



## COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF OTTAWA

### DECISION CONSENT

(Section 53 of the *Planning Act*)

<b>File No.:</b>	D08-01-22/B-00197
<b>Owner(s):</b>	773873 Ontario Limited
<b>Location:</b>	20 Cordova Street
<b>Ward:</b>	8 - College
<b>Legal Description:</b>	Lots 1459, 1460, 1461, 1462 & 1463, Registered Plan 375
<b>Zoning:</b>	R1FF[632]
<b>Zoning By-law:</b>	2008-250

Notice was given and a Public Hearing was held on **July 20, 2022**, as required by the *Planning Act*.

#### PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION:

The Owner wants to subdivide the property into two separate parcels of land for the construction of a new detached dwelling on each parcel.

#### CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

The Owner requires the Consent of the Committee for Conveyance, Partial Discharge of Mortgage/Charge and Mortgage/Charge.

The lands to be severed, shown as Parts 1 on the Draft Plan filed with the application, will have frontage of 16.82 metres on Lotta Avenue and 27.48 metres on Cordova Street, and an area of 463.1 square metres. This property will contain one of the proposed detached dwellings and will be known municipally as 93 Lotta Avenue.

The lands to be retained, shown as Parts 2 on said plan will have frontage of 15.11 metres on Lotta Avenue, a depth of 27.48 metres and an area of 415.3 square metres. This property will contain the other proposed single detached dwelling and will be known municipally as 91 Lotta Avenue.

Approval of this application will have the effect of creating two separate parcels of land, which will not be in conformity with the requirements of the Zoning By-law and therefore, Minor Variance Application (D08-02-22/A-00179 and D08-02-22/A-00180) has been filed and will be heard concurrently with this application.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Panel Chair administered an oath to Steve Pentz, Agent for the Owner, who confirmed that the statutory notice posting requirements were satisfied. Mr. Pentz provided the Committee with a detailed presentation, with reference to a location and lot fabric plan, photographs of the streetscape and subject property, as well as a preliminary site plan and elevation drawings.

The Committee also heard a presentation from Nancy Wilson of the City View Community Association. Expanding on her written comments on file, Ms. Wilson submitted that the proposal did not maintain the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law or the City's Official Plan. She also indicated that two mature trees had recently been removed from the subject property. In reference to the City's planning report on file, Ms. Wilson noted that the City would have required the protection of both these trees as a condition of approval.

In response to questions from the Committee, Nancy Young, the City's Infill Forester, confirmed that she was notified earlier in the day that the trees had been removed and proposed that the condition be modified to consider replacement and compensation rather than retention.

The Committee also heard from Gwyneth Davidson of 95 St. Claire Avenue, who spoke to the impact of the loss of the trees on the community, as well as the importance of providing adequate lot areas for drainage purposes, since there are no storm sewers in the area.

Cass Schlauzero of the City's Planning Real Estate and Economic Development Department was also in attendance and indicated that she had no concerns with the application.

Also in attendance was Jill Prot of the City View Community Association.

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

The Committee considered any written and oral submissions relating to the application 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. The majority of the Committee (Member C. White dissenting for the reasons below) 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 majority of 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 majority of 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 majority of 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.

*Member C. White dissents. In his opinion, the requested variances, the authorization of which is necessary for the approval of this consent application, would facilitate the development of two detached dwellings on lots that are significantly undersized relative to applicable zoning standards, and therefore do not maintain the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.*

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) provide evidence that the accompanying Minor Variance Applications (D08-02-22/A-00179 and D08-02-22/A-00180) have been approved, with all levels of appeal exhausted.
2. That the Owner(s) provide evidence 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 costs. The value of land otherwise required to be conveyed shall be determined by the City of Ottawa in accordance with the provisions of By-Law No. 2009-95, as amended. Information regarding the appraisal process can be obtained by contacting the Planner.
3. That the Owner(s) provide proof to the satisfaction of the **Development Review Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate**, to be confirmed in writing from the Department to the Committee, that the existing dwelling has been removed, that the existing sewer services are capped at the sewer and that the existing water service is blanked at the watermain.

4. That the Owner(s) provide evidence (servicing plan), to the satisfaction of the **Development Review Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate**, to be confirmed in writing from the Department to the Committee, that both the severed and retained parcels have their own independent water, sanitary and sewer connection, as appropriate, and that these services do not cross the proposed severance line and are connected directly to City infrastructure. If they do cross the proposed severance line, or they are not independent, the Owner(s) will be required to relocate or construct new services from the city sewers and/or watermain at his/her own costs.
5. That the Owner(s) provide evidence to the satisfaction of the **Development Review Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate**, to be confirmed in writing from the Department to the Committee, that the accessory structure has been demolished in accordance with the demolition permit or relocated in conformity with the Zoning By-law.
6. The Owner(s) shall:
  - a. Prepare a noise attenuation study in compliance with the City of Ottawa Environmental Noise Control Guidelines to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate. The Owner(s) shall also enter into an agreement with the City that requires the Owner to implement any noise control attenuation measures recommended in the approved study. The Agreement will also deal with any covenants/notices recommended in the approved study, that shall be registered on the title 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 Agreement shall be to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate. The Committee of Adjustment requires a copy of the Agreement and written confirmation from City Legal Services that it has been registered on title.

**or**

  - b. Design the dwelling units with central air conditioning 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 will bind future owners on subsequent transfers, warning purchasers and/or tenants of expected noise levels due to the existing source of environmental noise. 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 supplied with a central air conditioning system which 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 and Climate Change’s noise criteria.”
  - ii. “The Purchaser/Lessee for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns acknowledges being advised that despite the inclusion of noise control features in this development and within building units, noise levels from 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 and Climate Change’s noise criteria.”
7. That the Owner(s) provide evidence 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, has been submitted to the satisfaction of the **Development Review Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate** to be confirmed in writing from the Department to the Committee. The grading and drainage plan shall delineate existing and proposed grades for both the severed and retained properties, to the satisfaction of the Development Review Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate.
8. That the Owner(s) enter into a Development Agreement with the City, at the expense of the Owner(s) and to the satisfaction of the **Development Review Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate**, to require that an asphalt overlay will be installed, at the Owner(s) expense, on Cordova Street, fronting the subject lands, over the entire public driving surface area within the limits of the overlay, if the approved Site Servicing Plan shows three or more cuts within the pavement surface. The overlay must be carried out to the satisfaction of Development Review Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate. The Committee

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

If the Development Review Manager of the West Branch within Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate determines that a Development Agreement requiring an asphalt overlay is no longer necessary, this condition shall be deemed as fulfilled.

9. That the Owner(s) convey a 5 m x 5 m corner sight triangle located at the intersection of Cordova Street and Lotta Avenue to the City, with all costs to be borne by the Owner(s), to the satisfaction of the Surveys and Mapping Branch of the City. This area will be free of all structures, plantings, etc. and will allow a proper sighting distance for motorists when performing turning movements within the intersection. The Committee must receive written confirmation from City Legal Services that the transfer of the lands to the City has been registered.
10. That the Owner(s) convey, if required, at no charge to the City of Ottawa, sufficient frontage across the severed and retained lands to provide for a road right-of-way measuring 12 meters from the centreline of Cordova Street. 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 requires written confirmation from City Legal Services that the transfer of the widening to the City has been registered.  
  
If the Owner's Surveyor determines that the widening condition has already been satisfied, it must be indicated on the Draft Reference Plan and submitted to the City Surveyor for approval. The Committee requires written confirmation from the City Surveyor confirming that the widening is not required.
11. That the Owner/Applicant(s) prepare and submit a tree planting plan, prepared to the satisfaction of the **General Manager of the Planning, Real Estate, and Economic Development Department, or his/her designate**, showing the location(s) of the specified number of compensation trees (50mm caliper) required under the Tree Protection By-law, for trees 2 and 3, which were removed without permits.
12. That the Owner(s) enter into an Agreement with the City, through a Development Agreement or Letter of Undertaking, 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**, agreeing to prepare and implement the tree planting plan and to provide securities in the amount of \$400 per tree for a period of 1 year from the issuance of the final occupancy permit. Compensation for any trees which cannot be planted on site will be paid to Forestry Services with the tree permit application.

13. 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.
14. 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, Partial Discharge of Mortgage/Charge and Mortgage/Charge for which the Consent is required.

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

All technical studies must 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 18, 2022**, delivered by email at [cofa@ottawa.ca](mailto:cofa@ottawa.ca) and/or by mail or courier to the following address:

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 <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](mailto: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**

**File No. / Dossier n°:** D08-01-22/B-00197  
**Owner(s) / Propriétaire(s):** 773873 Ontario Limited  
**Location / Emplacement:** 20 Cordova Street

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

Nous, soussignés, souscrivons à la décision et aux motifs rendus par le Comité de dérogation.

***“Ann M. Tremblay”***

**ANN M. TREMBLAY  
CHAIR / PRÉSIDENTE**

***“Kathleen Willis”***

**KATHLEEN WILLIS  
MEMBER / MEMBRE**

***“Scott Hindle”***

**SCOTT HINDLE  
MEMBER / MEMBRE**

**Dissent / Dissident**

**COLIN WHITE  
MEMBER / MEMBRE**

**Absent / Absente**

**JULIA MARKOVICH  
MEMBER / MEMBRE**

I certify that this is a true copy of the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa.

Je certifie que 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 29, 2022 / 29 juillet 2022**




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