

Greetings Committee of Adjustment,

We are trying to plan for our hopefully very far off future while providing more space for our adult sons still living at home. As you surely know, rent is barely attainable in Guelph and we hope to give them space and time in order to establish themselves, saving money for houses of their own. We are creating living spaces where they can invite their adult friends over after work, work spaces so they can practice their various trades, and storage spaces to store the ridiculous quantity of tools.

As I mentioned we are also planning for our future, creating enough space on the main floor with a wheelchair accessible bathroom just in case. We have both watched parents decline rapidly in both private and public long-term care facilities. In each case dying well before their time with very few options. We never want to put our children in that horrific position. When/if we need to, the main floor will become our accessible retire in place space. We will have space for a live-in nurse and even space for friends to join us, effectively creating senior commune.

For now, as an artist, having my own studio where I can create, teach, and show has been a dream of mine for over a decade. I hope to build a community-oriented space in The Ward, hopefully adding to the awesomeness of our chosen neighborhood of 25 years.

As our house is over 100 years old, with no exterior electrical (or even water) outlets, we have not been able to purchase an electric vehicle. The garage would provide us a secured and protected location to charge our next vehicle.

Cheers,

Charlene and Ralph Downey