



**COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
PROVISIONAL DECISION WITH REASONS
SUBMISSION NO. A17/25**

IN THE MATTER OF the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, and of Zoning By-law No. 2009-141, of the City of Barrie, Sections 5.2.9.3 and 5.3.7.1.

AND IN THE MATTER OF the premises legally described as PART LOTS 11 & 12 N/S SOPHIA ST PL 621 and known municipally as **38 Sophia Street West** in the City of Barrie.

AND IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION by **Paul Ojo on behalf of Lori Brown** for relief from the provisions of Zoning By-law No. 2009-141, under Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, so as to permit a reduced driveway and landscape buffer width to facilitate the construction of three additional residential units (ARUs) within an existing single detached dwelling (four residential units in total).

The applicant sought the following minor variance(s):

1. A driveway width of 2.7 metres, whereas the Comprehensive Zoning By-law, under Section 5.2.9.3, requires a minimum driveway width of 3.7 metres.
2. A landscape buffer width of 1.2 metres on the west side of the lot, whereas the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2009-141, under subsection 5.3.7.1, requires a minimum width of 3 metres.

DECISION: That the variance(s) noted above be **GRANTED** (with the following conditions):

1. That the approval of the subject minor variance(s) be granted as reflected on the Conceptual Site Plan provided in Appendix 'B' of the Planning staff report and that any further development of the property be required to comply with the City's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2009-141, as amended, or any successor thereto, failing which subsequent approvals may be required.
2. That the property owner implement 'yield to oncoming traffic' signs at the driveway access and along the internal private roadway, to the satisfaction of the Development Services Department. In this regard, the signs and details shall be identified on the site plan submitted in support of the building permit application.
3. The Owner shall be required to provide a Tree Inventory, Assessment, Canopy Survey and Preservation Plan, including boundary trees and trees impacted on private property, signed and stamped by a qualified Landscape Architect or Registered Professional Forester, as per By-law 2014-115, Schedule 'A' as part of this application, to the satisfaction of the City of Barrie.
4. No works, such as building, servicing, and grading, are permitted to be undertaken within the canopy limit of trees owned or partially owned by adjacent landowners without written authorization from the adjacent landowner(s) under the Ontario Forestry Act. Copies of Letters of Authorization shall be provided to the City. Where trees, owned or partially owned by adjacent landowners, may be negatively impacted (damaged or harmed), it is the sole liability of the applicant.
5. Should the Owner propose harm and/or destruction of trees to facilitate the future development, ecological offsetting compensation is required as per Section 1.5, Schedule E of the Fees By-law, as per the City's Ecological Offsetting Policy.

No written or oral submissions were received regarding this application for Committee's consideration.

REASONS:

1. The intent and purpose of the Official Plan is maintained.
2. The intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law is maintained.
3. The variance(s) are desirable for the appropriate development of the lands.

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4. The variance(s) is/are minor.

DECISION DATED AT THE CITY OF BARRIE this 27th day of May 2025.

DATE OF MAILING: May 28, 2025

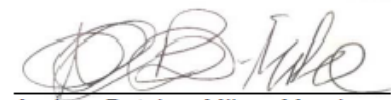
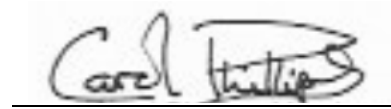
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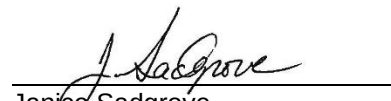
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LOCATION: 38 Sophia Street West

We the undersigned concur in the decision and reasons of the Committee of Adjustment for the City of Barrie made on May 27, 2025.


Steve Trotter, Chair
Jay Dolan, Member
Andrea Butcher-Milne, Member
Carol Phillips, Member

I, Janice Sadgrove, Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment for the City of Barrie do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the decision of the Committee of Adjustment handed down at a Public Hearing.


Janice Sadgrove
Secretary-Treasurer

Appealing to The Ontario Land Tribunal

The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, Section 45(12)

The applicant, the Minister or a specified person or public body that has an interest in the matter may within 20 days of the making of the decision appeal to the Tribunal against the decision of the committee by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk either via the Ontario Land Tribunal e-file service (first-time users will need to register for a My Ontario Account) at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service/> by selecting [City of Barrie] as the Approval Authority or by mail [City of Barrie, Committee of Adjustment, P.O. Box 400, 70 Collier Street, Barrie, Ontario L4M 4T5], no later than 4:30 p.m. on or before **June 16, 2025**. The filing of an appeal after 4:30 p.m., in person or electronically, will be deemed to have been received the next business day. The appeal fee of \$1,100 can be paid online through e-file or by certified cheque/money order to the Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario. If you wish to appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) or request a fee reduction for an appeal, forms are available from the OLT website at www.olt.gov.on.ca. If the e-file portal is down, you can submit your appeal to OLT.submissions@barrie.ca.

Note: In accordance with Section 45(12) of the *Planning Act* third party appeals by persons or individuals are not permitted. When no appeal is lodged within twenty days after the giving of notice, the decision becomes final and binding and notice to that effect will be issued by the Secretary-Treasurer.

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You may view the Decision and Minutes of the Hearing at www.barrie.ca/cofa.

Additional information regarding this Decision is available by contacting us via email at CofA@barrie.ca or calling Service Barrie at 705-726-4242.