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**Re: Committee of Adjustment
 Minor Variance/Permission Application
 353 Friel Street, Ottawa – Sandy Hill Apt. Conversion** Project No. 13.02.202
 Letter – Nature of the Application

We are applying to the Committee of Adjustment, to request a reduction in the required amenity space for the project located at 353 Friel Street, which is a conversion of an existing vacant seniors' residence into a complex of rental units for single occupant apartments and the renovation to 301 Laurier Avenue into three rental apartment units. The primary targeted market is for singles, young professionals and students attending college or university. The development provides a certain degree of amenity space in response to the requirements of the Zoning By-Law. Our current proposal can provide the required communal component of the required amenity space. Private amenity space is generally achieved in the form of exterior balconies on the building. Considering the Heritage nature of the building at 353 Friel Street, the addition of exterior balconies would not be permitted. Our review below outlines our calculations which have been amended to include both buildings on the property as was requested by the City planner. This revision includes clarifications received from the City on previous errors in the interpretation as to the definition on permitted amenity spaces, under the requirements of the Zoning By-Law.

Our review of the requirements includes 301 Laurier as requested. (an application for a building permit is currently under review by the City)

Under the Zoning By-Law, the required amenity space would be:

For 353 Friel Street Building: 88Ux6 sq.m/U = 528 sq.m,

For 301 Laurier Avenue: 3Ux6 sq.m/U = 18 sq.m = 18 sq.m,
 for a total of 546 sq.m of amenity space.

50% of it will be communal space or 273.0 sq.m

We are proposing the following amenity spaces for the conversion development:
 A. Communal Amenity Space to be provided:

Exterior:

1) Site 353:

- A. Front entrance landscaped area 68 sq. m
- B. Side entrance landscaped area 134.0 sq.m
- C. North landscaped area 56.2 sq.m
- D. Front porch 13.5 sq.m

2) Site 301:

- E. Rear roof deck 43.5 sq.m
- F. Rear grade grass area 27.0 sq.m

Total exterior communal space 342.2 sq.m

Interior:

- 1) 353: G. Ground floor centre hall seating area 5.0 sq.m
- H. First floor at vending machines 6.75 sq.m
- I. First floor lobby seating area 3.0 sq.m
- J. Second floor north lobby seating area 7.5 sq.m

Total interior communal space 22.25 sq.m

The total communal space to be provided would be 364.45 sq.m, which is in compliance with the Zoning By-Law and is in fact slightly higher than the required minimum communal amenity space. Therefore, variance b) in the initial application is no longer required.

B. Private amenity space to be provided:

Exterior:

K. Site 353: First floor terrace: 9.18 sq.m

Under the Zoning By-Law, 279.35 sq.m is required, therefore we have a shortfall of 270.17 sq.m.

Total amenity space provided, both communal and private, is 373.63 sq.m or 68.4% of the total of the required private and communal amenity space.

Our revised minor variance request is:

To permit a reduced total amenity area of 373.63 square meters whereas the Zoning By-Law 2008-250 requires a minimum total amenity area of 546 square meters, comprised of 6 square meters per dwelling unit.

Sincerely,

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