

## Summary of Written and Oral Submissions<sup>1</sup>

### Modification to Official Plan Amendment N<sup>o</sup> 136, Regarding Minimum Building Heights in Kanata Town Centre

Note: This is a draft Summary of the Written and Oral Submissions received in respect of Modification to Official Plan Amendment N<sup>o</sup> 136, Regarding Minimum Building Heights in Kanata Town Centre (ACS2020-PIE-EDP-0006), prior to City Council's consideration of the matter on April 22, 2020.

The final Summary will be presented to Council for approval at its meeting of May 13, 2020, in the report titled 'Summary of Oral and Written Public Submissions for Items Subject to the *Planning Act* 'Explanation Requirements' at the City Council Meeting of April 22, 2020'. Please refer to the 'Bulk Consent' section of the Council Agenda of May 13, 2020 to access this item.

In addition to those outlined in the Consultation Details section of the report, the following outlines the written and oral submissions received between the publication of the report and prior to City Council's consideration:

#### Number of delegations/submissions

Number of delegations at Committee: 0

Number of written submissions received by Planning Committee between March 30 (the date the report was published to the City's website with the agenda for this meeting) and April 9, 2020 (committee meeting date): 3

#### Primary concerns, by individual

##### **Martinraj Manadan** (written submission)

- building high rises in general need to be reviewed
  - more high rises would intensify the pain to already congested traffic conditions, increase the adverse effect on public parking, and more unknown visitor parking in community neighbourhoods

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<sup>1</sup> The associated meeting was held through Electronic Participation in accordance with Bill 187, the *Municipal Emergency Act*, and an Order in Council of March 28, 2020, which amended the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* and prohibits organized public events of more than five people. The meeting was live streamed and archived on the Ottawa City Council YouTube Channel. Persons wishing to provide comments to the Planning Committee on any of the items listed on the associated agenda were strongly encouraged to submit such comments in writing, by email to the Committee Coordinator, or by calling the Committee Coordinator at the number provided.

- increased density
  - while increased density is good to effectively use existing resources, it seems there is no available data to confirm the efficiency of this; for example, data on how much vehicular traffic is feasible, width of neighbourhood roads (which is getting narrower in newer developments), enough space of parks for young ones to play, and sizable open area for residents to come out or walk, run; these things determine the quality of family life for a common man
  - building a “Liveable Community” is not possible without addressing these above-mentioned items
- Indirect implications
  - environmental factors such as air and noise pollution due to increased activity of traffic
  - the wildlife habitat in whatever left-over open areas in the neighbourhood, is another collateral loss; the earth belongs to them as much as to humans

**Trevor Haché** (written submission)

- raised concerns that the City did not have a process in place to permit public delegations at this meeting (which took place via virtual means) and questioned whether the committee would allow public deputations on this item during the meeting
- indicated the City’s approach of only allowing written submissions from the public at this meeting was inadequate and asked the accommodation of ‘live’ public delegations (on-line or by phone) be prioritized for committee meetings from this day forward

**Primary reasons for support, by individual**

**Ursula K. Melinz, Partner, Soloway Wright LLP, for Richcraft (appellant to OPA 136)**  
(written submission)

- Indicated they were supportive of the OPA amendment as stated in the staff report and with the staff report as written

**Effect of Submissions on Planning Committee Decision:** Debate: The Committee spent 4 minutes on the item

Vote: The committee considered all written submissions in making its decision and carried the report recommendations as presented

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Number of additional written submissions received by Council between April 9 (Planning Committee consideration date) and April 22, 2020 (Council consideration date): 0

### **Effect of Submissions on Council Decision:**

Council considered all written submissions in making its decision and carried the report recommendations without amendment.