

# Attachment B - Letter of Intent

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Our son and daughter-in-law live at **101 Secret Place** in a house that we own jointly with them. We are seeking approval to build a **carriage house** in the backyard that would serve as our “old folks’ home” and allow us to continue living in a supportive multigenerational arrangement.

If the carriage house is required to be **separate from the existing garage**, we would need to demolish the garage and construct a smaller replacement. This approach would significantly increase costs and reduce the amount of usable green space, patio, and garden area for both households.

If we are permitted to **attach the carriage house to the existing garage**, we could integrate part of the new unit within the current garage structure. This option would:

- Be more **energy efficient**, as it reuses part of the existing building rather than requiring full demolition and reconstruction,
- Provide better **accessibility**, since everything would be on the same elevation,
- Preserve more **green and outdoor living space** for both the main house and the carriage house, and
- Ensure that the **overall building footprint on the site would remain the same**.

This approach also directly supports several important city planning goals:

- **Affordability:** By making efficient use of existing structures, we can reduce costs for our family and avoid unnecessary demolition and rebuilding.
- **Sustainability:** Reusing the garage reduces waste, limits new materials, and supports energy efficiency.
- **Aging in Place:** The carriage house would allow us to remain close to family support while maintaining independence.
- **Family Cohesion and Community Vitality:** Multigenerational living strengthens family ties, *reduces reliance on institutional care, and contributes to a healthier, more connected community.*

We believe that **multigenerational living** is a healthier, more sustainable, and preferable lifestyle than moving into a retirement facility. Allowing this variance would support our family’s ability to live together, maintain independence, and contribute positively to the community.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Brenda and Hugh Carleton