

Committee of Adjustment

The Committee of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body consisting of five members, appointed by Council, under authority granted by the Province of Ontario, to grant relief from the provisions of the City's Zoning By-law. The Committee of Adjustment is also empowered to subdivide land without the requirement of a plan of subdivision. It conducts itself in accordance with the Statutory Powers Procedure Act, and is governed by the Ontario Planning Act.

Committee Member Responsibilities

- Review materials filed with each application they hear;
- Preside over hearing and render decisions based on the information presented;
- Engaged
- Available to attend daytime, public hearings, at least once a month with additional hearing(s) as required.
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Beneficial Qualifications

- experience in adjudication and mediation;
- familiarity and/or experience with the City of Sault Ste. Marie's Official Plan and Zoning By-law
- legal and/or construction background
- excellent listening skills and the ability to analyze information;
- sound judgment, tact, fairness, and decorum;
- good communicator, ability to render verbal reasoning for a decision, clearly and concisely;
- high ethical standards and integrity;
- respect for access to justice, diversity, and accommodation.

Property Standards Committee

The Property Standards Appeal Committee is an independent body consisting of three members appointed by Council, to hear appeals to orders issued by City Property Standards Officers for violations of certain Ontario Building Code and municipal by-law standards for residential, multiple residential and commercial properties. It conducts itself in accordance with the Statutory Powers Procedure Act, and is governed by the City of Sault Ste. Marie's Property Standards By-law 2012-9.

Committee Member Responsibilities

- Review materials filed with each application they hear;
- Preside over hearing and render decisions based on the information presented;
- Engaged
- Available to attend daytime, public meetings as required.
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Beneficial Qualifications

- have a concern for the health and safety of City residents;
- have an understanding of the Building Code Act, Property Standards By-law 2012-9, building practices and tribunal processes;
- have a clear understanding of the role of the Property Standards Committee;
- if possible, have experience as a member of a decision-making body;
- be able to read and understand building plans, surveys and reports;
- employ sound judgment, tact, and fairness;
- ability to render verbal reasoning for a decision, clearly and concisely;