

RE: Committee of Adjustment Agenda item: B 2023-010 & A 2023-037 - 709 Glasgow Street for May 16th, 2023

Dear Kitchener Committee of Adjustment,

The Committee of Adjustment at its meeting on March 21, 2023 deferred consideration of this application **to allow an opportunity for the applicant to provide alternatives to the lot fabrication and the location of the proposed building envelope.**

- **The applicant has not submitted alternatives to either lot fabrication or location of the proposed building envelope.**
- **Meanwhile, the owners of 697 Glasgow Street, adjacent to 709 Glasgow Street, demonstrate photographically in their submission the presence of their mature trees immediately beside the property line, and below the grade, of the proposed building envelope.**
- Kitchener's tree preservation bylaw has protection for trees on lots ≥ 1 acre; trees on lots < 1 acre are currently exempted from such protection, although a new bylaw is currently under development.

The 709 Glasgow Street property is ≥ 1 acre, while both of the 2 proposed new lots will be < 1 acre. **Severance without enforcement of tree mitigation measures will circumvent the Kitchener tree preservation bylaw.**

- I request that you reject the currently specified severance application to protect both the 709 and 697 Glasgow mature trees.

Sincerely,

Judy-Anne Chapman, Ph.D., P.Stat.