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Committee of Adjustment

City of Guelph

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RE: Application for Minor Variance at 25 Wellington Street West, Guelph

In response to the Notice of Public Hearing for the above noted property we would like to provide the following comments.

Although the application for the use of the property seems sound and a good use of the current building our concerns relate to parking, being that it is totally inadequate. Below are some valid points to consider:

- In many cases the current parking requirements by the City for residential buildings seem inadequate. Note the recent new buildings in downtown and in the Ward and how the additional parking needs of those residents have spilled onto the surrounding streets. This is also evident in many other multi-res developments throughout the City.
- Currently, many residential properties in the area are duplexed, triplexed etc. so many residents of these buildings are using on-street parking
- Prior to Covid-19 and the Provincial shut-down the existing parking at the Surrey Street Medical Centre was often full and parking spilled onto the area side streets. In fact, during most work days Fountain Street is completely jammed up on both sides of the street, quite possibly filled by staff who work at the medical facility.
- This same scenario will most likely happen again if this application is approved filling up Surrey Street, Dublin Street and even onto Bristol Street.
- A reduction of 8 parking spaces (or about 15%) does not seem "minor" in nature.

Respectfully,



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