Committee of Adjustment



DECISION CONSENT/SEVERANCE

Date of Decision April 14, 2023

File No(s).: D08-01-23/B-00066

Application: Consent under Section 53 of the *Planning Act*

Owner(s)/Applicant(s): 2763072 Ontario Inc. **Property Address:** 236 Woodroffe Avenue

Ward: 7 - Bay

Legal Description: Lot 12, Registered Plan 446, City of Ottawa

Zoning: R4D

Zoning By-law: 2008-250 **Hearing Date:** April 5, 2023

APPLICANTS' PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

[1] The Owner wants to subdivide the property into two separate parcels of land for the construction of a two-storey semi-detached dwelling with secondary dwelling units.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING

- [2] The Owner requires the Consent of the Committee for Conveyance.
- The severed land, shown as Part 1 on a Draft R-plan filed with the application, will have a frontage of 11.91 metres, a depth of 30.58 metres, and will contain a lot area of 293.4 square metres. This parcel will contain one half of a semi-detached dwelling known municipally known as 234 Woodroffe Avenue.
- [4] The retained land, shown as Part 2 on the said plan, will have a frontage of 9.92 metres, a depth of 30.5 metres and an area of 304.6 square metres. This parcel will contain the other half of a semi-detached dwelling known municipally as 236 Woodroffe Avenue
- [5] The application indicates that the subject property is not the subject of any other current application under the *Planning Act*.

PUBLIC HEARING

[6] The Panel Chair administered an oath to Jasmine Paoloni, Agent for the Owner, who confirmed that the statutory notice posting requirements were satisfied.

Oral Submissions Summary

- [7] Ms. Paoloni questioned the need for a condition requested by the City that would require a noise attenuation study. She argued that preparing a study would be onerous for the Applicant, and suggested that a noise warning on title would be adequate for notifying future owners of the noise levels on site.
- [8] City Planner Samantha Gatchene explained that a noise attenuation study was required due to the site's location on Woodroffe Avenue, and that it would assess the specific noise context and recommend mitigation measures based on the findings.
- [9] Ms. Gatchene also indicated that the condition requiring a revised tree planting plan could be deleted, as it had been provided by Ms. Paoloni prior to the hearing. City Planner Siobhan Kelly indicated that the condition requiring a private approach permit could also be deleted as this would be addressed at the building permit stage.
- [10] The Committee agreed that any approval would be subject to a modified condition requiring a noise warning to be registered on title rather than a noise attenuation study.

DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATION GRANTED

Application(s) Must Satisfy Statutory Tests

[11] 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;
- (I) 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).

Evidence

- [12] Evidence considered by the Committee included any oral submissions made at the hearing, as highlighted above, and the following written submissions held on file with the Secretary-Treasurer and available from the Committee Coordinator upon request:
 - Application and supporting documents, including a planning rationale, plans, and tree information, with revisions
 - City Planning Report, received March 31, 2023, with no concerns

- Revised City Planning Report, received April 3, 2023, with no concerns
- Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, dated March 24, 2023, with no objections
- Hydro Ottawa, dated March 29, 2023, with no concerns
- Hydro One, dated March 24, 2023, with no concerns
- Ottawa Carleton District School Board, email dated March 28, 2023, with comments
- Ministry of Transportation, dated March 23, 2023, with no comments

Effect of Submissions on Decision

- [13] The Committee considered all written and oral submissions relating to the application in making its decision and granted the application.
- [14] The Committee notes that the City's Planning Report raises "no concerns" regarding the applications.
- [15] 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.
- [16] 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) provide evidence that payment has been made to the City of Ottawa for cash-in-lieu of the conveyance of land for park or other public recreational purposes, plus applicable appraisal costs. The value of land otherwise required to be conveyed shall be determined by the City of Ottawa in accordance with the provisions of By-law 2022-280. Information regarding the appraisal process can be obtained by contacting the Planner.

- 2. That the Owner(s) agree to provide proof that the tree protection fencing around the Critical Root Zone of the protected tree is installed as shown in the Tree Information Report, prior to capping of services, to prevent any excavation within this zone. The sanitary and storm services if present, must be abandoned and capped outside of the Critical Root Zone of the City tree as clearly demonstrated on the Existing Conditions, Removals, and Decommissioning plan.
- 3. That the Owner(s) agree that the location of the proposed structures, including the driveways, retaining walls, projections, etc. shown on the Grading & Servicing Plan, will be determined based on the least impact to protected trees and tree cover. The Owner(s) further acknowledges and agrees that this review may result in relocation of these structures and agrees to revise their plans accordingly to the satisfaction of the Development Review Manager of the relevant Branch within the Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate.
- 4. That the Owner(s) provide proof to the satisfaction of the **Development Review**Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic

 Development Department, or his/her designate, to be confirmed in writing
 from the Department to the Committee, that the existing dwelling has been
 removed, that the existing sewer services are capped at the sewer and that the
 existing water service is blanked at the watermain.
- 5. That the Owner(s) provide evidence to the satisfaction of both the Chief Building Official and **Development Review Manager**, **Planning**, **Real Estate and Economic Development Department**, **or designates**, that both severed and retained parcels have their own independent water, sanitary and storm connection as appropriate, and that these services do not cross the proposed severance line and are connected directly to City infrastructure. Further, the Owner(s) shall comply to 7.1.5.4(1) of the Ontario Building Code, O. Reg. 332/12 as amended. If necessary, a plumbing permit shall be obtained from Building Code Services for any required alterations.
- 6. That the Owner(s) enter into a Joint Use, Maintenance and Common Elements Agreement, at the expense of the Owner(s), setting forth the obligations between the Owner(s) and the proposed future owners.

The Joint Use, Maintenance and Common Elements Agreement shall set forth the joint use and maintenance of all common elements including, but not limited to, the common party walls, common structural elements such as roof, footings, soffits, foundations, common areas, common driveways and common landscaping.

The Owner shall ensure that the Agreement is binding upon all the unit owners and successors in title and shall be to the satisfaction of **Development Manager** of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic

Development Department, or his/her designate, and City Legal Services. The Committee requires written confirmation that the Agreement is satisfactory to the Development Review Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate, and is satisfactory to City Legal Services, as well as a copy of the Agreement and written confirmation from City Legal Services that it has been registered on title.

- 7. That the Owner(s) enter into an Agreement with the City, at the expense of the Owner(s), which is to be registered on Title to deal with the covenants/notices that shall run with the land and bind future owners on subsequent transfers, warning purchasers and/or tenants of expected noise levels due to the existing source of environmental noise (Major collector, etc.). The Agreement shall be to the satisfaction to the satisfaction of the Development Review Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate. The Committee requires a copy of the Agreement and written confirmation from City Legal Services that it has been registered on title.
- 8. That the Owner(s) shall provide evidence that a grading and drainage plan, prepared by a qualified Civil Engineer licensed in the Province of Ontario, an Ontario Land Surveyor or a Certified Engineering Technologist, has been submitted to the satisfaction of the Development Review Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate to be confirmed in writing from the Department to the Committee. The grading and drainage plan shall delineate existing and proposed grades for both the severed and retained properties, to the satisfaction of the Development Review Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate.
- 9. That the Owner(s) enter into a Development Agreement with the City, at the expense of the Owner(s) and to the satisfaction of the **Development Review Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate**, to require that an asphalt overlay will be installed, at the Owner(s) expense, on Woodroffe Avenue, fronting the subject lands, over the entire public driving surface area within the limits of the overlay, if the approved Site Servicing Plan shows three or more cuts within the pavement surface. The overlay must be carried out to the satisfaction of the Development Review Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate. The Committee requires a copy of the Agreement and written confirmation from City Legal Services that it has been registered on title.

If the Development Review Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate determines that a Development Agreement requiring an asphalt overlay is no longer necessary, this condition shall be deemed as fulfilled.

- 10. That the Owner(s) convey, if required, at no charge to the City of Ottawa, sufficient frontage across the severed and retained lands to provide for a road right-of-way measuring 13 meters from the centreline of Woodroffe Avenue. 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.
 - If the Owner's Surveyor determines that the widening condition has already been satisfied, it must be indicated on the Draft Reference Plan and submitted to the City Surveyor for approval. The Committee requires written confirmation from the City Surveyor confirming that the widening is not required.
- 11. 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 Draft Reference Plan filed with the Application for Consent.
- 12. 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 Conveyance for which the Consent is required.

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I certify this is a true copy of the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa, dated April 14, 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 May 4, 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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