## **Committee of Adjustment**



# Hawa Comité de dérogation

## DECISION MINOR VARIANCE / PERMISSION

Section 45 of the *Planning Act* 

| Date of Decision:<br>File No(s).: | March 24, 2023<br>D08-02-23/A-00028   |
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| Owner(s):                         | Claridge Homes (Moon) Inc.  |
| Location:                         | 366 (340) Queen Street  |
| Ward:                             | 14 – Somerset   |
| Legal Description:                | Part of Lots 12 & 14, and All of Lot 13 (South Queen<br>Street) (Numbering Westward), and Part of 12, 13, 14<br>and 15 (North Albert Street) Numbering Westward),<br>Registered Plan 3922 |
| Zoning:                           | R5P [2564] S396   |
| Zoning By-law:                    | 2008-250  |
| Hearing Date:                     | March 15, 2023  |

#### PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

[1] The Owner is constructing a mixed-use development with two, twenty-seven storey towers containing 588 dwelling units and 359 vehicle parking spaces, as shown on plans filed with the Committee.

#### RELIEF REQUIRED

- [2] The Owner requires the Authority of the Committee for a Minor Variance from the Zoning By-law to permit a reduced width for two parking spaces (Units 8 & 9) of 2.53 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum width of 2.6 metres for parking spaces abutting or near a wall, column or similar surface that obstructs the opening of the doors of a parked vehicle or limits access to a parking space.
- [3] The application indicates that the Property is not the subject of any other current application under the *Planning Act*.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

[4] The Acting Panel Chair administered an oath to Vincent Denomme, Agent for the Applicant, who confirmed that the statutory notice posting requirements were satisfied. Mr. Denomme confirmed that one of the documents submitted in support

of the application included a typographical error highlighting a by-law requirement of 4.6 metres instead of 2.6 metres.

[5] In response to a question from the Committee, Mr. Denomme agreed to the imposition of a condition that would require appropriate signage for the proposed undersized parking spaces, to indicate that they are reserved for compact cars only.

#### DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATION GRANTED

- [6] The Committee considered all written and oral submissions relating to the application in making its Decision.
- [7] The Committee has the power to authorize a minor variance from the provisions of the Zoning By-law if, in its opinion, the application meets all four requirements under subsection 45(1) of the *Planning Act*. It requires consideration of whether the variance is minor, is desirable for the appropriate development or use of the land, building or structure, and whether the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law are maintained.
- [8] Based on the evidence, the Committee is satisfied that the requested variance meets all four requirements under subsection 45(1) of the *Planning Act*.
- [9] The Committee notes that the City's Planning Report raises "no concerns" regarding the application, highlighting that "[t]he subject parking spaces have clear access," and that "Staff do not expect any functional difficulties in using these parking spaces."
- [10] The Committee also notes that no evidence was presented that the variance would result in any unacceptable adverse impact on neighbouring properties.
- [11] Considering the circumstances, the Committee finds that, because the proposal fits well in the neighbourhood, the requested variance is, from a planning and public interest point of view, desirable for the appropriate development or use of the land, building or structure on the property, and relative to the neighbouring lands.
- [12] The Committee also finds that the requested variance maintains the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan, because the proposal respects the character of the neighbourhood.
- [13] In addition, the Committee finds that the requested variance maintains the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law, because the proposal represents orderly development on the property that is compatible with the surrounding area.
- [14] Moreover, the Committee finds that the requested variance is minor because it will not create any unacceptable adverse impact on abutting properties or the neighbourhood in general.

[15] THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT therefore authorizes the requested variance, **subject to** the affected parking spaces (Units 8 & 9) being visibly identified as reserved for compact cars.

Absent JOHN BLATHERWICK VICE-CHAIR

*"Stan Wilder"* STAN WILDER MEMBER *"Heather MacLean"* HEATHER MACLEAN MEMBER

"Bonnie Oakes Charron" BONNIE OAKES CHARRON MEMBER *"Michael Wildman"* MICHAEL WILDMAN ACTING CHAIR

I certify this is a true copy of the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa, dated **March 24, 2023**.

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Michel Bellemare Secretary-Treasurer

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

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