Committee of Adjustment



DECISION CONSENT/SEVERANCE

Date of Decision: June 27, 2025

Panel: 2 - Suburban

File No.: D08-01-25/B-00117

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

Applicant: The Trustees of the Arlington Woods Society of the Free

Methodist Church in Canada

Property Address: 225 and 227 McClellan Road

Ward: 9 - Knoxdale-Merivale

Legal Description: Part of Block C, Registered Plan 564019

Zoning: L1

Zoning By-law: 2008-250

Heard: June 17, 2025, 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 establish separate ownership for the existing church and detached dwelling, as shown on the plans filed with the application.

CONSENT REQUIRED

- [2] The Applicant seeks the Committee's consent to sever land and for a mortgage/partial discharge of mortgage. The property is shown as Parts 1 to 3 on a draft 4R-plan filed with the application.
- [3] The severed land is shown as Part 3 on said plan and will have a frontage of 16.57 metres, an irregular depth, and an area of 554.0 square metres. This parcel of land contains the existing dwelling and is known municipally as 227 McClellan Road.
- [4] The retained land is shown as Parts 1 and 2 on said plan and will have a frontage of 95.7 metres, an irregular depth, and an area of 7,548.0 square metres. This parcel of land contains the existing church and is known municipally as 225 McClellan Road.
- [5] The property is not the subject of any other current application under the *Planning Act*.

PUBLIC HEARING

Oral Submissions Summary

- [6] Christine McCuaig, agent for the Applicant, and City Planner Elizabeth King were present.
- [7] 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 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;
- 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

- [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 abstract, photo of the posted sign, and a sign posting declaration.
 - City Planning Report received June 11, 2025, with no concerns.
 - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority email received June 13, 2025, with no objections.
 - Hydro Ottawa email received June 6, 2025, with comments.
 - Hydro One email received June 6, 2025, with comments.
 - Ontario Ministry of Transportation email received June 6, 2025, with no comments.

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.

Absent FABIAN POULIN VICE-CHAIR

"Jay Baltz"
JAY BALTZ
ACTING PANEL CHAIR

"Heather MacLean" HEATHER MACLEAN MEMBER "George Barrett"
GEORGE BARRETT
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 E-File
 Portal . 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, 4th 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 File an Appeal

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

- That the Owner(s) file with the Committee evidence from the Manager of Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate, that the severed land has been rezoned, with all levels of appeal exhausted.
- 2. 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.
- 3. That the Owner(s) provide proof 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, delineating the existing and proposed grades for both the severed and retained lands has been provided to the satisfaction of the Manager of Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate.
- 4. 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 (Collector 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.
- 5. 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 McClellan frontage of the ands, measuring 12 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.
- 6. That the Owner(s) satisfy the requirements of **Hydro Ottawa** with respect to the relocation of the existing overhead services or grant an easement as required, the consent to which is hereby granted.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.