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Subject: APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE - FILE NO. A7-26 OWNERS: Timothy and Sharon Roberts

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NOTE: The following submission is “NOT TO PREJUDICE”, but to make inquiries regarding the proposed “Application”.

RE: APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE - FILE NO. A7-26 OWNERS: Timothy and Sharon Roberts

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Southgate Committee of Adjustment has appointed July 22, 2026 at 9:00 am for the purpose of a public hearing to be held electronically via Zoom at the following credentials:

FROM: Adjoining Property Owner: James W. MARTIN

MY FIRST QUESTION:

The “Application” contains the following question under item #4) Why is it not possible to comply with the provisions of the by-law?

The answer given in the application is as follows: The Dwelling unit is positioned at the very back of the property line on a steep hill. There is no room to build up there, **AS WELL WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO PARK OUR 30 FOOT BOAT AND AVOID THE HILL.**

The proposed size of 223 sq m, is equivalent to a building 50 feet by 50 feet. The proposed building is much larger than needed to store a boat of the size described.

The applicant is a general contractor & my question is: IS HE ALSO INTENDING TO USE THIS PROPOSED BUILDING AS A WORK SHOP FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES IN RELATION TO HIS BUSINESS.

A carpenter's router runs at approx 24,000 RPM & is one of the loudest tools in a workshop, giving off 90-110 dB. Also a carpenter's table saw is a close second in the realm of noise, giving off 90-105 dB.

I would submit that an “Accessory Building” as described in the “Application” & described by the applicant in the “Application” as “A detached garage”, SHOULD NOT include its use as a “WORK SHOP” for business purposes & should not be allowed.

Can the Committee raise this question with the applicant & provide some assurance that such would not be permitted

MY SECOND QUESTION:

The “Application” indicates that the proposed building is 130 meters from the front property line, while the “Site Plan” diagram shows the proposed building is 140 meters from the front property line...**WHICH IS CORRECT?**

MY THIRD QUESTION:

The notice invites submissions by various methods, ie: ZOOM, TABLET, PHONE, UTUBE, etc. I am not tech savy.

CAN this email, be accepted as my written submission regarding the proposed “Application” & be considered a valid submission for consideration by the Committee of Adjustment, even if I do not attend or phone in to the meeting.

Thanks...Jim