

**DECISION
CONSENT/SEVERANCE**

Date of Decision	March 1, 2024
Panel:	2 - Suburban
File Nos.:	D08-01-24/B-00006 & D08-01-24/B-00007
Application:	Consent under Section 53 of the <i>Planning Act</i>
Owner/Applicant:	Maria Reitano
Property Address:	2023 Merivale Road
Ward:	9-Knoxdale-Merivale
Legal Description:	Part of Lot 25, Concession A, Geographic Township of Nepean, Parts 1 to 3 on Registered Plan 5R-13723
Zoning:	R1F
Zoning By-law:	2008-250
Hearing Date:	February 20, 2024, in person and by videoconference

APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATIONS

- [1] The Owner wants to subdivide her property into two separate parcels of land to create one new lot for future residential development. The existing dwelling on the retained land will remain.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING

- [2] The Owner requires the Committee's consent to sever her property. The property is shown as Part 1 and 2 on a plan filed with the applications, and the separate parcels will be as follows:

Table 1 Proposed Parcels

File No.	Frontage	Depth	Area	Part No.	Municipal Address
B-00006	31.09 m	33.958 m	1040 sq. m	1	2023 Merivale Road
B-00007	22.99 m	33.958 m	704 sq. m	2	2025 Merivale Road

PUBLIC HEARING

Oral Submissions Summary

- [3] There were no objections to granting these unopposed applications as part of the Panel's fast-track consent agenda.

DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATIONS GRANTED

Application(s) Must Satisfy Statutory Tests

- [4] 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;
- l) 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

[5] 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 cover letter, plans, parcel register, tree information, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
- City Planning Report received February 15, 2024, with no concerns.
- Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email received February 14, 2024, with no objections.
- Hydro Ottawa email received February 13, 2024, with no concerns.
- Ottawa International Airport Authority email dated February 2, 2024, with comments.
- Ministry of Transportation email received February 14, 2024, with no comments.

Effect of Submissions on Decision

- [6] The Committee considered all written and oral submissions relating to the application in making its decision and granted the applications.
- [7] The Committee notes that the City's Planning Report raises "no concerns" regarding the applications.
- [8] 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.
- [9] 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 No. 2022-280, as amended. Information regarding the appraisal process can be obtained by contacting the Planner.
 2. That the Owner(s) provide(s) a revised site plan and Tree Information Report to the satisfaction of the Manager of the relevant Branch within the Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or their designate(s). This report shall be prepared by an Arborist, identifying all trees protected under the City's Tree Protection by-law, and meeting the standards of the City's Tree Information Report Guidelines, including an assessment of impacts related to the as-of-right building envelope and specific mitigation measures where work is proposed within the Critical Root Zone of a protected tree.
 3. That the Owner(s) provide(s) a Grading and Servicing Plan and Site Plan with the locations of proposed structures (driveways, retaining walls, projections, etc.) determined based on the least impact to protected trees and tree cover, as identified in the Tree Information Report, to the satisfaction of the Manager of the relevant Branch within the Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or their designate(s).

4. The Owner/Applicant(s) shall prepare and submit a tree planting plan, prepared to the satisfaction of the Manager of the relevant Branch within the Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or their designate(s), showing the location(s), species/ultimate size of one new 50 mm tree to be planted on the new lot following construction, to enhance the urban tree canopy.
5. That the Owner(s) provide evidence (servicing plan), 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 both the severed and retained parcels have their own independent water, sanitary and sewer connection, as appropriate, and that these services do not cross the proposed severance line and are connected directly to City infrastructure. If they do cross the proposed severance line, or they are not independent, the Owner(s) will be required to relocate or construct new services from the city sewers and/or watermain at his/her own costs.
6. The Owner(s) shall prepare a noise attenuation study in compliance with the City of Ottawa Environmental Noise Control Guidelines to the satisfaction of the Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate. The Owner(s) shall enter into an agreement with the City that requires the Owner to implement any noise control attenuation measures recommended in the approved study. The Committee requires a copy of the Agreement and written confirmation from City Legal Services that it has been registered on title.
7. That the Owner enter into an Agreement with the City, at the expense of the Owner, 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: "The property is located next to lands that have an existing source of environmental noise (arterial road, highway, airport, etc.) and may therefore be subject to noise and other activities associated with that use." The Agreement shall be to the satisfaction of the 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.
8. That the Owner(s) enter into an Agreement with the City, at the expense of the Owner(s), which is to be registered on the Title of the property, to deal with the following covenant/notice that shall run with the land and bind future owners on subsequent transfers: "The property is located next to lands that have an active railway line now, or may have one in the future, and may therefore be subjected to noise, vibration, and activities associated with this use." The Agreement shall

be to the satisfaction of the 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.

9. 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 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 Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate.

10. That the Owner convey a 9m x 3m corner sight triangle located at the intersection of Merivale Rd. and Brookdale Ave. to the City, with all costs to be borne by the Owner(s), to the satisfaction of the Surveys and Mapping Branch of the City. This area will be free of all structures, plantings, etc. and will allow a proper sighting distance for motorists when performing turning movements within the intersection. The Committee must receive written confirmation from City Legal Services that the transfer of the lands to the City has been registered.

11. 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 18.75 meters from the centreline of Merivale Rd. 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. Preferred Conditions for ROW widening (a and b below)
 - a. Pursuant to Section 50.1(25)(c) of the Planning Act and Schedule C16 of the Official Plan, 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 18.75 metres from the existing centreline of pavement/the abutting right-of-way. 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.

- b. The Owner is advised that the required road widening described in 1a above may be reduced or waived under certain situations, as described in Schedule C16 s.2.1.1 (c) of the Official Plan or where the right-of-way requirement exceeds the front yard setback or corner side yard setback, or where an existing building or structure encroaches into the required road widening, as of the day the Consent to Sever application was deemed complete, as applicable, and determined by the Director, Transportation Planning, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department.
12. 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 Applications for Consent.
 13. 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 conveyances 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 **MARCH 1, 2024**



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 **MARCH 21, 2024**, 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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