

Committee of Adjustments  
Centrepointe Drive  
Ottawa, ON K2G 5K7  
November 2, 2011

Re:  
Consent Applications D08-01-11/B-00419 & D08-01-11/B-00420 **and**  
Minor Variance Applications D08-02-11/A-00346& D08-02-11/A-00347

Dear CoA,

The Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Association (CHNA) continues to oppose the request for minor variance on the property located at 211 Melrose.

According to a speech made by Councilor Peter Hume and supported by Mayor Jim Watson "The city, will tell developers they must comply with zoning. It's there for a reason ... so that everyone knows the rules when they buy into a community, from small business owners, to homeowners to giant developers. The rules are there, and for a change, the city will defend them."

As a community we are pleased to hear the City's pledge to defend and uphold zoning by-laws. The proposed variance would make the new property lot one of the smallest in the neighbourhood and should not be viewed as "minor".

Infill development of any kind should integrate carefully with the existing neighborhood fabric with respect to block patterns, scale, building features, landscaping, and other characteristics of the neighborhood. This proposed development meets none of those guidelines. If Melrose were a street requiring "re-gentrification" or the existing home were sitting on a double lot this application would have more merit. However, neither of these factors exists.

The CHNA trusts that you will align your decision on this matter with the pledge made last month by the Chair of Planning and Development and the Mayor of Ottawa and again uphold and enforce the current zoning by-law because it was and continues to be the right decision.

Sincerely,



Amanda Farris

President  
CHNA