Committee of Adjustment



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DECISION CONSENT/SEVERANCE

Date of Decision November 24, 2023

Panel: 2 - Suburban

File No(s).: D08-01-23/B-00275

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

Owner(s)/Applicant(s): Lorraine Horsley and Charles Muli

Property Address: 335 & 337 Saddleridge Drive **Ward:** 19 - Orléans South-Navan

Legal Description: Block 153, Plan 4M-1370; further described as Parts 1-

3, Plan 4R-24181

Zoning: R3VV [1286] **Zoning By-law:** 2008-250

Hearing Date: November 14, 2023, in person and by videoconference

APPLICANTS' PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

[1] The Owners want to subdivide their property into two separate parcels of land to create separate ownership for each half of a semi-detached dwelling.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING

- [2] The Owners require the Committee's consent to sever land.
- [3] The severed lot shown as Parts 1 and 2 on the 4R Plan filed with the application. This lot will have a frontage of 9.82 metres, a depth of 33.56 metres, and a lot area of 329.56 square metres. This lot is known municipally as 337 Saddleridge Drive.
- [4] The retained lot is shown as Part 3 on said 4R Plan, and will have a frontage of 9.83 metres, a depth of 33.57 metres, and a lot area of 329.89 square metres. This lot is known municipally as 335 Saddleridge Drive.
- [5] The application indicates that Parts 1, 2, and 3 are subject to existing easements as set out in OC916133 and OC1085090.

PUBLIC HEARING

Oral Submissions Summary

- [6] Loraine Horsley, one of the Owners of the subject Property, provided an overview of the application and responded to questions from the Committee. Ms. Horsley questioned the need for the condition requested in the City's Planning Report requiring evidence that the party wall meets the Ontario Building Code's fire separation requirements.
- [7] City Planner Jerrica Gilbert stated no concerns with the application, highlighting that the semi-detached dwelling already had separate services, and that the party wall fire separation condition was being requested out of an abundance of caution.
- [8] Charles Muli, the other Owner of the subject Property was also in attendance.
- [9] Following the public hearing, the Committee reserved its decision.

DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATION GRANTED

Application Must Satisfy Statutory Tests

[10] 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;
 - 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;
 - 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;
- 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

- [11] Evidence considered by the Committee included all 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 cover letter, plans, a
 parcel register, tree information, a photo of the posted sign, and a sign
 posting declaration.
 - City Planning Report received November 9, 2023, with no concerns.
 - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email dated November 10, 2023, with no objections.

Hydro Ottawa email dated November 8, 2023, with no comments.

Effect of Submissions on Decision

- [12] The Committee considered all written and oral submissions relating to the application in making its decision and granted the application.
- [13] The Committee notes that the City's Planning Report raises "no concerns" regarding the application.
- [14] The Committee finds that the requested condition requiring evidence that the party wall meets the fire separation requirements of the Ontario Building Code is not necessary, noting that the semi-detached dwelling was subject to the building permit process when constructed in 2010, and that the provisional consent should not be subject to this requirement.
- [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. The Owner/Applicant(s) shall prepare and implement a tree planting plan, prepared 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, showing the location of one new 50mm tree to be planted on the property frontage or right-of-way of each lot following construction, to enhance the urban tree canopy and streetscape.
 - 2. 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.

3. 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 a Conveyance for which the Consent is required.

"Fabian Poulin" FABIAN POULIN VICE-CHAIR

*"Jay Baltz"*JAY BALTZ
MEMBER

"George Barrett"
GEORGE BARRETT
MEMBER

"Heather MacLean" HEATHER MACLEAN MEMBER Absent
JULIANNE WRIGHT
MEMBER

I certify this is a true copy of the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa, dated **November 24, 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 **December 14**, **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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