

Summary of Written and Oral Submissions

Zoning By-law Amendment – 593 Laurier Avenue West

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 February 1 (the date the report was published to the City's website with the agenda for this meeting) and February 11, 2021 (committee meeting date): 3

Primary concerns, by individual

Andrée Marchessault (written submission)

- the four existing dwellings should be preserved as well as all architectural details (inside and outside) of the Andrew Fleck home
- it is not realistic to assume that tenants do not need parking, as it is essential in many people's lives, even though they can and do use public transit, and not providing parking to tenants where they live does not seem reasonable
- the plans appear to dwarf the home and create a dark sad somber area, which takes away from the charm and beauty of this heritage house
- use of warm ambient lighting on the premises and walkways will create an attractive look to the heritage home rather than cold, blue LED lighting (which would perhaps make it appear like a hospital parking lot)
- non-slip surfaces for pedestrian areas (e.g. flooring and walkways) should be considered when choosing materials

Brad Herbert (written submission)

- the proposed rezoning to allow a nine floor apartment building to be built on such a small area of land around the Heritage House is concerning; the proposed building takes away from the beauty of the home, which would no longer be the focal point of the lot
- the heritage home is a pride of Ottawa and the neighbourhood in particular, between Bronson and Cambridge St West, where the tallest building is four stories and made of brick, just like the heritage home

- the beauty of the heritage home includes how it stands out by itself on the property, which will be forever changed if the nine story apartment building is allowed to be built
- the proposed closeness of the apartment building will be detrimental to the east facing apartments of the building beside it
- the proposed building will affect parking in the area, as well as many other issues outlined in the Dalhousie Community Association's submission

Hui Ling (written submission)

- this heritage treasure should be saved, as not many heritage buildings remain intact in Ottawa/center town; it was designated a heritage building to preserve its rich history and architectural features
- the apartment buildings besides and opposite this heritage treasure house are 2-3 storeys with exteriors that conform to its attractive heritage appearance; mid- and high-rise apartments were constructed on another side of Bronson Avenue, where this developer could build its rental tower without amending zoning bylaws or changing/damaging Alexander Fleck House

Primary reasons for support, by individual

none provided

Effect of Submissions on Planning Committee Decision: Debate: The Committee spent 7 minutes in consideration of the item.

Vote: The committee considered all 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 February 11 (Planning Committee consideration date) and February 24, 2021 (Council consideration date): 1

Primary concerns, by individual

Brad Herbert

- reiterated concerns of his previous submission to Planning Committee about the impacts of the proposed building on the existing heritage house (Andrew Fleck House), on the apartment building beside it, and on the neighbourhood
- hoped that everything will be done to protect their apartment building from being

damaged, given how close the new building would be built

- thanked the Dalhousie Community Association for their hard work and efforts
- noted that things from a distance often appear different than when you are up close and invited Councillors to come to this neighbourhood and stand in front of the Heritage Home and envision what it will look like when the nine story apartment building is wrapped around it and dwarfs it

Effect of Submissions on Council Decision:

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