

A Minor Variance Application is to seek relief from the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw for a particular development as per Section 45(1) of the *Planning Act*. The tests for a Minor Variance include the application: maintains the general intent and purpose of the official plan and zoning bylaw; is desirable for the appropriate development or use of the land, building or structure; and is minor in nature. A Permission Application is for proposals to enlarge or extend legal non-conforming buildings or structures as per Section 45(2) of the *Planning Act*.

Section	on 45(2) of the <i>Planning Act</i> . All measurements shall be in metric at Minor Variance (under s.45(1))				
1.	Owner(s) (or Applicant if the Owner is the Name of Owner(s): Mailing Address: Phone: Email:	e Applicant)			
2.	er)				
	Name of Agent:	<u> </u>			
	Employer/Business ı	Consultant			
	Phone of Agent:				
	Email address of Agu				
3.	Property information				
	Civic address: 665 Baptiste North	Shore Road			
	Assessment Roll Number: 1290 278 010 19300				
	Former Geographic Township Herschel				
	Legal Description:				
	Lot frontage: 210 Lot Depth:				
Date the subject property was acquired by current owner: 1991 Current use of the land: Recreational Property/Cottage					
4.	Access to property (select one):				
	Provincial highway	Right-of-way			
	Municipal Road	Water (see next page)			
	Other (please specify):				



	Where access to the subject land is by water only:		
	Docking facilities address: Baptiste Lake Marina, 99 Marina Road, Hasti		
	Distance of Docking facilities from subject land: 4500 m./ ft.		
	Distance of Docking facilities from public road:m./300 ft.		
	Parking facilities address: 99 Marina Road, RR#2 Bancroft, ON K0L 1C		
	Distance of Parking facilities from subject land: 4500 m./ ft.		
	Distance of Parking facilities from public road:m./_100 ft.		
5.	Is 66 feet Shore Road Allowance owned by Applicants? Yes No N/A If yes, please include documentation to support this. If no water frontage, select N/A		
6.	Servicing of the Property		
	Water is provided to the subject land by: Publicly owned/operated pipe water system		
	Privately owned/operated individual well		
	Privately owned/operated communal well		
	Lake or other waterbody		
	Other means (please explain):		
	Sewage disposal is provided to the subject land by:		
	Publicly owned/operated sanitary sewage system		
	Privately owned/operated individual septic system		
	Privately owned/operated communal septic system		
	Privy bunkie has an existing		
	Other means (please explain): compost toilet to remain		
	Storm drainage is provided to the subject land by:		
	Sewers		
	Ditches		
	Swales		
	Other means (please explain): Drainage Feature as per EIS Report		
7.	Current Land Use		
	Current designation of the property in the County of Hastings Official Plan: Limited Service Residential (LSR)		
	Current zoning of the property in the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw: Limited Service Residential (LSR)		



8. Existing buildings/structures

Include the following for each building(s) or structure(s) on the property (Please include the location of the septic tank and tile field, if applicable):

Existing Building/Structure 1:

Type of building: Main Cottage Dwelling

Date constructed: 1965 Height of building: 14 feet

Front lot line setback: 280' Dimensions: 38 feet x 24 feet

Rear lot line setback: 23' to water Floor area: 912 square feet

Side lot line setback: 75' to south Side lot line setback: 100' to north

Existing Building/Structure 2:

Type of building: Bunkie/Sleeping Cabin/Compost Toilet Only & to remain

Date constructed: 1975 Height of building: 12 feet

Front lot line setback: 304.0' > 307.0' Dimensions: 12 feet x 32 feet

Rear lot line setback: 4.0' > 11.0' Floor area: 384 square feet

Side lot line setback: 43.0' to south Side lot line setback: 138.0' to north

Existing Building/Structure 3:

Type of building: Small Storage Shed

Date constructed: 1970 Height of building: 8 feet

Front lot line setback: 253.0'+- Dimensions: 8 feet x 12 feet

Rear lot line setback: 63.0'+- Floor area: 96 square feet

Side lot line setback: 75.0'+- to south Side lot line setback: 116.0'+- to north

Existing Building/Structure 4:

Type of building: Small Wood Shed - open sides

Date constructed: 1970 Height of building: 7.5 feet

Front lot line setback: 250.0' +- Dimensions: 6 feet x 6 feet

Rear lot line setback: 69.0' +- Floor area: 30 square feet

Side lot line setback: 105.0+- to south Side lot line setback: 95.0'+- to north



Existing Building/Structure 5:	
Type of building:	
Date constructed:	Height of building:
Front lot line setback:	Dimensions:
Rear lot line setback:	Floor area:
Side lot line setback:	_ Side lot line setback:
Existing Building/Structure 6: Type of building:	
Date constructed:	Height of building:
Front lot line setback:	
Rear lot line setback:	Floor area:
Side lot line setback:	_ Side lot line setback:
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Date constructed:	Height of building:
Front lot line setback:	
Rear lot line setback:	Floor area:
Side lot line setback:	Side lot line setback:
Existing Building/Structure 8: Type of building:	
Date constructed:	Height of building:
Front lot line setback:	Dimensions:
Rear lot line setback:	Floor area:
Side lot line setback:	_ Side lot line setback:

Note: If there are additional buildings, please attach a separate page to this Application.



9. Summary of Development Proposal

Provide a complete written description of the nature of the application with details of the proposed development including but not limited to: proposed use(s), height/storeys, floor area(s), number of parking/loading spaces, landscape area, etc. If additional space needed, attach a separate page to this Application.

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10. Relief

Provide a written explanation of the nature and extent of the relief being requested from the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw. A land use planning consultant or other qualified professional may be able to assist you:

We are seeking relief to Zoning Bylaw No. 2004-035 which requires development to be no closer than 30 metres to the highwater mark and a natural vegetative buffer zone (The existing bunkie is currently legal non-conforming, the Weese's are proposing to relocate and attach to main cottage and add a small addition).

11. Reason

Provide a written explanation of why the proposed development or use cannot comply with the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw. A land use planning consultant or other qualified professional may be able to assist you in providing an explanation:

The existing bunkie was built before this zoning of 30 metres was required and therefore are considered legal non-conforming and are permitted to rebuilt with the same dimensions/same location. However, because the Weese's are proposing to relocate the existing bunkie, attach it to the existing cottage and build a small addition to rear is the reason relief is being requested.

The proposed development will be set back further from the highwater mark with plans to restore the vegetative buffer zone in the location where the bunkie currently is. See Proposed Development Package included with Landscape Plan.



12. Rationale

Did you conduct a Pre-consultation with the Municipality? Yes No

If yes, please include any correspondence from the Municipality.

Please provide a written explanation of why or how the proposed development or use meets the tests of a Minor Variance or Permission Application. A land use planning consultant or other qualified professional may be able to assist you in providing planning rationale to support your Application. If additional space

needed, attach a separate page to this Application .:

My client pre-consulted with HH Municipal Planner, was advised that the OSRA would need to be purchased (which is in process) and was advised if my client is planning the bunkie to be relocated with small addition, a Permission Application accompanied by an EIS report would be required.

Q1: Is the Application consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (Sections 2.1.8 and 2.2.2)?

A1: Yes, an EIS report (as prepared by the Ainley Group) has been conducted/evaluated and submitted as part of this application. Ainley's Concluding remarks are on pages 16, 17, 18 of the EIS Report. It states that Ainley is of the opinion that the bunkie relocation, cottage addition, and deck construction will not result in negative impacts to natural heritage features in the study area, provided their recommendations are followed, which the Weese's understand and will follow.

Q2: Is the Application desirable for the appropriate development of the subject property?

A2: Yes, in fact the bunkie is being moved further back from the highwater mark, less visible from the shoreline and the vegetative buffer when moved will be restored. This development is not large and very consistent with some of the smaller style cottages on the lake. The Weese family has enjoyed and been on Baptiste Lake for 32 years, since they purchased our cottage on Dog Bay in 1991. Their two sons – now married with families of their own -- spent much of their youth here, learning to fish and hunt and working summer jobs at the marina and for the local MNRF office. They still return to visit every summer from Vancouver and Rochester, New York. This is a family cottage and we believe this development is very appropriate for the Weese family to continue to enjoy their property for many years in the future. Please detailed letter from Robert Weese as well as letters from neighbours showing their support of this proposed development.

Q3: Will the application result in undue adverse impacts on the surrounding properties and neighbourhood (they have one neighbor only to the north and Crown Land to the south) have very natural vegetation both shoreline as well as overall lot. It is the Weese goal to maintain/restore where bunkie is moved



13. Property/proposed development

Proposed Building/Structure 1:

Include the following for each proposed building(s) or structure(s) on the property (If applicable, include the location of the septic tank and tile field):

Type of building: Relocated existing bunkle (384 sf.) & addition (488 sf.) attached				
Height of building: 12.0 feet	Front lot line setback: 280.0			
Dimensions: Ex. Bunkie (12'x32')	Rear lot line setback: 17.5 > 23.5 to w			
Floor area: 384 (Existing) + 488 (Ad	Side lot line setback: 100.0' to north			
Side lot line setback: 38.0' to south Addition: 5'x12' Hallway 11.5' x 37.25' rear addition to exist bunkie Proposed Building/Structure 2:				
Type of building:				
Height of building:	_ Front lot line setback:			
Dimensions:	Rear lot line setback:			
Floor area:	Side lot line setback:			
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Height of building:	Front lot line setback:			
Dimensions:	Rear lot line setback:			
Floor area:	_ Side lot line setback:			
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Note: If there are additional buildings, please attach a separate page to this Application.				



14. Land Uses and Features

Are any of the following uses or features on the subject lands and/or within 500 metres of the subject lands? A land use planning consultant or other qualified professional may be able to assist you (Please indicate if it applies with a 'Yes' and an 'N/A' if it does not. Any features indicated with a 'Yes', please identify on

your site plan):	On Subject Lands	Within 500 Metres (unless otherwise specified)
An agricultural operation (any livestock facility, occupied or vacant, including manure storage)	NA	NA
A landfill (active or non-operating) (within 1000 metres)	NA	NA
An active mine site (within 1000 metres)	NA	NA
A rehabilitated or abandoned mine site or mine hazards (within 1000 metres)	NA	NA
A gravel pit or quarry	NA	NA
Any industrial use (current or former)	NA	NA
Provincial Park or Crown Lands	NA	Yes
A floodplain	NA	NA
Significant wildlife habitat (such as a deer yard) and/or significant habitat of Species at Risk (including but not limited to endangered and threatened species)	Stratum 1 Deer Yard (as per EIS	Stratum 1 Deer Yard(as per EIS report)
Lake, river, stream, creek, pond or other water feature	Baptiste Lake	Yes
Fish habitat	NA	Yes
Provincially Significant Wetland	NA	NA
Any known cultural heritage, archaeological resources and/or areas of archaeological potential?	NA	NA
A slope, including a steep and/or unstable slope with an angle of three-to-one (horizontal:vertical) or 18 degrees	NA	NA



15. Other Planning Applications

Has th	Has the property been or is the property currently the subject of any of the					
following (include file number if known)? Check all that apply:						
	Official Plan Amendment	NA				
	Consent (Severance)	NA				
	Plan of Subdivision	NA	Lawrence Control			
一	Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application NA					
一	Minor Variance Application		NA			
	Site Plan Control Application	on	NA			
16.Site P	Plan Requirements					
	The site plan will have to be clear and minimum requirements for a site plan will show the following: The boundaries and dimensions of the subject land.					
√	structures, including septic systems, in the subject land, indicating the distance of the buildings or structures from the front yard lot line, rear lo lines, and the side yard lot lines.					
\checkmark						
\checkmark	The current uses on land that is adjacent to the subject land.					
√	The location, width and name of any roads within or abutting the subject land, indicating whether it is an unopened road allowance, a public travelled road, a private road or a right of way.					
\checkmark	 ✓ The location and nature of easements and right-of-ways affecting the subject land. ✓ If access to the subject land is by water only, the location of the parking and docking facilities to be used. ✓ The distance of the proposed buildings or structure to any water features including, but not limited to, lakes, rivers, streams, creeks and ponds. 					
\checkmark						
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\checkmark	Any land uses and/or featu	res not	ed above on Page 8 of this Application.			
For proposals on waterfront properties, the Municipality recommends including a landscaping plan in the Application to indicate how natural vegetation will be maintained or restored on the property within 30 metres of the high water mark.						

665 Baptiste North Shore Road, Herschel, Baptiste Lake / Robert Weese Minor Variance Application:

Additional Pages:

Section 9. /Summary of Development Proposal

Full Response/Answer:

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That's the plan and the Weese's have recently purchased the shoreline road allowance and have undertaken an Environmental Impact Study (which is included in this submission package) and now seek approval of the Committee of Adjustment for this Permission Application.

The property has been staked and pictures of the existing and new location have been included in Proposed Development Overview Package/Drawings as well as Site Plan, Proposed Landscape Plan. The client Agent is fully prepared to coordinate quickly getting Municipal Planner and Committee Members to this water access only site prior to the winter - pick up would be at Baptiste Lake Marina.

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Background Note for Permission Application – from Bob Weese family

Our family has been on Baptiste Lake for 32 years, since we purchased our cottage on Dog Bay in 1991. Our two sons – now married with families of their own -- spent much of their youth here, learning to fish and hunt and working summer jobs at the marina and for the local MNR office. They still return to visit every summer from Vancouver and Rochester, New York.

Over the years, my wife and I have been active members of the Baptiste Lake Association. My wife Menna, who died of cancer four years ago, was always proud of her contribution to the lake. She was head of the Baptiste Lake Association's environmental committee for many years. In that capacity, she worked closely with MNR and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters on lake quality monitoring. Many happy hours were spent in our boat, with me or one of our sons, taking secchi disk readings and looking for invasive species. She chaired the committee which developed the BLA's Lake Plan in conjunction with which she organized a series of community consultations and briefed members of the Municipal Council. She was President of the BLA from 2001 to 2004. For her services to the lake, she received the Association's Ross Viscoff Memorial Award and the Ontario Government's Volunteer Service Award.

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Dear Hasting Highlands Committee of Adjustment members,

My name is Paul Greer and my property is

I wanted to write to the committee to express my support of the Weese's Permission Application to relocate their Bunkie back from the shoreline and attach it to their main cabin, as well as add some additional square footage behind the relocated Bunkie.

I understand that the Weeses intend to restore the vegetative buffer between the relocated Bunkie and the shoreline by planting native trees and shrubs, and I believe this would be a positive development both for the lake and also for the community since the Bunkie would be less visible from the shoreline.

I thank the committee members for their consideration.

Regards,

Paul Greer

Letter of Support for Application of Mr. Robert Weese

Dear Hastings Highlands Committee of Adjustment Members,

I write to support the application of Robert Weese to move his bunkie building away from the shoreline on Baptiste Lake and to be attached alongside his cottage on Dog Bay. I am a neighbour and long-time friend of Mr. Weese, and I am the resident and owner of page 100 me.

Mr. Weese has followed procedures rigorously, in keeping with county and municipal policy and regulations. He has purchased the shoreline road allowance, and his Environmental Impact Assessment found no negative impact as a result of this proposal. Indeed, by moving the structure away from the lake, Mr. Weese will be able to restore the shoreline buffer, thus improving water quality and preventing further runoff.

I have known Mr. Weese for decades, and he is a great advocate of Baptiste Lake, our Lake Plan (which I authored), and our natural environment.

I encourage each of you to support this application.

David Hawkes

October 23, 2023

To: Hastings Highlands Committee of Adjustment

Re: Proposal for the reworking of the Weese cottage on Baptiste Lake, Dog Bay

To Committee Members,

We are residents and owners of property on Dog Bay at address and address are neighbours of Mr. Weese he has kept us informed and aware of his proposal to purchase the shoreline road allowance from the township and move a component of his cottage back from its current waterfront location, attach that element to his existing cottage, consolidate the elements into a consolidated structure and restore the natural environment at the waterfront.

We are wholly in support of this proposal and believe it to be in the best interests of continuing to preserve the environmental quality of the lake. If you wish further clarification please don't hesitate to contact us at

Yours truly,

David and Lynda Clark
Owners and cottage residents

