Committee of Adjustment



Hawa Comité de dérogation

DECISION CONSENT/SEVERANCE

Date of Decision August 30, 2024

Panel: 3 - Rural

File No.: D08-01-24/B-00103

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

Applicant: 1514947 Ontario Inc.

Property Address: 1500 Thomas Argue Road **Ward:** 5 – West Carleton – March

Legal Description: Part of Lots 13 and 14, Concession 3, Geographic

Township of Huntley

Zoning: T1B

Zoning By-law: 2008-250

Heard: August 20, 2024, in person and by videoconference

APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

[1] The Applicant wants to subdivide the property into two separate parcels of land to create one new lot for an existing building fronting onto Huisson Road.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING

- [2] The Applicant requires the Committee's consent to sever land. The property is shown on a sketch and a Draft 4R-Plan filed with the application.
- [3] The severed land, shown as Parts 1 & 2 on the Draft 4R Plan, will have a frontage of 45.65 metres, an irregular depth and a lot area of 9575 square metres. This parcel will be municipally known as 7 Huisson Road.
- [4] The retained land, shown on a sketch filed with the application, will have a frontage of 114 metres on Wingover Private, 76 metres on Thomas Argue Road, 309 metres on Huisson Road and 232 metres on Carp Road, an irregular depth and a lot area of 131 hectares. This parcel is municipally known as 1500 Thomas Argue Road.
- [5] Approval of this application will have the effect of creating a separate parcel of land that will not be in conformity with the requirements of the Zoning By-law and therefore, a minor variance application (File No. D08-02-24/A-00152) has been filed and will be heard concurrently with this application.

PUBLIC HEARING

[6] On August 6, 2024, the hearing of the application was adjourned to August 20, 2024, at the request of Miranda Virginillo and Greg Winters, Agents for the Applicant, to allow time to consult with the Applicant regarding the City's requested conditions of provisional consent.

Oral Submissions Summary

- [7] M. Virginillo, G. Winters and City Planner Luke Teeft were present.
- [8] There were no objections to granting this unopposed application as part of the Panel's fast-track consent agenda.

DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATION GRANTED

Application(s) Must Satisfy Statutory Tests

[9] 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:
 - 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;
- 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

- [10] 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 abstract, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
 - City Planning Report received August 15, 2024, with no concerns; received July 30, 2024, with no concerns.
 - Ontario Ministry of Transportation email received August 13, 2024, with no comments.
 - A. Horra, resident, email received August 5, 2024, with comments.
 - Hydro Ottawa email received August 2, 2024, with no comments.

- Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority email received July 30, 2024, with no comments.
- Hydro One email received July 24, 2024, with no comments.

Effect of Submissions on Decision

- [11] The Committee considered all written and oral submissions relating to the application in making its decision and granted the application.
- [12] 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.
- [13] 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.
- [14] 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 Application (D08-02-24/A-00152) has 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) satisfy the **Chief Building Official, or designate**, by providing design drawings or other documentation prepared by a qualified designer, that as a result of the proposed severance the existing building on [Part 1 on Draft 4R-27607] and existing building on the retained lands, shall comply with the Ontario Building Code, O. Reg. 332/12 as amended, in regards to the limiting distance along the proposed new south property line running

between the existing buildings. If necessary, a building permit shall be obtained from Building Code Services for any required alterations.

- 4. That the Owner(s) provide proof to the satisfaction of the Manager of the Development Review All Wards Branch, or their 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 their own cost.
- 5. That the Owner(s) submit a Phase 1 Environmental Assessment prepared by a qualified person who meets the qualifications prescribed by the regulations, for approval by the Manager of the Development Review All Wards Branch, or their designate, to be confirmed in writing from the Department to the Committee, outlining the assessment of the property and determining the likelihood that one or more contaminants have affected any land or water, in or under the property.
- 6. That the Owner(s) provide a Septic System Assessment Report, prepared by a Professional Engineer or Professional Geoscientist, licensed in the Province of Ontario, to the satisfaction of the Manager of the Development Review All Wards Branch, or their designate, to be confirmed in writing from the Department to the Committee.
 - Required elements of this report include, but are not limited to, the location of the septic system and mantle (if present), an assessment of the condition of the septic system components, recommendations on system performance and remedial works if necessary, and the identification of sufficient area for a replacement septic bed and mantle (as per the Ontario Building Code 2012, as amended).
- 7. That the Owner enter into an Agreement with the City, at the expense of the Owner(s) and to the satisfaction of the Manager of the Development Review All Wards Branch, or their 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.

- 8. 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.
- 9. 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 Conveyance for which the Consent is required.

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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 **August 30, 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 **September 19, 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 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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