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**CONSENT & MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION
COMMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
PANEL 1**

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Site Address: 425 Tweedsmuir Avenue
Legal Description: Lot 8, Registered Plan 272
File No.: D08-01-25/B-00283 & D08-01-25/B-00284
D08-02-25/A-00269 & D08-02-25/A-00270
Report Date: January 8, 2026
Hearing Date: January 14, 2026
Planner: Penelope Horn
Official Plan Designation: Inner Urban Transect, Neighbourhood Designation, Evolving
Neighbourhood Overlay, Richmond Road/Westboro
Secondary Plan
Zoning: R3R

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

The Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department **has no concerns with** the applications.

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 variances meet the “four tests”.

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.
- 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.).
- Service lateral spacing shall be as specified in City of Ottawa Standard S11.3.

Planning Forestry

There are no tree-related concerns with the requested severance or variances to height or lot width. 2 City trees will require permits and compensation for removal. Consider opportunities to maintain the existing hedge for privacy and habitat. For long semi-detached buildings, 1 tree should be provided for each principle unit, for a total of 4 trees; in this case it is preferred for all trees to be planted in the ROW, including Byron, to provide screening between the 3 storey buildings and the pathway. A grading and stormwater plan must be provided to ensure alignment with the tree protection recommendations within the TIR. Securities are required for the City trees where excavation is proposed within the Critical Root Zones (#2 and 4) to ensure their adequate protection throughout construction.

Right of Way Management

The Right of Way Management Department has **no concern** with the Minor Variance Applications or the Consent Applications. However, the Owner shall be made aware that a private approach permit is required to establish access to each of the newly constructed long semi-detached dwellings. For further information, contact the Right-of-Way Management Department at rowadmin@ottawa.ca or visit the City of Ottawa's Driveways webpage [Driveways | City of Ottawa](https://www.ottawa.ca/en/urbanisme/transportation/Driveways) to submit the Private Approach applications.

CONDITIONS

If approved, the Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department requests

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that the Committee of Adjustment impose the following conditions on the applications:

1. 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) 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.
3. 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, which may include 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 all necessary approvals 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.

4. That the Owner(s) shall:

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

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, Conservation and Parks' 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, Conservation and Parks’ noise criteria.”
5. 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 Insert ROW Name, 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.
 6. That the Owner/Applicant(s) provide a Grading and Servicing Plan/Site Plan/Stormwater Management 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.
 7. 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 (Tree(s) 2 & 4) 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 confirming that the identified tree(s) is/are healthy, retainable, and remain(s) structurally stable. The Owner(s) acknowledges and agrees 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.

8. 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 principle unit (4), in addition to any compensation trees required under the Tree Protection By-law. Planting within the municipal right-of-way should be prioritized, where space allows, to enhance the streetscape and maximize public benefit.



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