



November 13, 2019

Attn: Planning Committee

**Re: Agenda Item 4. Zoning By-Law Amendment and Plan of Subdivision –
21 Withrow Avenue**

Heritage Ottawa was recently made aware of the consideration of this item by Planning Committee at its meeting on November 14.

In 2016, Heritage Ottawa supported the designation of Kilmorie House under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* “including enough surrounding land to provide adequate setback and context.”

We also supported efforts by members of the City View community under the auspices of the Kilmorie Heritage Society (KHS) to preserve it and the entire property at 21 Withrow Avenue for public use. We were pleased when the City designated the house and were heartened by the efforts of the community to seek approval to preserve it and the surrounding property as a municipal park.

The ward councillor supported this community initiative and encouraged the Society to seek ways in which the area could be preserved for public use. When they learned that public funds were not available to purchase the property, the KHS in conjunction with Councillor Chiarelli explored the option of raising funds through a local tax levy.

Although Heritage Ottawa has not been involved in this matter since the designation of Kilmorie House, it is our understanding that the KHS has been diligently seeking support for the park concept and has made some progress in being able to propose a way in which their wishes could be realized.

We therefore urge Planning Committee to delay recommendation of the Zoning By-Law Amendment and Plan of Subdivision until the KHS has had an opportunity to present their most recent plans to the ward councillor and City staff.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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