



**COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT  
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**CONSENT APPLICATION  
COMMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT  
PANEL 3  
PLANNING, REAL ESTATE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

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Site Address: 5000 and 5050 Ferry Road  
Legal Description: Part of Lots 22 & 23, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Fitzroy  
File No.: D08-01-23/B-00252 & B-00253  
Report Date: February 15, 2024  
Hearing Date: February 20, 2024  
Planner: Luke Teeft  
Official Plan Designation: Rural Transect, Rural Countryside, Agricultural Resource Area, Natural Heritage System Core Area Overlay  
Zoning: RU, AG2

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**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS**

The Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department **requests an adjournment of** the applications.

**DISCUSSION AND RATIONALE**

Section 53 (12) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c .P.13, as amended, permits the criteria for the subdivision of land listed in Section 51 (24) to be considered when determining whether provisional consent may be granted by a committee of adjustment. With respect to the criteria listed in Section 51 (24), staff have concerns with the proposed consent. The proposed lots fall within the Natural Heritage System Core Area and no Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been submitted.

The subject properties are zoned RU and AG2, and are designated Rural Countryside and Agricultural Resource Area under the Official Plan. The proposed lots both meet the Rural severance provisions of the Official Plan for lot size, with the severed lots being 2.02 hectares and the retained lands being 20.87 hectares. The proposed new lots fall within a Natural Heritage System Core Area and contain significant woodlands. Planning staff have concerns with the location of the two new lots given the natural features present on the site. Staff will require the owners to submit a scoped EIS to determine whether the lots can be developed while simultaneously protecting and enhancing the ecological functions present on site.

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- City mapping has identified potential thin soils, karst topography and sensitive marine clays on the property. A notice on title acknowledging these features will be required.

## Right of Way Management

- The Right-of-Way Management Department has **no concerns** with the proposed consent Application. However, the Owner shall be made aware that a private approach permit is required to construct any newly created driveway/approach.

## CONDITIONS

If approved, the Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department requests that the Committee of Adjustment impose the following conditions on the applications:

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

2. That the Owner 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.

3. That the Owner 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 thin soils, karst topography, 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.

4. That the Owner acknowledges and agrees to convey to the City, at no cost to the City, an unencumbered road widening across the complete frontage of the lands, measuring 15 meters from the existing centerline of pavement/the abutting right-of-way along Ferry Road and 13 meters from the existing centerline of pavement/the abutting right-of-way along Stonecrest Road, pursuant to Section 50.1(25)(c) of the Planning Act and Schedule C16 of the City’s new Official Plan, if required. 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.
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.

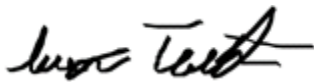
The Owners’ report must demonstrate the following to the City of Ottawa:

- That the construction of any new well on the severed parcel is in accordance with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- That the quality of the water meets the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Regulations, Standards, Guidelines and Objectives;
- That the quantity of water meets all the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks requirements.
- 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 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 Rural Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate.**

6. That the Owner(s) prepares and submits an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the satisfaction of the **General Manager of the Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate.** If the accepted report recommends specific mitigation measures or other requirements, the Owner shall enter into a Development Agreement with the City, at the expense of the Owner(s) and to the satisfaction of the **General Manager of the Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate,** which is to be registered on the title of the property, which includes those recommendations.



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