

**Received**

August 16, 2022

From: Rhonda Binstock  
To: Committee of Adjustments  
Subject: A207/22 – 1 Balsamwood Road, Thornhill, ON  
Date: August 16, 2022

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Dear Committee,

My name is Rhonda Binstock, the owner of the above subject variance dispute.

I am submitting three (3) letters from surrounding neighbours who do not object to the proposed renovations in my backyard.

I am also submitting my response to the objections received on August 15, 2022.

With respect to the wood deck being “full length”. As you can see from the proposed drawings, the lower wood deck that the neighbour claims will be ‘full length’ has since been removed. Today’s hearing is strictly for the **partially built deck with hot tub**.

With respect to their concern that I will have “parties in the hot tub”. I really do not know how to respond to this! I am a 54 yo woman who is in bed by 9p.m.! LOL. Moreover, if I wish to have a “party” in my HOME WHICH I OWN, that is my choice. Of course, I would not have a “party” going on all night! LOL. Again, I do not know how to respond to this ridiculous statement. Most, if not all of my surrounding neighbours have bbqs in the evening, enjoying their summer evenings with friends and families. Music is played and my surrounding neighbours including myself ends well before 11p.m. Ridiculous.

I have been using my hot tub since June. I have not received any complaints regarding parties and/or drainage.

With respect to their concern regarding ‘drainage’. Again, ridiculous. I have only drained my hot tub once and I place the end of the hose in MY GARDEN to water the trees, bushes, flowers. My yard has a slight ‘slant’ which does not flow into any surrounding neighbour’s yard. What happens if it rains? Will they call the City that it is MY fault that the rain is affecting their gardens, drainage etc? Again, ridiculous.

With respect to erecting a gazebo and/or pergola, I am not seeking a permit for such constructed. Again, very disturbing as all my neighbours have either a gazebo and/or pergola in their backyard which I can say with certainty, did not obtain a permit for same.

I have lived at 1 Balsamwood Road for 12 years. I take pride in my home both inside and outside. I work hard and save what I can to upkeep my home. I am a single mother of two.

I have lived in isolation due to COVID for the past two years. I have severe anxiety and depression ever since the pandemic. All I wanted was a backyard which is an extension of my home where I can sit, relax, read a book with a cup of coffee and enjoy myself. Yoga in the mornings on my deck followed by the jets in my tub. I suffer from tight joints and my doctor recommended a hot tub. It relieves my aches and pains.

I pay my taxes. I adhere to the rules and regulations. If there is entertaining in my home whether it be indoors or outdoors, I shut it down well before 11p.m. Again, I have never encountered such pettiness and jealousy from grown men and women in my life.

I live a quiet lifestyle.

This entire experience has been beyond stressful not to mention further financial hardship. My dog died on July 22, 2022 due to respiratory failure caused by the debris and partially built deck.

I am taking remedies to control and monitor my stress and anxieties.

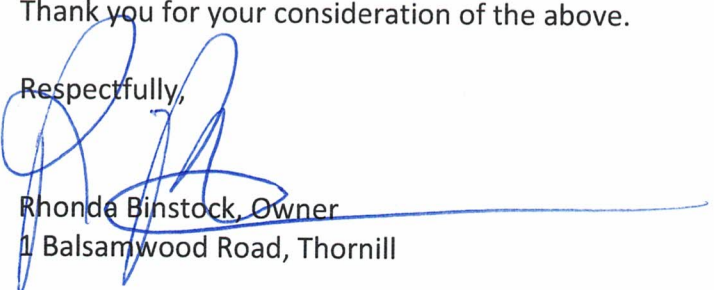
As I mentioned above, I have lived in Thornhill for 12 years. I get along with those neighbours that I know. We help one another out.

I believe these objections to be invalid and simply a form of COVID residue, jealousy, hardship, boredom etc.

I respectfully submit that you allow my proposed variance application to pass in order for me to finalize the partially built deck

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Respectfully,



Rhonda Binstock, Owner  
1 Balsamwood Road, Thornhill

**From:**  
**To:** Committee of Adjustment  
**Subject:** [External] A207/22 (1 Balsamwood Rd, Thornhill)  
**Date:** Monday, August 15, 2022 5:02:30 PM

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### **Request to remain anonymous please**

Dear committee,

I would like to object to the Minor Variance Application A207/22 as submitted by the applicant ie that relief to the zoning by-law not be granted.

The new hot tub is NOT "Existing", It was installed with both the expansion and raising the height of the new wooden deck. The deck was expanded and there exists the desire (with or without permission) to continue to expand the deck, the full length of the yard.

My concern is that the applicant wishes to have ongoing parties in the hot tub which will disrupt this quiet family neighbourhood.

Additionally the drainage of the hot-tub (water) will affect the neighbours, their property, and gardens, if no specific sewer line has been installed. This information is not clear.

Finally, I object to expansion of the deck to accommodate the hot tub including any proposed pergola, gazebo etc that may be constructed (with or without approval) afterwards.

I would like to remain anonymous and would like to thank you for the opportunity to add my concern in this matter.

Thank you,

**From:**  
**To:** Christine Vigneault  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Correspondence Received (Addendum) - Minor Variance Application A207/22 (1 Balsamwood Road)  
**Date:** Monday, August 15, 2022 6:53:19 PM

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To whom it may concern,

We have received the minor variance application, and the file number is **A207/22**.

We will not be attending the public participation so we are writing this email to send you our comments for this matter.

Our household will be rejecting the application and we are not approving this application, so please let the authorities know that we do not accept this application to go through.

We also do not wish to reveal our name or address, so please DO NOT disclose our personal information as we wish to remain anonymous for reporting our decision.

Thank you, and if there are any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

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