



**DEVELOPMENT APPEALS BOARD  
RECORD OF DECISION  
Patricia A. Watling  
1122 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North West, Moose Jaw, SK  
APPEAL NO. 11 of 2019**

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPEAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT APPEALS BOARD, of the City of Moose Jaw, in the Province of Saskatchewan, heard in Committee Room B, City Hall, Moose Jaw, on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 pursuant to the provisions of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*.

**APPELLANT:** Patricia A. Watling

**RESPONDENT:** City of Moose Jaw  
Planning and Development Services Department

**RESPECTING THE PROPERTY** Lot H, Block 22, Plan CX429  
1122 7<sup>TH</sup> Avenue N.W.

**ZONING:** R1 – Large Lot Density Residential District

**NATURE OF APPEAL**

THE APPELLANT, Patricia A. Watling, is requesting a variance to the City of Moose Jaw's Zoning Bylaw No. 5346, as amended.

**REQUESTED VARIANCE**

Patricia A. Watling, is requesting a variance to the City of Moose Jaw's Zoning Bylaw No. 5346, to permit the construction of a front porch on the property described as Lot H, Block 22, Plan CX429, civically known as 1122 7<sup>TH</sup> Avenue N.W. , Moose Jaw, SK with a proposed:

- Front yard setback of 4.57 meters (15 feet) contrary to the minimum required front yard setback of 7.5 meters (24.6 feet) prescribed by the City of Moose Jaw Zoning Bylaw.

**HEARD ON**

Wednesday, August 28, 2019 in Committee Room B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**The Board:** Terrence Wallace, Chairperson  
Rece Allen, Vice Chairperson  
Fred Anderson, Member  
David Danchilla, Member

**Appeared for the Appellant:** Patricia Watling

**Appeared for the Respondent:** Eric Bjorge, Assistant City Planner

### **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS**

The DAB is guided by the principles expressed in Section 221 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, which reads as follows:

- 221 In determining an appeal, the board hearing the appeal:
- (a) is bound by any official community plan in effect;
  - (b) must ensure that its decisions conform to the uses of land, intensity of use and density of development in the zoning bylaw;
  - (c) must ensure that its decisions are consistent with any provincial land use policies and statements of provincial interest; and
  - (d) may, subject to clauses (a) to (c), confirm, revoke or vary the approval, decision, any development standard or condition, or order imposed by the approving authority, the council or the development officer, as the case may be, or make or substitute any approval, decision or condition that it considers advisable if, in its opinion, the action would not:
    - (i.) grant to the applicant a special privilege inconsistent with the restrictions on the neighbouring properties in the same zoning district;
    - (ii.) amount to a relaxation so as to contradict the purpose and intent of the Zoning Bylaw; or
    - (iii.) injuriously affect the neighbouring properties.

### **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

The parties agreed that the appeal was properly brought before the Board and that all parties have received the following information:

- Exhibit A The Application for Appeal before the Development Appeals Board which was submitted to the Office of the City Clerk on **July 3, 2019**.
- Exhibit B Names & Addresses of Assessed Property Owners within 75 metre radius of Applicant's property.
- Exhibit C Notice of Hearing, Development Appeals Board.
- Exhibit D Affidavit of Service, verifying the letters to residents within a 75 metre radius were sent by regular mail on **July 26, 2019**.
- Exhibit E Report dated **July 24, 2019** from the City of Moose Jaw's Department of Planning & Development Services which includes facts and information pertinent to the appeal and their response to the applicable sections of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*.

## **APPELLANT**

Patricia A. Watling, the Appellant, presented the following information:

- Ms. Watling is proposing to replace the existing porch that was built in 1949
- Ms. Watling advised that the porch she is proposing to replace has been in place for the past 70 years.

## **NEIGHBOURING PROPERTY OWNER(S)**

The Chairperson confirmed that no correspondence had been received by the Office of the City Clerk with respect to the matter.

## **RESPONDENT**

The Respondent provided the following information as provided in Exhibit E:

## **BACKGROUND**

The subject property measures approximately 50 ft by 130 ft. and contains a one-unit dwelling with a covered front porch. The property is zoned R1 – Large Lot Low Density Residential District, which is intended to provide for large lot residential development in the form of one-unit dwellings as well as complementary community uses.

The dwelling and front porch were constructed in 1949, with a front yard setback of 15 feet. Since the porch is covered, it is subject to the front yard setback requirements of the principle building. The applicant is proposing to reconstruct the front porch to the existing setback of 15 feet. *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, requires that any alteration to a non-conforming building meet the requirements of the current Zoning Bylaw. Since the current Zoning Bylaw requires a setback of 7.5 meters (24.6 feet), an application to the Development Appeals Board is required.

## **MATERIAL BEFORE THE BOARD**

The material filed with the Board in accordance with Section 223 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* with respect to this matter (i.e., filed at least five (5) days prior to the hearing) included the following:

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**DECISION OF THE BOARD:**

*The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, Section 221(d) states there are three (3) bars to entitlement, which must be cleared for the appeal to be granted by the Board. To fail on any one means that the appeal cannot be granted.

Based on the evidence presented, the Board concludes that the requested relaxation will not:

**a) Be a special privilege for the following reasons:**

When the test with respect to a special privilege is applied, the Development Appeals Board would be willing to grant the variance as the proposed new porch will replace a similar old porch that has been in place for the past 70 years. The new porch will be the same size and location as the existing old porch. The Board also stated that they would be willing to grant a similar variance to anyone in the same circumstances.

**b) Be contrary to the purpose and intent of the Bylaw for the following reasons:**

When the test for the variance to be contrary to the purpose and intent of the Bylaw is applied, the Development Appeals Board deemed that neighbourhood aesthetics will be preserved and improved as a new porch will replace the old existing porch that has been in place since 1949. The Board stated that approval of the proposed new porch will not be contrary to the purpose and intent of the Zoning Bylaw.

**c) Injuriiously affect the neighbouring properties for the following reasons:**

The Development Appeals Board noted that granting this variance will not injuriiously affect the neighbouring properties because the existing porch has been in existence since 1949 and a new porch built the same size and location will not alter amenity space or neighbourhood aesthetics, The Board noted that no objections were received from property owners within the 75 metre radius area.

It is the decision of the Development Appeals Board that the appeal be **GRANTED**.

**RIGHT OF APPEAL:**

Any person wishing to appeal the decision of the Board may do so within twenty (20) days after the date on which a copy of this decision is received and upon written notice to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, Planning Appeals Committee, Room 480, 2151 Scarth Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 2H8. A fee of \$50 per appeal will be assessed. A copy of any appeal should also be forwarded to the Secretary, Development Appeals Board, c/o City Clerk's Office, 228 Main Street North, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, S6H 3J8.

DATED at the City of Moose Jaw, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

Rece Allen \_\_\_\_\_  
Rece Allen, Vice-Chairperson

Pearl Anderson \_\_\_\_\_  
Pearl Anderson, Secretary