

October 6, 2008

Ms. Janet Davis, Chair
Toronto & East York Community Council
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M5H 2N2

Re: 12 Sully Crescent (A0622/08TEY) – Appeal to Committee of Adjustment Decision and Request for Legal and other City Staff attendance at the Ontario Municipal Board

Dear Ms. Davis,

As the Toronto City Councillor for the area, I am writing to express my deep concerns with regards to the proposed development of 12 Sully Crescent (File number: A0622/08TEY).

On September 10, 2008, the Committee of Adjustment refused an application from 12 Sully Crescent to demolish the existing two-storey detached dwelling and detached garage and to construct a new three-storey dwelling with a rear at-grade garage attached with the basement.

In its ruling (see attached), the Committee of Adjustment stated that the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law are not maintained; and that the variances are neither minor nor considered desirable for the appropriate development of the land.

As well, in its letter dated September 3, 2008 (see attached) Community Planning stated the development represents an excessive redevelopment of the site and, as such, is not in keeping with the letter and spirit of the City's Zoning By-Law or the Official Plan.

Furthermore, in my letter to the Committee dated September 8, 2008 (see attached) I stated that there are a number of protected (by City By-laws) trees which are city-owned and at least one privately-owned tree that would likely be seriously, if not fatally, injured by the proposal as submitted.

The owners of 12 Sully Crescent will present their appeal of the Committee of Adjustment refusal at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) on a date yet to be set by the OMB. I am recommending that City Council direct a City Solicitor to attend any future OMB hearings for A0622/08TEY to uphold the decision of the Committee of Adjustment.

Sincerely,

Joe Pantalone
Deputy Mayor
City of Toronto
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