

# City of Surrey PLANNING \& DEVELOPMENT REPORT <br> File: <br> 7911-0151-00 

Planning Report Date: February 18, 2013

## PROPOSAL:

- Development Permit
- Development Variance Permit
in order to permit the development of a multi-tenant industrial building as well as reduce the minimum rear yard and side yard setbacks from 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) to o metres (o ft.).

LOCATION: 12126-90 Avenue
OWNER:
Ajit S. Gill
Dilbagh S. Gill
ZONING:
IL
OCP DESIGNATION: Industrial


## RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

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


## DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

- The applicant is requesting a Development Variance Permit to reduce the minimum rear yard and side yard setbacks from 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) to o metres (o ft .) to permit the construction of a multi-tenant industrial building.


## RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The proposed concrete tilt-up building is attractive, well-designed and will provide an appealing addition to 90 Avenue as well as establishes a high-standard for the form and character of future industrial buildings within the surrounding neighbourhood.
- The setback variances will make more efficient use of the site without compromising minimum setbacks along 90 Avenue across from existing single family residential dwellings while avoiding the potential for blank walls and reducing opportunities for criminal activity. Furthermore, the setback variances will have a negligible impact on future industrial buildings located on adjacent properties which City staff anticipate will require similar reduced setbacks.


## RECOMMENDATION

The Planning \& Development Department recommends that:

1. Council authorize staff to draft Development Permit No. 7911-0151-00 generally in accordance with the attached drawings (Appendix II).
2. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7911-0151-0o (Appendix V) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:
(a) to reduce the minimum rear yard setback of the IL Zone from 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) to o metres (o ft.); and
(b) to reduce the minimum west side yard setback of the IL Zone from 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) to o metres (o ft.).
3. Council instruct staff to resolve the following issues prior to final approval:
(a) ensure that all engineering requirements and issues including restrictive covenants, dedications, and rights-of-way where necessary, are addressed to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Engineering;
(b) submission of a finalized tree survey and a statement regarding tree preservation to the satisfaction of the City Landscape Architect;
(c) submission of a landscaping plan and landscaping cost estimate to the specifications and satisfaction of the Planning and Development Department;
(d) address the deficit in tree replacement; and
(e) construct the required tree protection barriers and pass the tree protection barrier inspection to the satisfaction of Planning and Development Department.

## REFERRALS

Engineering:
The Engineering Department has no objection to the project subject to the completion of Engineering servicing requirements as outlined in Appendix III.

Surrey Fire Department:
Fire access lane to be marked "No Parking Fire Lane" or signage posted along the internal drive aisle to prevent vehicle parking.

## SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Existing Land Use: Vacant industrial property
Adjacent Area:

| Direction | Existing Use | OCP <br> Designation | Existing Zone |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| North <br> (Across 9o Avenue): | Single family residential and City park | Urban | RF |
| East and South: | Industrial buildings and outdoor storage | Industrial |  <br> L.U.C. No. 6o |
| West: | Single family residential and vacant land | Industrial | RA |

## DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

## Background

- The subject property at 12126 - 90 Avenue is currently designated "Industrial" in the Official Community Plan (OCP), zoned "Light Impact Industrial (IL) Zone" and presently vacant.
- A Development Permit (DP) and Development Variance Permit (DVP) were previously issued by Council for a similar multi-tenant industrial building under File No. 7905-0022-00. However, the DP and DVP expired in June, 2007 given that the applicant did not to proceed with construction. Therefore, the applicant request another DP and DVP (File No. 7911-0151-oo) in order to construct a multi-tenant industrial building that generally conforms to the original DP drawings for File No. 7905-0022-00.


## Current Proposal

- The applicant proposes to construct a multi-tenant industrial building at the southeast corner of the subject property. The proposed building will provide warehouse space for nine future tenants.
- The applicant is requesting a Development Variance Permit (DVP) to reduce the minimum rear yard and west side yard setbacks in order to construct the proposed multi-tenant building. The requested variance will permit added floor area for warehouse purposes without compromising on-site traffic circulation. In addition, the requested variances will better utilize the available yard space and reduce potential criminal activity by limiting the amount of dead space located within the rear yard and west side yard setbacks.


## DESIGN PROPOSAL AND REVIEW

## Proposed Building

- The proposed multi-tenant industrial building will provide 1,721 square metres ( $18,529 \mathrm{sq}$. ft.) of ground-floor space for warehouse purposes plus a 136 square metre ( $1,46 \mathrm{osq}$. ft.) second-storey mezzanine. The building includes nine units for future tenants with the mezzanine space located above three units.
- The proposed concrete tilt-up building is attractive, well-designed and will provide an appealing addition to 90 Avenue by establishing a high-standard for the form, design and character of future industrial buildings within the surrounding neighbourhood. The building materials include metal canopies for weather protection, ground-floor storefront variety windows, semi-reflecting glass for feature box windows, spandrel panels and concrete reveals in neutral colours with darker accents.
- The subject property will retain driveway access off go Avenue. A reciprocal access easement was previously registered on title under File No. 7905-0022-00 and should be completed in future once the adjacent property at 12106-90 Avenue redevelops (File No. 7912-0150-oo). A reciprocal access easement is further required for 12116 - 90 Avenue in order to complete the development pattern.
- The Surrey Zoning By-law No. 12000 requires one parking space for every 100 square metres $(1,075$ sq. ft.) of gross floor area for light impact industrial uses. Therefore, the proposed building would require the owner to provide a total of nineteen (19) parking spaces for employees and customers. As the applicant is providing 19 parking spaces which includes one (1) accessible parking stall, the proposed building complies with Zoning By-law No. 12000 based upon light impact industrial uses.


## Landscaping

- The applicant proposes significant landscaping along 90 Avenue which includes a 1.5 metre ( 5 ft .) wide landscape buffer that separates the boulevard and parking spaces located along the northern boundary of the subject property. In order to reduce the overall visual impact of the multi-tenant industrial building and on-site parking, the applicant proposes to install low profile planting and several medium-sized trees to further conceal the proposed building and on-site parking from the adjacent residential properties. In addition, the applicant will provide an acoustic fence along the eastern and northeastern property line to assist in reducing noise generated by on-site activities.
- The Arborist Report prepared by Mike Fadum \& Associates Ltd. identified two (2) on-site and four (4) off-site by-law sized trees for future retention (Appendix IV). The City Landscape Architect reviewed the Arborist Report and stamped the tree retention/replacement plans as generally acceptable. No additional replacement trees are required.


## Proposed Free-standing Sign

- The proposed free-standing sign will be 3.7 metres ( 12 ft .) high which is lower in height than the permitted 4.5 metres ( 15 ft .) allowed for free-standing signs within the Surrey Sign by-law, 1999.
- The free-standing sign is 1.83 metres ( 8.67 ft .) wide and double-sided resulting in a total sign area of 9.66 square metres ( 104 sq . ft.). The Sign By-law permits a total sign area of 27.8 square metres ( $300 \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{ft}$.).
- The free-standing sign will consist of a tubular steel frame with metal cladding in natural colours to match the proposed building. The sign will include an aluminum frame sign box supported on a cultured stone foundation setback 2 metres ( 6.6 ft .) from the north lot line along 90 Avenue, in accordance with the Sign By-law. In addition, the sign area will have 36 individual sign channels (18 per side) and background illumination for advertisement purposes.
- The applicant proposes to introduce additional landscaping around the base of the sign in order to improve the overall appearance. The proposed landscaping will consist of low-lying shrubs as well as additional ground cover around the perimeter of the sign base.


## Proposed Fascia Signage

- The proposed fascia signage is limited to one fascia sign per premise frontage, conforms to the maximum allowable combined sign area per linear foot of premise frontage and will not extend more than 0.5 metre ( 1.6 ft .) from the building façade, in compliance with the Surrey Sign By-law.
- The fascia signs will consist primarily of individual channel letters with background illumination. The proposed fascia signage is located directly above the storefront windows or doorway entrance to each unit along the northern and western building elevations.


## ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL

The City Architect determined that further ADP review was not required given the current proposal is substantially in compliance with the DP drawings originally approved under File No. 7905-0022-oo.

## BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION

(a) Requested Variance:

- To vary the minimum west side yard setback from 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) to o metres (o ft.).
- To vary the minimum rear yard setback from 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) to o metres (o ft.).

Applicant's Reasons:

- The adjacent industrial building at 8592 Holt Road, located directly behind the subject property, is similarly located at zero lot line. Therefore, the proposed setback variances will have a negligible impact on existing industrial businesses within the neighbourhood.
- The setback variances will increase the available floor area and provide a more efficient layout for warehouse operations within the proposed multi-tenant industrial building.


## Staff Comments:

- The proposed setback variances will make more efficient use of the site by increasing the available floor area as well as improving on-site circulation while reducing the potential for blank walls and restricting opportunities for criminal activity in keeping with CPTED principles. Minimum setbacks along 90 Avenue, directly across from existing single family residential, will be maintained.
- The setback variances will have a negligible impact on future industrial buildings located on adjacent properties given that City staff anticipate requests for siting at similar reduced setbacks.
- The applicant is proposing additional landscaping along 90 Avenue in order to enhance the streetscape as well as reduce the visual impact of the proposed multi-tenant building.
- The variances are identical to those previously approved under File No. 7905-0022-00.


## 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, Building Elevations and Landscape Plans
Appendix III. Engineering Summary
Appendix IV. Summary of Tree Survey and Tree Preservation
Appendix V. Development Variance Permit No. 7911-0151-oo

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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: Wojciech Grzybowicz WG Architecture Inc
Address: $\quad 470$ - Granville Street, Unit \#1030 Vancouver, B.C. V6C ${ }_{1} V_{5}$
Tel: $\quad$ 604-331-2378
2. Properties involved in the Application
(a) Civic Address: 12126 - 90 Avenue
(b) Civic Address: 12126 - 90 Avenue

Owners: Dilbagh S. Gill
Ajit S. Gill
PID:
005-787-548
Lot 12 Section 31 Township 2 New Westminster District Plan 21668
3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office
(a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7911-0151-00 and bring the Development Variance Permit forward for an indication of support by Council. If supported, the Development Variance Permit will be brought forward for issuance and execution by the Mayor and City Clerk in conjunction with final approval of the Development Permit.
(b) Remove Notice of Development Permit No. 7905-0022-oo from title.
(c) Remove Notice of Development Variance Permit No. 7905-0022-oo from title.

## DEVELOPMENT DATA SHEET

Proposed/Existing Zoning: IL

| Required Development Data | Minimum Required / Maximum Allowed | Proposed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LOT AREA* (in square metres) |  |  |
| Gross Total | N/A | 3,297 m ${ }^{2}$ |
| Road Widening area |  |  |
| Undevelopable area |  |  |
| Net Total | N/A | N/A |
|  |  |  |
| LOT COVERAGE (in \% of net lot area) |  |  |
| Buildings \& Structures |  |  |
| Paved \& Hard Surfaced Areas |  |  |
| Total Site Coverage | 6o\% | 52\% |
|  |  |  |
| SETBACKS ( in metres) |  |  |
| Front | 7.5 m . | +7.5 m. |
| Rear | 7.5 m . | o m. |
| Side \#ı (E) | $7.5 \mathrm{~m} . / \mathrm{om}$. | o m. |
| Side \#2 (W) | 7.5 m . | o m. |
|  |  |  |
| BUILDING HEIGHT (in metres/storeys) |  |  |
| Principal | 18 m. | 9.1 m . |
| Accessory | N/A | N/A |
|  |  |  |
| NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS | N/A | N/A |
| Bachelor |  |  |
| One Bed |  |  |
| Two Bedroom |  |  |
| Three Bedroom + |  |  |
| Total |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| FLOOR AREA: Residential | N/A | N/A |
|  |  |  |
| FLOOR AREA: Commercial | N/A | N/A |
| Retail |  |  |
| Office |  |  |
| Total |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| FLOOR AREA: Industrial | N/A | 1,857 m ${ }^{2}$ |
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| FLOOR AREA: Institutional | N/A | N/A |
|  |  |  |
| TOTAL BUILDING FLOOR AREA | N/A | 1,857 m ${ }^{2}$ |

*If the development site consists of more than one lot, lot dimensions pertain to the entire site.

## 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) | 1.0 | 0.56 |
| FAR (net) | N/A | N/A |
|  |  |  |
| AMENITY SPACE (area in square metres) | N/A | N/A |
| Indoor |  |  |
| Outdoor |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| PARKING (number of stalls) |  |  |
| Commercial | N/A | N/A |
| Industrial | 19 stalls | 19 stalls |
|  |  |  |
| Residential Bachelor +1 Bedroom | N/A | N/A |
| 2 -Bed |  |  |
| 3-Bed |  |  |
| Residential Visitors | N/A | N/A |
|  |  |  |
| Institutional | N/A | N/A |
|  |  |  |
| Total Number of Parking Spaces | 19 stalls | 19 stalls |
|  |  |  |
| Number of disabled stalls | N/A | 1 stall |
| Number of small cars | N/A | 1 stall |
| Tandem Parking Spaces: Number / \% of Total Number of Units | N/A | N/A |
| Size of Tandem Parking Spaces width/length | N/A | N/A |


| Heritage Site | NO | Tree Survey/Assessment Provided | YES |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |









TO: Manager, Area Planning \& Development

- South Surrey Division

Planning and Development Department
FROM: Development Project Engineer, Engineering Department
DATE: December 3, 2012 PROJECT FILE: 7811-0151-00

RE: Engineering Requirements (Commercial/Industrial) Location: 1212690 Ave.

## DEVELOPMENT PERMIT/DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

There are no engineering requirements relative to issuance of the Development Variance Permit.
The following issues are to be addressed as a condition of issuance of the Development Permit:

- Revise driveway to meet City standards

A Servicing Agreement is not required for the Development Permit or Development Variance Permit, but will be required for the $90^{\text {th }}$ Avenue frontage upgrade and any downstream storm system improvemgnts prior to issuance of Building Permit.

Bob Ambardar, P.Eng
Development project Engineer
BA


# DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT 

NO.: 7911-0151-00
Issued To:
AJIT S. GILL
DILBAGH S. GILL
("the Owner")
Address of Owner: 9116-139A Street
Surrey, B.C. V3W 3N6

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: 005-787-548
Lot 12 Section 31 Township 2 New Westminster District Plan 21668

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12126-90 \text { Avenue } \\
\text { (the "Land") }
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3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:
(a) In Section F of Part 48, "Light Impact Industrial Zone (IL)", the minimum west side yard setback is reduced from 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) to o metres (o ft.).
(b) In Section F of Part 48, "Light Impact Industrial Zone (IL)", the minimum rear yard setback is reduced from 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) to o metres (o ft.).
4. The siting of buildings and structures shall be in accordance with the drawing numbered 7911-0151-00(A) which is attached hereto and form part of this development variance permit.
5. 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.
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 , zo . ISSUED THIS DAY OF , 20 .

Mayor - Dianne L. Watts

City Clerk - Jane Sullivan


