

Summary of Written and Oral Submissions

Zoning By-Law Amendment – 780 Baseline Road

In addition to those outlined in the Consultation Details section of the report, the following outlines the written and oral submissions received between the publication of the report and prior to City Council's consideration:

Number of delegations/submissions

Number of delegations at Committee: 5

Number of written submissions received by Planning and Housing Committee between January 22 (the date the report was published to the City's website with the agenda for this meeting) and January 30, 2024 (the deadline for written submissions, being 4 pm the business day before the committee meeting date): 6

Summary of written submissions

Written submissions are held on file with the City Clerk and available from the Committee Coordinator upon request:

- Email dated January, 26, 2024 from Eric Maltais, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada / Government of Canada
- Email dated January 28, 2024 from Janice van Baaren
- Email dated January 28, 2024 from Eric Jones, Friends of the Central Experimental Farm
- Email dated January 29, 2023 from Leslie Maitland
- Email dated January 30, 2024 from David
- Email dated January 30, 2024 from Susan Paul

Summary of oral submissions

The Applicant/Owner as represented by Miguel Tremblay and Scott Alain, Fotenn, and Joey Theberge, Theberge Homes provided an overview of the Application and responded to questions from Committee. The Committee heard from the following delegations:

1. Elizabeth Costello, Carleton Heights and Area Residents Association (CHARA)* although supportive of housing in the area, expressed concerns with height, safety of pedestrians as a result of extra parking and the future costs to residents.
2. Leslie Maitland, Heritage Ottawa* noted the Miller Report referenced in the staff report is flawed in its methodology and conclusions,

touched on the historical importance of the CEF and also supports the idea of addressing the podium to lower height.

3. David Miller noted that the Experimental Farm covers the agricultural climate and soil from Peterborough to Quebec and the impact this project would have on this is enormous as this work can't be done elsewhere.
4. Paul Johanis, Greenspace Alliance* spoke to the negative impacts this development will have on the CEF, noting the decision on this application should be deferred until the Working Group that was created to establish appropriate building height guidelines on the perimeter of the Farm have provided their conclusions.
5. Katie Ward, National Farmers Union although sympathetic to the need for housing in the City, expressed concern with this application and the scientific and cultural impacts it will have on the CEF.

Effect of Submissions on Planning and Housing Committee

Decision: Debate: The Committee spent approximately 1 hour and 58 minutes consideration of the item.

Vote: The committee considered all submissions in making its decision and carried the report recommendations as amended by Motion No. PHC 2024-21-02 and the following directions to staff:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning and Housing Committee increase the maximum allowable podium height fronting along Baseline Road by one additional storey by amending item 8 of the proposed Zoning Exception to read: "Maximum podium height within the first 30m setback from Baseline Road or Fisher Avenue is 7 storeys and 28 metres; otherwise a maximum podium height of four storeys and 16 metres applies to all lands located with Area 'A' and Area 'B' of Schedule YYY."

Direction to staff

Councillor R. Brockington

That Planning staff be directed to undertake discussions with the owner of 780 Baseline Road and representatives of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada with respect to the design of the Phase 2 buildings prior to the submission of a site plan application for that phase, and that staff prepare a memo to

advise Members of Council on the outcome of these discussions prior to submission of a site plan application.

Direction to staff

Councillor R. Brockington

That Planning and/or Legal staff provide a memo to the PHC providing a summary of the federal legislation currently in second reading that is intended to provide greater protections for historic properties.

What does the legislation intend to do, how might it benefit the Central Experimental Farm?

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Pursuant to the *Procedure By-law*, members of the public may not make oral submissions to Council.

Number of additional written submissions received by Council between January 30th after 4 pm (deadline for written submissions to Planning and Housing Committee) and February 7, 2024 (Council consideration date): 0

Effect of Submissions on Council Decision:

Council considered all submissions in making its decision and carried the Committee recommendations as presented.