Committee of Adjustment



# DECISION

# **CONSENT/SEVERANCE AND MINOR VARIANCE**

Date of Decision:	June 27, 2025
Panel:	2 - Suburban
File Nos.:	D08-01-25/B-00096 & D08-01-25/B-00097 D08-02-25/A-00115
Applications:	Consent under section 53 of the <i>Planning Act</i> Minor Variance under section 45 of the <i>Planning Act</i>
Applicants:	C. and M. Bucciarelli
Property Address:	11, 15 Cleto Avenue
Ward:	8 - College
Legal Description:	Lots 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648 and Part of Lot 649, Registered Plan 375
Zoning:	R1FF [632]
Zoning By-law:	2008-250
Heard:	June 17, 2025, in person and by videoconference

# APPLICANTS' PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATIONS

[1] The Applicants want to subdivide their property into two parcels of land to create separate ownership of two existing detached dwellings.

#### CONSENT REQUIRED:

[2] The Applicants seek the Committee's consent to sever land. The property is shown as Parts 1 and 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	Area	Part No.	Municipal Address
B-00096	30.8 metres	28.915 metres	844.6 square metres	1	15 Cleto Avenue
					Existing dwelling

File No.	Frontage	Depth	Area	Part No.	Municipal Address
B-00097	18.79 metres	28.915 metres	515.2 square metres	2	11 Cleto Avenue
					Existing dwelling

[3] One of the proposed parcels does not conform to the requirements of the Zoning By-law and therefore a minor variance application (D08-02-25/A-00115) has been filed and will be heard concurrently with the consent applications.

#### **REQUESTED VARIANCES**

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

# A-00115: 11 Cleto Avenue, Part 2 on draft 4R-plan, existing detached dwelling:

- a) To permit a reduced lot width of 18.79 metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum lot width of 19.5 metres.
- b) To permit a reduced lot area of 544 square metres, whereas the By-law requires a minimum lot area of 600 square metres.
- [5] The property is subject to Zoning By-law Exception 632, which states that owners of lots on Plan 375 may use a portion of the rear lane not exceeding 1.6 metres in depth for the purposes of calculating lot area. In this case, the portion used to calculate the lot area of Part 2 is 28.8 square metres.
- [6] The property is not the subject of any other current application under the *Planning Act*

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **Oral Submissions Summary**

- [7] Mike Segreto, agent for the Applicants, provided a slide presentation, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary-Treasurer and available from the Committee Coordinator upon request.
- [8] City Planner Nivethini Jekku Einkaran confirmed she had no concerns with the applications and agreed to remove the reference to the airport in the City's requested condition requiring that a noise warning be registered on title.
- [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, plans, parcel abstract, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
  - City Planning Report received June 12, 2025, with no concerns; revised received June 12, 2025, with no concerns.
  - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email received June 13, 2025, with no objections.
  - Hydro Ottawa email received June 6, 2025, with no comments.
  - Ontario Ministry of Transportation email received June 6, 2025, with no comments.

#### DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE:

- CONSENT APPLICATIONS GRANTED
- MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION 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;
  - 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).

#### Minor Variance Application 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 applications, subject to the requested conditions of provisional consent, as amended and 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.
- [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 Committee is also satisfied that the requested variances meet all four requirements under subsection 45(1) of the *Planning Act*.
- [20] The Committee also notes that no evidence was presented that the variances would result in any unacceptable adverse impact on neighbouring properties.
- [21] Considering the circumstances, 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 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 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 Committee finds that the requested variances 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 applications are granted and the provisional consent is to be given, subject to the conditions set out in Appendix A to this decision.
- [26] **THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT ALSO ORDERS** that the minor variance application is granted and the variances to the Zoning By-law are authorized.

Absent FABIAN POULIN VICE-CHAIR

*"Jay Baltz"* JAY BALTZ ACTING PANEL CHAIR "George Barrett" GEORGE BARRETT MEMBER

"Heather MacLean" HEATHER MACLEAN MEMBER *"Julianne Wright"* JULIANNE WRIGHT 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, 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> <u>Ontario Land Tribunal</u>

# 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 application (D08-02-25/A-00115) been approved, with all levels of appeal exhausted.
- 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. 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.
- 4. 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.