

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF VARIANCE  
OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO  
HELD JANUARY 11, 2017 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM  
AT 6300 HAMMOND BAY ROAD, NANAIMO, BC**

Those in attendance: David Wiwchar, Chairperson  
Douglas Holme, BOV Member  
Leigh Mathews, BOV Member  
Jeremy Holm, Manager Current Planning  
Bev Farkas, Recording Secretary  
Rachel Hamling, Agent for the Applicants  
Gary and Linda St. Pierre, Applicants

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with David Wiwchar presiding.

D. Wiwchar detailed the selection and structure for the Board of Variance and introduced the other Board members and staff. Excerpts of the *Local Government Act* were read and the grounds upon which an appeal may be granted were explained.

**PL2016-187 Lot B Maple Lane Drive**

Notification of the appeal was given to the owners and occupiers of all real property located within 50 m of the property about which this appeal was being heard. There have been no responses from those owners and/or tenants however the applicants provided nine letters of support from neighbours.

Rachel Hamling, Agent for the applicants and Gary and Linda St. Pierre, (the applicants) were in attendance. D. Wiwchar asked Ms. Hamling and Mrs. and Mrs. St. Pierre to speak to the appeal.

Rachel Hamling outlined the application and the reason for seeking a variance. Ms. Hamling noted that the applicants have worked closely with the designer and as a result the roof pitch has been lowered. She also indicated that the applicants have obtained letters of support from nine neighbours. Mr. St. Pierre added that one neighbour says he will benefit as bringing fill into Lot B will allow the neighbour to also increase the height of his property thereby reducing issues with runoff.

**Consideration of Appeal**

**PL2016-187 Lot B Maple Lane Drive**

MOVED D. Holme, SECONDED L. Mathews, that the appeal to increase the maximum height requirement for a dwelling from 8.0 m to 9.5 m as shown on the attached plan be **GRANTED**.

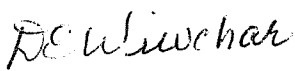
**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

MOVED D. Holme, SECONDED L. Mathews, that the minutes of the Board of Variance meeting held December 14, 2016 be approved.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

  
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Chairperson

  
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Bev Farkas, Recording Secretary