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CONSENT & MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION
COMMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
PANEL 2

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Site Address: 11 St. Claire Avenue
Legal Description: Lots 1635, 1636, 1637 and 1637, Registered Plan 375
File No.: D08-01-25/B-00091, B-00092 and D08-02-25/A-00106,
D08-02-25/A-00108
Report Date: July 17, 2025
Hearing Date: July 22, 2025
Planner: Elizabeth King
Official Plan Designation: Outer Urban Transect, Mainstreet Corridor
Zoning: R1FF [632]

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

The Planning, Development and Building Services Department **has no concerns with** the application.

Staff also note that the correct description of the application is "...proposed ~~duplex~~ **detached** dwelling with additional dwelling units." for files A-00106 and A-00108.

DISCUSSION AND RATIONALE

Section 53 (12) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, permits the criteria for the subdivision of land listed in Section 51 (24) to be considered when determining whether provisional consent may be granted by a committee of adjustment. With respect to the criteria listed in Section 51 (24), staff have no concerns with the proposed consent.

Staff have reviewed the subject minor variance application against the "four tests" as outlined in Section 45 (1) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. P.13, as amended. Staff are satisfied that the requested minor variance(s) meet(s) the "four tests".

A revised Tree Information Report was provided but Staff still require additional information provided to more accurately determine the ownership of the trees along corner side yard and prioritize retention. This has been addressed through conditions included below.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Infrastructure Engineering

- The Planning, Development and Building Services Department will do a complete review of grading and servicing during the building permit process.
- At the time of building permit application, a grading/servicing plan prepared by a Professional Engineer, Ontario Land surveyor or a Certified Engineering Technologist will be required.
- Any proposed works to be located within the road allowance requires prior written approval from the Infrastructure Services Department.
- All trees on City property and private trees greater than 30cm in diameter in the inner urban area are protected under the Tree Protection By-law (2020-340), and plans are to be developed to allow for their retention and long-term survival. A Tree Removal Permit and compensation are required for the removal of any protected tree.
- The surface storm water runoff including the roof water must be self contained and directed to the City Right-of-Way, not onto abutting private properties as approved by Planning, Development and Building Services Department.
- A private approach permit is required for any access off of the City street.
- Existing grading and drainage patterns must not be altered.
- Existing services are to be blanked at the owner's expense.
- Asphalt overlay would be required if three or more road-cuts proposed on City Right of way. This includes the road cut for blanking of existing services, and any other required utility cuts (ie, gas, hydro, etc.).
- This property does not have frontage on a storm sewer.
- Provide a minimum of 3m between the proposed driveway and the fire hydrant.
- Service lateral spacing shall be as specified in City of Ottawa Standard S11.3.
- In accordance with the Sewer Connection By-Law a minimum spacing of 1.0m is required between service laterals and the foundation face.
- Encroachment on or alteration to any easement is not permitted without authorization from easement owner(s).
- Infrastructure Services Department expects the applicant to work together to provide SWM best management practices to reduce and mitigate impacts of development at the time of grading & drainage review.

Planning Forestry

A revised TIR has been provided, making recommendations based on the current site plan. The TIR proposes removal of 4 of the 13 existing protected trees and extensive impacts to the root zones of several other trees through the placement of the driveway and requested reduced corner side yard setback. Prior to the hearing, surveyed tree locations and, if necessary, an updated TIR must be provided to more accurately determine the ownership and the extent of impact of these proposed elements and the ability to adequately protect these trees.

The grading and servicing plan must be designed to limit further excavation within the CRZs of trees to be retained, particularly tree #1; consideration should be given to placement of both sets of services under the driveway.

A tree planting plan must be provided showing all required compensation trees (10, based on the current TIR), prioritizing large-growing trees within the ROW where space allows, to replace the canopy cover lost and to maximize public benefit.

Right of Way Management

The Right-of-Way Management Department has no concerns with the proposed Consent Application. However, the owner shall be made aware that Private Approach permits are required to establish any new future construction of proposed entrances on the ROW, as well as to modify or close an existing entrance that becomes redundant. Please contact the ROW Department for further information at rowadmin@ottawa.ca.

Transportation Engineering

St. Claire Avenue along the site frontage is undergoing sewer renewal this year (CP000857). Construction coordination is required with the City of Ottawa infrastructure project manager. Contact Britney.Mcgrath@ottawa.ca to discuss renewal plans and coordination.

CONDITIONS

If approved, the Planning, Development, and Building Services Department requests that the Committee of Adjustment impose the following conditions on the applications:

1. That the Owner(s) provide proof 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 cost. The value of the 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.
2. That the Owner(s) provide proof, to the satisfaction of the Manager of Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate, that the existing dwelling/building has been demolished in accordance with the demolition permit. 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, to the satisfaction of the Manager of Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate, that the accessory structure has been demolished in accordance with the demolition permit if required or relocated in conformity with the Zoning By-law. Notice shall be provided in writing to the Committee from the Department confirming this condition has been fulfilled.

4. 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.
5. 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 pre-development 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.

The Owner(s) shall enter into a Development Agreement with the City to construct the required stormwater system, including 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.

6. 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.
7. 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, airport) 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.

8. That the Owner(s) enter into a Joint Use and Maintenance Agreement, at the expense of the Owner(s), setting forth the obligations between the Owner(s) and the proposed future owners with respect to the joint use and maintenance of all common elements including, but not limited to, common driveways and common landscaping.

The Owner shall ensure that the Agreement is binding upon all unit owners and successors in title and shall be to the satisfaction of Manager of Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate, or City Legal Services. The Committee shall be provided written confirmation that the Agreement is satisfactory to the Manager of Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate, or is satisfactory to City Legal Services, as well as a copy of the Agreement and confirmation that it has been registered on title.

9. That the Owner(s) enter into a Resurfacing Agreement with the City, to the satisfaction of the Program Manager, Right of Way Branch within the 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 St. Claire, fronting the subject lands, to the limits shown on the approved Site Servicing Plan. Where the approved Site Servicing Plan demonstrates the resurfacing is not required, based on the City's Road Cut Resurfacing Policy, the Manager of Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate, shall deem this condition satisfied.
10. That the Owner/Applicant(s) provide a revised Tree Information Report, to the satisfaction of the Manager of Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate. 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 an assessment of impacts related to the current site plan, and specific mitigation measures where work is proposed within the Critical Root Zone of a protected tree.
11. That the Owner/Applicant(s) provide a Grading and Servicing Plan/Site Plan with the proposed elements/structures (driveways, parking, retaining walls, projections, services, etc.) designed and located based on the least impact to protected trees and tree cover, as well as a revised Tree Information Report reflecting these

changes to the satisfaction of the Manager of Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate.

12. That the Owner/Applicant(s) provide a tree planting plan, prepared to the satisfaction of the Manager of Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate, showing the location(s) and species or ultimate size of at least one new tree (50 mm caliper) per lot, in addition to any compensation trees required under the Tree Protection By-law.
13. That the Owner/Applicant(s) enter into a Development Agreement or a Letter of Undertaking (LOU) with the City of Ottawa, at the expense of the Owner/Applicant(s), and to the satisfaction of the Manager of Development Review All Wards Branch within Planning, Development and Building Services Department, or their designate. A development agreement is to be registered on title of the property (where applicable). The agreement/LOU will include the tree protection and mitigation requirements detailed in the Tree Protection By-law and the approved Tree Information Report (or any approved revisions), and associated securities for tree protection. The securities, which will be based on the value of the City tree(s) to be protected (to be confirmed in revised TIR) shall be retained for two (2) years following issuance of a final occupancy permit, and thereafter returned to the owner only upon the City having received a report from an arborist or appropriate professional confirming that the identified tree(s) is/are healthy, retainable, and remain(s) structurally stable. The Owner(s) acknowledge(s) and agree(s) that if, in the opinion of the City Forester and/or the Manager of Development Review All Wards Branch, the report indicates that any tree is declining and/or must be removed, the security for that tree, in its entirety, will be forfeited.



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