

2)A/105/2023  
15 Forster Park Drive  
PLAN 776 LOT 25

*Proposed*

**Under Section 45(1) of the *Planning Act***

**Zoning By-law 2014-014 requirements — RL4, Residential**

1. To increase the maximum height to 9.9 metres.

Comments From:

Letters of Support (7):

Letter of Opposition (1):



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Date: May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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Attn: Secretary-Treasurer

RE: 15 Forster Park, Oakville, ON L6K 1Y5

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I/We support the variance which will be requested at the Committee of Adjustment Hearing.

Name:

Patrick J. Wilson

Signature:

[Signature]

Address:



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Name: Rosa Vecchicci Signature: R Vecchia

Address: [REDACTED] Forster Park Drive

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Name: Sonia McClelland

Signature: 

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Name:

*K. v. G. Orlowski*

Signature:

*[Signature]*

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Name:

Licia Monachese

Signature:

L. Monachese

Address



Glenmanor Drive, Oakville

Date:

12<sup>th</sup>

May 2025





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Name: MARK PODHORSKI

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:  Queen Mary Drive, Oakville

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May 12, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

We oppose the minor variance application submitted in connection with 15 Forster Park Drive, Oakville

(the "Subject Property"). In doing so, we concur with the conclusions of the planning services staff and our neighbors located at [REDACTED] Forster Park Drive that the Subject Property's proposal does not maintain the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan.

In addition to the points raised by others, we respectfully note our objection to the Subject Property's calculation of floor area ratio ("FAR") as not in strict compliance with the text and intent of Zoning By-law 2014-014. The definition of Floor Area, Residential "means the aggregate area of a residential building containing a dwelling measured from the exterior of the outside walls, but shall not include a private garage, basement, or attic unless otherwise specified in this By-law." Notably, the text of the By-law is silent with respect to permissible deductions relating to open to below ("OTB") space in structural plans.

The Subject Property plan takes the liberty of deducting 31.45 square meters of OTB space, likely relying on guiding text in the margin of the definition mentioned above: "Foyers and cathedral ceilings are no longer counted twice in calculating residential floor area." We believe that the proposed deduction is improper, and we cite the very next margin comment to support our position, "stairs, elevators and exterior walls are counted at each floor level."

Our position is that the calculation of the floor area ratio of the Subject Property plan should be consistent with the text of the guidance regarding stairs, elevators and exterior walls. Our suggested approach is most in keeping with the text of the By-law and with the scope and intent of the Official Plan for one simple reason: Visually and practically, it matters not whether interior space is separated by a floor. The scale and mass of the deducted areas in the Subject Matter plan would have both the same exterior appearance and the same negative impact on surrounding properties whether or not the interior space is partitioned by a floor. Using our proposed methodology, the correct FAR for the Subject Property Plan would be 41.8%, which exceeds the permitted FAR by a significant margin. In sum, we believe that a By-law amendment should be considered to resolve the textual inconsistency in the definition of Floor Area, Residential and the conflicting guidance related thereto.

To conclude, we respectfully request that the Subject Property's application for a minor variance be denied.

Thank you for your consideration.

Your truly,

Michael [REDACTED] and Elizabeth Cameron, owners of [REDACTED] Queen Mary Drive