

# City of Surrey PLANNING COMMENTS Application No.: 7921-0164-00

Planning Report Date: September 13, 2021

## **PROPOSAL:**

## • Development Variance Permit

to increase the maximum height of two free-standing antenna systems from 12 metres to 14.9 metres, in order to replace two streetlight poles with streetlight pole / wireless communication antenna systems.

**LOCATION:** City Road Right-of-Way near

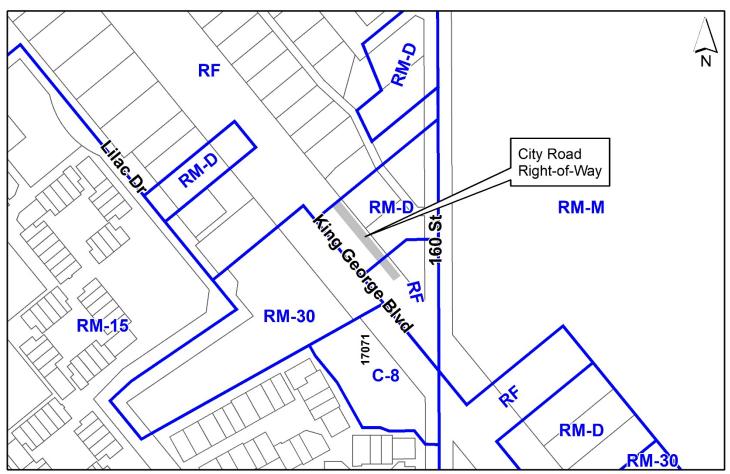
160 Street and King George

Boulevard

Adjacent to 1805 160 Street

ZONING: RM-D
OCP DESIGNATION: Urban

NCP: Bubble Buffer



## **RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

• Approval for Development Variance Permit to proceed to Public Notification.

## DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

Proposing to increase the maximum height for a free-standing antenna system under Part 4
 General Provisions of the Zoning By-law.

## RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The proposal conforms to the criteria and best practices identified in the City's Antenna System Siting Policy (No. O-62).
- The variance will result in minimal visual disruption, as the site is next to a major arterial
  road, and the two 14.9 metre high structures will be replacing two 12 metre high streetlight
  poles that already are in place.
- The applicant has provided documentation which indicates that there is a demonstrated coverage gap in the area, which the wireless carriers would like to resolve to provide better service to existing and potential new customers.
- Area residents and the ISED (Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada) Regional Office have raised no objections to the proposal.
- Staff have not received any notices of objection from nearby residents to the proposal.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7921-0164-00 (Appendix II), to vary Part 4 General Provisions of the Zoning By-law to increase the maximum height of two free-standing antenna systems from 12 metres to 14.9 metres, to proceed to public notification.

## SITE CONTEXT & BACKGROUND

Direction	Existing Use	OCP/NCP Designation	Existing Zone
Subject Site	City Road Right-of- way	Urban / Bubble Buffer	RM-D
North (Bordering):	Single family dwellings / Duplexes	Urban	RF, RE, RM-D
East (Across 160 St):	Manufactured homes strata	Urban / Low Density Multiple Residential (10 u.p.a.)	RM-M
South (Across King George Blvd):	Commercial (liquor store, convenience market, restaurant and bar)	Urban / Commercial	C-8
West (Across King George Blvd):	Strata townhomes	Urban / Townhouse (15 u.p.a.)	RM-30

## **DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL**

## **Planning Considerations**

- The subject site is a City-owned right-of-way near 160 Street and King George Boulevard, adjacent to 1805 160 St. This comprises a narrow piece of land immediately adjacent to the King George Boulevard highway. The site is designated as "Urban" in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and "Bubble Buffer" in the Neighbourhood Concept Plan (NCP).
- The subject site is adjacent to several urban/commercial uses and borders two duplexes and a single-family home to the north. This segment of road right-of-way contains two light poles and services a water main and sanitary main.

## Referrals

Engineering: The Engineering Department supports this proposal with no

further comments.

## **POLICY & BY-LAW CONSIDERATIONS**

## City Antenna System Siting Considerations and Policy

- Staff have conveyed to telecommunication companies the importance of a comprehensive strategy to ensure adequate coverage for all carriers while minimizing the number of singular user installations.
- Staff have also emphasized the importance of keeping the height of installations to a minimum without compromising the existing policy guidelines, especially antenna systems near/within residential areas and to ensure that an appropriate design is being considered.
- Improving high speed wireless service supports the growing high technology sector, high tech education, emergency services and broadens community consultation opportunities through social media.
- The proposed free-standing antenna systems supports the City of Surrey's vision for building a strong economy.
- The City's Antenna System Siting Policy (No. O-62.) was developed based on the need for new telecommunications infrastructure and to address concerns regarding the approval process for new telecommunications infrastructure. The proposal conforms to the criteria and best practices outlined by the Policy.
- The following is an evaluation of the current proposal in relation to applicable components of Policy No. O-62:

## **Location Preferences**

- The proposal conforms with the No. O-62. direction that telecommunications antenna be placed on streetlights when the site is adjacent to arterial or collector roads.
- The proposal conforms with the No. O-62. direction that telecommunications antenna be located on City-owned land.
- The proposal will not impact access to this site as a road right-of-way.

## **Design Preferences**

• As the proposal seeks to replace existing streetlight poles on a major arterial road, and the replacement free-standing streetlight poles / antenna systems will be 2.9 metres higher than the existing structures, the change to the area's visual characteristics will be minimal.

- The applicant has completed a public consultation according to the process outlined in the Antenna System Siting Policy and has received no comment or objection from the residences and businesses in the vicinity.
- The applicant has consulted the ISED Regional Office according to the process outlined in the Antenna System Siting Policy and has received no comment or objection.

## **Public Consultation Process**

- The proposal conforms with Policy No. O-62 public consultation process to mail surrounding property owners and mailing addresses within a notification area of 45 metres (three times the height of the proposed antenna system) and to receive comments for a duration of 30 days.
- Pre-notification letters were sent on July 16, 2021. The applicant received no responses.

## Zoning By-law 12000

- The applicant is requesting the following variance:
  - o to vary Part 4 General Provisions section A.1.(a)(i.b.) to increase the maximum height of two free-standing antenna systems from 12 metres to 14.9 metres.
- The additional height will permit the replacement of two existing 12 metre streetlight poles with two 14.9 free-standing streetlight poles with wireless telecommunications antenna extensions.
- The proposal will have limited visual impact as the antenna systems will be attached to the top of streetlight poles that are replacing existing streetlight poles.
- The proposed location along an arterial road on a City Road Right-Of-Way is preferred under policy No. O-62.
- The proposed location will address a service coverage gap in this area: increasing the City's
  overall network capacity, enhancing wireless communication services for the surrounding
  users, and providing for growth of the high technology sector.
- Staff support the requested variance to proceed for consideration.

## INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Site Plan and Elevations

Appendix II. Development Variance Permit No. 7921-0164-00

Appendix III. Existing Antenna Systems Map

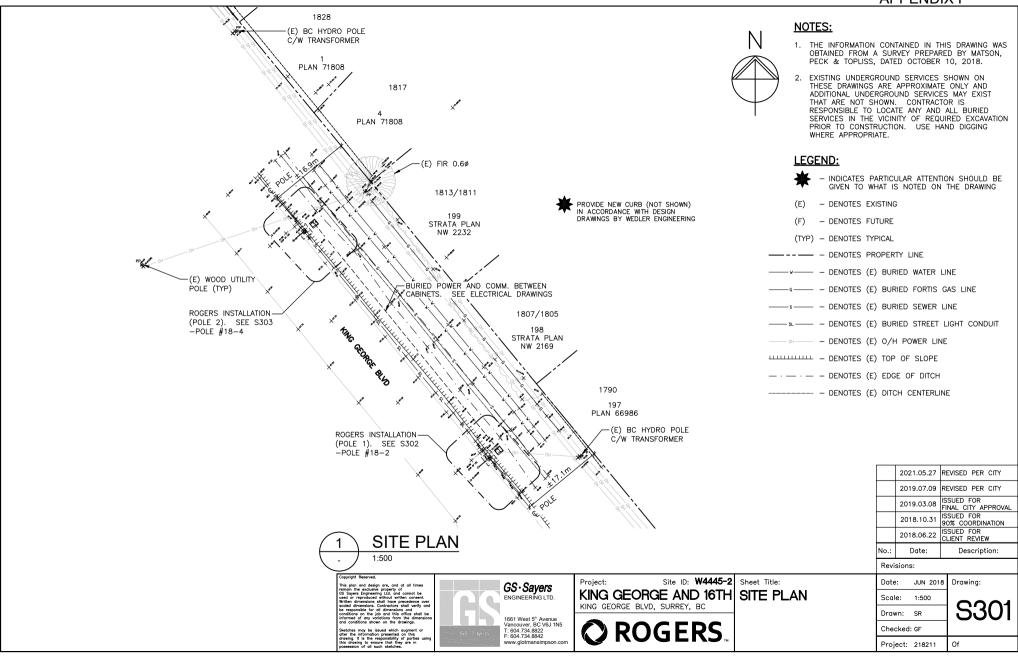
Appendix IV. Photo-Simulation

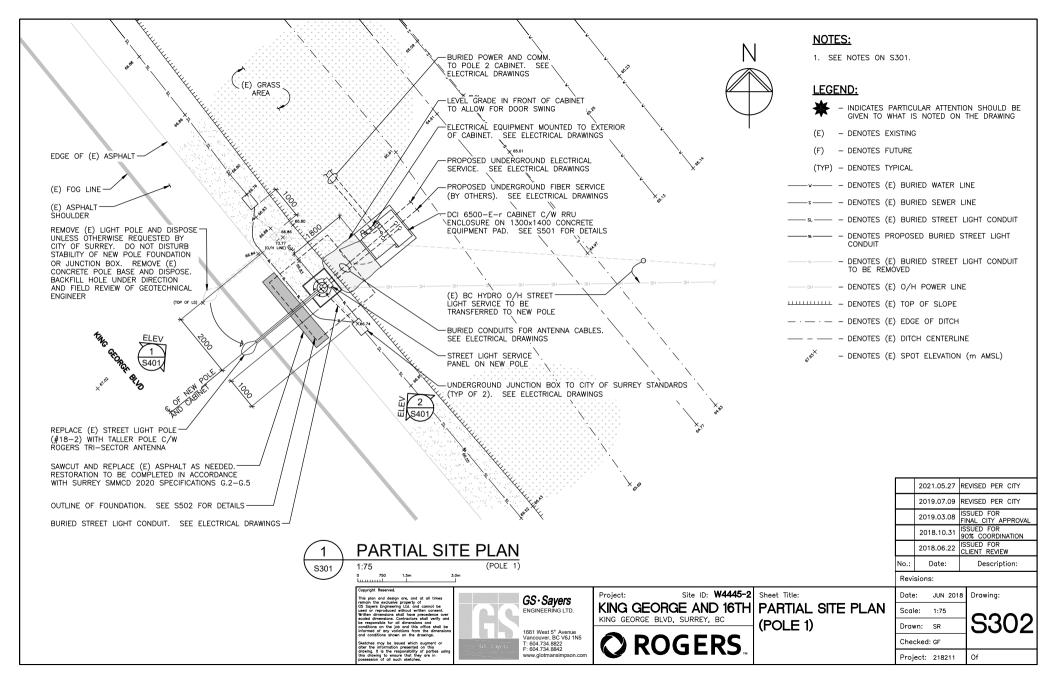
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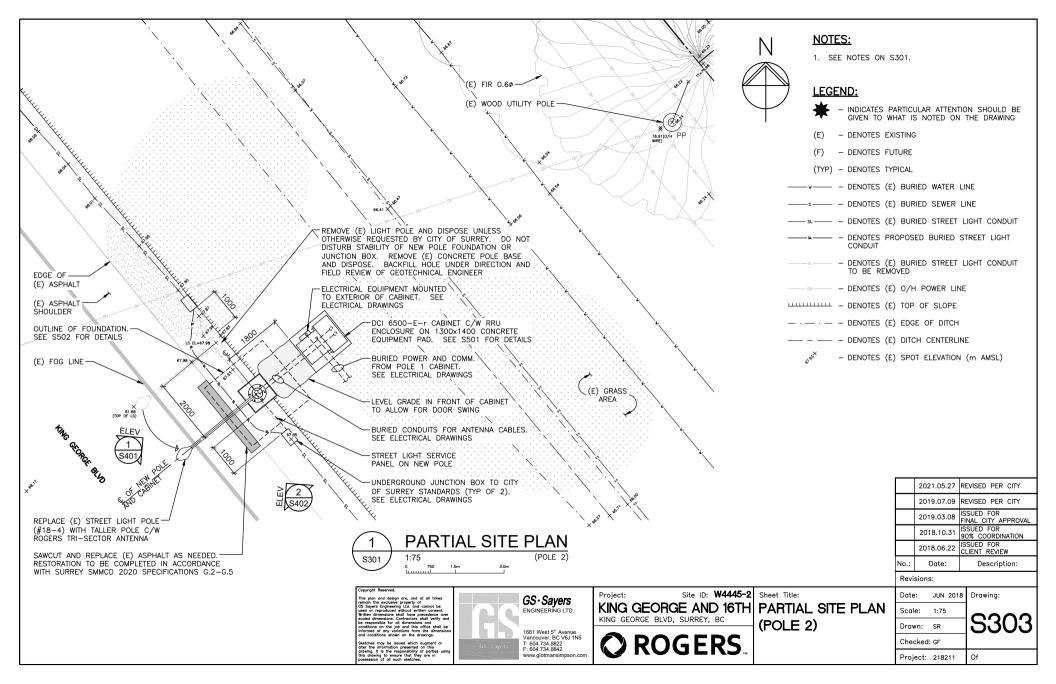
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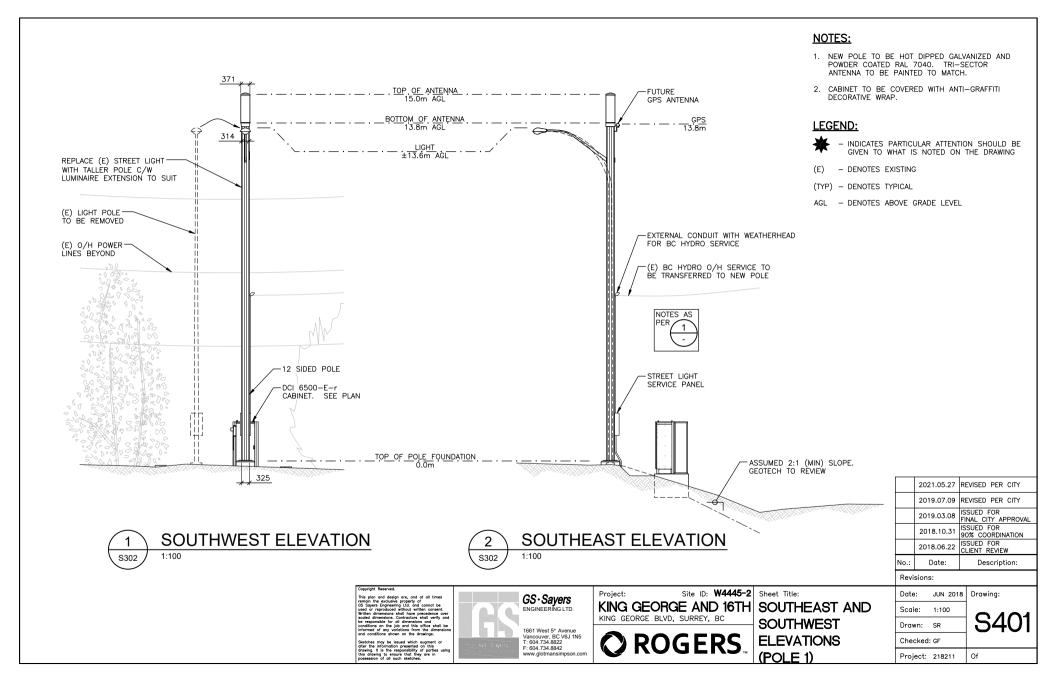
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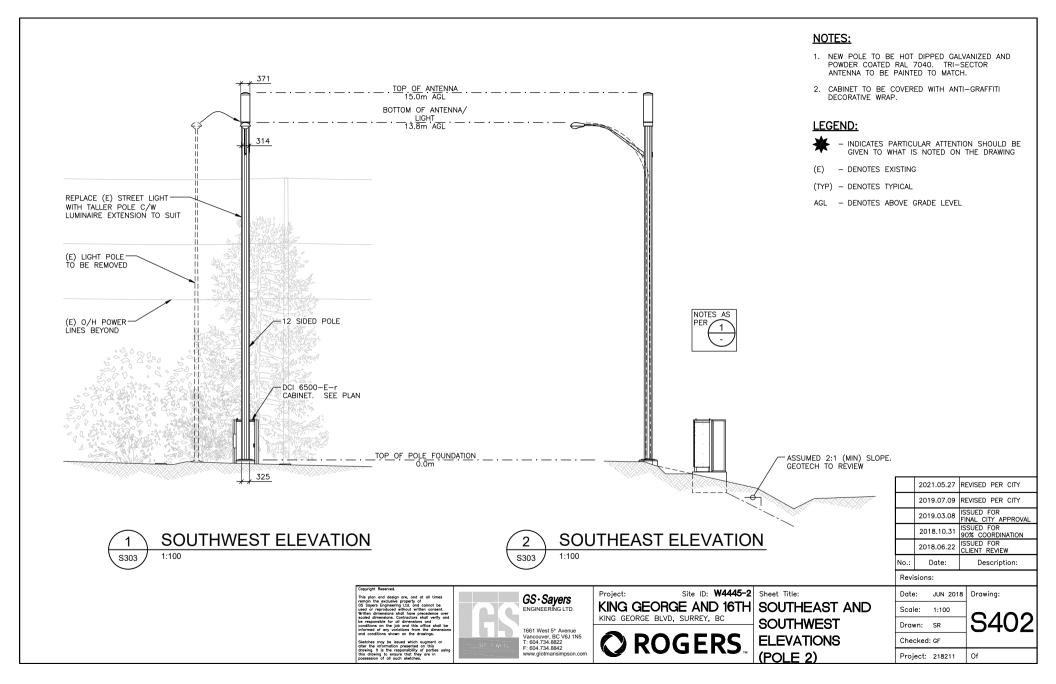
## APPENDIX I











## **CITY OF SURREY**

(the "City")

## **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT**

NO.: 7921-0164-00

Issued To: City of Surrey

(the "Owner")

Address of Owner: 13450 - 104 Avenue

Surrey, BC V<sub>3</sub>T <sub>1</sub>V8

- 1. This development variance permit is issued subject to compliance by the Owner with all statutes, by-laws, orders, regulations or agreements, except as specifically varied by this development variance permit.
- 2. This development variance permit applies to that real property including land with or without improvements located within the City of Surrey, with the legal description and civic address as follows:

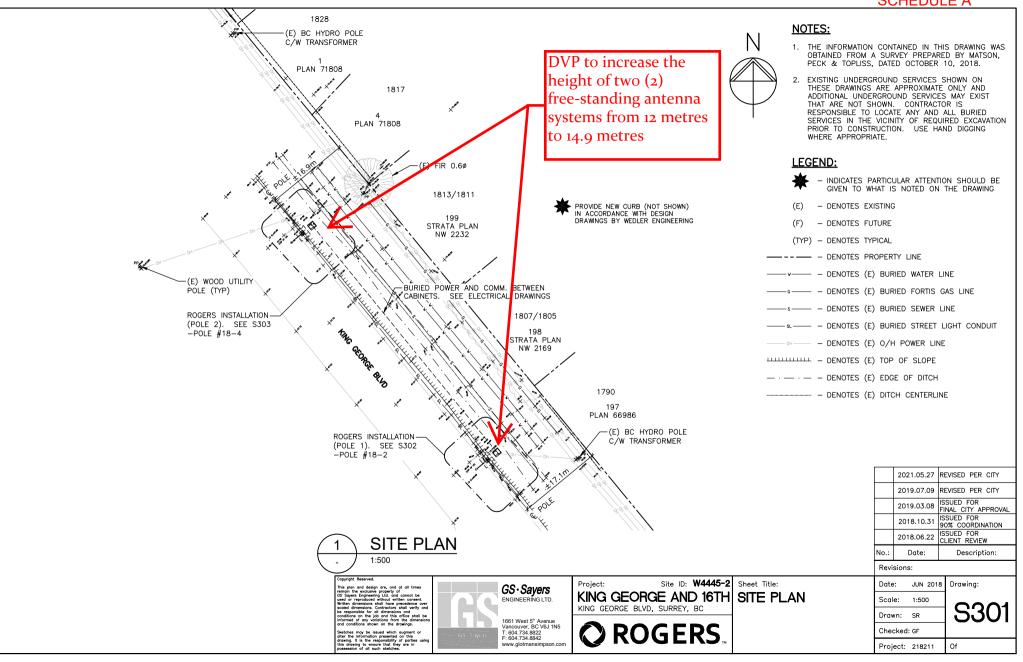
Parcel Identifier: City Right-Of-Way near 160 Street and King George Blvd. Adjacent to 1805 160 Street

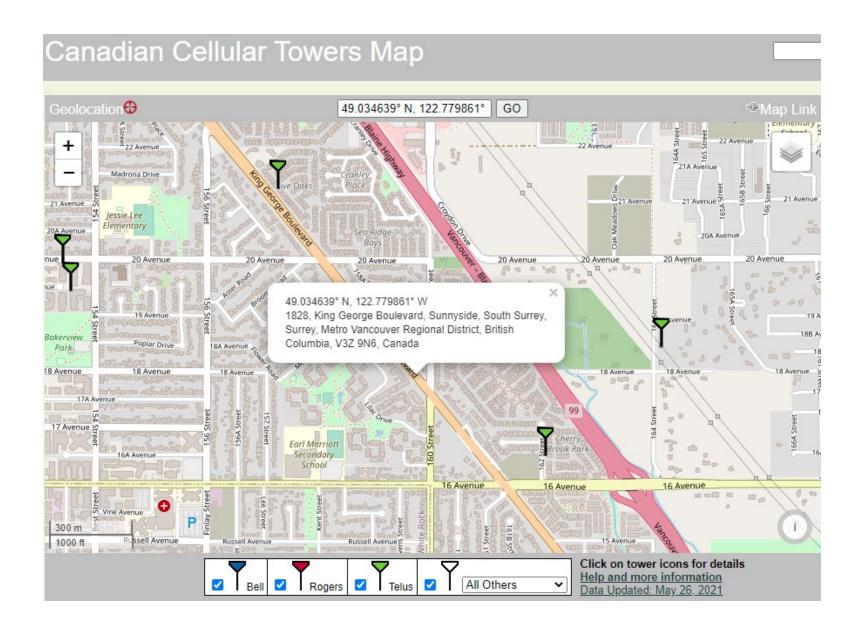
(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:
  - (a) In Section A.1. (a) i.b. of Part 4 "General Provisions," the maximum height of two free-standing antenna systems be raised from 12 metres to 14.9 metres.
- 4. This development variance permit applies to only the portion of the Land shown on Schedule A which is attached hereto and forms part of this development variance permit.
- 5. The Land shall be developed strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions and provisions of this development variance permit.
- 6. This development variance permit shall lapse if the Owner does not substantially start any construction with respect to which this development variance permit is issued, within two (2) years after the date this development variance permit is issued.

7.	The terms of this development variance permit or any amendment to it, are binding on all persons who acquire an interest in the Land.				
8.	This development variance permit is not a building permit.				
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COUNCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 . ISSUED THIS DAY OF , 20 .					
		Mayor – Doug McCallum			
		City Clerk – Jennifer Ficocelli			

## SCHEDULE A





## Before



After

