

City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7910-0311-00

Planning Report Date: January 24, 2011

PROPOSAL:

• Amend CD By-law No. 16926

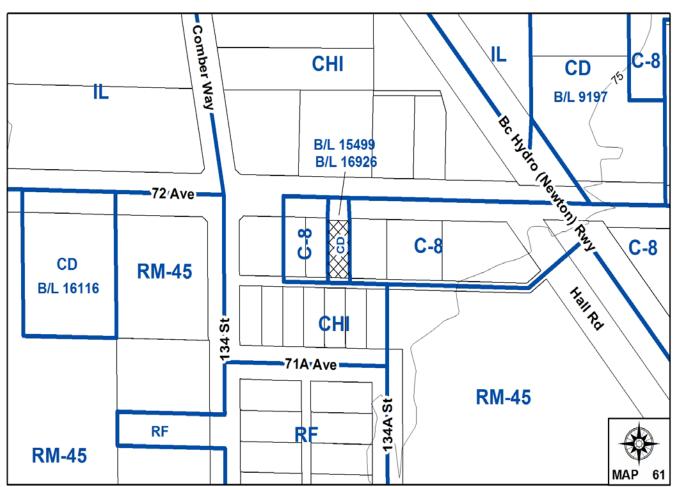
by increasing the maximum allowable floor area ratio, to permit second storey storage space within the existing pawnshop on the site.

LOCATION: 13438 – 72 Avenue

OWNER: Common Exchange Ltd., 448271

ZONING: CD (By-law No. 16926)

OCP DESIGNATION: Commercial LAP DESIGNATION: Commercial



RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

• By-law Introduction and set date for Public Hearing for Amending CD By-law No. 16926.

DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

None.

RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The proposed FAR of 0.90 is comparable to the maximum FAR of the neighbouring properties to the east and west of the site, which are zoned "Community Commercial Zone (C-8)". The C-8 Zone has a maximum FAR of 0.80. The Commercial OCP designation allows a maximum FAR of 1.5.
- The proposed second storey floor area is proposed to be used for storage only, not for retail sales or office use. Therefore, the proposal does not generate any additional parking demand. The applicant will be required to register a Section 219 Restrictive Covenant requiring that the second storey floor space be used for storage only, prior to final approval of the CD By-law Amendment.
- The siting, coverage, and exterior appearance of the building will remain unchanged by this proposal.
- Staff has received no comments in reply to the pre-notification letters or development proposal sign.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that:

- 1. a By-law be introduced to amend Comprehensive Development By-law No. 16926 and a date be set for Public Hearing.
- 2. Council instruct staff to resolve the following issues prior to final adoption:
 - (a) Discharge of Restrictive Covenant (No. CA1456853) which prohibits the owner from using the attic space as a floor assembly or floor area.
 - (b) Registration of a Section 219 Restrictive Covenant requiring that the second storey floor space be used for storage only.

REFERRALS

Engineering: The Engineering Department has no objection to the project.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

<u>Existing Land Use:</u> Pawnshop (Common Exchange).

Adjacent Area:

Direction	Existing Use	OCP/LAP Designation	Existing Zone
North (Across 72 Avenue):	Retail commercial.	Commercial	СНІ
East:	Retail commercial	Commercial	C-8
South:	Retail commercial.	Commercial	СНІ
West:	Retail commercial.	Commercial	C-8

DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Background and Site Context

• The subject site (13438 – 72 Avenue) is located on the south side of 72 Avenue, just east of 134 Street. The site is currently zoned "Comprehensive Development Zone (CD) (By-law No. 16926) and is designated Commercial in both the Official Community Plan (OCP) and the Newton Local Area Plan (LAP). The site is occupied by the Common Exchange pawnshop.

• The site was rezoned to accommodate the pawnshop use in 2010. Prior to the rezoning proposal, the Common Exchange pawnshop had been located on the property next door (13428 – 72 Avenue). Along with the rezoning, Council also approved a development permit, and variances to setbacks, parking, and landscaping, to accommodate construction of a second storey addition and cosmetic renovations to the existing building.

• Although the building is now two storeys in height, the majority of the second storey is open to the first floor to allow for higher racking storage. The only exception to this is a 128 square metre (1,400 sq.ft.) attic space at the front of the building above the retail sales and office areas. This attic space is not counted as floor area because it is not accessible floor space. As a condition of building permit issuance, the owner was required to register a restrictive covenant on the property prohibiting this attic space from being converted to accessible floor area.

Subject Proposal

- The owner of the Common Exchange pawnshop now wishes to utilize the attic space for additional storage. This involves redesigning the attic space as a floor assembly and providing access via an interior stairwell. This proposal has two implications. Firstly, the proposal is contrary to the restrictive covenant which prohibits conversion of the attic space to accessible floor area. Secondly, the addition of second storey floor area, results in the building exceeding the maximum allowable floor area ratio (FAR) permitted under the CD Zone (By-law No. 16926). The applicant is therefore requesting that the restrictive covenant be discharged and that the CD By-law be amended to accommodate the additional floor area.
- The CD Zone (By-law No. 16926) currently allows a maximum FAR of 0.65. The proposed amendment is to increase the maximum allowable FAR to 0.90 to accommodate the second storey floor area.

Evaluation of Proposed CD By-law Amendment

- The proposed CD By-law Amendment has merits for the following reasons:
 - o The proposed FAR of 0.90 is comparable to the maximum FAR of the neighbouring properties to the east and west of the site, which are zoned "Community Commercial Zone (C-8)". The C-8 Zone has a maximum FAR of 0.80. The site is designated Commercial in the OCP that allows a maximum FAR of 1.5.
 - The proposed second storey floor area is proposed to be used for storage only, not for retail sales or office use. Therefore, the proposal does not generate any additional parking demand. The applicant will be required to register a Section 219 Restrictive Covenant requiring that the second storey floor space be used for storage only, prior to final approval of the CD By-law Amendment.
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PRE-NOTIFICATION

Pre-notification letters were sent on January 13, 2011 and a development proposal sign was erected on the property. Staff has received no comments in reply to the letters or sign.

INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Lot Owners, Action Summary and Project Data Sheets

Appendix II. Site Plan and Floor Plans

Appendix III. Proposed CD By-law (No. 16926) Amendment By-law

Original Signed by Nicholas Lai

Jean Lamontagne General Manager Planning and Development

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Information for City Clerk

Legal Description and Owners of all lots that form part of the application:

1. (a) Agent: Name: Peter Dandyk

Address: 205 – 1205 – 56 Street

Delta, BC

V4L 2A6

Tel: 604-943-1213

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address: 13438 – 72 Avenue

(b) Civic Address: 13438 – 72 Avenue

Owner: Common Exchange Ltd., 448271

PID: 010-307-273

Lot 12, Except Part Dedicated Road on Plan BCP30531, Section 17 Township 2

New Westminster District Plan 17937

3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office

(a) Introduce a By-law to amend the existing CD By-law.

DEVELOPMENT DATA SHEET

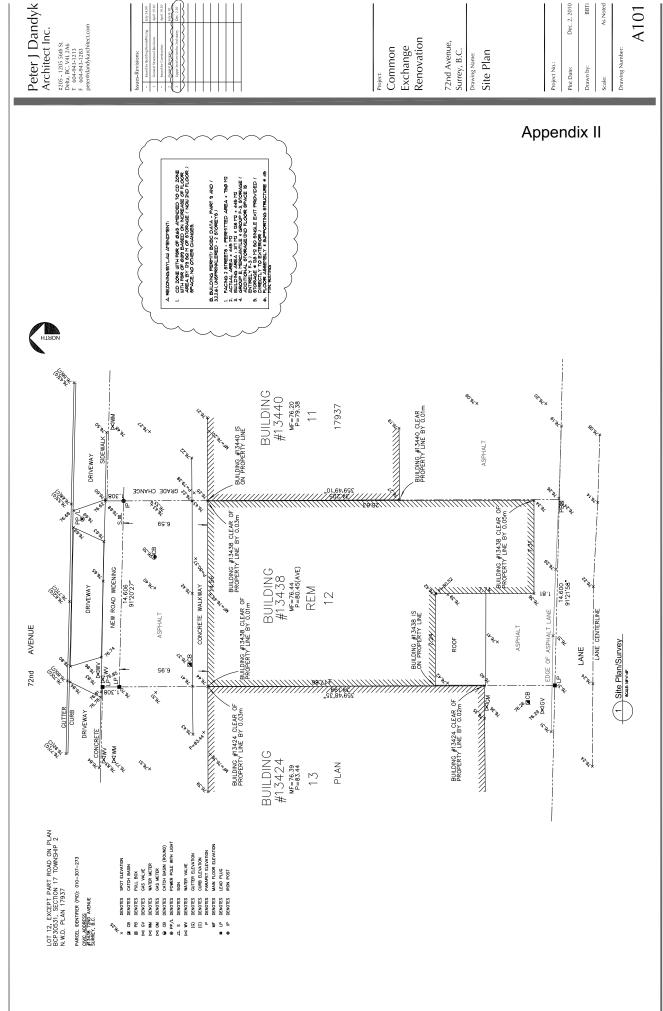
Existing Zoning: CD (By-law No. 16926)

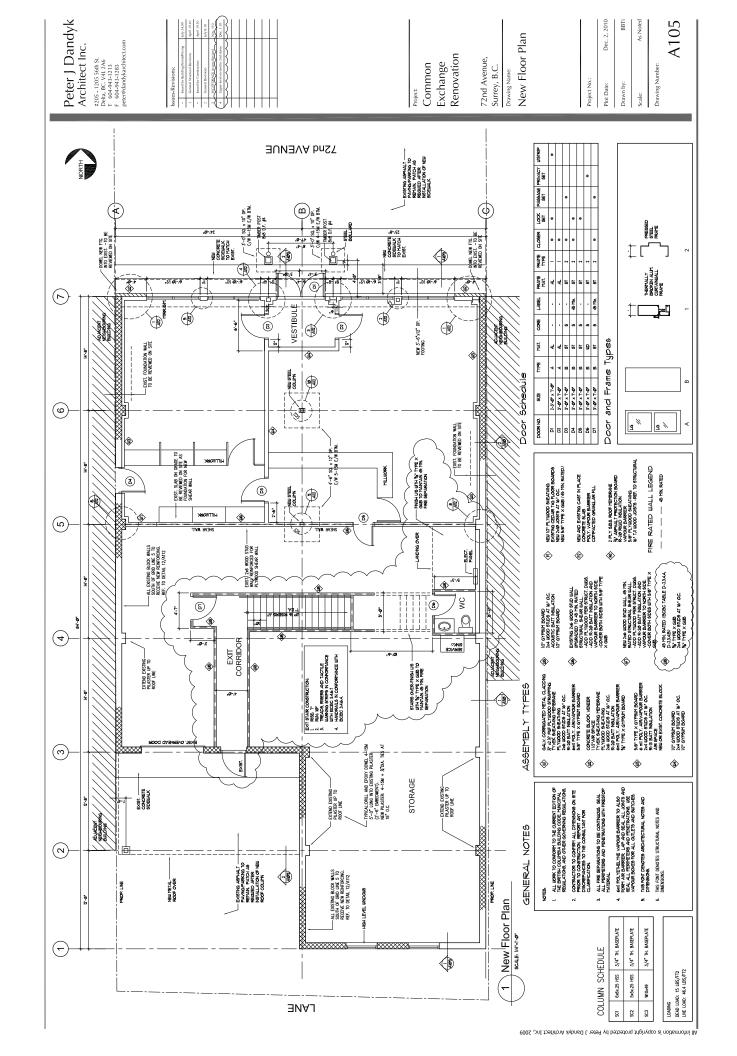
Required Development Data	Minimum Required / Maximum Allowed	Proposed
LOT AREA* (in square metres)		
Gross Total		
Road Widening area		
Undevelopable area		
Net Total		494 m²
LOT COVERAGE (in % of net lot area)		
Buildings & Structures	65%	65%
Paved & Hard Surfaced Areas		
Total Site Coverage		
SETBACKS (in metres)		
Front	7.5 m	6.4 m
Rear	7.5 m	1.7 m
Side #1 (East)	7.5 m	o m
Side #2 (West)	7.5 m	o m
BUILDING HEIGHT (in metres/storeys)		
Principal	12 M	7 m
Accessory	4.5 m	n/a
NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS		
Bachelor		
One Bed		
Two Bedroom		
Three Bedroom +		
Total		
FLOOR AREA: Residential		
FLOOR AREA: Commercial		
Retail		
Office		
	22. m²	4.5 2
Total	321 m ²	445 m ²
FLOOR AREA: Industrial		
FLOOR AREA: Institutional		
TOTAL BUILDING ELOOP AREA	2	
TOTAL BUILDING FLOOR AREA * If the development site consists of more the	321 m ²	445 m ²

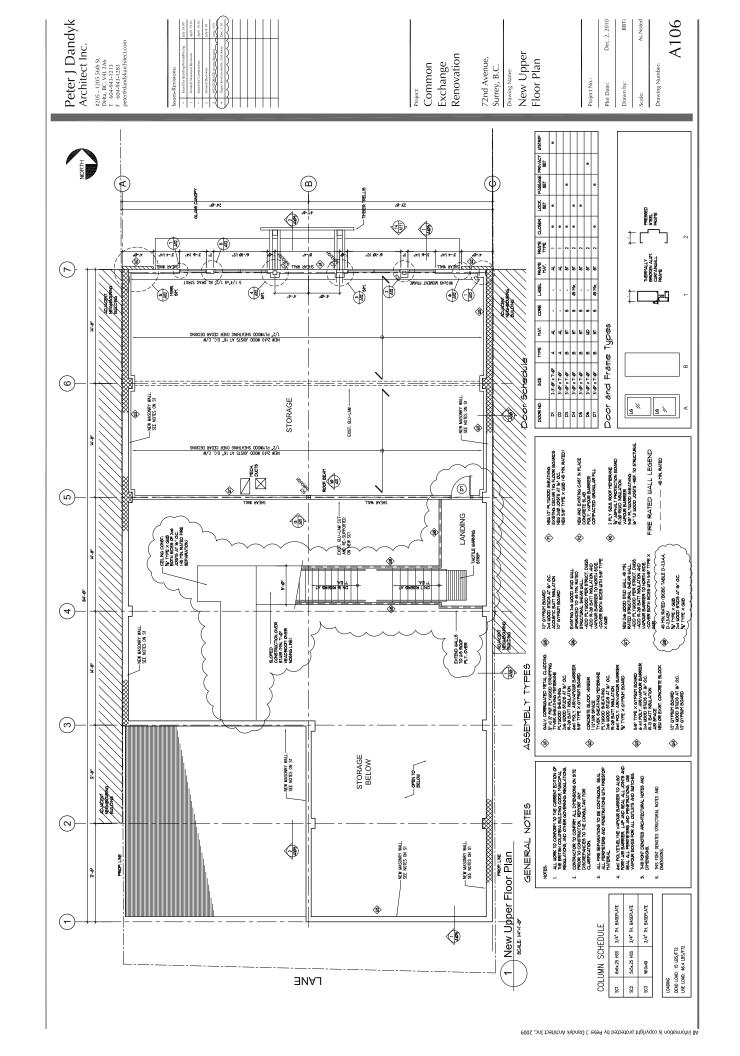
Development Data Sheet cont'd

Required Development Data	Minimum Required / Maximum Allowed	Proposed
DENSITY		
# of units/ha /# units/acre (gross)		
# of units/ha /# units/acre (net)		
FAR (gross)	0.65	0.90
FAR (net)		
AMENITY SPACE (area in square metres)		
Indoor		
Outdoor		
PARKING (number of stalls)		
Commercial	13	
Industrial	7	
Residential Bachelor + 1 Bedroom		
2-Bed		
3-Bed		
Residential Visitors		
Institutional		
Total Number of Parking Spaces	13	7
Number of disabled stalls		
Number of small cars		
Tandem Parking Spaces: Number / % of Total Number of Units		
Size of Tandem Parking Spaces width/length		

Heritage Site	NO	Tree Survey/Assessment Provided	NO
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BY-LAW NO.

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