

To Committee of Adjustment Meeting Nov 10, 2020

Re: Architectural Conservancy Cobourg & East Northumberland opposition letter regarding severance application for 171 Bagot St.

The Architectural Conservancy of Cobourg & East Northumberland (ACO) mission to encourage the conservation of cultural heritage districts, landscapes, streetscapes of architectural and historic and cultural significance conflicts with the severance application of 171 Bagot St.

ACO opposes the severance, specifically to preserve the integrity of The Heritage West District. The small scale of the proposed new house does not conform with existing, larger, well established homes on the block. From a streetscape perspective, the proposed house design is not consistent with the integrity of the historic district and this block of Bagot St.

Parking spaces at the immediate front of the proposed house would severely deter and distract from the ambience of the street. Other houses have side driveways, not directly interfering with the streetscape. In an area where street parking is limited, this is even more problematic during the winter months when Albert St parking is restricted for snow removal and the overflow of vehicles that park on Bagot St. Combined with 2 parking spaces in front of 171 Bagot St, the area could resemble a parking lot, inconsistent with ACO mission.

Regards,

ACO Co-chairs Esther Robson and Barb Robins