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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

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Attention: **Mr. Michel Bellemare**
Secretary Treasurer
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Re: **APPLICATION FOR CONSENTS TO SEVER FOR LANDS AT 505- 507 DAWSON AVENUE, OTTAWA, ON.**
Part of Lot 9, Registered Plan 448
City of Ottawa
Ward 15, Kitchissippi
Zoning R2G
Zoning By-law 2008-250

Dear Mr. Bellemare,

14899237 Canada Inc. has retained Miroca Design Consulting Services to act as agent on their behalf for the preparation of Consents to Sever Application for their lands known municipally as 505 - 507 Dawson Avenue, Ottawa, ON.

The following materials have been enclosed in support of these applications:

1. 1 copy of the completed Application Form
2. 1 copy of this cover letter prepared by Miroca Design Consultants Inc.
3. 1 full-sized copy and 1 reduced copy of the proposed Draft Reference Plan, prepared by Farley, Smith & Denis Surveying Ltd., Ontario Land Surveyors
4. 1 copy of the Tree Information Report & Tree Replacement Plan prepared by Dendron Forestry Services
5. A cheque payable to the City of Ottawa, and a copy of the Deed showing ownership.

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

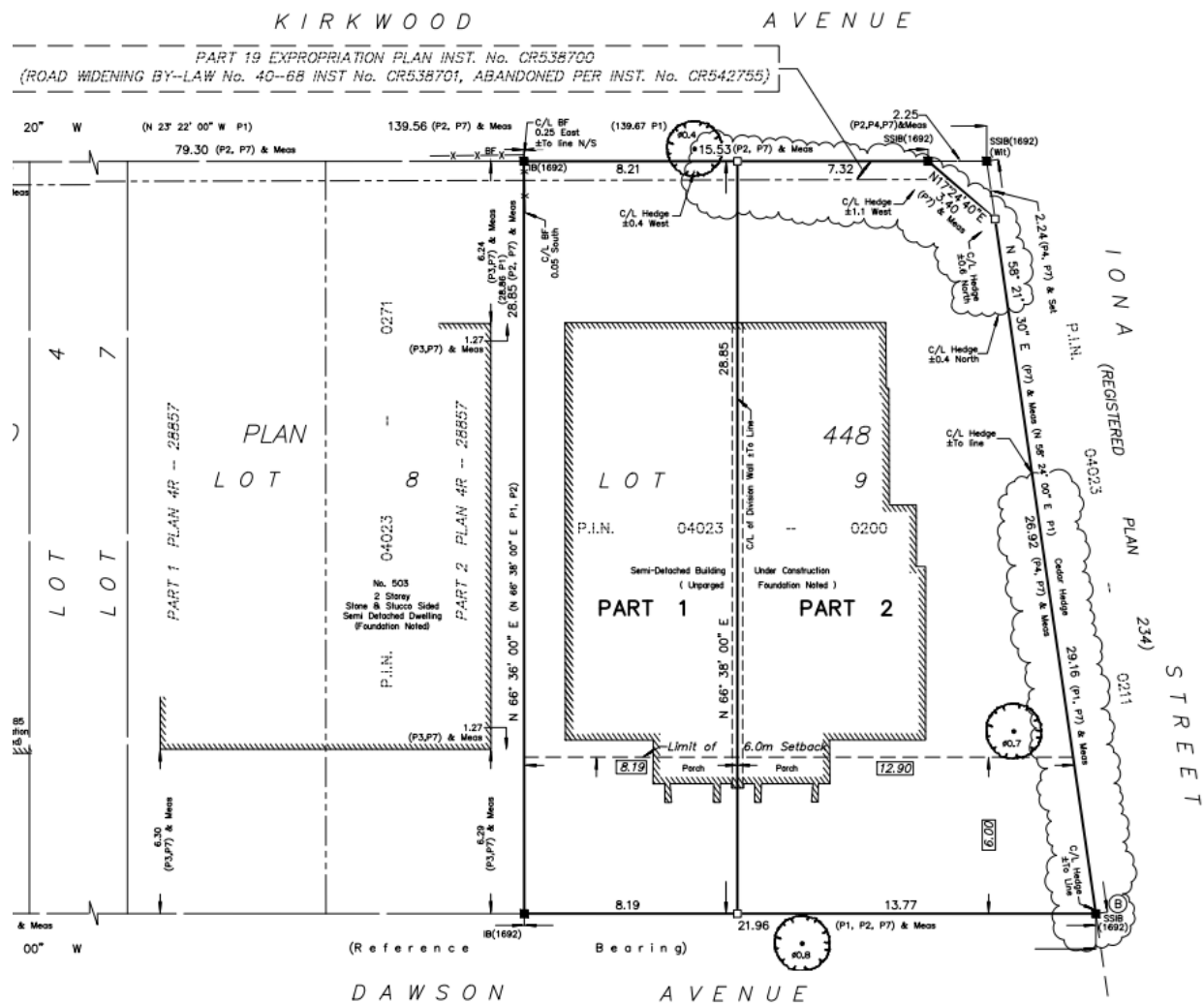
Consents to sever the property into 2 separate parcels to establish separate ownership for each side of the semi-detached dwelling presently under construction.

CONSENTS REQUESTED

In order to proceed, the owner requires the Consent of the Committee for Conveyances. The property is shown on the Draft 4R-Plan filed with the application. The separate parcels will be as follows:

Part No.	Frontage	Depth	Area	Municipal Address
1	8.21m Kirkwood 8.19m Dawson	28.85m	236.6 m ²	505 Dawson Avenue
2	7.32m Kirkwood 13.77m Dawson	28.85m	334.3 m ²	507 Dawson Avenue

Figure 1: Draft Reference Plan Excerpt



CONVEYANCES

The corner through lot will be subject to conditions for conveying corner triangles to the City. 5m x 5m at the intersection of Kirkwood and 3m x 3m at the intersection of Dawson, to be confirmed with Transportation Staff.

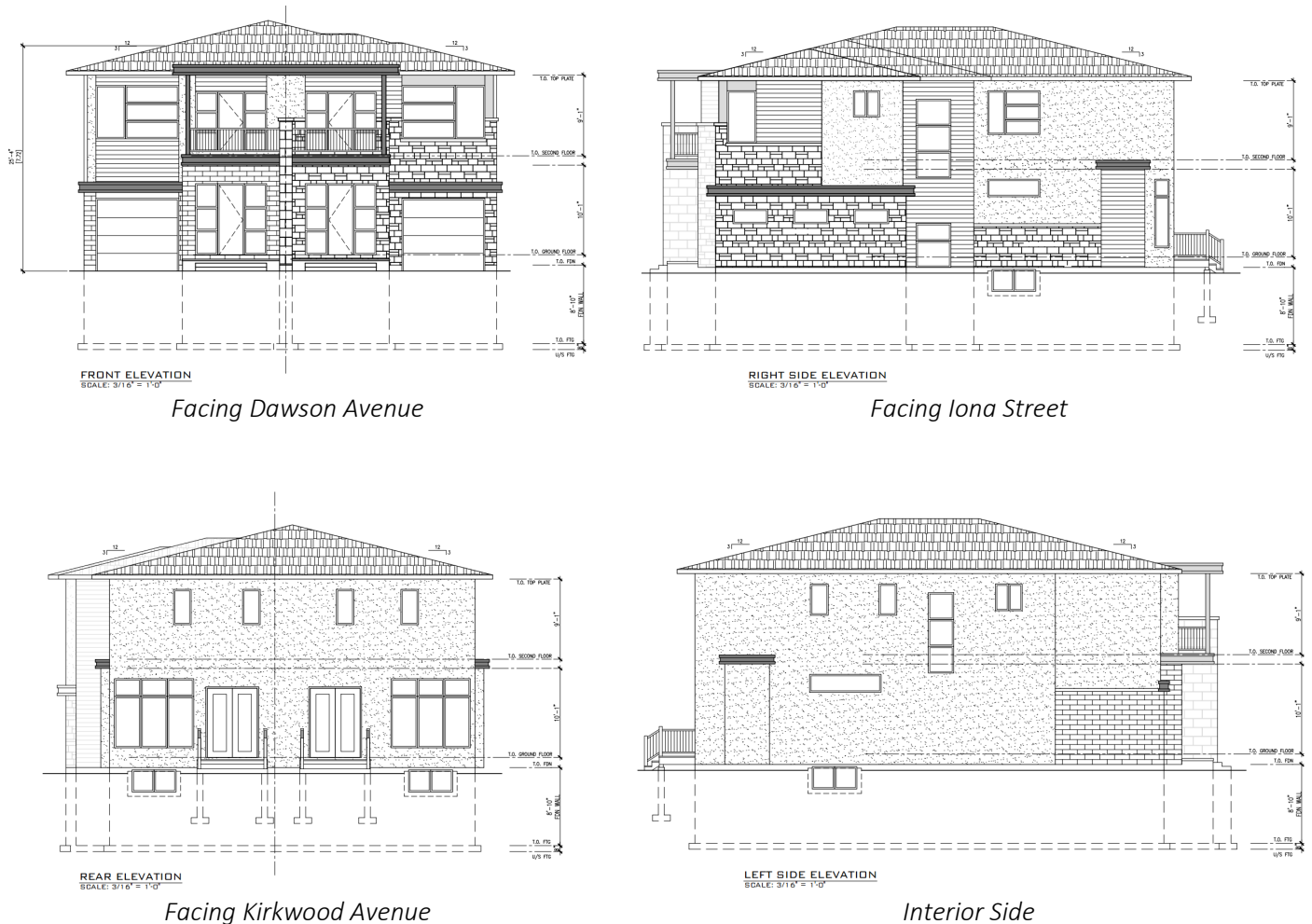
In addition, this section of Kirkwood Avenue is presently subject to a 26m road widening. The Draft updates to Schedule C16 indicate the road widening requirement will be reduced to 24m when the Transportation Master Plan Update is approved. The corner triangles would be taken from this new lot line.

We would like to request the requirements for road widening be waived or reduced as per the criteria under Section 2.1.1(c)(i) in Schedule C16, which indicates that the City may decide to reduce or waive the requirements where a lesser right-of-way is recommended by an area-specific study, in this case the draft updates to Schedule C16.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND AREA OVERVIEW

A new 2-storey semi-detached dwelling is presently under construction on the property. New driveways will access Dawson Avenue, the property also fronts onto Kirkwood Avenue and Iona Street. Kirkwood is an Arterial Road, Dawson and Iona are Local Roads. Transit service is provided along Kirkwood Avenue directly to the East and Clare Street to the South. The area is well served by a range of commercial and community amenities, principally along Richmond Road to the North. Hampton Park and Iona Park are nearby to the East.

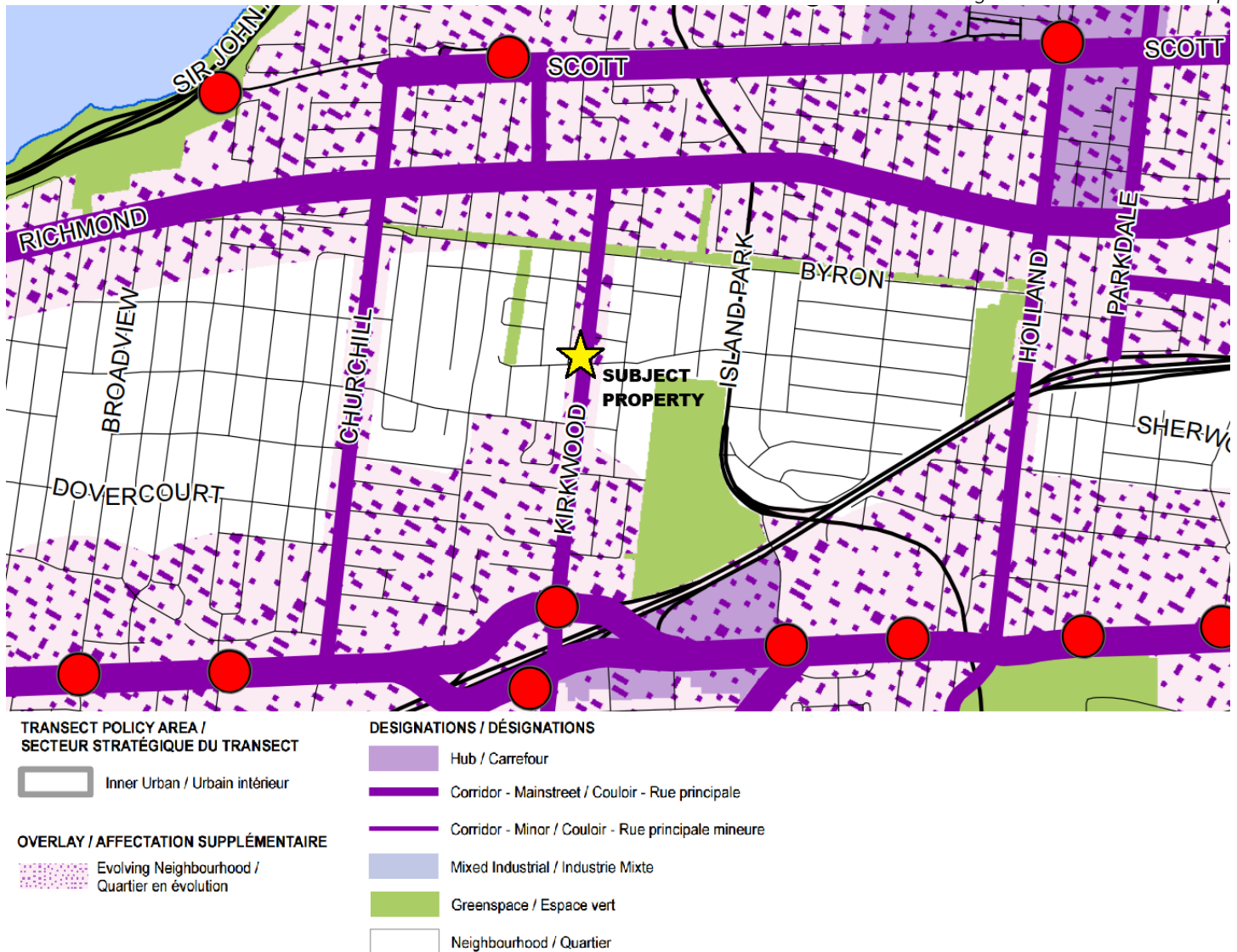
Figure 2: Building Elevations (Under Construction)



NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARACTER

Hampton-Iona is a sub-neighborhood of Westboro, first established in the early 1900's. The majority of the residential development of the neighbourhood took place in the 1940s/50s and features predominantly classic suburban characteristics. Housing along Dawson Avenue is characterized by 1.5 storey single family homes, with many examples of more recent development in the form of 2-storey semi-detached dwellings. The replacement of the existing homes by larger 2-storey semi-detached dwellings on smaller severed lots has occurred throughout this area in the last 5 to 10 years to maximize residential development on these lots.

Figure 3: Site Location Map



PLANNING ACT

Subsection 53(1) of the Planning Act states:

An owner, chargee or purchaser of land, or such owner's, chargee's or purchaser's agent duly authorized in writing, may apply for a consent as defined in subsection 50 (1) and the council or the Minister, as the case may be, may, subject to this section, give a consent if satisfied that a plan of subdivision of the land is not necessary for the proper and orderly development of the municipality. 2021, c. 25, Sched. 24, s. 4 (1).

The proposed severance does not require a Plan of Subdivision, as the proposal is intended to facilitate the creation of one additional residential lot that meets the performance standards of the underlying zoning. The proposed severance does not require the construction of new public infrastructure, including roads and services. The semi-detached dwelling presently under construction conforms to the appropriate performance standards as per the building permit issued, and appropriate site servicing is in place, ensuring that this parcel is developed in a proper and orderly manner.

Subsection 53(12) of the Planning Act states:

A council or the Minister in determining whether a provisional consent is to be given shall have regard to the matters under subsection 51 (24) and has the same powers as the approval authority has under subsection 51 (25) with respect to the approval of a plan of subdivision and subsections 51 (26) and (27) and section 51.1 apply with necessary modifications to the granting of a provisional consent. 1994, c. 23, s. 32."

The proposed severance has adequate regard for the subdivision criteria set out in Section 51(24) of the Planning Act, reviewed as follows.

51(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;

The proposed severance has regard for the relevant matters of provincial interest, including the following:

- *the adequate provision and efficient use of communication, transportation, sewage and water services and waste management systems;*
- *the minimization of waste;*
- *the orderly development of safe and healthy communities;*
- *the adequate provision of a full range of housing, including affordable housing;*
- *the appropriate location of growth and development;*
- *the promotion of development that is designed to be sustainable, to support public transit and to be oriented to pedestrians;*
- *the promotion of built form that, is well-designed, encourages a sense of place, and provides for public spaces that are of high quality, safe, accessible, attractive and vibrant;*

(b) whether the proposed subdivision is premature or in the public interest;

The subject property is located within the City of Ottawa's urban boundary, and within an established neighbourhood. The proposed severance is not premature and is in the public interest as it creates desirable residential lots to increase the available housing supply, and promote context-sensitive intensification within an established neighbourhood.

(c) whether the plan conforms to the official plan and adjacent plans of subdivision, if any;

The proposed severance conforms to the relevant policies of the City of Ottawa Official Plan.

The proposed severance supports higher density low-rise development in the Inner Urban Area as outlined in the Growth Management Framework, Subsection 3.2, Table 3b. The Official Plan promotes diversity in unit sizes, densities and tenure options within neighbourhoods, including diversity in bedroom count availability; and permits a range of housing options across all neighbourhoods to provide the widest possible range of price and occupancy. The proposed severance contributes to this by allocating for quality semi-detached family homes, with additional dwelling units in the basements.

The severance supports the direction of the Evolving Neighbourhood overlay, providing growth in the neighbourhood that is respectful of the established suburban context, while gradually moving towards a more urban model.

The proposed severance contributes to a sustainable community by providing residential uses in close proximity to the transit system, and a range of community amenities including employment and retail uses, thereby reducing travel and improving accessibility.

The proposed severance takes advantage of an underutilized property within an established neighborhood, replacing one dwelling unit with 4 new dwelling units (2 primary, 2 additional) in a way that respects the residential character of the community. This form of gentle intensification is strongly encouraged in the Official Plan.

(d) the suitability of the land for the purposes for which it is to be subdivided;

The subject site was an under-utilized residential lot, strategically situated within an established neighborhood. It is ideally located to utilize existing infrastructure, roads, utilities, and services, thus minimizing the need for new infrastructure and helping to prevent urban sprawl by developing within the established urban area. This lot provides the opportunity to increase density close to employment centers, transportation infrastructure, parks, and amenities. The proposed severance is a thoughtful design, and facilitates orderly development in a location suitable for residential growth.

(d.1) if any affordable housing units are being proposed, the suitability of the proposed units for affordable housing;

No affordable housing units are proposed.

(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 proposal does not suggest any new roads and will not affect highways or the transportation system.

(f) the dimensions and shapes of the proposed lots;

The existing lot fabric of the neighbourhood is predominantly standard 50ft wide regular rectangular lots, and severed 25ft wide semi-detached lots. The proposed lots follow this pattern with a regular 25ft wide rectangular semi-detached lot for the interior unit, and a 42ft wide irregular lot on the corner. The lots meet all performance standards of the Zoning By-law, and comfortably accommodate the new semi-detached dwellings, with ample space for private amenities and soft landscaping.

(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;

With the exception of the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw, there are no other restrictions or proposed restrictions on the existing or proposed lot.

(h) conservation of natural resources and flood control;

The subject property is not located in any floodplains or areas of natural interest.

(i) the adequacy of utilities and municipal services;

The subject property is located within the urban boundary and has access to existing utilities and municipal services. The development is not anticipated to have an impact on the adequacy of utilities and municipal services. Site-specific servicing details were approved with the building permit.

(j) the adequacy of school sites;

The subject property is located in proximity to many elementary and secondary schools as per the Ontario Ministry of Education School Information Finder.

(k) the area of land, if any, within the proposed subdivision that, exclusive of highways, is to be conveyed or dedicated for public purposes;

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(l) the extent to which the plan's design optimizes the available supply, means of supplying, efficient use and conservation of energy; and

The proposed severance within an existing neighborhood efficiently utilizes the current energy infrastructure, minimizing the need for further extensions that could compromise efficiency.

(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).

The proposed development is not subject to site plan control.

In our opinion, the proposed severance meets the criteria set out in Section 51(24) of the Planning Act, a plan of subdivision is not required, and the proposed severance at 505 – 507 Dawson Avenue represents good land use planning.

PROVINCIAL PLANNING STATEMENT

The Provincial Planning Statement was issued under section 3 of the Planning Act and came into effect October 20, 2024. It replaces the Provincial Policy Statement that came into effect on May 1, 2020.

As per Section 3(5) of the Planning Act, a decision by the Committee of Adjustment with respect to a planning matter must be consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (PPS). The Provincial Planning Statement provides policy direction on matters of provincial interest that are related to land use planning and development.

The proposed severance at 505 – 507 Dawson Avenue aligns with the policies and direction of the PPS. The development is an example of efficient land use within the settlement area, supporting sustainable growth by concentrating development where existing infrastructure and services are already in place. By avoiding urban sprawl, this project reduces environmental and financial costs and advances key provincial goals such as housing diversity, affordability, and environmental sustainability. The proposed severance contributes to creating complete, connected communities that balance present needs of residents while accommodating future growth.

Section 2.1: Planning for People and Homes

Policy 2.1.6 encourages planning authorities to support the achievement of complete communities through a balanced mix of land uses, housing options, transportation, and public facilities. The proposed development aligns with this policy by concentrating growth in a well-served residential area, promoting a range of housing options close to community amenities like schools, shopping centers, and recreational spaces.

Section 2.2: Housing

Policy 2.2.1 emphasizes the need for diverse housing options to meet the needs of current and future residents, with a focus on affordability and residential intensification. The proposed severance directly supports these objectives by introducing efficient semi-detached family homes to diversify the housing mix in the region.

By utilizing underdeveloped land within the inner urban area, the development adds new housing options that meet demographic needs. The future dwelling's proximity to greenspace, parks, and active living options aligns with the PPS goal of improving residents' health and well-being.

Section 2.3.1: Settlement Areas

According to Policy 2.3.1, settlement areas should be the focus of growth and development. The proposed severance is located within the City of Ottawa's established settlement area, inner urban transect, which is in keeping with the PPS's emphasis on directing growth to areas with existing infrastructure and public services. By developing within a settlement area, the proposed severance ensures efficient land use and minimizes the need for costly infrastructure expansion. The site's integration into the city's transit network enhances accessibility and supports sustainable urban growth, consistent with the PPS goals of reducing sprawl and promoting livable, connected communities.

Section 2.4.1: Strategic Growth Areas

Policy 2.4.1 encourages development in strategic growth areas, such as major transit station areas, existing and emerging downtowns, grayfield and brownfield sites, lands along major roads, arterials, or other areas with existing or planned transit service. The proposed severance is situated within the inner urban area with convenient access to public transit, aligning with this policy's goal of focusing growth where it can be supported by existing services and infrastructure.

In our opinion, the proposed severance at 505 – 507 Dawson Avenue aligns with the Provincial Planning Statement by promoting efficient land use, optimizing urban infrastructure, enhancing housing diversity, and supporting the development of complete communities. This constitutes sound and sustainable land use planning.

PRE-CONSULTATIONS

Pre-consultations were held with Margot Linker in the Development Review Department.

TREES

Tree protection on site is to continue to follow the Tree Information Report approved with the building permit. Jason Chicquen, Forestry Inspector, has indicated that the tree protection was erected properly and to Forestry's satisfaction.

It is proposed to plant five new large deciduous trees on the property at completion of the project, one to be located in the front yard facing Dawson, and four on the corner side right of way (Iona).

CONCLUSION

It is our opinion that the proposed severance does not require a plan of subdivision and meets the criteria of Subsection 51(24) of the Planning Act; it is not premature and is a suitable and efficient use of the land with minimal impact on the public interest. The proposed severance also meets the intentions of the relevant policies and provisions of the Official Plan, and the Zoning By-law. The proposed severance is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, creating additional lots for residential development within the settlement area.

As the requirements of Subsections 53(1) and 51(24) of the Planning Act are met and the proposal is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, we believe that the Consents sought represent good land use planning and are appropriate for the subject property.

We trust this is satisfactory. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information.

Regards,

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