



MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION

THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE

PORT COLBORNE

DEVELOPMENT AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Planning Act – Section 45

	
For Office Use Only	
Date Received: _____	Application Complete: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Date of Completion: _____	

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

Completed applications can be sent to:

<p>City of Port Colborne Diana Vasu Secretary Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment City Hall 66 Charlotte Street Port Colborne, Ontario L3K 3C8</p>	<p>Telephone: 1-905-835-2900 ext. 204 Fax: 1-905-835-2939 Email: diana.vasu@portcolborne.ca</p>
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2023 APPLICATION FEES

Minor Variance	\$1,330
Minor Variance (Building without a Permit)	\$1,736
Minor Variance & Consent Combination	\$2,431

COMPLETENESS OF APPLICATION

A complete application includes all required forms, fees, and applicable sketches, as well as any additional information that may be identified by the Secretary-Treasurer in accordance with the provisions under *the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13*, as amended.

To be considered complete, submitted applications must include:

- One fully completed application for minor variance or permission signed by the applicant(s) and/or authorized agent and properly witnessed by a Commissioner for the taking of affidavits.
- A letter of authorization from the property owner, if applicable.
- **Two (2) copies** of a completed preliminary drawing (see the "Drawing Requirements" section).
- Payment of the appropriate fee submitted at the time of application through cash, credit, debit, or cheque payable to the City of Port Colborne.
- Payment of the appropriate Regional Review & Approval fee(s) if required by the Region, submitted at the time of the preliminary review. Payment can be submitted to the City of Port Colborne or to the Niagara Region. If payment is submitted to the Region directly, please submit the receipt to the City of Port Colborne. Failure to pay the Region's fee may result in an incomplete application. The Region's fees are available on its website, https://www.niagararegion.ca/business/fpr/forms_fees.aspx
- Payment of the appropriate NPCA fee, if required, submitted at the time of the preliminary review. Payment can be submitted to the City of Port Colborne or to the NPCA. If payment is submitted to the NPCA directly, please submit the receipt to the City of Port Colborne. Failure to pay the NPCA's fee may result in an incomplete application.

***Note:** Additional information may be required once a full review has been completed by planning staff. This may prevent deferral of your application. *

DRAWING REQUIREMENTS

Please submit two copies of each separate plan along with your completed application. Ensure that all the information below is included in the plan(s). Depending on the extent of the proposal, **the Planning Division may request a sketch prepared by a professional, and the Committee may require (at the discretion of the Manager of Planning Services) that the sketch be signed by an Ontario Land Surveyor.** This requirement can be clarified by the Planning Staff. The required sketch should be based on an actual survey by an Ontario Land Surveyor or drawn to a usable metric scale [e.g., 1:100, 1:300, 1:500].

To be considered **complete**, each sketch must identify:

1. The boundaries and dimensions of the land / lot.
2. The location and nature of any easement affecting the land, if applicable.
3. The location, size, height, and type of all existing and proposed buildings and structures on the land, indicating the distance of the buildings or structures from the front lot line, rear lot line and the side lot lines.
4. The parking areas, loading spaces, driveway entrance / exits.

PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR VARIANCE OR PERMISSION

Once the Secretary-Treasurer has received an application, the application will be circulated to external agencies for up to 10 days to determine whether additional information and/or fees are required. Once comments from these agencies have been received, the Secretary-Treasurer will inform the applicant of any additional information and/or fees required by these agencies (ie. Niagara Region, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority). If applicable, the applicant must submit this additional information and/or pay the additional fees for their application to be deemed complete. Once the application is deemed complete, a hearing date will be confirmed in writing by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Prior to the hearing, members of the Committee may choose to conduct a site visit and/or contact the applicants. **Please note that the Committee should not be contacted by members of the public.** Any comments, questions, or concerns should be addressed through the Planning Division.

Following the hearing, the applicant/agent/solicitor will be notified of the Committee's decision in a written Notice of Decision. In addition, any other person or agency who filed a written request for the Committee's decision will be sent a copy. Any applicant objecting to the decision of the Committee, or the condition(s) imposed by the Committee may appeal the decision to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal within 20 days after the Notice of Decision has been given. The notice of appeal, together with written reasons supporting the appeal and the fee, by certified cheque or money order payable to the Minister of Finance, must be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer, who in turn, will forward the appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. The fee is \$300.00 for the first application to be appealed and \$25.00 for each additional related minor variance appeal.

NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY REVIEW

Fees which are payable directly to Authority vary depending on the location and on the type of application. For land: abutting or within 15 meters of a water course; on or within 30 meters of the Lake Erie shoreline; on land identified as "Hazard Land" or "Environmental Protection" by the Port Colborne Official Plan or Zoning Bylaw; or within a groundwater recharge / discharge area, aquifer, or headwater on the property or within 30 meters of the property, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority will charge an additional Plan Review Fee. These fees are provided on the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's website.

I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the terms outlined above.

Name: CHRISTOPHER SIMPSON	Date: 20 AUGUST, 2024	Initials: CS
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SECTION 1 : CONTACT INFORMATION

1.1 Registered Owner (s):	
Name: Chris Simpson	
Mailing Address: 3618 Firelane 12	
City: Port Colborne	Province: Ontario
Postal Code: L3K 5V3	Telephone: 9053807325
Fax:	Email: clam.simpson@yahoo.com
1.2 Owner's SOLICITOR (if applicable)	
Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City:	Province:
Postal Code:	Telephone:
Fax:	Email:
1.3 Owner's Authorized AGENT (if applicable)	
Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City:	Province:
Postal Code:	Telephone:
Fax:	Email:
1.4 Owner's ONTARIO LAND SURVEYOR (if applicable)	
Name: Rasch & Hyde Ltd	
Mailing Address: 1333 Highway #3 East, Unit B	
City: Dunnville	Province: Ontario
Postal Code: N1A 2X1	Telephone: 905 774 7188
Fax: 905 774 4000	Email:
1.5 All communications should be sent to the:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitor <input type="checkbox"/> Agent

SECTION 2: LOCATION OF SUBJECT LAND

Former Municipality: Regional Municipality of Niagara	
Concession No.	Lot(s):
Registered Plan No. Plan 881	Lot(s): 32
Reference Plan No.	Part(s):
Name of Street: Firelane 12	Street No. 3618

SECTION 3: SUBJECT LAND DESCRIPTION

Part No. On Sketch:

3.1 Lot Description		
Frontage: 15.22 M	Depth: 58 M	Area: 921 M
Existing Use: Residential		
Proposed Use: Residential		
3.2 What is the current designation of the land in the Official Plan and the Regional Plan?		
Port Colborne Official Plan: XXXX Marine Commercial / Rural		
Regional Policy Plan: XXXX Rural Lands		
3.3 What is the current zoning of the land (By-law 6575/30/18)?		
Rural Residential		

SECTION 4: LAND INFORMATION

4.1 Date the Subject Land was acquired by the Current Owner:	
Family aquired June 1947	
4.2 Are there any existing EASMENTS OR RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS affecting the land?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	If "Yes" describe the easement or covenant and its effect:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
4.3 MORTGAGES, Charges & Other Encumbrances:	
List the name(s) and address(es) of any mortgages, charges, or other encumbrances in respect of the land.	
N/A	
4.4 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION of all existing buildings and structures on the land:	
1947 June.	
4.5 Type of ACCESS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Road <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Road maintained all year <input type="checkbox"/> Other Public Road	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Road maintained seasonally <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Water Access <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Road
4.6 What type of WATER SUPPLY is proposed?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Publicly owned and operated piped water supply <input type="checkbox"/> Lake <input type="checkbox"/> Well (private or communal) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) Cistern	
4.7 What type of SEWAGE DISPOSAL is proposed?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Publicly owned and operated sanitary sewage system <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic system (private or communal) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	
4.8 What type of STORMWATER DISPOSAL is proposed?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Publicly owned and operated stormwater system <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) Run off	
4.9 Has a Pre-Consultation application been filed for this proposal?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please indicate the meeting date:	

SECTION 5: NATURE & EXTENT OF RELIEF FROM THE ZONING BY-LAW

5.1 Nature and Extent of Relief from the Zoning By-law:
1) By-Law 10.3 d) East side of the property, the proposal setback of 0.68m where 4m is needed. A total relief of 3.32m is needed.
2) Proposed dwelling and proposed garage achieves a lot coverage of 15.9% where maximum total lot coverage of 15% is permitted. A total relief of 0.9% is needed.
3) Requesting relief from by-law Section 2.8.1 a) iii) as relates to the location of the proposed garage
5.2 Why is it not possible to comply with the Zoning By-law?
<p>We currently have a 50' wide lot, the current structure is .68m from the eastern side of the lot. A four metre set back on each side would leave us only 24' to build, which would not be suitable based on the lot profile. We are seeking to maintain the current arrangement which dates to 1947.</p> <p>Proposed garage will be replacing an existing shed on the property. We're planning on retiring on this property and will need the garage for additional storage. Other properties on our road have similar sized garages at the front of their property.</p>
5.3 Does the structure(s) pertaining to the application for Minor Variance already exist?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
5.4 If the answer to 5.3 is YES, has a building permit been issued?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If the answer is "Yes," please provide the following information:

File Number:
Decision:

SECTION 6: ALL EXISTING, PREVIOUS AND ADJACENT USE OF THE LAND

8.1 ALL EXISTING USE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Institutional <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Parkland	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____
8.2 What is the length of time the existing use(s) of the land have continued?		
Used since 1947 Summer - Winter		
8.3 Are there any buildings or structures on the subject land?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If Yes, briefly describe and indicate their use. Current residential dwelling		

8.4 Are any of these buildings designated under the Ontario Heritage Act?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
8.5 Has the grading of the subject land been changed by adding earth or material? Has filling occurred on the subject land?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
8.6 Has a gasoline station and/or automobile service station been located on the subject land or adjacent lands at any time?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
8.7 Has there been petroleum or other fuel stored on the subject land or adjacent lands?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
8.8 Are there or have there ever been underground storage tanks or buried waste on the subject land or adjacent lands?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
8.9 Have the lands or adjacent lands ever been used as an agricultural operation where pesticides have been applied to the lands?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
8.10 Have the lands or adjacent lands ever been used as a weapon firing range?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
8.11 Is the nearest boundary line of the application within 500 metres (1,640 feet) of the boundary line of an operational / non-operational public or private landfill or dump?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
8.12 If there are existing or previously existing buildings on the subject lands, are there any building materials remaining on site which are potentially hazardous to public health (e.g., asbestos, PCB's)?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
8.13 If there has been industrial or commercial uses on the property, a previous use inventory is needed. Is a previous use inventory attached?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
8.14 Is there reason to believe the subject lands may have been contaminated by existing or former uses on the site or adjacent sites?*		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<p>If previous use of property is industrial or commercial or if the answer was YES to any of the above, please attach a previous use inventory showing all former uses of the land, or if applicable, the land(s) adjacent to the land.</p> <p>*Possible uses that can cause contamination include operation of electrical transformer stations, disposal of waste minerals, raw material storage, and residues left in containers, maintenance activities, and spills. Some commercial properties such as gasoline stations, automotive repair garages, and dry-cleaning plants have similar potential. Any industrial use can result in potential contamination. The longer a property is under industrial or similar use, the greater the potential for site contamination. Also, a series of different industrial or similar uses upon a site could potentially increase the number of chemicals which are present.</p>		

ACKNOWLEDGMENT CLAUSE

I hereby acknowledge that it is my responsibility to ensure that I am in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and standards pertaining to contaminated sites. I further acknowledge that the City of Port Colborne is not responsible for the identification and/or remediation of contaminated sites, and I agree, whether in (or as a result of) any action or proceeding for environmental clean-up of any damage or otherwise, I will not sue or make claim whatsoever against the City of Port Colborne, its officers, officials, employees or agents for or in respect of any loss, damage, injury or costs.

X 20 Aug, 2024
Date

X 
Signature of Owner

NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Pre-Screening Criteria

9.1 Is there land on the property identified in the Official Plan and / or Zoning By-law as "hazard lands"?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
9.2 Is there a watercourse or municipal drain on the property or within 15 metres of the property?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
9.3 Is the property located on or within 30 metres of the Lake Erie shoreline?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
9.4 Is there a valley slope on the property?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
9.5 Is there known localized flooding or a marsh / bog area on or within 30 metres of the property?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
9.6 Is the property on a Regional Road?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown

AUTHORIZATIONS

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT(S)

X 20 Aug 2024
Date

X Christopher Simpson
Signature of Applicant(s)

Please note: If the applicant is not the owner of the subject land or there is more than one owner, written authorization of the owner(s) is required (Complete Form 1) indicating that the applicant is authorized to make application.

I/We Christopher Simpson
Of the City/Town/Township of Mt. Hope
In the County/District/Regional Municipality of Hamilton

solemnly declare that all the statements contained in this application are true, and I/we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

DECLARED before me at the
City of Port Colborne
In the Region of Niagara
This 20th day of August
20 24.

Tanya Tardif
A Commissioner, etc.,
Province of Ontario, for the Corporation
of the City of Port Colborne.

Personal information collected in this application will become part of a public record. Any questions regarding this collection should be directed to the City Clerk at 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario L3K 3C8 (905) 835-2900 Ext. 106.

TO BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A
COMMISSIONER FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS

X Christopher Simpson
Signature of applicant(s), solicitor, or authorized agent
Christopher Simpson

POSTING OF PUBLIC HEARING SIGN

A public hearing sign is required to be posted by all applicants or agents on each property under application. A sign will be made available to you after review of your application, and you are required to post each sign in a prominent location on the subject property. The sign should be placed so that it is legible from the roadway.

Each sign must remain posted a minimum of 14 days prior to the hearing, until the day following the hearing. Should a sign go missing or become damaged or illegible please contact the Secretary-Treasurer as soon as possible to request a replacement sign. Failure to post the sign as required may result in deferral of your application(s).

Please note that an affidavit must also be signed and commissioned in the presence of a Commissioner of Oaths. This can be done at City Hall AFTER the signs have been posted.

I/We Christopher Simpson am/are the owner(s) of the land subject to this application for a Minor Variance and I/We agree to post the required sign(s) a minimum of 14 days prior to the hearing and will remain posted, and replaced, if necessary, until the day following the hearing.

X Christopher Simpson
Signature of Owner/Agent

X 20 Aug 2024
Date

X _____
Signature of Owner/Agent

X _____
Date

PERMISSION TO ENTER

I/We Christopher Simpson am/are the owner(s) of the land subject to this application for a Minor Variance and I/We authorize the members of the Committee of Adjustment and the City of Port Colborne Planning Staff to enter onto the property for the purpose of evaluating the merits of the application(s).

Please note that the Committee should not be contacted by members of the public. Any comments, questions or concerns should be addressed through the Planning Division.

X Christopher Simpson
Signature of Owner

X 20 Aug 2024
Date

X _____
Signature of Owner

X _____
Date