



COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF OTTAWA

DECISION CONSENT

(Section 53 of the *Planning Act*)

File No.:	D08-01-22/B-00176
Owner(s):	Kingsley Warwick Armitage & Heather Armitage
Location:	135 Heather Street
Ward:	5-West Carleton-March
Legal Description:	Lot 3, Registered Plan 5R-12271
Zoning:	RR 5
Zoning By-law:	2008-250

Notice was given and a Public Hearing was held on **July 6, 2022**, as required by the *Planning Act*.

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION:

The Owners want to convey a portion of their property to the abutting property owner to the south, known municipally as 3012 Stoneridge Road.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

The Owners require the Consent of the Committee for a Conveyance.

The severed land, shown on a sketch filed with the application, is landlocked, will have an irregular depth of 142.4 metres and will contain an area of 2.36 hectares. This is vacant land and will be conveyed to the owner of the property to the south at 3012 Stoneridge Road.

The retained land, shown on said sketch, will have an irregular depth of 121.9 metres and will contain a lot area of 1.01 hectares. This parcel is also vacant and will be known municipally as 135 Heather Street.

The application indicates that the Property is not the subject of any other current application under the *Planning Act*.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Panel Chair administered an oath to Ryan Poulton, Agent for the Owners, who confirmed that the statutory notice posting requirements were satisfied. In addressing the conditions requested by the City's Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, Mr. Poulton expressed concerns with two proposed

conditions that would require the registration of notices on title, related to water quantity and quality and the presence of karst topography, which had not been requested in connection with previous applications for this property. He also indicated that, if the conditions were imposed and a notice regarding water quality and quantity was required, it was his preference that the technical information regarding exceedances of nearby wells be deleted.

The Committee heard from Stephan Kukkonen, a City Planner, who summarized the reasons for request, noting that the conditions were intended to warn prospective purchasers of possible issues and were triggered by the significant reduction in area for the retained lands. Mr. Kukkonen agreed, however, that the technical information in the water notice could be deleted.

The Committee therefore agreed that, if the application was approved, the condition would be imposed, but amended as discussed.

**DECISION AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE: APPLICATION GRANTED
AS AMENDED**

The Committee considered any written and oral submissions relating to the applications in making its Decision.

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;
- (l) 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).

The Committee notes that the City's planning report raises "no concerns" regarding the application.

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. 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. 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. 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.

The Committee therefore grants the provisional consent, subject to the following conditions, **which must be fulfilled within a two-year period from the date of this Decision:**

1. That the Owner(s) file with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment the following:
 - a. A copy of the Reference Plan and/or legal description of the severed land and the deed or instrument conveying the severed land to the owner of the abutting property to the southwest, known municipally as 3012 Stoneridge Road, so that no new lot is being created, in accordance with paragraph (b) below;
 - b. A Certificate of Official attached to the deed/transfer required by paragraph (a) above containing the following endorsement:

“The lands to be severed are for the purpose of a lot addition only to the abutting lands owned by (*insert name*) described as PIN (*insert property identification number*) being Part(s) (*insert numbers*) on Plan (*insert plan number*), not for the creation of a new lot, and any subsequent transfer, charge or other transaction involving the lands to be severed shall be subject to compliance with Section 50(3) or Section 50(5) of the Planning Act, as applicable. Neither the lands to be severed nor the abutting lands are to be transferred, charged or otherwise re-conveyed in the future without the other parcel unless a further consent is obtained. The Owner shall cause the lands to be severed to be consolidated on title with the abutting lands and for this condition to be entered on the parcel register for the consolidated parcel as a restriction”;

- c. An Undertaking from a solicitor authorized to practice law in the Province of Ontario, and in good standing with the Law Society of Upper Canada, as follows:

“In consideration of, and notwithstanding the issuance of the Certificate under Section 50(12) of the Planning Act in respect to the subject Application for Consent, I undertake on behalf of the Owner, within **30** days of the registration on title of the transfer document containing the endorsement set out in the Certificate of Official issued by the Committee of Adjustment, to file an Application to Consolidate Parcels including the severed land (Part of PIN (*insert number*) and the abutting land (*PIN insert number*)). This PIN consolidation is intended to reinforce the Planning Act stipulation in the condition outlined above that both parcels have merged on Title and cannot be conveyed separately in the future. I further undertake to forward a copy of the registered Application to Consolidate Parcels and a copy of the Consolidated Parcel abstract page(s) to the Committee office within 21 days of the registration of the Application to Consolidate Parcels”.

- d. Where the parcel consolidation stipulated in paragraph (b) and the solicitor's Undertaking in paragraph (c) above cannot be reasonably completed because the parcels of land to be merged have different estate qualifiers, an Application to Annex Restrictive Covenant under Section 118 of the Land Titles Act must be registered on the Title of both the severed lands and on the

abutting parcel that is to be merged. The Covenant, which is to be to the satisfaction of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee, shall advise all future purchasers that the parcels must be dealt with together and not separately, and contain wording set out below or similar wording acceptable to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee:

“These lands have been merged and may not be dealt with separately, without applying for a Consent of the Committee of Adjustment”.

In lieu of the Undertaking provided in paragraph (c), a replacement Undertaking by the solicitor must be filed undertaking on behalf of the Owner to register the Restrictive Covenant on both property Titles within 30 days of the registration of the transfer document containing the endorsement of the Certificate of Official issued by the Committee of Adjustment for this application and to file a copy of the registered Restrictive Covenant with the Committee within 21 days of the registration of the document.

2. That the Owner(s) enter into an Agreement with the City, at the expense of the Owner(s) and to the satisfaction of the **Development Review Manager of the Relevant Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate**, which provides the following covenant/notice that runs with the land and binds future Owner(s) on subsequent transfers:

“The City of Ottawa does not guarantee the quality or quantity of the groundwater. If, at some future date, the quality or the quantity of the groundwater becomes deficient, the City of Ottawa bears no responsibility, financial or otherwise, to provide solutions to the deficiency, such solutions being the sole responsibility of the home owner.”

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

3. That the Owner(s) enter into an Agreement with the City, at the expense of the Owner(s) and to the satisfaction of the **Development Review Manager of the relevant Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate**, which provides the following covenant/notice that runs with the land and binds future Owner(s) on subsequent transfers:

“The City of Ottawa has identified that there are known karst topography and potential thin soils within the area that may require site specific detailed geotechnical engineering solutions to allow for development, the City of Ottawa bears no responsibility, financial or otherwise, to provide solutions to the deficiency, such solutions being the sole responsibility of the home owner.”

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

4. The Owner(s) provide evidence to the satisfaction of the **Development Review Manager of the relevant Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate** that application D08-01-21/B-00029 approved by the Committee on October 15th, 2021 has been withdrawn.
5. 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.
6. 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 the Conveyance for which the Consent is required.

The Consent lapses two years from the date of this Decision.

All technical studies shall be submitted to Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department a minimum of **40 working days** prior to lapsing date of the consent. Should a Development Agreement be required, such request should be initiated **15 working days** prior to lapsing date of the consent and should include all required documentation including the approved technical studies.

Please note that if a major change to a condition or conditions is requested, you will be entitled to receive Notice of the changes only if you have made a written request to be notified.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL:

To appeal this decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), a completed appeal form along with payment must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment by **August 4, 2022**, delivered by email at cofa@ottawa.ca and/or by mail or courier to the following address:

Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment,
101 CentrepoinTE Drive, 4th floor, Ottawa, Ontario, K2G 5K7

The Appeal Form is available on the OLT website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/>. The OLT has established a filing fee of \$400.00 per type of application with an additional filing fee of \$25.00 for each secondary application. 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. If you have any questions about the appeal process, please contact the Committee of Adjustment office by calling 613-580-2436 or by email at cofa@ottawa.ca.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal Decisions in respect of applications for consent to the OLT. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a Member of the Association or group on its behalf.

Please note that there are no provisions for the Committee of Adjustment or the OLT 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.

NOTICE TO APPLICANT:

Applicants are advised to take note of comments received from City departments and other technical agencies like Hydro Ottawa and to consult where appropriate.

DECISION SIGNATURE PAGE

PAGE DE SIGNATURE DE LA DÉCISION

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Owner(s) / Propriétaire(s): Kingsley Warwick Armitage & Heather Armitage

Location / Emplacement: 135 Heather Street

We, the undersigned, concur in the decision and reasons of the Committee of Adjustment.

Nous, soussignés, souscrivons à la décision et à la justification ci-devant rendues par le Comité de dérogation.

“Fabian Poulin”

**FABIAN POULIN
VICE-CHAIR / VICE-PRÉSIDENT**

“Terence Otto”

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This is a true copy of the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa.

Celle-ci est une copie conforme de la décision rendue par le Comité de dérogation de la Ville d'Ottawa.

**Date of Decision / Date de la décision
July 15, 2022 / 15 juillet 2022**



**Matthew Garnett
Acting Secretary-Treasurer / Secrétaire-
trésorier intérimaire**