

# City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7911-0052-00

Planning Report Date: July 25, 2011

# **PROPOSAL:**

# • Development Variance Permit

to allow the clearance requirement for a canopy sign to be reduced from 2.75 metres (9 feet) to 2.29 metres (7.5 feet).

LOCATION: 13671 - 72 Avenue

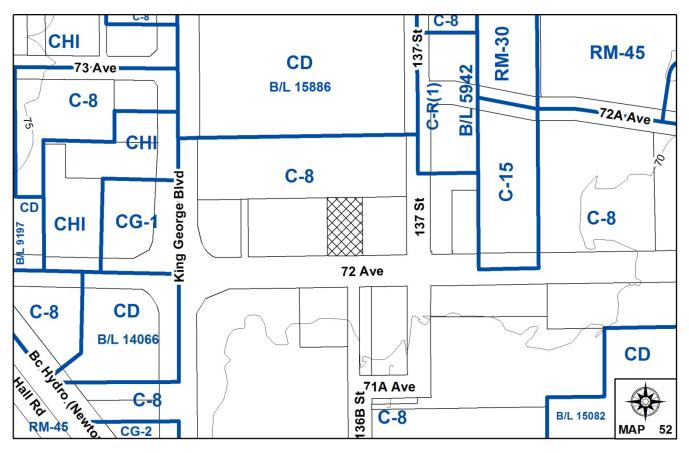
**OWNER:** 525596 British Columbia Ltd., Inc.

No. 525596

ZONING: C-8

OCP DESIGNATION: Town Centre NCP/LAP Commercial

**DESIGNATION:** 



### RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

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

# **DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS**

• Seeking to vary the Surrey Sign By-law, 1999, By-law No. 13656, to allow the clearance requirement for a canopy sign to be reduced from 2.75 metres (9 feet) to 2.29 metres (7.5 feet).

# **RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION**

- The building is an older existing building which is being renovated (Appendix II). The canopy height for the building is 2.29 metres (7.5 feet). The proposed signage will have the same clearance as the existing canopy.
- The sign area for the proposed canopy sign is 2.38 square metres (26 square feet). This along with the approved sign for the south elevation which has a sign area of 3.25 square metres (35 square feet) means the total combined sign area for all signs is 5.63 square metres (61 square feet) well under the maximum permitted. The Sign By-law Section 27.10. Sub-section (f) allows for a total sign area of 23.4 square metres (252 square feet) for all signage other than free standing signs.
- The canopy signage identifies the location of the building entrance.
- The proposed signage is of high quality and fits with the design of the building.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning & Development Department recommends that:

1. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7911-0052-00 (Appendix IV) varying the following to proceed to Public Notification:

(a) In order to amend Surrey Sign By-law, 1999, No. 13656 to permit the clearance of a canopy sign to be 2.29 metres (7.5 feet) for the building entrance.

# **REFERRALS**

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

# **SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

Existing Land Use: Vacant building.

### **Adjacent Area:**

Direction	Existing Use	OCP/ Newton Town Centre Plan	<b>Existing Zone</b>
		Designation	
North:	Single tenant building -	Commercial/Commercial	C-8
	RCMP Newton		
	detachment		
East:	Single tenant commercial	Town	C-8
	building (bank - RBC	Centre/Commercial	
	Royal Bank)		
South (Across 72 Avenue):	Single tenant commercial	Town Centre/Proposed	C-8
	building (bank)	Mixed Use in Newton	
		Town Centre Stage I	
		Plan	
West:	Multiple-tenant	Town	C-8
	commercial building	Centre/Commercial	

# **DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

# **Background**

- The subject property located at 13671 72 Avenue is designated Town Centre in the Official Community Plan and Commercial in the Newton Town Centre Plan. The property is zoned C-8 Community Commercial in the Zoning By-law, By-law No. 12000, as amended.
- The bank (RBC Royal Bank), is currently operating in the building on the property to the east, 13681 72 Avenue (see Appendix III). The building on the subject property is currently undergoing a major renovation and is not currently occupied (Appendix II). RBC Royal

Bank will operate in both buildings on the two properties when the renovations have been completed.

# **Proposal**

- The applicant is proposing to install an illuminated canopy sign.
- The sign will completely cover the existing canopy face 0.56 metres (22 inches) by 4.3 metres (14 feet) and it will not extend above or below the existing face.
- The sign material is translucent vinyl with a "push-thru style". The logo has acrylic graphics pushed through an aluminum face.

# **BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION**

• To vary the Sign By-law requirement that the canopy sign be at least 2.75 metres (9 feet) above ground level at the entrance to allow canopy sign with 2.29 metres (7.5 feet) clearance.

# **Applicants Reasons:**

• The signage is proposed for the canopy face for the building entrance. The building is an older existing building under renovation which has a canopy face which has 2.29 metres (7.5 feet) of clearance. The signage will not project below the canopy face, its clearance is the same as the existing canopy.

# **Staff Comments:**

- The building is an older existing building which is being renovated (Appendix II). The canopy height for the building is 2.29 metres (7.5 feet). The proposed signage will have the same clearance as the existing canopy.
- The sign area for the proposed canopy sign is 2.38 square metres (26 square feet). This along with the approved sign for the south elevation which has a sign area of 3.25 square metres (35 square feet) means the total combined sign area for all signs is 5.63 square metres (61 square feet) well under the maximum permitted. The Sign By-law Section 27.10 subsection (f) allows for a total sign area of 23.4 square metres (252 square feet) for all signage other than free standing signs.
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# **INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT**

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Lot Owners, Action Summary and Project Data Sheets and Survey Plan
Appendix II Photo of East Elevation of the Building – Building Currently Being Refurbished
Site Plan - Subject Property and Property to the East (13671 & 13681 72 Ave)
Appendix IV Development Variance Permit No. 7911-0052-00

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Jean Lamontagne General Manager Planning and Development

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# <u>Information for City Clerk</u>

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

1. (a) Agent: Name: Steph Blackburn

Northstar Signs & Lighting Ltd.

Address: 12763 - 60 Avenue

Surrey BC V<sub>3</sub>X <sub>2</sub>K<sub>9</sub>

Tel: 778-388-5343 - Work

778-388-5343 - Fax

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address: 13671 - 72 Avenue

(b) Civic Address: 13671 - 72 Avenue

Owner: 525596 British Columbia Ltd., Inc. No. 525596

**Director Information:** 

Philip Yacht Corinne Yacht

Officer Information as at August 20, 2010

Philip Yacht (Secretary) Corinne Yacht (President)

PID: 006-643-698

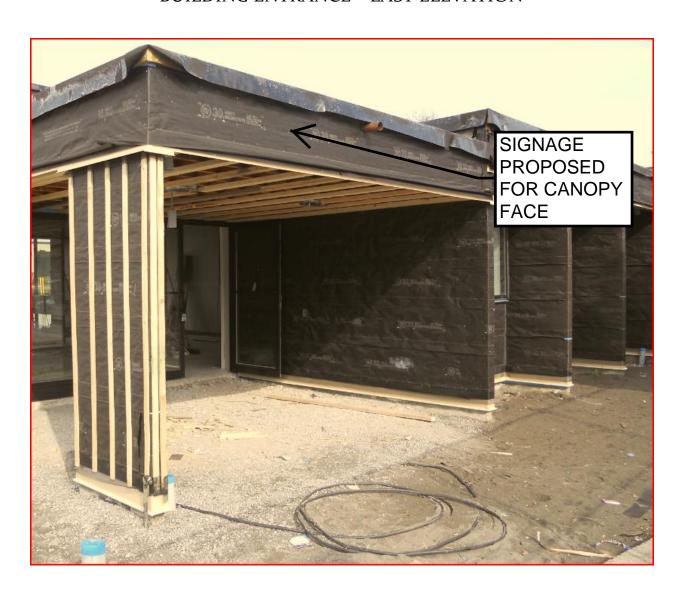
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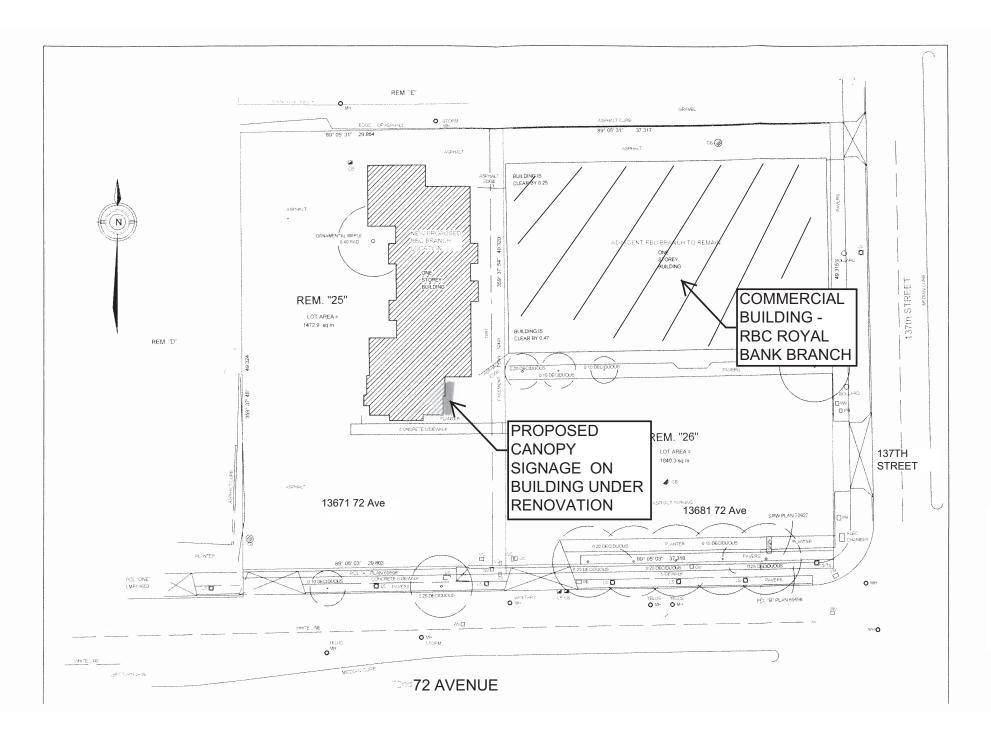
District Plan 32102

- 3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office
  - (a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7911-0052-00

# **APPENDIX II**

# CANOPY SIGNAGE PROPOSED FOR BUILDING ENTRANCE – EAST ELEVATION





# **CITY OF SURREY**

(the "City")

# **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT**

NO.: 7911-0052-00

Issued To: 525596 BRITISH COLUMBIA LTD., INC., NO. 525596

("the Owner")

Address of Owner: 3388 Osler Street

Vancouver, BC V6H 2W3

- 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: 006-643-698 Lot 25 Except: Parcel A Bylaw Plan 69598; Section 21 Township 2 New Westminster District Plan 32102

13671 - 72 Avenue

(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Sign By-law, 1999, No. 13656, as amended is varied as follows:
  - (a) In Section 27.10 Sub-section (h) is amended to permit a canopy sign with clearance of 2.29 metres (7.5 feet).
- 4. This development variance permit applies to only that portion of the buildings and structures 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.
- 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 – Dianne L. Watts	
	<u>-</u>	City Clerk – Jane Sullivan	

