# **Committee of Adjustment**



# **DECISION** CONSENT/SEVERANCE

Date of Decision March 15, 2024

Panel: 2 - Suburban

File No.: D08-01-24/B-00010

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

Owner/Applicant: Cailey Dunlap

**Property Address:** 2272 Lawn Avenue

Ward: 7 - Bay

Legal Description: Part of Lot 14, Registred Plan 461

R2F Zoning:

2008-250 Zoning By-law:

**Hearing Date:** March 5, 2024, in person and by videoconference

### APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

The Owner wants to subdivide their property into two separate parcels of land for the construction of a semi-detached dwelling. The existing dwelling is to be demolished.

#### CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING

- [2] The Owner requires the Committee's consent to sever the land.
- The severed land is shown as Part 1 on the Draft 4R-Plan filed with the application and will have a frontage of 15.41 metres, a depth of 17.45 metres, and an area of 268.7 square metres. This lot will contain one half of the proposed semi-detached dwelling and will be known municipally as 2272 Lawn Avenue.
- The retained land is shown as Part 2 on said plan and will have a frontage of 15.41 metres, a depth of 17.45 metres, and an area of 268.9 square metres. This lot will contain one half of the proposed semi-detached dwelling and will be known municipally as 2280 Lawn Avenue.
- Approval of this application will have the effect of creating separate parcels of land. The parcels of land and the proposed development will not be in conformity with the requirements of the Zoning By-law and therefore, minor variance applications

(File Nos. D08-02-24/A-00013 & D08-02-24/A-00014) have been filed and will be heard concurrently with this application.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

# **Oral Submissions Summary**

- [6] At the hearing, Jessica D'Aoust, Agent for the Applicant, provided a summary of the applications.
- [7] City Planner, Solé Solak, was present and confirmed she had no concerns with the application.
- [8] City Planning Forester, Nancy Young, responded to the Committee's questions, highlighting that the hedges are not covered under the Tree Protection By-law but that would be the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that the neighbour's hedge is protected during construction.
- [9] Following the public hearing, the Committee reserved its decision.

#### DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATION GRANTED

# **Application(s) 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;
  - 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 cover letter, plans, tree information, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
  - City Planning Report received February 29, 2024, with no concerns.
  - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email received March 1, 2024, with no objections.

- Hydro Ottawa email received February 27, 2024, with no comments.
- Hydro One email received February 26, 2024, with no comments.
- Ministry of Transportation email received March 1, 2024, with no comments.
- A. Ward, resident, email received February 18, 2024, with comments.
- F. and D. Fishman, residents, email received March 1, 2024, with concerns.

#### 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] 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.
- [15] 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 the accompanying Minor Variance Applications (D08-02-24/A-00013 to D08-02-24/A-00014) have been approved, with all levels of appeal exhausted.
  - 2. 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.
  - 3. 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.

4. That the Owner(s) enter into a Joint Use, Maintenance and Common Elements, 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 the Development Review 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.

- 5. 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.
- 6. That the Owner convey a 3m x 3m corner sight triangle located at the intersection of Lawn Avenue and Woodland Avenue 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.

7. 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 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 Lawn Avenue and Woodland 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 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 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.

- 8. That the Owner(s) provide(s) a grading and servicing plan with the locations of proposed elements (services, buildings, driveways, grading, etc.) designed to reduce any excavation within the Critical Root Zones of protected trees and/or to provide sufficient soil volume to plant new trees, to the satisfaction of the Manager of the relevant Branch within the Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or their designate(s). The Tree Information Report must be revised to reflect changes to the site plan and to show the accurate tree protection areas and mitigation measures, including the cedar hedges, if they are to be retained.
- 9. 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 or ultimate size of one new 50 mm tree to be planted on each lot following construction, to enhance the urban tree canopy.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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 **March 15, 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 **April 4, 2024**, delivered by email at <a href="mailto:cofa@ottawa.ca">cofa@ottawa.ca</a> and/or by mail or courier to the following address:

Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment, 101 Centrepointe Drive, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Ottawa, Ontario, K2G 5K7

The Appeal Form is available on the OLT website at <a href="https://olt.gov.on.ca/">https://olt.gov.on.ca/</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:cofa@ottawa.ca">cofa@ottawa.ca</a>.

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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