**:

Variances for proposed "Lot A":

1. A minimum Lot Area of 228.0 square metres shall be provided instead of the minimum required Lot Area of 270 square metres.
2. A minimum Lot Width of 7.6 square metres shall be provided instead of the minimum required Lot Width of 9.0 square metres.
3. A single area within the required Landscaped Area for tree protection and/or tree planting shall not be provided. **DENIED**

Variances for proposed "Lot B":

1. A minimum Lot Area of 235.0 square metres shall be provided instead of the minimum required lot area of 270 square metres.
2. A minimum Lot Width of 7.6 square metres shall be provided instead of the minimum required Lot Width of 9.0 square metres.
3. A minimum 2.5 metre Front Yard shall be permitted instead of the minimum required 3.4 metre setback.
4. A minimum 0.9 metre Interior Side Yard shall be permitted for the Easterly side lot line instead of the minimum required 1.2 metre setback.
5. A Front Porch shall be permitted to be located at a distance of 1.3 metres from the front lot line instead of the minimum 3.4 metre setback required.
6. A single area within the required Landscaped Area for tree protection and/or tree planting shall not be provided. **DENIED**.

THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE IS:

That the variances, as set out above, are **GRANTED** for the following reasons:

1. The Committee, having regard to the evidence, is of the opinion that the relief granted is of a minor nature.
2. The relief granted is desirable for the appropriate development of the land and building and is consistent with the general intent and purpose of the By-laws and the Official Plans as referred to in Section 45 of The Planning Act, 1990.
3. The Committee, having regard to the evidence, is satisfied that there will be no adverse impact on any of the neighbouring lands.
4. The submissions made regarding this matter affected the decision by supporting the granting of the application.

Conditions:

1. That the proponent shall carry out an archaeological assessment of the entire property and mitigate, through preservation or resource removal and documentation, adverse impacts to any significant archaeological resources found. No demolition, grading, construction activities, landscaping, staging, stockpiling or other soil disturbances shall take place on the subject property prior to the approval of the Director of Planning confirming that all archaeological resource concerns have met conservation requirements. All archaeological reports shall be submitted to the City of Hamilton concurrent with their submission to the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM). Should deeply buried archaeological materials be found on the property during any of the above development activities the MCM should be notified immediately (416-212-8886). In the event that human remains are encountered during construction, the proponent should immediately contact both MCM and the Registrar or Deputy Registrar of the Cemeteries Regulation Unit of the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (416-212-7499).
2. That the owner submits and receives approval of a Tree Protection Plan including the review fee as part of the Schedule of Rates and Fees, to the satisfaction of the Manager of Heritage and Urban Design. The Tree Protection Plan is to be prepared by a qualified tree management professional (i.e., certified arborist, registered professional forester, or landscape architect) in accordance with the City's Council adopted Tree Protection Guidelines (revised October 2010).
3. That the owner submits and receives approval of a Landscape Plan that shows the location of compensation trees to the satisfaction of the Manager of Heritage and Urban Design.

Notes:

A building permit is required for the construction of the proposed triplex. (Building Engineering)

Be advised that Ontario Building Code regulations may require specific setback and construction types. (Building Engineering)

DATED AT HAMILTON, September 25, 2025.

D. Smith (Chairman)

N. Lauwers

D. Lord

R. Reid

S. Rybarczyk

M. Switzer

NOTES:

1. THE LAST DATE ON WHICH AN APPEAL TO THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL (OLT) MAY BE FILED IS **October 16, 2025 at 4:30pm**. A Notice of Appeal must be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment, must set out the reasons for the appeal and must be accompanied by the applicable fee. See Appeal Information – Minor Variances for more information.
2. **This Decision is not final and binding unless otherwise noted and must not be acted upon until the period of appeal has expired.**
3. The Decision does not release any persons from the necessity of observing the requirements of building regulations, the license by-law, or any other by-law of the City of Hamilton.



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APPEAL INFORMATION – MINOR VARIANCES

1. Who may file an appeal of the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment?

Please note neighbours and other interested parties not defined are no longer eligible to file Planning Act Section 45(12) appeals. See [Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022](#) for more information.

Planning Act Section 45(12) appeals may be filed by the applicant, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, a “specified person” (as defined by Planning Act 1(1)), and a “public body that has an interest in the matter” (as defined by Planning Act 1(1)).

2. When must an appeal be received to be considered?

Planning Act Section 45(12) appeals must be received no later than the end of business on the last date of appeal listed on the Notice of Decision. The last date of appeal is 20 days from the date of the Decision. Please see Notice of Decision for exact date and time.

3. Where must the appeal be filed to be considered?

Planning Act Section 45(12) appeals must be received in one of the following formats:

Hardcopy: at City Hall and addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment, Hamilton City Hall, 5th Floor, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, ON, L8P 4Y5. Do not address appeals to any other departments or locations. Appeals received by the office of the Committee of Adjustment after the last date of appeal as a result of second-hand mailing will be time barred and of no effect.

Electronic copy: by email delivered to cofa@hamilton.ca. Do not address appeals to any other departments or locations. Appeals received by the office of the Committee of Adjustment after the last date of appeal as a result of incorrectly addressed emails will be time barred and of no effect. If the information submitted will include large file sizes not able to be sent in one email, please contact cofa@hamilton.ca in advance to request a file sharing link.

E-file Portal: By filing an appeal through the OLT E-file Portal at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service/> to Hamilton (City) – Committee of Adjustment and Consent Authority (select appropriate approval body as outlined on the Notice of Decision). Appeals received by the office of the Committee of Adjustment after the last date of appeal as a result of incorrectly chosen approval authority will be time barred and of no effect.

Please note only one of the above options needs to be completed. If your preferred method of appeal is not available at the time of appeal, the appeal must be filed with one of the other two options. Appeals received after the date of appeal as a result of one of the methods being unavailable will be time barred and of no effect.

4. What information must be submitted for the appeal to be considered?

Planning Act Section 45(12) appeals must include:

- Notice of appeal, the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) Appeal Form, this can be found by contacting Committee of Adjustment staff at the 5th floor of City Hall or at the OLT website <https://olt.gov.on.ca/appeals-process/forms/>, a cover letter, etc. may also be submitted if there is not sufficient room in the form;
- Filing fee, the fee is currently \$400 (subject to change) and must be paid as outlined on the OLT Appeal Form or OLT E-file Portal;
- All other information as required by the Appeal Form.