

**DECISION  
CONSENT/SEVERANCE**

<b>Date of Decision</b>	October 11, 2024
<b>Panel:</b>	2 - Suburban
<b>File No.:</b>	D08-01-24/B-00152
<b>Application:</b>	Consent under Section 53 of the <i>Planning Act</i>
<b>Applicant:</b>	9610529 Canada Inc.
<b>Property Address:</b>	375 des Épinettes Avenue
<b>Ward:</b>	1 - Orléans East-Cumberland
<b>Legal Description:</b>	Part of Block C, Registered Plan 50M-23
<b>Zoning:</b>	LC5 H (9.5)
<b>Zoning By-law:</b>	2008-250
<b>Heard:</b>	October 1, 2024, in person and by videoconference

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

- [1] The Applicant wants to subdivide their property into two separate parcels of land to create one new lot that will remain vacant for future development. The existing commercial building and associated surface parking will remain.

**CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

- [2] The Applicant requires the Committee's consent to sever land.
- [3] The severed land is shown as Part 2 on the draft 4R-plan filed with the application, will have a frontage of 42.3 metres, an irregular depth, and a lot area of 1,075 square metres. This vacant parcel will be known municipally as 1641 Prestwick Drive.
- [4] The retained land, shown as Part 1 on said plan, will have a frontage of 54.4 metres on Prestwick Drive and 71.4 metres on Épinettes Avenue, an irregular depth, and a lot area of 4,868.4 square metres. This parcel contains the existing commercial building and associated surface parking known municipally as 375 des Épinettes Avenue.
- [5] The subject property is not the subject of any other current application under the *Planning Act*.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Oral Submissions Summary**

- [6] Jeff Kelly and Murray Chown, Agents for the Applicant, provided a slide presentation, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary-Treasurer and available from the Committee Coordinator upon request.
- [7] The Committee noted that, prior to the hearing, the City revised its requested conditions of provisional consent to include a road widening. Mr. Kelly requested that the condition be revised to prevent an irregular street frontage on the severed land. Mr. Kelly confirmed he had no additional concerns with the remaining requested conditions of provisional consent.
- [8] City Planner Elizabeth King highlighted no concerns with the proposed revision to the road widening condition.
- [9] In response to questions from the Committee regarding resident concerns, Mr. Kelly clarified that there is no proposed development for the severed parcel.
- [10] Following the public hearing, the Committee reserved its decision.

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

### **Application Must Satisfy Statutory Tests**

- [11] 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**

[12] 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, parcel register abstract, plans, tree information report, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
- City Planning Report received September 26, 2024, with no concerns.

- Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email received September 26, 2024, with no objections.
- Hydro Ottawa email received September 27, 2024, with no comments.
- Hydro One email received September 25, 2024, with no comments.
- B. Pollen, resident, by phone September 18, 2024, in support.
- T. Iikura neighbourhood petition with 58 signatures, received October 1, 2024, in opposition.
- N. Caverty, resident, email received October 1, 2024, in opposition.
- M. MacMartin, resident, email received October 1, 2024, with concerns.

### **Effect of Submissions on Decision**

- [13] The Committee considered all written and oral submissions relating to the application in making its decision and granted the application.
- [14] The Committee notes that the City's Planning Report raises "no concerns" regarding the application, subject to the requested conditions agreed to by the Applicant's Agent.
- [15] 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.
- [16] 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 conveys to the City, at no cost to the City, an unencumbered road widening across the frontage of the retained lands and severed lands, measuring from the existing centerline of pavement/the abutting right-of-way along Prestwick Drive to back of the concrete curb, 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.

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 a servicing plan or other evidence, to the satisfaction of the **Development Review Manager of the Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate**, to be confirmed in writing from the Department to the Committee, that each existing building and/or unit on the severed and retained parcels has its own independent water, sanitary and sewer connection, as appropriate, that are directly connected to City infrastructure and do not cross the proposed severance line.

If the services are shared, and there is sufficient justification for the service locations to remain, the Owner(s) must obtain Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Conservation and Parks (Environmental Compliance Approval – ECA), must obtain the approval of the Committee to grant easement(s) as required for access and maintenance of the services, and must register a Joint Use and Maintenance Agreement, between the Owners of the services, on the title of the property, all at their own costs.

4. 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 **Development Review All Wards Manager of the Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate**. The

Committee requires 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 **Development Review All Wards Manager of the Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their 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 **Development Review All Wards Manager of the Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate**.
6. 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.
7. 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 a severance for which the Consent is required.

*“Fabian Poulin”*  
FABIAN POULIN  
VICE-CHAIR

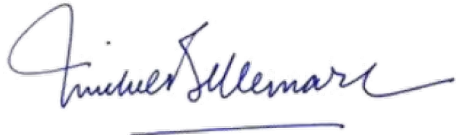
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I certify this is a true copy of the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa, dated **October 11, 2024**.



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 **October 31, 2024**, delivered by email at [cofa@ottawa.ca](mailto:cofa@ottawa.ca) 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 <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](mailto: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**

All technical studies must be submitted to the Planning, Development and Building Services 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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