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To:

Bruce County Planning - Peninsula Hub
Subject:

Minor Variance File No. A-2025-010
Date:

Thursday, April 17, 2025 5:16:36 PM

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To whine it may concern,

I am in objection to the minor variance regarding 10 apartments with only 7 parking spaces at 543 Queen street in Paisley. This should not be allowed, it will cause crowding and over use of the public parking located on queen street and else where in town. Arran Elderslie and Paisley is allowing too many developments that do not align with the towns planning and development plan as well as current zoning.

Sincerely,

Jordan McDonald

From: To:

Bruce County Planning - Peninsula Hub

Subject: A-2025-010 Lawrence

Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 8:46:51 PM

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Hello,

I have already provided comments regarding the minor variance and parking at the property associated with the file number above in the subject line.

After receiving the proposed site plan for the development I have further comments regarding the proposed parking on the site plan. The site plan shows four (4) of the parking spots being blocked by two (2) parking spots not allowing for a free flow of ingress and egress to four (4) of the spots. The two (2) spots that block the four (4) will become unused due to the restrictions they impose.

In summary this development is only proposing five (5) usable parking spaces at this address which misleads from the current proposal. This will result in at least five(5) tenants using public parking spaces downtown.

This must be discussed and brought up at the meeting.

Thank you,

Jordan McDonald

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Minor Variance File A-2025-010
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Subject:
Sunday, April 20, 2025 8:16:14 AM

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Hello,

It looks like you are looking to allow an apartment in downtown Paisley with 10 units and 7 parking spaces.

My concern is that with the Paisley Inn across the street from it already being granted a variance to have less parking already that there will be a significant impact to parking in town. And now allowing an additional lack of parking for residents it will only be worse. Are the other 3 residents whom I assume, since Paisley is not a large centre with all amenities, going to just park anywhere? For example along Water Street, or in front of businesses, or where? Where will they put their cars from November 1 to March 31 between 2 am and 7 am? I am not aware of a municipal parking lot in Paisley where they would purchase a permit to park in. Are you suggesting they park at the Arena, which will be busy with hockey and skating in winter? Or are you suggesting they park at the Post Office which the past couple winters has been full all day?

The parking in town is already being pushed to its limits. We either need another public parking space or for you to reconsider this variance.

In addition, have you ever tried to cross the street in Paisley in the summer? It is no easy feat. I would hope with approximately 40 to 70 new bodies living down town (both this apartment and the one across the street) that you would install a traffic light with a crosswalk at the intersection of Bruce 3 and Bruce 1 in the interest of public safety.

Additionally an overhead crosswalk sign or a set of lights installed at the Balaclava crossing on Bruce Road 3 and/or Bruce road 1 (Inkerman St) crossing Bruce Road 3 would alleviate a lot of stress, with how busy town is in summer. It can take up to 10 minutes to safely walk across there.

Thank you Mark McKay 212 Nelson St, Paisley From:
To:
Bruce County Planning - Peninsula Hub
Subject:
Concerns regarding File #A-2025-010
Date:
Tuesday, April 22, 2025 10:08:58 AM

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Good day,

I am a local business owner in Chesley, ON.

I was informed when I purchased the commercial building that for every apartment I had I needed to provide 1 parking space. It was a common sense rule that I was happy was being policed, because it was important to me that the township cared enough to prevent unnecessary congestion.

Not only is allowing this project to be approved unfair to those who followed the rules, it sets a precedent that AE is welcoming greedy landlords. I don't want Chesley to be the next town affected by this issue.

Those 7 "parking spots" are really just 5 on a perfectly dry day, the top 2 would be blocking in the others and I'd like to think anyone can see the obvious problem that would create. In addition, as soon as the winter arrives, you'd be lucky to fit 3 spots with the addition of snow and ice. No matter how well it was cleared, there will be less space. One might argue that Paisley is a walkable town and some might not have vehicles and therefore not need a spot. However, many families or couples that would share the apartment have 2+ cars and making parking a challenge will only further congest the rest of the town.

If they can only fit 5 parking spots, there should only be approval for 5 apartments.

Kindest Regards,

Jasmin Sloan

 From:
 Bruce County Planning - Peninsula Hub

 Subject:
 A-2025-010

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Hello. I got the paper concerning parking and this is what I have to say about it.

First, there is a potential parking space in front of 476 Queen South that could be recreated to be a parking space. The man who potentially uses it as a driveway could just put up pylons preventing people from parking there on the one day on five years that he wants to use it. (Give him a paper giving him that right foot a maximum of 2 hours at a time for example) Secondly, I think that the man who renovated Thompsons should have considered this need before creating the apartments. While we need the apartments, we also need the parking spaces on Queen Street so I vote that he does not get designated parking on Queen Street. He will have to rent to people with no cars. There are other examples of this. I believe it's 444 Queen North where there is a house with no driveway. In the summer she parks in front of her house but in the winter she has to pay to rent someone's driveway. I'm not suggesting that they use the street in the summer. No. In the case of Thompsons, they should rent space maybe on Mill Street or could there be parking made on Water street? Whatever. On that block, every spot is needed 365 days off the year. And if they rent their commercial space and the hotels commercial spaces they will be needing it more. Sorry but they should have thought of this when they made so many apartments. Lots of people have no cars. It's not as big of a deal as he thinks.

Please keep me updated.

Sandra Blodgett

From:
To:
Bruce County Planning - Peninsula Hub
Cc:
"Moiken Penner"
Subject:
Objection to Minor Variance A-2025-010
Date:
Friday, April 25, 2025 9:49:23 AM

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To whom it may concern.

As a former owner of a business in the south business district of Paisley, I have long been concerned with the shortage of customer parking in this area.

When I reviewed the proposed variance A-2025-010 regarding the available parking for the apartments being built in the old Thompson Bros. Furniture building, I couldn't understand the proposal. The owner is building 10 apartments and asked for a variance allowing only 7 parking spaces.

According to the Site Plan included, though, I can only conclude that two of these parking spaces are "theoretical" only, since the two north-most spaces block access to the 4 spaces along the retaining wall. That means that residents of 5 of the 10 apartments will be without parking and will surely be looking to park in the Legion spots by the cenotaph or on the Queen Street, taking up business customer parking along Queen Street.

Now, with the construction at the Paisley Inn site has effectively removed Mill Drive and Rowe Street parking, and the restaurant blocking off 2 or 3 parking space for their summer patio, the problem of customer parking in this area is already critical.

I'm not sure how the variance request can suggest that there is parking for 7 apartments, when realistically there are only 5 usable spots, but the problem of parking shortage for the south business district needs to be addressed, before any allowance is granted that will only make the problem worse.

Best Regards

Craig Budreau

415 Goldie St.

Paisley, ON N0G 2N0

Past owner of Paisley Pharmacy

From: To:

Bruce County Planning - Peninsula Hub

Subject: Paisley parking zonig variance **Date:** Sunday, April 27, 2025 6:53:53 PM

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Hello:

I am writing regarding Minor variance File # A-2025-010, and the application to seek relief from Section 3.8.1.3 of the Municipality's zoning by-law which requires one parking space per accessory apartment. The applicant is seeking relief for 3 parking spaces.

As you may already be aware, parking on Queen St. S. in Paisley has long been a problem, with an ongoing shortage for many years. This problem has been exacerbated by the loss of the downtown parking lot located behind the Paisley Inn. This property is still in development, and has also had a variance which, if filled to capacity, will result in a further shortage of downtown parking.

I am a landlord, and have 3 apartments on Queen St. N. Over the years, I have required up to 7 parking spaces for these apartments. My tenants have periodically had to lease parking spaces located in the LCBO parking lot to make up for this shortfall. The developers of the new Queen St. S. properties may not have experience as landlords in Paisley, perhaps being more familiar with places that have public transit, taxis, even Uber. We do not have a bus, not one, not even once a week, nor do we have any of the other usual modes of public transit. Tenants require cars to get around, and therefore, parking.

I am writing to suggest a few places that more parking might be created in downtown Paisley, and I hope that it is at these new developers expense - even if it's just paint.

- 1. Make Mill Dr. and Rowe St. both one way, with parking on one side of each street.
- 2. Create angle parking down one side of Water St. This street could be used in winter too, to create more overnight parking, as it has minimal traffic most of the time.

I hope this is helpful, thank you for your consideration,

Karen Kimpel 306 Queen St. N., Paisley, ON





County of Bruce Planning & Development Department 268 Berford Street, PO Box 129 Wiarton, ON NOH 2T0

Regarding File Number: A-2025-010

The Arran Elderslie Community and Business Association is a membership-based organization that helps businesses to network, learn and grow. Our goal is to strengthen, promote and celebrate businesses to enhance the vibrancy of the community.

A serious concern has been brought to our organization, and we feel compelled to comment. The former Thompson's Furniture Store is in the process of being converted to a residential apartment building with 10 apartments. Section 3.8.1.3 of the Municipality's Zoning By-Law requires that each apartment must have one parking space. The building developer has inappropriately indicated that there are 6 parking spaces and now wants to apply for relief from providing the additional 4 parking spaces.

It is our opinion that the current 6 allocated parking spaces are inappropriate because it is not possible to park that many cars in the allocated space, especially when one space prohibits four of the cars from moving. There is no consideration for snow in the winter. It is highly expected that vehicles will be parking on the sidewalk. This is a very busy sidewalk as the road curves at this location and it is dangerous to walk on the road. It seems obvious that 4 small vehicles would be the maximum parking available. Large pick-up trucks or vans would have difficulty parking in the four spaces. There also seems to be no provisions for visitors to the apartments needing overnight or short-term parking.

Paisley has a serious lack of parking for many tenants of apartments above storefronts, for employees working in the village, and subsequently for customers shopping in businesses. When there is not appropriate parking for tenants and employees, cars are parking on the main street all day and there is no where for customers visiting businesses to park.

It is our opinion that the developer needs 6 additional spaces for tenants of this building and that relief should not be provided for this. Providing relief will mean that tenants will park on the main street, adding to the already serious lack of parking, as explained above.

Since the development is well underway and it is not our intention to discourage housing in Paisley, 6 parking spaces need to be found by the developer that are not on the current property. This could include purchasing nearby vacant or unused land for development as a parking lot. It would seem to be the logical solution.

Thank you for allowing us to comment. We look forward to an amicable solution to this application.

Sincerely, Craig Reid, President, on behalf of the Board of Directors From:

To: Bruce County Planning - Peninsula Hub

Subject: Lawrence Application A-2025-010 - Comments for the Public Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025 10:09:10 AM

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I am glad to see additional (hopefully affordable) housing coming to our community, as it is very much needed.

However, I do have concerns regarding the parking situation, which really should have been addressed by the building department when reviewing the building permit application. Why was this building permit approved knowing that there were 10 units/apartments therefore 10 parking spaces required and perhaps visitor parking spaces?

Parking spaces required is clearly set out in Section 3.8.1.3 of the Zoning By-Law, which states: One parking space per 'Dwelling, Accessory Apartment' shall be provided, reserved and maintained for exclusive use by the 'Dwelling, Accessory Apartment'. I believe there may also be zoning requirements for "plus 0.25 parking spaces per dwelling unit intended and clearly identified for visitor parking" which I did not see anything in the minor variance to address visitor parking.

The drawing shows 7 parking spaces, which seems to be 4 viable parking spaces at best. One spot shows to encroach a little onto the roadway and also onto Part 1 of the Plan, but it does not indicate what Part 1 is and its blocking part of Part 1. Two (2) of the parking spaces thereby block 3, potentially 4, of the proposed parking spaces. This is not a viable parking lot for 7 vehicles realistically. The vehicles who get blocked in will start to park on the street to avoid getting blocked in. Doesn't the Zoning By-Law also set out parking spaces size for each vehicle space required?

As to winter months, these parking spots will be even more limited and the snow will likely have to be removed due to space. Is that being taken into consideration as well?

Regarding the 3 parking spaces they want a variance for, potentially, where will those tenants park who rent these units? There is no transit or other transportation in Paisley therefore they will need their own transportation.

We have already lost 1-2 parking spots of summer street parking on Queen Street due to the summer patio that has been allowed to The Paisley Common for an additional 2 more years.

Allowing more paid parking in municipal lots thereby decreases community (and visitors) parking for day to day activities/shopping etc. that people are coming into our downtown for banking, pharmacy, post office, etc. When there is no street parking available, visitors pass through

our town without stopping to shop/visit our downtown cores.

On an unrelated note, why have there been 6 or 7 recent decisions and/or active applications for various minor variances, reduced frontage (some quite reduced!) (and other setbacks), parking etc. for new builds that are seemingly not in accordance with the existing Zoning By-Laws when permits are issued?

C. Patterson

Paisley, ON

From:

To: Bruce County Planning - Peninsula Hub

Subject: Minor Variance File # A-2025-010, Attention Megan Stansfield

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025 5:50:01 PM

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My name is Dale Buhr of 539 Queen St S., Paisley,

I am the spokesperson for the following petition of 151 signatures presented for your inclusion in the report.

This petition will sent to you in up to 2 more emails to accommodate the size of the file.

County of Bruce County of Bruce 268 Bedford Street, PO Box 139 Wiarton, Ont., NOH 2TO

Re: Minor Variance File No. A-2025-010. Proposed change to parking space at 543 Queen St S./ Water Street

CC: Municipality of Arran Elderslie

We the undersigned wish to object to the above mentioned Minor Variance for the following reasons

The application does not take into consideration or include the two commercial units.

The lack of on site parking will put increased pressure on Queen St S parking. Parking on Queen St is for businesses customers to park, not for residential use.

The layout of how vehicles are to park makes no sense. Having vehicles parked behind each other will only create obvious problems to prospective tenants.

Water street is very narrow and canoeists need space to launch and recover their canoes. Tourists will not be able to enjoy the river views and cultural events.

The full application question 14 is answered as No and should be YES. The Saugeen River is with 100 metres of the applicants property. This may require Saugeen Valley approval as well. Where will the extra vehicles be parked during the winter?

We strongly urge you to deny this application and that the County undertake an in depth study, with the Miunicipality of Arran Elderslie, of all parking issues in Paisley.

We believe that your final decision in this matter will set a precedent for the entire County of Bruce

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From:

To: Bruce County Planning - Peninsula Hub

Subject: Objection to Minor Variance File # A-2025-010

Date: Sunday, May 4, 2025 5:24:41 PM

Attachments:

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Please find attached our objection to the above. Thank you Dale & Jo-Anne Buhr We are a neighbour, to the Twisted Cedar Groups property at 543 Queen St S in Paisley.

We wish to preface our remarks by stating that the Twisted Cedar, their employees and contractors have always treated us with respect, friendliness and kindness.

We have been allowed to park on their property while renovations have been underway, but understand that this will come to an end.

Our objection to this variance is based solely on its lack of merits as opposed to personal reasons.

We have taken and included pictures of the situation of this year so as to give an actual view of the site as opposed to the proposed plan. These pictures were taken on April 28 of this year.

The first picture is extracted from the application and shows the applicants proposed parking plan. The second to fourth photos show vehicles parked in the area that the applicant is referring to.

The green bin with the white truck is where the two vehicles would park one behind the other. The car and the empty space beside is the area where the applicants has shown where there would be a vehicle parked behind these two spots, at a right angle to those spots. We don't believe that the tenants would park in this pattern. They will seek other locations to avoid the obvious problems with this layout. Tenants will park on Water Street and or in the reserved "Legion" parking area, or even on Queen St S. Street parking is only viable during the summer. Where will these people park in the winter?

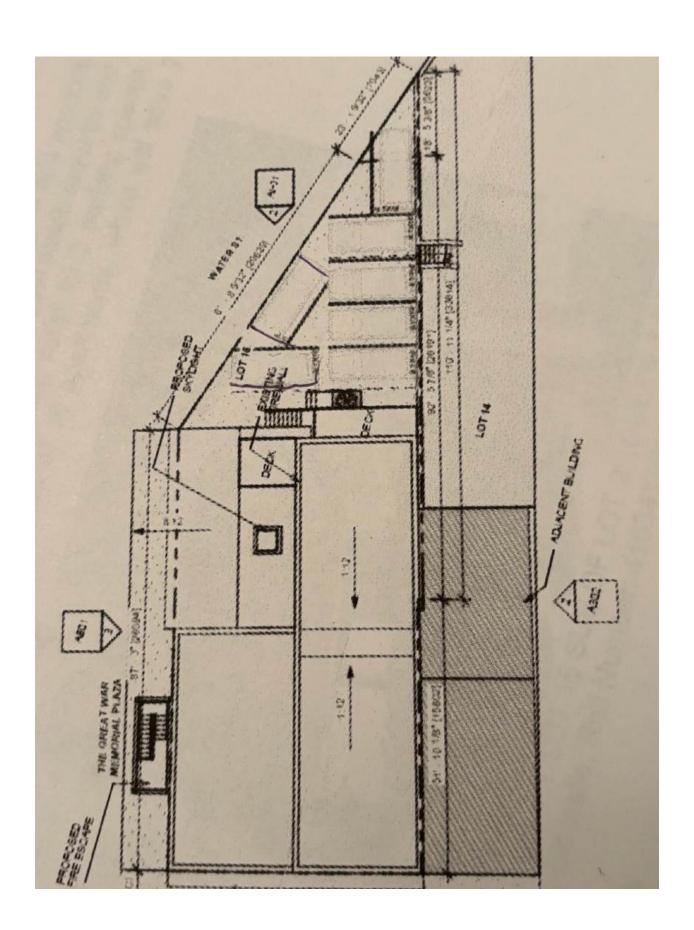
This picture also shows a blue truck parked parallel to the retaining wall. This is at the easterly end of the property. The next photo shows the same truck from the other side. The pink flag that is in the ground is beside a surveyors stake marking the edge of the applicants property, also showing that the truck is past that line.

For us to have our own on site parking we will need to dig into our backyard. To be able to do this we need unobstructed access to our property for this purpose. This would be to the east of the property line.

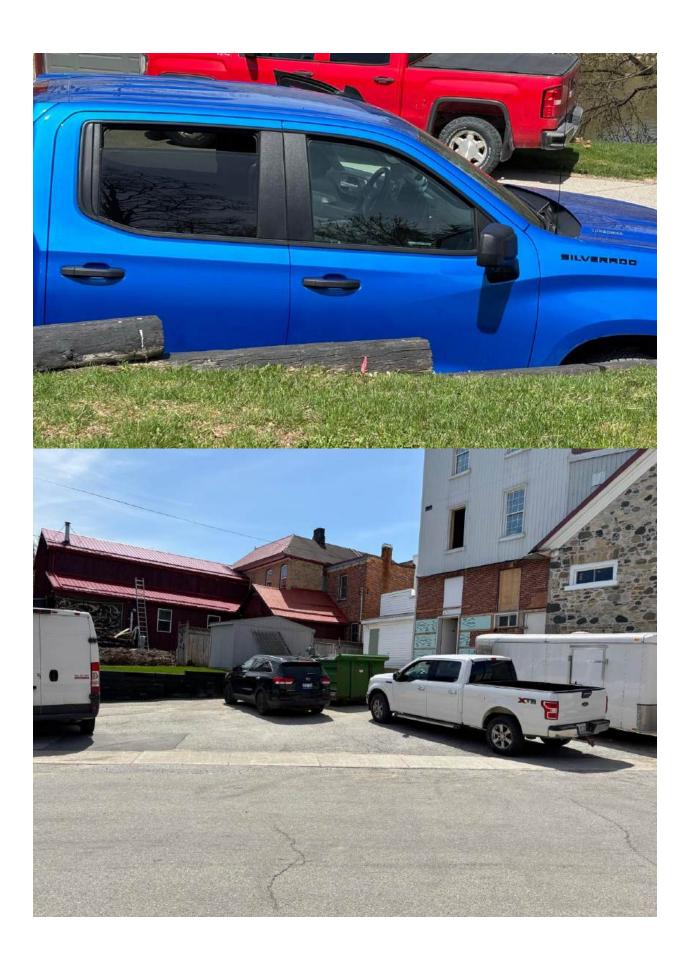
Twisted Cedar Group has stated on Facebook that they have procured four spots for off site parking. Under their plan this would create a total of eleven parking spots which is still one spot short of requirements.

We submit that the minor variance is deeply flawed and should be denied as being impractical and unsustainable, in addition to being in contravention of current parking rules.

In addition to this we wish to go slightly off topic and recommend that the Municipality, County, Saugeen Valley and citizens form a committee to address parking in Paisley.







Lori Mansfield FW: minor variance file # A 2025-010 sdav. May 7, 2025 8:39:42 AM

From: Christine Fraser-McDonald <CFraser@arran-elderslie.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:39 AM

To: Megan Stansfield <MStansfield@brucecounty.on.ca>

Subject: Fw: minor variance file # A 2025-010

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Hi Megan:

Please see th attached comments.

bristine Frazer-McDonald

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CFraser@arran-elderslie.ca

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From: Laura Campbell
Sent: May 6, 2025 10:30 AM

To: Christine Fraser-McDonald < CFraser@arran-elderslie.ca>

Subject: Re: minor variance file # A 2025-010

Christine

Yes

One item I did not attach is the number of people who use the Legion as a source of entertainment, social development, meeting other residents, exercise, developing skills,, while providing the legion an opportunity to fund community enhancements. The need for parking spots near the legion is paramount, as many people have limited physical ability. The legion offers services and is a great welcoming organization for newly arrived residents of Paisley. Should the "additional" spaces be sold/rented to the appartment developer, it could determine the

Thanks

Laura

On May 5, 2025, at 10:06 AM, Christine Fraser-McDonald < CFraser@arran-elderslie.ca > wrote:

Hi laura:

I do not know at this time, where the developer plans to have extra parking. I am waiting for the Planner's report.

Do you want your comments to be included in the planning report?

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Subject: minor variance file # A 2025-010

Please inform me as to where the 3 additional parking spaces are to be located.

Paisley is located in an rural area where auto transportation is necessary. The nearby business's will be adversely affected by the shortage of parking spaces. A drop in business could cause the existing business's to relocate to another town. We need to encourage what business are currently there, to stay at their current location. A quick trip to other towns and villages where there is limited downtown parking spaces, reveals that this shortage of parking, leads to a deterioration of the down town. Potential shoppers will drive to other communities that have malls, or services with parking available. Many cities are currently trying to revitalize their downtowns, with very limited success. A good example of this is driving through Chesley, the downtown is full of closed up stores, very few vehicles parked on the main street.

Stratford ON is another city who depends on tourists to keep their downtown alive, as most nearby residents/shoppers do not shop or utilize the downtown stores. Employees have to park several blocks away in order to prevent daily parking tickets.

The planned layout of parking spaces adjacent to the apartment rental leaves one to believe that there will be parking disputes as the layout leaves 4 vehicles unable to access their vehicle(s), if all parking spots are filled Has council taken into consideration , that there will be additional requests from the local police department to solve the parking access and calm down the disgruntled tenants.

Thank you for taking this potential dilemma into consideration, and for helping the revitalization of downtown Paisley committee into consideration.

I hope to be able to come to the meeting on May 12, 2025

Laura Campbell