

**DECISION
CONSENT/SEVERANCE**

Date of Decision	December 22, 2023
Panel:	3 - Rural
File No(s):	D08-01-23/B-00286
Application:	Consent under Section 53 of the <i>Planning Act</i>
Owners/Applicants:	Mary Ann Zandbelt and Metcalfe Valley Farm Inc.
Property Address:	2800 Yorks Corners Road
Ward:	20 - Osgoode
Legal Description:	Lot 22, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Osgoode
Zoning:	RU
Zoning By-law:	2008-250
Hearing Date:	December 12, 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 a new lot for residential development.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING

- [2] The Owners require the Committee's consent to sever land.
- [3] The severed land is shown on a sketch plan filed with the application. This lot will have a frontage of 87.5 metres, a depth of 200 metres, and a lot area of 1.7 ha. This lot contains the existing detached dwelling, known municipally as 2800 Yorks Corners Road.
- [4] The retained land is shown on said plan, and will have a frontage of 60 metres, a depth of 1,004 metres, and a lot area of 18.2 ha. This vacant lot will be known municipally as 2810 Yorks Corners Road.
- [5] The application indicates that the Property is not the subject of any other current application under the *Planning Act*.

PUBLIC HEARING

Oral Submissions Summary

- [6] Prior to the hearing, the Committee received correspondence from the South Nation Conservation Authority (SNCA), on behalf of the Ottawa Septic System Office (OSSO), suggesting that the Applicants seek an adjournment to submit a plan prepared by a professional engineer confirming the location of the septic system on the severed parcel in relation to the proposed lot lines.
- [7] James Holland, of the South Nation Conservation Authority, was present, and stated that he would be comfortable proceeding with the application as scheduled if the submission of the requested plan was made a condition of approval. That way the OSSO could review the more detailed plan prior to the severance being finalizing and would ensure that the setbacks to the existing septic system would meet the requirements of the Ontario Building Code.
- [8] The Committee agreed to hear the application without delay.
- [9] Steve Pentz, Agent for the Applicants, was also present, and stated that he agreed with the conditions of provisional consent as outlined in the City's Planning Report and requested by SNCA.
- [10] City Planner Luke Teeft expressed that the City's concerns with the application would be addressed through the requested conditions.
- [11] The Committee agreed that any approval would be subject to the SNCA condition as well as all conditions requested by the City.

DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATION GRANTED

Application Must Satisfy Statutory Tests

- [12] 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

[13] 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, parcel register, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
- City Planning Report received December 7, 2023, with concerns; received December 6, 2023, requesting an adjournment.
- South Nation Conservation Authority email received December 11, 2023, requesting an adjournment, or an imposition of a condition; received December 8, requesting an adjournment.
- Hydro Ottawa email received December 6, 2023, with no comments.
- Forestry Services received dated November 27, 2023, with no concerns.
- Hydro One email received December 5, 2023, with no concerns.

Effect of Submissions on Decision

- [14] The Committee considered all written and oral submissions relating to the application in making its decision and granted the application.
- [15] The Committee notes that the City's Planning Report raises "concerns" regarding the application that are addressed by the requested conditions of approval.
- [16] 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.
- [17] 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 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 the 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 the 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 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 13 meters from the existing centerline of pavement/the abutting right-of-way along Yorks Corners Road, pursuant to Section 50.1(25)(c) of the Planning Act and Schedule C16 of the City’s new Official Plan. 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 Owner(s) provide proof 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**, to be confirmed in writing from the Department to the Committee, that each existing parcel has its own independent private sewage system, storm/foundation drainage, and well and that they do not cross the proposed severance line. If the systems cross the proposed severance line, are not independent, or do not meet the minimum spacing requirements of the Ontario Building Code and City of Ottawa Hydrogeological and Terrain Analysis Guidelines, the Owner(s) will be required to relocate the existing systems or construct new systems, at his/her own cost.
6. 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 the **Development Review**

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

7. That the Owner(s) enter into an Agreement with the City, 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**, to be placed on title that includes the development envelopes and mitigation measures identified in the “Environmental Impact Statement, Proposed Severance Application, 2800 York’s Corners Road provided by Gemtec Consulting Engineers and Scientists Ltd. and dated November 1st, 2023.
8. That the Owner(s) provides a scaled plan stamped by an engineer demonstrating that all septic systems (existing and replacement) conform to Part 8 of the Ontario Building Code, to the satisfaction of the Ottawa Septic System Office. The Condition will be cleared in writing by **South Nation Conservation Authority**.
9. That the Owners 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.
10. That upon completion of the above conditions, and **within the two-year period outlined above**, the Owners file with the Committee, the “electronic registration in preparation documents” for a Conveyance for which the Consent is required.

“William Hunter”
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VICE-CHAIR

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“Beth Henderson”
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“Martin Vervoort”
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MEMBER

Absent
JOCELYN CHANDLER
MEMBER

I certify this is a true copy of the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa, dated **DECEMBER 22, 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 **JANUARY 11, 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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