Committee of Adjustment



DECISION CONSENT/SEVERANCE

Date of Decision:	June 27, 2025				
Panel:	1 - Urban				
File No.:	D08-01-25/B-00112				
Application:	Consent under section 53 of the <i>Planning Act</i>				
Applicant:	110 Argyle Holding Inc.				
Property Address:	110 Argyle Ave & 455 Metcalfe Street				
Ward:	14 - Somerset				
Legal Description:	Part of Lot 10 (East Metcalfe Street) and part of Lot 4 and all of Lot 5, (South Argyle Avenue), Registered Plan 30				
Zoning:	GM5[6924] H(38) and GM[68] F(2.0) H(18.5)				
Zoning By-law:	2008-250				
Heard:	June 18, 2025, in person and by videoconference				

APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

[1] The Applicant wants to subdivide its property into two separate parcels of land to establish separate ownerships for the two existing buildings. The existing buildings will remain.

CONSENT REQUIRED

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

File No.	Frontage	Depth	Area	Part No.	Municipal Address
B-00112	11.61 metres	31.10 metres	361 sq. metres	1	455 Metcalfe Street

Table 1 Proposed Parcels

File No.	Frontage	Depth	Area	Part No.	Municipal Address
(retained)	28.69 metres		1331.7 sq. metres	2&3	110 Argyle Avenue

[3] The property is not the subject of any other current application under the *Planning Act.*

PUBLIC HEARING

Oral Submissions Summary

- [4] Scott Alain, agent for the Applicant, responded to the Committee's questions regarding a letter of concern from an area resident. Mr. Alain explained that the properties located at 110 Argyle Avenue and 455 Metcalfe Street had merged on title, and the intent of the application was to rectify this and establish them as independent properties. He further indicated that a ramp had been installed to allow access from 455 Metcalfe to 110 Argyle during its construction and expressed that the ramp would be removed and a fence reinstated between the properties.
- [5] Additionally, Mr. Alain requested that the Committee not impose the City's requested condition outlined in the planning report requiring a grading and drainage plan as the properties were developed independently and no further development is proposed.
- [6] With the Committee's agreement, the condition for a grading and drainage plan was removed as a requirement of provisional consent.
- [7] Mark Ouseley, also acting as agent for the Applicant, and City Planner Dylan Geldart were present.

DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATION GRANTED

Application Must Satisfy Statutory Tests

[8] 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;
 - I) 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

- [9] 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 abstract, letter responding to resident concerns, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
 - City Planning Report received June 12, 2025, with no concerns.
 - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email dated June 13, 2025, with no objections.
 - Hydro Ottawa email dated June 6, 2025, with comments.
 - Ontario Ministry of Transportation email received June 6, 2025, with comments.
 - R. Brown, resident, email received June 10, 2025, in opposition.

Effect of Submissions on Decision

- [10] The Committee considered all written and oral submissions relating to the application in making its decision and granted the application.
- [11] 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.
- [12] 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.
- [13] 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.
- [14] 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.
- [15] 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 ORDERS** that the application is granted and the provisional consent is to be given, subject to the conditions set out in Appendix A to this decision.

> "Ann M. Tremblay" ANN M. TREMBLAY CHAIR

"John Blatherwick" JOHN BLATHERWICK MEMBER "Sharon Lécuyer" SHARON LÉCUYER MEMBER

"Arto Keklikian" ARTO KEKLIKIAN MEMBER

I certify this is a true copy of the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa, dated **June 27, 2025**

"Michel Bellemare" MICHEL BELLEMARE 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 July 17, 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</u> <u>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, 4th floor, Ottawa, Ontario, K2G 5K7. The appeal form is available on the OLT website at <u>Forms | Ontario</u> <u>Land Tribunal</u>. 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> <u>Ontario Land Tribunal</u>

NOTICE TO APPLICANT

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

- That the Owner(s) provide evidence, to the satisfaction of the Manager of Development Review All Wards, Planning, Development and Building Services Department, that each existing parcel has its own independent storm, sanitary and water services connected to City infrastructure and that these services do not cross the proposed severance line. If they do cross or are not independent, the Owner(s) will be required, at their own cost, to relocate the existing services or construct new services from the City sewers/watermain. Notice shall be provided in writing to the Committee from the Department confirming this condition has been fulfilled.
- 2. That the Owner(s) enter into an Agreement with the City, at the expense of the Owner(s), which is to be registered on title to deal with the following covenant/notice 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.) and may therefore be subject to noise and other activities associated with that use."

The Committee shall be provided a copy of the Agreement and written confirmation from **City Legal Services** that it has been registered on title.

- 3. Pursuant to clause 51 (25) (c) of the Planning Act and Schedule C16 of the City's Official Plan, the Owner conveys to the City, at no cost to the City, an unencumbered road widening across the complete Metcalfe Street frontage of the lands, measuring 10 meters from the existing centerline of pavement/the abutting right-of-way. 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 shall be provided 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.