



# **DECISION**

## CONSENT/SEVERANCE AND MINOR VARIANCE

Date of Decision: May 30, 2025

Panel: 2 - Suburban

**File Nos.:** D08-01-25/B-00039

D08-02-25/A-00050 & D08-02-25/A-00051

**Applications:** Consent under section 53 of the *Planning Act* 

Minor Variances under section 45 of the Planning Act

**Applicant:** J-Mazcor Investments Inc.

Property Address: 1140 Normandy Crescent

**Ward:** 9 - Knoxdale-Merivale

**Legal Description:** Lot 99, Registered Plan 289002

Zoning: R1FF

**Zoning By-law:** 2008-250

**Heard:** May 20, 2025, in person and by videoconference

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

- [1] The Applicant wants to subdivide the property into two separate parcels of land, for the construction of two detached dwellings, as shown on the plans filed with the Committee. The existing dwelling will be demolished.
- [2] On April 1, 2025, the Committee adjourned the applications to allow the Applicant time to apply for an additional minor variance or submit revised plans. The Applicant now wishes to proceed with the applications.

#### CONSENT REQUIRED:

[3] The Applicant seeks the Committee's consent to sever land. The property is shown as Parts 1 & 2 on a draft 4R-plan filed with the applications and the separate parcels will be as follows:

Table 1 Proposed Parcels

File No.	Frontage	Depth		Part No.	Municipal Address
B-00039	14.41 m	78.6 m	999 sq. m	1	1140 Normandy
Retained	16.05 m	78.86 m	1,024 sq. m	2	1142 Normandy

[4] Approval of this application will have the effect of creating separate parcels of land that will not be in conformity with the requirements of the Zoning By-law and therefore, minor variance applications (File No: D08-02-25/A-00050 & D08-02-25/A-00051) have been filed and will be heard concurrently with this application.

### REQUESTED VARIANCES

[5] The Applicant seeks the Committee of Adjustment's authorization for minor variances from the Zoning By-law as follows:

# A-00050: 1140 Normandy Crescent, Part 1 on Draft 4R-plan, proposed dwelling:

- a) To permit a reduced lot width of 14.12 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum lot width of 19.5 metres.
- b) To permit an increased driveway width of 5.5 metres, whereas the By-law permits a maximum driveway width of 3 metres.

# A-00051: 1142 Normandy Crescent, Part 2 on Draft 4R-plan, proposed dwelling:

c) To permit a reduced lot width of 15.62 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum lot width of 19.5 metres.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

# **Oral Submissions Summary**

- [6] Alison Clarke, agent for the Applicant, provided an overview of the applications and responded to questions from the Committee, stating that drainage ditches around the subject site are present, and will be maintained. She confirmed her agreement with City Planning's requested conditions for provisional consent.
- [7] City Planner Nivethini Jekku Einkaran had no concerns with the applications.

- [8] City Forester Nancy Young advised that any previous tree related issues had been addressed.
- [9] Following the public hearing, the Committee reserved its decision.

#### **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:
  - Applications and supporting documents, including cover letter, parcel register, plans, tree information, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
  - City Planning Report received May 14, 2025, with no concerns; received March 27, 2025, requesting adjournment.
  - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email dated May 16, 2025, with no objections; dated March 26, 2025, with no objections.
  - Hydro Ottawa email dated May 7, 2025, with no objections; dated March 21, 2025, with comments.
  - Hydro One email dated March 21, 2025, with no comments.
  - Ontario Ministry of Transportation email dated April 29, 2025, with no comments; dated March 25, 2025, with no comments.
  - Airport Authority email dated April 25, 2025, with comments.
  - A. McAuley, General Burns Community Association email dated March 25, 2025, in opposition.

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

- CONSENT APPLICATION GRANTED
- MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATIONS GRANTED

## **Consent 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;
  - 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).

## Minor Variance Applications Must Satisfy Statutory Four-Part Test

[12] The Committee has the power to authorize a minor variance from the provisions of the Zoning By-law if, in its opinion, the application meets all four requirements under subsection 45(1) of the *Planning Act*. It requires consideration of whether the variance is minor, is desirable for the appropriate development or use of the land, building or structure, and whether the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law are maintained.

#### Effect of Submissions on Decision

- [13] The Committee of Adjustment considered all written and oral submissions relating to the applications in making its decision and granted the applications.
- [14] The Committee notes that the City's Planning Report raises "no concerns" regarding the consent applications, subject to the requested conditions agreed to by the Applicant or their 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.
- [16] 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.
- [17] 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.
- [18] 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.
- [19] Based on the evidence, the majority of the Committee (Member J. Wright dissenting on variance (b)) is satisfied that the requested variances meet all four requirements under subsection 45(1) of the *Planning Act*.

- [20] The majority of the Committee also notes that no compelling evidence was presented that the requested variances would result in any unacceptable adverse impact on abutting properties or the neighbourhood in general.
- [21] Considering the circumstances, the majority of the Committee finds that because the proposal fits well in the area, the requested variances are, from a planning and public interest point of view, desirable for the appropriate development or use of the land, building or structure on the property, and relative to the neighbouring lands.
- [22] The majority of the Committee also finds that the requested variances maintain the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan because the proposal respects the character of the neighbourhood.
- [23] In addition, the majority of the Committee finds that the requested variances maintain the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law because the proposal represents orderly development that is compatible with the surrounding area.
- [24] Moreover, the majority of the Committee finds that the requested variances, both individually and cumulatively, are minor because they will not create any unacceptable adverse impact on abutting properties or the neighbourhood in general.
- [25] **THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT ORDERS** that the consent application is granted and the provisional consent is to be given, subject to the conditions set out in Appendix A to this Order.
- [26] **THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT ALSO ORDERS** that the minor variance applications are granted and the variances to the Zoning By-law are authorized subject to the location and size of the proposed construction being in accordance with the site plan filed, Committee of Adjustment date stamped April 15, 2025, as it relates to the requested variances.

## D08-01-25/B-00039 D08-02-25/A-00050 & D08-02-25/A-00051

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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 **May 30, 2025.** 

"Matthew Garnett"
MATTHEW GARNETT
ACTING SECRETARY-TREASURER

### **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

To appeal this decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), a completed appeal form and the filing fee must be submitted via one of the below options and must be received no later than **3:00 p.m. on June 19, 2025.** 

- OLT E-FILE SERVICE An appeal can be filed online through the <u>E-File</u>
   <u>Portal</u>. First-time users will need to register for a My Ontario Account. Select
   [Ottawa (City): Committee of Adjustment] as the Approval Authority. To
   complete the appeal, fill in all the required fields and provide the filing fee by
   credit card.
- BY EMAIL Appeal packages can be submitted by email to <u>cofa@ottawa.ca</u>.
   The appeal form is available on the OLT website at <u>Forms | Ontario Land Tribunal</u>. Please indicate on the appeal form that payment will be made by credit card.
- IN PERSON Appeal packages can be delivered to the 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 Forms | Ontario Land Tribunal. In person 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.

Please note only one of the above options needs to be completed. If your preferred method of appeal is not available at the time of filing, the appeal must be filed with one of the other two options.

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.

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 you have any questions about the appeal process, please visit <u>File an Appeal</u> Ontario Land Tribunal

## NOTICE TO APPLICANT(S)

Should a Development Agreement be required, such request should be initiated 30 working days prior to lapsing date of the consent and should include all required documentation including that related to transfers, easements, and postponements, and all approved technical studies. If you do not fulfill the conditions of provisional consent within the two-year period, the *Planning Act* provides that your application "shall be deemed to be refused".

Ce document est également offert en français.

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#### **APPENDIX A**

- 1. The Owner(s) provide evidence that the accompanying minor variance applications D08-02-25/A-00050 & D08-02-25/A-00051 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 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 the existing dwelling/building has been removed.
- 4. That the Owner/Applicant(s) provide a revised Tree Information Report, to the satisfaction of the Manager of the relevant Branch within the Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or their designate(s). This report shall be prepared by an Arborist, identifying all trees protected under the City's Tree Protection by-law, and meeting the standards of the City's Tree Information Report Guidelines, including specific mitigation measures where work is proposed within the Critical Root Zone of a protected tree (tree #2).
- 5. That the Owner(s) provide evidence to the satisfaction of both the Chief Building Official and Development Review Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or designates, that both severed and retained parcels have their own independent water, sanitary and storm connection as appropriate, and that these services do not cross the proposed severance line and are connected directly to City infrastructure. Further, the Owner(s) shall comply to 7.1.5.4(1) of the Ontario Building Code, O. Reg. 332/12 as amended. If necessary, a plumbing permit shall be obtained from Building Code Services for any required alterations.

## 6. The Owner(s) shall:

a. Prepare a Noise Control Study, in compliance with the City of Ottawa Environmental Noise Control Guidelines, to the satisfaction of the Manager of Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate. The Owner(s) shall enter into an agreement with the City, at the expense of the Owner(s), that requires the Owner(s) to implement any Noise Control, attenuation measures recommended in the approved study. The Agreement shall also deal with any covenants/notices, recommended in the approved study, that shall run with the land and bind future owners on subsequent transfers, warning purchasers and/or tenants of expected noise levels due to the existing source of environmental noise (arterial, highway, airport, etc.). The Committee shall be provided a copy of the Agreement and written confirmation from City Legal Services that it has been registered on title.

or

b. Design the dwelling units with the provision for adding central air conditioning at the occupant's discretion and 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, warning purchasers and/or tenants of expected noise levels due to the existing source of environmental noise. The Committee requires a copy of the Agreement and written confirmation from City Legal Services that it has been registered on title. The following two conditions will be included in the above-noted Agreement:

## Notices-on-Title respecting noise:

- i. "The Purchaser/Lessee for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns acknowledges being advised that this dwelling unit has been fitted with a forced air heating system and the ducting, etc. was sized to accommodate central air conditioning. Installation of central air conditioning by the Purchaser/Lessee will allow windows and exterior doors to remain closed, thereby ensuring that the indoor sound levels are within the City of Ottawa's and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's noise criteria;" and
- ii. "The Purchaser/Lessee for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns acknowledges being advised that noise levels due to increasing roadway traffic may be of concern, occasionally interfering with some activities of the dwelling occupants as the outdoor sound level exceeds the City of Ottawa's and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's noise criteria."
- 7. 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 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 Manager of the Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate.

- 8. That the Owner(s) enter into a resurfacing agreement with the City to the satisfaction of the Program Manager, Right of Way Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate, and provide financial security in accordance with the Road Activity By-law, as amended, to install an asphalt overlay over the roadway surface of Normandy, fronting the subject lands, to the limits shown on the approved Site Servicing Plan. Where the approved Site Servicing Plan demonstrates that resurfacing is not required based on the City's Road Cut Resurfacing Policy, the Development Review Manager of the All-Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate, shall deem this condition satisfied.
- 9. That the Owner(s) provide a Stormwater Management Report, prepared by a Professional Civil Engineer, licensed in the Province of Ontario, demonstrating a design for post-development stormwater peak flows that are controlled to predevelopment peak flows for all stormwater events up to and including the 100 year storm event. The report shall be to the satisfaction of and approved by the Manager of Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate.

If the Stormwater Management Report includes infiltration techniques, the Owner(s) must provide a supporting Geotechnical Brief prepared by a Professional Civil Engineer licensed in the Province of Ontario, for approval by the **Manager of Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate.** 

Depending on the result of the Stormwater Management Report, the Owner(s) may be required to enter into a Development Agreement with the City to construct the required stormwater system, including potentially posting required securities. A copy of the Agreement and written confirmation from **City Legal Services** that it has been registered on title, shall be forwarded to the Committee of Adjustment.

If applicable, the Owner(s) shall obtain an Environmental Compliance Approval from the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Should the stormwater management system cross property lines or access to the system be over multiple properties, that the owner will seek approval of the Committee to grant easement(s) for access and maintenance of the stormwater system or register a Joint Use and Maintenance Agreement on title of the properties, all at the owner(s) costs.

- 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 a conveyance for which the Consent is required.