

# City of Surrey <br> PLANNING \& DEVELOPMENT REPORT <br> File: 7911-0002-00 

Planning Report Date: February 7, 2011
PROPOSAL:

## - Development Variance Permit

in order to relax the side yard setback and the maximum height of an accessory structure to permit a 30.48-metre ( 100 ft .) high flagpole for a gurdwara.

| LOCATION: | $10677-124$ Street |
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| OWNER: | Satnam Education Society of British <br> Columbia |
| ZONING: | CD (By-law No. 16017) |
| OCP DESIGNATION: | Industrial |
| NCP DESIGNATION: | School |



## RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

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


## DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

- Seeking increased height of an accessory structure, from 9 metres ( 29.5 ft .) to 30.48 metres ( 100 ft .), in order to permit a flagpole.
- Seeking relaxed side yard on flanking street setback from 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) to 2.4 metres ( 8 ft .) for a flagpole.


## RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The flagpole is related to religious uses on the subject property and is consistent with the height of other similar flagpoles in industrial areas.
- The proposed flagpole location within the side yard on a flanking street will not impact neighbouring properties.


## RECOMMENDATION

The Planning \& Development Department recommends that:

1. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7911-0002-oo (Appendix II) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:
(a) to vary Section G. 3 of CD By-law No. 16017 to increase the maximum height of an accessory structure from 9 metres ( 29.5 ft .) to 30.48 metres ( 100 ft .) in order to permit a flagpole; and
(b) to vary Section F of CD By-law No. 16017 to decrease the minimum side yard on a flanking street setback from 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) to 2.4 metres ( 8 ft .) for a flagpole.

## REFERRALS

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

## SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Existing Land Use: Khalsa Elementary School.
Adjacent Area:

| Direction | Existing Use | NCP Designation | Existing Zone |
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| North (Across Old Yale Road): | Mix of industrial and <br> non-conforming <br> residential uses. | Business Park | IL-1 |
| East (Across 124 Street): | Primarily vacant lands <br> and large vacant lot <br> under application to <br> allow single family <br> residential lots (File <br> No. 7906-0247-oo <br> referred back to staff <br> by Council). | Business Park | IB and A-1 |
| South (Across 105 Avenue road <br> dedication): | Vacant lot recently <br> approved for 43 <br> townhouse units (File <br> No. 7906-0332-oo). | Low Density <br> Townhouses | RM-15 |


| Direction | Existing Use | NCP Designation | Existing Zone |
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| West (Across Orange-Coded <br> Creek): | Primarily vacant lots <br> with unauthorized <br> truck parking. Two <br> (2) lots under <br> application for <br> Temporary Use <br> Permits (File <br>  <br> 7910-0306-oo) | Business Park | A-1 |
| West of Northeast Portion of <br> Site | Auto and truck repair <br> business | Business Park | IL-1 |

## DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

## Background

- The subject site is located at the southwest corner of Old Yale Road and 124 Street. It is designated Industrial in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and is designated Schools in the South Westminster Neighbourhood Concept Plan (NCP).
- The site was the subject of a previous land development application submitted in 2006 (File No. 7906-0035-oo) to rezone the property from General Agricultural Zone (A-1) to CD (By-law No. 16017) to allow for the construction of one private elementary school and one private high school, a child care facility, assembly uses as well as track and playing fields. Council granted final adoption to the rezoning by-law on June 25, 2007.
- The elementary school component of this phased development, which includes a place of worship, is in operation.
- On July 12, 2010, the gurdwara parapet was granted a variance to increase the height from 10.8 metres ( 35.5 ft .) to 11.6 metres ( 38 ft .) under Application No. 7910-0142-00.


## Current Proposal

- The applicant has requested a Development Variance Permit to increase the maximum height of an accessory structure from 9 metres ( 29.5 ft .) to 30.48 metres ( 100 ft .) and to vary the setback requirements, to permit a flagpole.
- The flagpole is an integral part of the gurdwara and has important cultural and religious significance in the Sikh tradition.
- The landscaping plan in the previously approved Development Permit requires modification by eliminating two trees from around the proposed base of the flagpole. This is considered a minor amendment that can be handled administratively.


## BY-LAW VARIANCES AND JUSTIFICATION

(a) Requested Variance:

- To increase the maximum height of an accessory structure in CD By-law No. 16017 from 9 metres ( 29.5 ft .) to 33.48 metres ( 10 ft .).

Applicant's Justification:

- The flagpole is an integral part of the gurdwara.
- The proposed height is required to give direction to the faithful and the needy.
- The flagpole height was overlooked with the previous applications.
- The City has approved similar variances for the height of flagpoles associated with a gurdwara.


## Staff Response:

- It is acknowledged that the flagpole is an integral feature of religious assembly halls within the Sikh tradition.
- The proposed variance is comparable to the height of flagpoles approved through a DVP process elsewhere in Surrey.
- The neighbouring property to the east is currently designated Industrial in the Official Community Plan and the proposed flagpole is not expected to create a negative impact on the nearby properties.
- Staff support the requested variance.
(b) Requested Variance:
- To reduce the minimum side yard on a flanking street setback for an accessory structure in CD By-law No. 16017 from 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) to 2.4 metres ( 8 ft .).

Applicant's Justification:

- The flagpole is an integral part of the gurdwara and should be located at the front of the gurdwara so people can pay respect prior to entering the gurdwara.
- Other options would sit the flagpole at the rear or side of the gurdwara


## Staff Response:

- The proposed siting of the flagpole will not impact nearby properties.
- Staff support the requested variance.


## INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:
Appendix I. Lot Owners and Action Summary
Appendix II. Development Variance Permit No. 7911-0002-oo

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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:

Harinder Singh Sohi
Address:
6933-124 Street
Surrey, BC
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Tel: 604-591-2248
2. Properties involved in the Application
(a) Civic Address: $10677-124$ Street
(b) Civic Address: $10677-124$ Street Owner: Satnam Education Society of British Columbia, Inc. No. Soo21979
PID:
027-214-303
Lot 1 Sections 19 and 20 block 5 North Range 2 West New Westminster District Plan BCP32461
3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office
(a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7911-0002-oo.

## DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

NO. 7911-0002-oo

Issued To:
SATNAM EDUCATION SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, INC. NO. Soo21979
(the "Owner")
Address of Owner: 6933-124 Street
Surrey, BC
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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: 027-214-303
Lot 1 Sections 19 and 20 Block 5 North Range 2 West New Westminster District Plan BCP32461

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\text { 10677-124 Street } \\
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3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, Amendment By-law, 2006, No. 16017 is varied as follows:
(a) In Section G. 3 the maximum structure height is increased from 9 metres ( 29.5 ft .) to 30.48 metres ( 100 ft ).
(b) In Section F, the side yard on flanking street setback is reduced from 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) to 2.4 metres ( 8 ft .) to permit a flagpole.
4. The siting of buildings and structures shall be in accordance with the drawings numbered 7910-0142-00 (A) to (D) which are attached hereto as Schedule A and form part of this development variance permit.
5. This development variance permit applies to only the flagpole structure on the Land shown on Schedule A which is attached hereto and forms part of this development variance permit. This development variance permit does not apply to additions to, or replacement of, any of the existing buildings shown on attached Schedule A, which is attached hereto and forms part of this development variance permit.
6. The Land shall be developed strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions and provisions of this development variance permit.
7. 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.
8. The terms of this development variance permit or any amendment to it, are binding on all persons who acquire an interest in the Land.
9. 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 - Dianne L. Watts

City Clerk - Jane Sullivan

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