

DECISION**CONSENT**Section 53 of the *Planning Act*

Date of Decision	March 10, 2023
File No(s):	D08-01-23/B-00034 & D08-01-23/B-00035
Owner(s):	Serge & France Robert
Location:	2640 Birchgrove Road
Ward:	19 - Orléans South-Navan
Legal Description:	North half of Lot 5, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Cumberland
Zoning:	RU
Zoning By-law:	2008-250
Hearing Date:	March 1, 2023

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

- [1] The Owners want subdivide their property into three parcels of land to create two new lots for future residential development.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING

- [2] The two new parcels are shown as Lots A and B on a sketch filed with the applications and the separate parcels will be as follows:

File No.	Frontage	Depth	Area	Lot	Municipal Address
B-00034	50 m 61 m	161.87 m 141.9 m Irregular	0.80 ha	A	2648 Birchgrove Road
B-00035	50 m 82 m	161.87 m 115.71 Irregular	0.80 ha	B	2654 Birchgrove Road

- [3] The retained lands will have a broken frontage of ~~203.26~~ **160.26** metres and will contain a lot area of 36.94 hectares. This parcel will contain the existing dwelling and hobby farm is known municipally as 2640 Birchgrove Road.

- [4] The application indicates that the property is subject to an existing utility easement as in CU16050.
- [5] The applications indicate that the Property is not the subject of any other current application under the *Planning Act*.

PUBLIC HEARING

- [6] Prior to the hearing, the Committee received an adjournment request from City Planner Luke Teeft, requesting additional time for the City to correct an error in the Official Plan relating to the severance criteria lots designated Rural Countryside.
- [7] At the onset of the Hearing, the Acting Panel Chair called forward Mr. Teeft, who summarized his objections to the applications, noting that the proposal would not comply with the rural severance policies Official Plan, based on the current wording.
- [8] The Committee also heard from Serge Robert, one of the Owners of the property, who requested that the Committee proceed to hear the applications. The Committee agreed and the applications were stepped down to be recalled later in the public hearing.
- [9] Upon recall, the Acting Panel Chair administered an oath to Mr. Robert, who confirmed that the statutory notice posting requirements were satisfied.
- [10] The Committee noted that Mr. Robert had filed a revised plan and that the dimensions of the proposed lots should therefore be amended as highlighted in the City's Planning Report, as follows:

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- [11] The applications were amended accordingly.
- [12] Mr. Teeft stated that, while his concerns relating to the wording in the Official Plan remained, his concerns with the location of the proposed lots had been addressed by the revised plan, which moved the boundaries of the proposed lots outside of the floodplain.

[13] When questioned by the Committee, Mr. Robert agreed to the conditions requested in the City's Planning Report.

DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATIONS GRANTED AS AMENDED

[14] The Committee considered all written and oral submissions relating to the applications in making its Decision.

[15] Under the *Planning Act*, the Committee has the power to grant a consent if it is satisfied that a plan of subdivision of the land is not necessary for the proper and orderly development of the municipality. Also, the Committee must be satisfied that an application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and has regard for matters of provincial interest under section 2 of the Act, as well as the following criteria set out in subsection 51(24):

Criteria

(24) In considering a draft plan of subdivision, regard shall be had, among other matters, to the health, safety, convenience, accessibility for persons with disabilities and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the municipality and to,

(a) the effect of development of the proposed subdivision on matters of provincial interest as referred to in section 2;

(b) whether the proposed subdivision is premature or in the public interest;

(c) whether the plan conforms to the official plan and adjacent plans of subdivision, if any;

(d) the suitability of the land for the purposes for which it is to be subdivided;

(d.1) if any affordable housing units are being proposed, the suitability of the proposed units for affordable housing;

(e) the number, width, location and proposed grades and elevations of highways, and the adequacy of them, and the highways linking the highways in the proposed subdivision with the established highway system in the vicinity and the adequacy of them;

(f) the dimensions and shapes of the proposed lots;

(g) the restrictions or proposed restrictions, if any, on the land proposed to be subdivided or the buildings and structures proposed to be erected on it and the restrictions, if any, on adjoining land;

(h) conservation of natural resources and flood control;

- (i) the adequacy of utilities and municipal services;
- (j) the adequacy of school sites;
- (k) the area of land, if any, within the proposed subdivision that, exclusive of highways, is to be conveyed or dedicated for public purposes;
- (l) the extent to which the plan's design optimizes the available supply, means of supplying, efficient use and conservation of energy; and
- (m) the interrelationship between the design of the proposed plan of subdivision and site plan control matters relating to any development on the land, if the land is also located within a site plan control area designated under subsection 41 (2) of this Act or subsection 114 (2) of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*. 1994, c. 23, s. 30; 2001, c. 32, s. 31 (2); 2006, c. 23, s. 22 (3, 4); 2016, c. 25, Sched. 4, s. 8 (2).

[16] Based on the evidence, the Committee is satisfied that the proposal is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement that promotes efficient land use and development as well as intensification and redevelopment within built-up areas, based on local conditions. The Committee is also satisfied that the proposal has adequate regard to matters of provincial interest, including the orderly development of safe and healthy communities; the appropriate location of growth and development; and the protection of public health and safety. Additionally, the Committee is satisfied that a plan of subdivision of the land is not necessary for the proper and orderly development of the municipality. Moreover, the Committee is satisfied that the proposal has adequate regard for the criteria specified under subsection 51(24) of the *Planning Act* and is in the public interest.

[17] THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT therefore grants the provisional consent, subject to the following conditions, **which must be fulfilled within a two-year period from the date of this Decision**:

1. That the Owner(s) enter into an Agreement with the City, at the expense of the Owner(s) and to the satisfaction of the **Development Review Manager of the Relevant Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate**, which provides the following covenant/notice that runs with the land and binds future Owner(s) on subsequent transfers:

“The City of Ottawa does not guarantee the quality or quantity of the groundwater. If, at some future date, the quality or the quantity of the groundwater becomes deficient, the City of Ottawa bears no responsibility, financial or otherwise, to provide solutions to the deficiency, such solutions being the sole responsibility of the homeowner.”

The Committee requires a copy of the Agreement and **written confirmation from City Legal Services** that it has been registered on title.

2. That the Owner(s) enter into an Agreement with the City, at the expense of the Owner(s) and to the satisfaction of the **Development Review Manager of the Relevant Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate**, which provides the following covenant/notice that runs with the land and binds future Owner(s) on subsequent transfers:

“The City of Ottawa has identified that there are potential organic soils, thin soils, and sensitive marine clays within the area that may require site specific detailed geotechnical engineering solutions to allow for development. The City of Ottawa bears no responsibility, financial or otherwise, to provide solutions to the deficiency, such solutions being the sole responsibility of the homeowner.”

The Committee requires a copy of the Agreement and written confirmation from **City Legal Services** that it has been registered on title.

3. That the Owner(s) acknowledges and agrees to convey to the City, at no cost to the City, an unencumbered road widening across the complete 303.26 metre frontage of the lands, measuring 13 metres from the existing centerline of pavement/the abutting right-of-way. The exact widening must be determined by legal survey. The Owner shall provide a reference plan for registration, indicating the widening, to the City Surveyor for review and approval prior to its deposit in the Land Registry Office. Such reference plan must be tied to the Horizontal Control Network in accordance with the municipal requirements and guidelines for referencing legal surveys. The Owner(s) must provide to the **City Surveyor** a copy of the Committee of Adjustment Decision and a draft Reference Plan that sets out the required widening. The Committee requires written confirmation from **City Legal Services** that the transfer of the widening to the City has been registered. All costs shall be borne by the Owner.
4. That the Owner(s) acknowledges and agrees to enter into a permanent Encroachment Agreement to permit the encroachment of the features constructed within the City's 26 metre right-of-way. Furthermore, the Owner requires that a copy of the Encroachment Agreement and written confirmation from **City Legal Services** that it has been registered on title. Moreover, the Owner shall, at its expense, provide a reference plan for registration, indicating the approved encroachments, and the Owner shall submit the draft reference plan to the **City's Surveyor** for review and approval prior to its deposit in the Land Registry Office. The Owner further acknowledges and agrees that the cost of preparation and registration of the Encroachment Agreement will be borne by the Owner.
5. That the Owners provide a report, to the satisfaction of the City of Ottawa, demonstrating the adequacy of the aquifer with respect to quality and quantity

to support the proposed development, failing which the Owners construct a new well on the severed lot and provide a report, to the satisfaction of the City of Ottawa, to demonstrate the adequacy of the aquifer with respect to quality and quantity to support the proposed development. The report must include a septic impact assessment to evaluate the water quality impact of the on-site septic system on the receiving aquifer.

The Owners' report must demonstrate the following to the City of Ottawa:

- a) That the construction of any new well on the severed parcel is in accordance with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- b) That the quality of the water meets the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Regulations, Standards, Guidelines and Objectives;
- c) That the quantity of water meets all the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks requirements.
- d) That the septic impact assessment meets the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks requirements.

A qualified Professional Engineer or Professional Geoscientist must prepare the report. It is the Owner's responsibility to coordinate the person drilling a new well, if required, and the professional noted herein in order to properly satisfy this condition.

If the accepted report recommends specific mitigation measures or design requirements, the Owners shall enter into a Development Agreement with the City, at the expense of the Owners, which is to be registered on the title of the property, which includes those recommendations. In instances where the subject site has hydrogeologically sensitive soils, the drilling of a well or the conveyance of a 30-centimetre reserve may be required. Both the report and any required Development Agreement shall be prepared to the satisfaction of **Development Review Manager of the Relevant Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate.**

The Report shall be prepared as per Procedure D-5-4 "Technical Guideline for Individual On-Site Sewage Systems: Water Quality Impact Risk Assessment" and Procedure D-5-5 "Technical Guideline for Private Wells: Water Supply Assessment".

6. That the Owner(s) provide evidence (payment receipt) to the Committee that payment has been made to the City of Ottawa of Cash-in-lieu of the conveyance of land for park or other public recreational purposes, plus applicable appraisal costs. The value of the land otherwise required to be conveyed shall be determined by the City of Ottawa in accordance with the

provisions of By-law No. 2022-280, as amended. Information regarding the appraisal process can be obtained by contacting the Planner.

7. That the Owner provide a Slope Stability Analysis Report, prepared by a Professional Civil Engineer or professional geoscientist licensed in the Province of Ontario, that is satisfactory to both the **General Manager of the Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department (PRED), or his/her designate and to the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA)**. The Committee requires written confirmation from the PRED and the Authority that the analysis is satisfactory.
8. That the Owner(s) file with the Committee a copy of the registered Reference Plan prepared by an Ontario Land Surveyor registered in the Province of Ontario, and signed by the Registrar, **confirming the frontage and area of the severed land. If the Registered Plan does not indicate the lot area, a letter from the Surveyor confirming the area is required.** The Registered Reference Plan must conform substantially to the sketch filed with the Applications for Consent.
9. That upon completion of the above conditions, and **within the two-year period outlined above**, the Owner(s) file with the Committee, the “electronic registration in preparation documents” for the Conveyances for which the Consent is required.

Absent
FABIAN POULIN
VICE-CHAIR

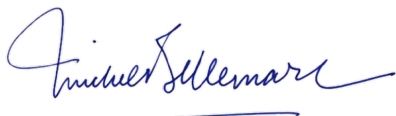
Absent
TERENCE OTTO
MEMBER

“Steven Lewis”
STEVEN LEWIS
MEMBER

“Martin Vervoort”
MARTIN VERVOORT
ACTING CHAIR

“Jocelyn Chandler”
JOCELYN CHANDLER
MEMBER

I certify this is a true copy of the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa, dated March 10, 2023.



Michel Bellemare
Secretary-Treasurer

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

To appeal this decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), a completed appeal form along with payment must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment by **March 30, 2023**, delivered by email at cofa@ottawa.ca and/or by mail or courier to the following address:

Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment,
101 Centrepointe Drive, 4th floor, Ottawa, Ontario, K2G 5K7

The Appeal Form is available on the OLT website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/>. The Ontario Land Tribunal has established a filing fee of \$400.00 per type of application with an additional filing fee of \$25.00 for each secondary application. Payment can be made by certified cheque or money order made payable to the Ontario Minister of Finance, or by credit card. Please indicate on the Appeal Form if you wish to pay by credit card. If you have any questions about the appeal process, please contact the Committee of Adjustment office by calling 613-580-2436 or by email at cofa@ottawa.ca.

Only the applicant, the Minister or a specified person or public body that has an interest in the matter may appeal the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A "specified person" does not include an individual or a community association.

There are no provisions for the Committee of Adjustment or the Ontario Land Tribunal to extend the statutory deadline to file an appeal. If the deadline is not met, the OLT does not have the authority to hold a hearing to consider your appeal.

If a major change to condition(s) is requested, you will be entitled to receive Notice of the changes only if you have made a written request to be notified.

NOTICE TO APPLICANT(S)

All technical studies must be submitted to Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department a minimum of **40 working days** prior to lapsing date of the consent. Should a Development Agreement be required, such request should be initiated **15 working days** prior to lapsing date of the consent and should include all required documentation including the approved technical studies.

Ce document est également offert en français.

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