

Planning Report Date: October 3, 2011

# **PROPOSAL:**

## • Development Variance Permit

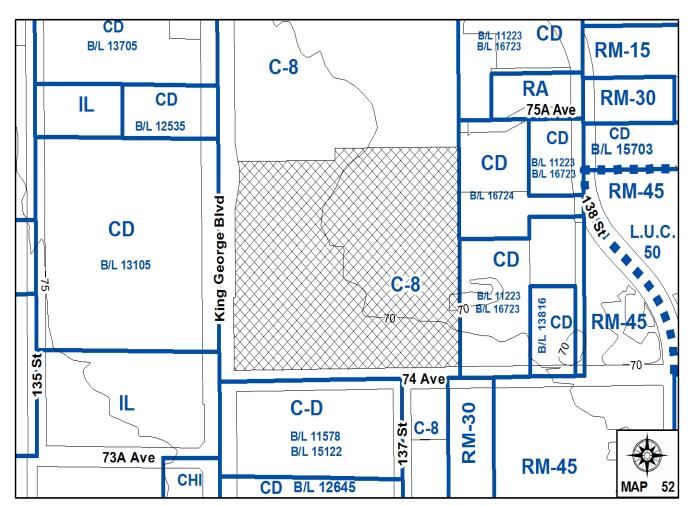
in order to vary the number of fascia signs and awning signs.

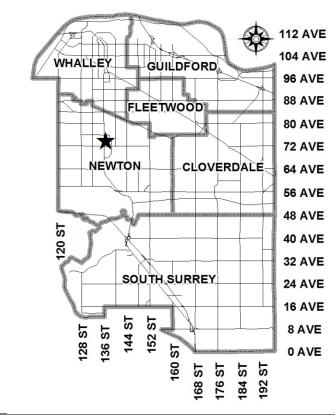
- **LOCATION:** 7488 King George Boulevard
- **OWNER:** King's Cross Shopping Centre Ltd.

ZONING: C-8

OCP DESIGNATION: Commercial

TCP DESIGNATION: Mass Merchandising





# **RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

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

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

• A Development Variance Permit is required for an increase in the number of fascia signs from two (2) to four (4), and an increase in the number of awning signs from one (1) to two (2).

# RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The proposed fascia signs are of high quality and appropriate design.
- The proposed awning signs improve the appearance of the building by reducing the amount of copy area previously placed on the signs.
- The total proposed sign area is well below the maximum allowed in the Sign By-law.

File: 7911-0179-00

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that:

- 1. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7911-0179-00 (Appendix II) varying the following provisions of Surrey Sign By-law, 1999, to proceed to Public Notification:
  - (a) to increase the maximum number of fascia signs per premise from two (2) to four (4); and
  - (b) to increase the maximum number of awning signs per premise from one (1) to two (2).

#### REFERRALS

Engineering: The Engineering Department has no objection to the project as outlined in Appendix III.

## SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Existing Land Use: A multi-tenant commercial building within a shopping plaza (Kings Cross Shopping Centre).

## Adjacent Area:

Direction	Existing Use	OCP/TCP	Existing Zone
		Designation	
North :	Parking lot for the King's	Commercial/Mass	C-8
	Cross Plaza	Merchandising	
East:	Commercial building	Commercial/Mass	C-8
	(Michael's)	Merchandising	
South (Across 74 Avenue):	Shopping plaza	Commercial/Mass	CD
		Merchandising	
West:	Office building within the	Commercial/Mass	C-8
	Kings Cross Plaza	Merchandising	

## **DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

## **Background**

- The Westminster Savings Credit Union is located in a multi-tenant building adjacent to 74 Avenue within the King's Cross Shopping Centre, in the Newton Town Centre (Appendix V).
- The King's Cross Shopping Centre was approved under Development Permit No. 6786-0589-00. All the buildings within the shopping centre, like many other buildings in the Newton Town Centre, have turrets at some corners. On the turret elevations motifs, clocks, or company logos are added as decorative architectural elements.

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• Under a previous DVP application (7903-0349-00), Westminster Savings Credit Union was approved to place two company logos on the south and east elevations of the turret on the southeast corner of the building in which the business is located (Appendix IV). Approval of this variance effectively increased the number of permitted fascia signs from 2 to 3.

# **Proposal**

- An additional fascia sign facing the north parking lot is proposed (Appendix IV). Adding this sign on the north elevation will increase the number of fascia signs from three to four. The number of fascia signs exceeds the maximum permitted in the Sign By-law.
- Two awning signs are also currently in place on the building. The applicant is proposing to replace these two awning signs with two new awning signs (Appendix V). The sign By-law currently allows only one.
- The applicant is, therefore, seeking to vary the Sign By-law to allow a total of four fascia signs and a total of two awning signs.

# <u>Design</u>

- The proposed fascia sign on the north elevation is comprised of wall-mounted channelized lettering and backlit by LED lighting. The lettering is white and a maximum of 1 foot 5 ½ inches high. The "We" in Westminster is surrounded by a channelized, 3 foot 6 inch backlit blue square with rounded corners (Appendix V), which forms part of the new corporate identity.
- The existing ground level fascia sign on the south elevation is proposed to be resurfaced, backlit with LED lighting and having an aluminum face painted dark blue, which is consistent with the new corporate image. The "Westminster Savings" logo consists of clear plexiglass copy and translucent vinyl lettering. The "We" in Westminster is surrounded by a channelized, 2 foot backlit blue square with rounded corners (Appendix V). The right side of the sign has a small area of light blue squares in random sizes, which is not backlit. The proposed resurfacing results in reduced copy area and a modernized, clean appearance.
- The proposed new turret fascia signs on the south and east elevations are comprised of face lit channel lettering. The lettering is white and a maximum of 11.5 inches high. The "We" in Westminster is surrounded by a 2 ft 3 inch channelized, backlit blue square with rounded corners (Appendix V).
- The proposed awning signs consist of blue awning material on a 71 foot 6 inch awning. The 2 foot 6 inch "Westminster Savings" logo is printed on the awning in light blue. The white lettering is approximately 1 foot 5 inches. Light blue squares are printed on the right end of the awning. The proposed resurfacing of the awnings will greatly reduce the amount of copy area on the existing awning signs, resulting in a modernized and clean appearance.

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#### **BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION**

- (a) Requested Variance:
  - To vary the number of fascia signs permitted on a premise from two to four.

**Applicant's Reasons:** 

• The fascia signs on the turret are changing to display a new company logo for Westminster Savings. An additional, blue, white and silver fascia sign is proposed for the north building face, which is currently a blank space above the entrance to the business.

Staff Comments:

A summary of the proposed fascia signage is shown in the following table:

Location (Elevation)	Number of Signs	Number of	Sign area Proposed	
	Proposed	Signs Allowed		
North	1 (ground level)	1	6.5 m2 (70 sq ft)	
East	1 (turret)	0	3.1 m2 (33 sq ft)	
South	2 (1 ground level, 1	1	20.1 m2 (216 sq ft)	
turret)				
TOTAL	4	2	29.7 m2 (320 sq ft)	

- A business is allowed signage along the lot frontage and the premise frontage. The subject site is unique in that it is an end unit and has three building faces that front onto public spaces:
  - The main entrance to the business is on the north elevation, which fronts a parking area and pedestrian area.
  - The south elevation fronts onto 74 Avenue, which is bordered by a public sidewalk.
  - The east elevation fronts a main drive entry to the shopping centre, and additional pedestrian area.
  - The proposed fascia signage is of high quality with a modern and clean appearance.
  - The fascia signs are high quality and enhance the appearance of the building.
- (b) Requested Variance:
  - To vary the number of awning signs on a premise from one to two.

Applicant's Reasons:

• The awning signage was not identified when a DVP application was processed in 2003. A variance is required to ensure compliance with the By-law.

## Staff Comments:

A summary of the proposed awning signage is shown in the following table:

Location (Elevation)	Number of Signs Proposed	Number of Signs Allowed	Sign Area Proposed
North	1	1	4.2 m2 (46.25 sq ft)
East	1	0	4.2 m2 (46.25 sq ft)
TOTAL	2	1	8.4 m2 (90 sq ft)

- The existing awnings are located along the north and east elevations of the building and are architecturally consistent with other businesses in the shopping centre. The awnings help provide pedestrian comfort, as they are located above existing sidewalks.
- The proposed replacement awning signage is an improvement as it greatly reduces the copy area from what currently exists and provides a more streamlined appearance. Therefore the increase in awning signage is supported.

Total sign area permitted for the premise is 57.8 m2 (622.5 sq ft). The total sign area proposed on both fascia and awnings is 38.1 m2 (410 sq ft), which is well below the maximum permitted.

# 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. 7911-0179-00
Appendix III.	Engineering Summary
Appendix IV.	Sign Design Elevations Showing the Proposed and Existing Fascia Signs and Awning
	Signs
Appendix V.	Context Plan

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Jean Lamontagne General Manager Planning and Development

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# <u>APPENDIX I</u>

# Information for City Clerk

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

1.	(a) Agent:	Name:	Jordan Desrocher
			Priority Permits Ltd.
		Address:	Suite 104 713 Columbia Street
			New Westminster BC V3M 1B2
		Tel:	778-397-1394 - Work
			1-888-738-3846 - Fax

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a)	Civic Address:	7488 King George Boulevard
(b)	Civic Address: Owner: PID: Parcel "A" Section 21	7488 King George Boulevard King's Cross Shopping Centre Ltd 017-066-115 Township 2 New Westminster District Explanatory Plan NWP88060

- 3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office
  - (a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7911-0179-00
  - (b) Remove Notice of Development Variance Permit No. 7903-0349-00 from title.

# CITY OF SURREY

# (the "City")

# **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT**

NO.: 7911-0179-00

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Issued To:	King's Cross Shopping Centre Ltd
	("the Owner")
Address of Owner:	130-13711 INTERNATIONAL PL RICHMOND BC V6V 2Z8

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: 017-066-115 Parcel "A" Section 21 Township 2 New Westminster District Explanatory Plan NWP88060

7488 King George Blvd

# (the "Land")

3. Surrey Sign By-law, 1999, No. 13656, as amended is varied as follows:

Part 5 Section 27(2)(a) is varied to increase the number of permitted fascia signs from two (2) to four (4); and

Part 5 Section 27(3)(a) is varied to increase the number of permitted awning signs from one (1) to two (2).

4. This development variance permit applies to only the <u>portion of the Land</u> OR <u>that portion</u> <u>of the buildings and structures on the Land</u> 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.

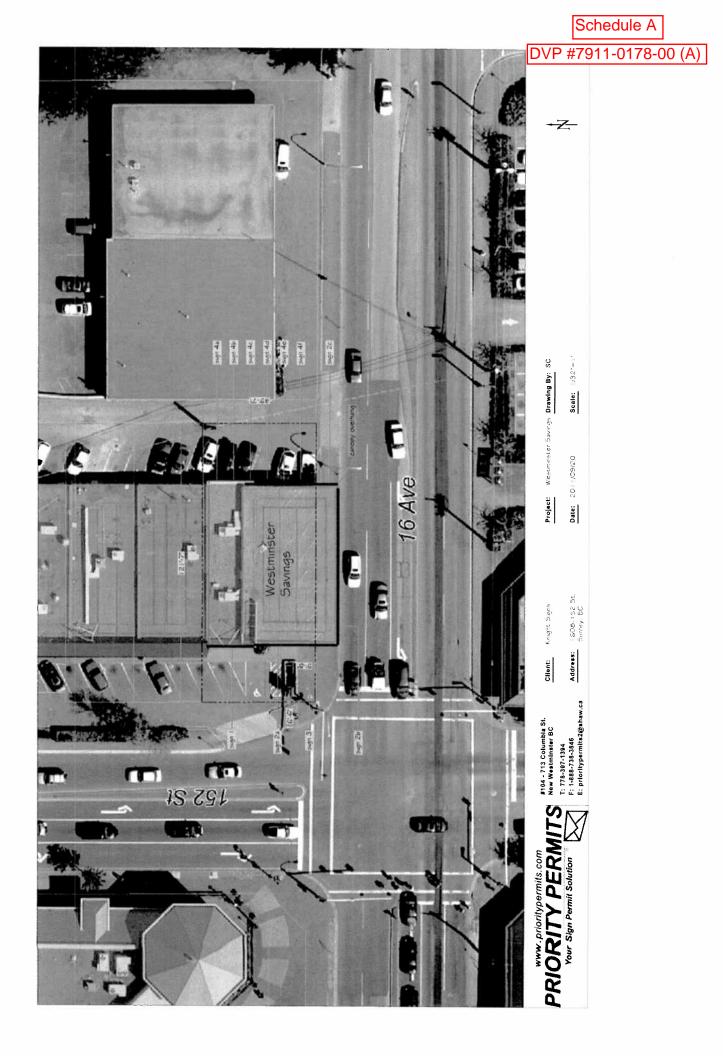


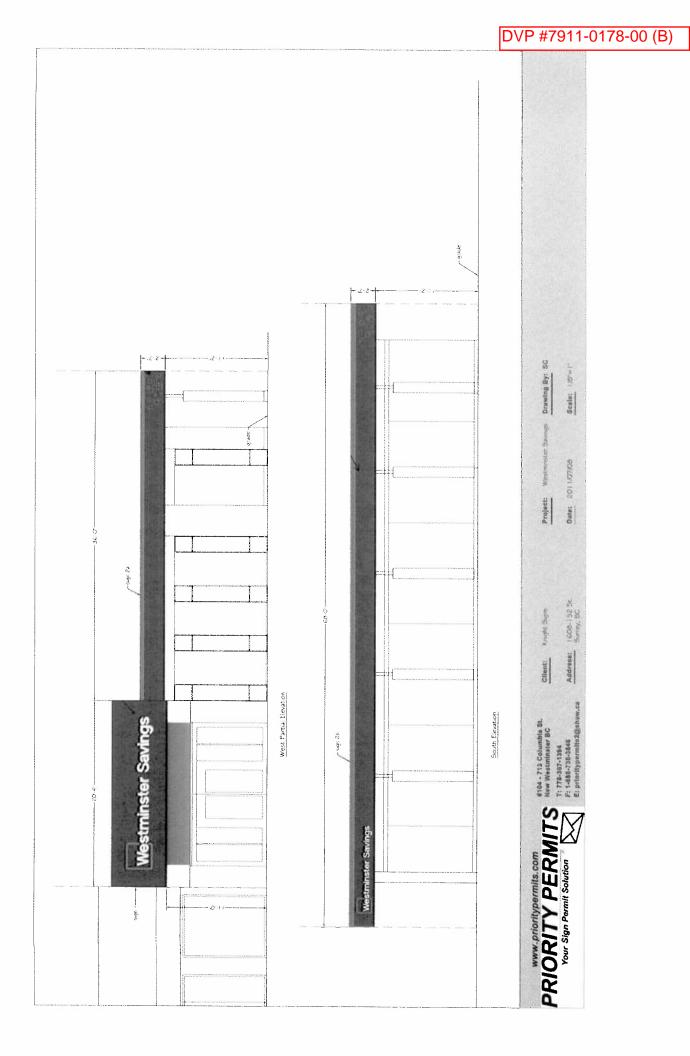
- 5. The Land shall be developed strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions and provisions of this development variance permit.
- 6. This development variance permit shall lapse if the Owner does not substantially start any construction with respect to which this development variance permit 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.

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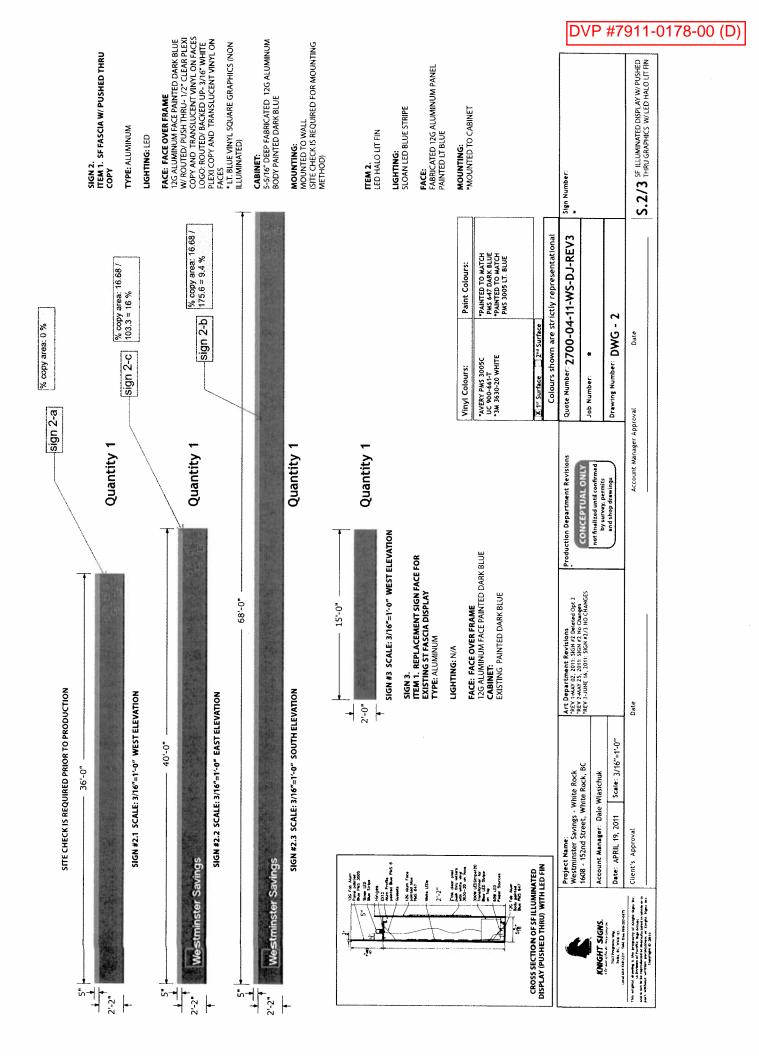
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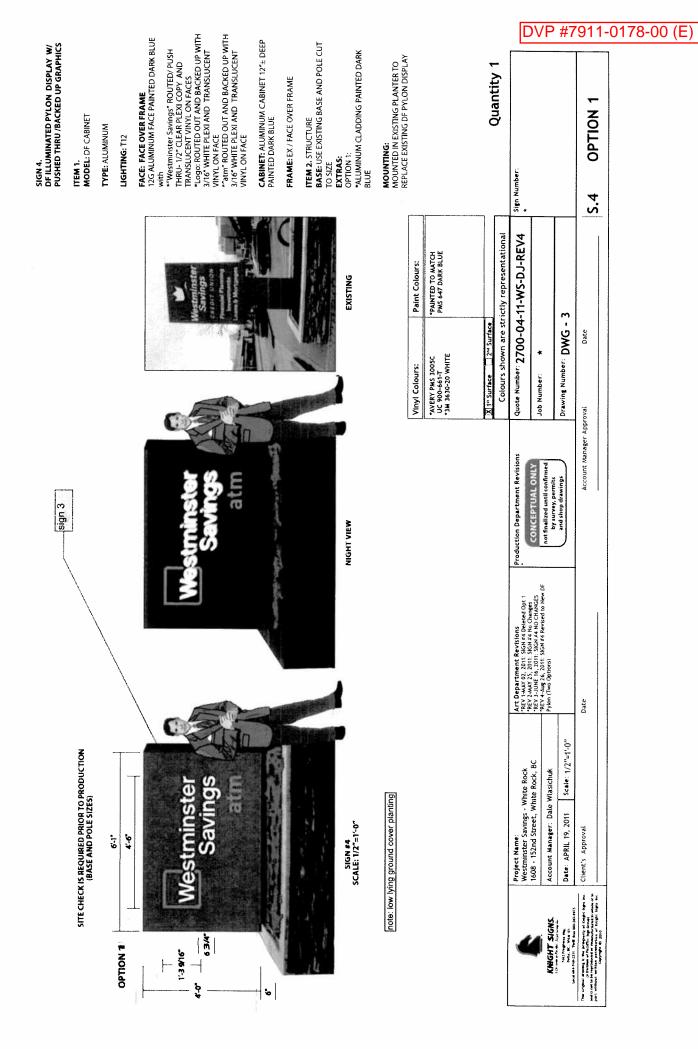
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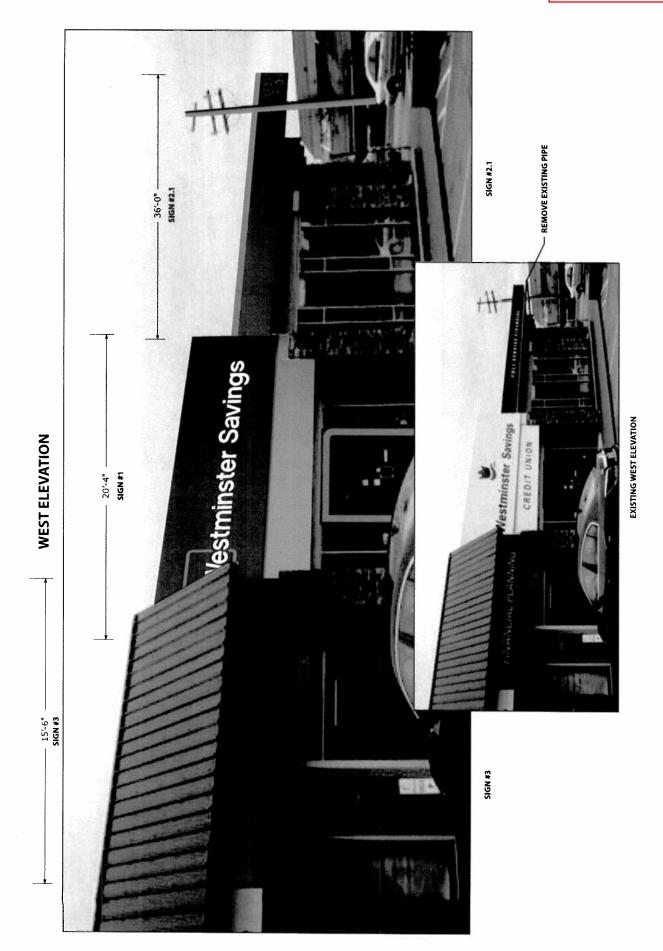




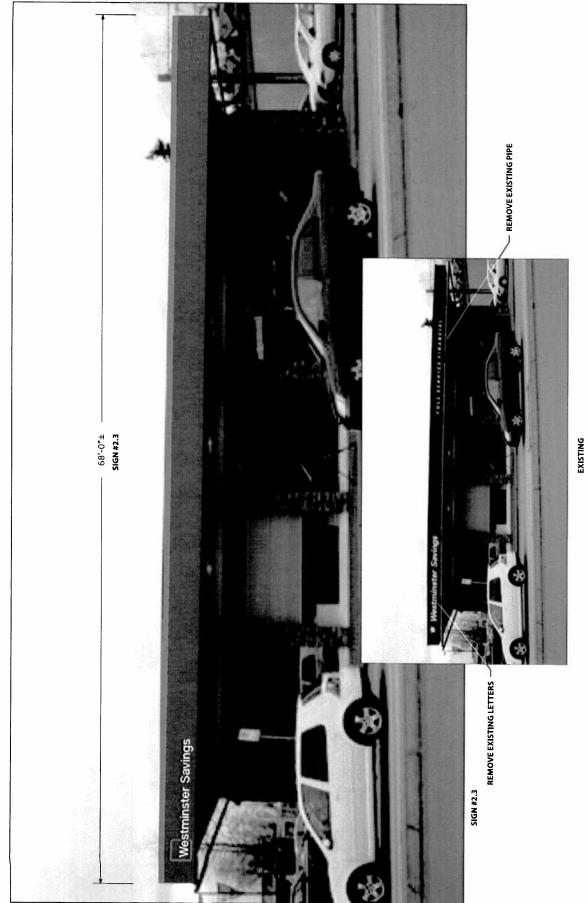
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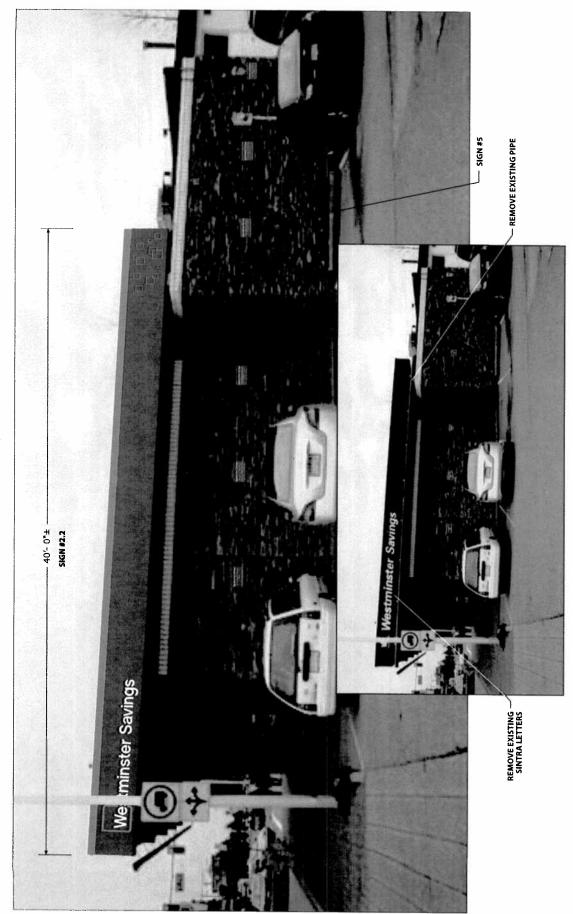




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SOUTH ELEVATION



**EAST ELEVATION** 

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I have reviewed the file and there are no additional engineering requirements relative to the issuance of a Development Permit and Development Variance Permit. I trust that this e-mail is sufficient and that any comments will be noted in the Engineering section of the Planning Report as an Inter-Office memo will not be forwarded.

Regards,

BOB AMBARDAR P. ENG

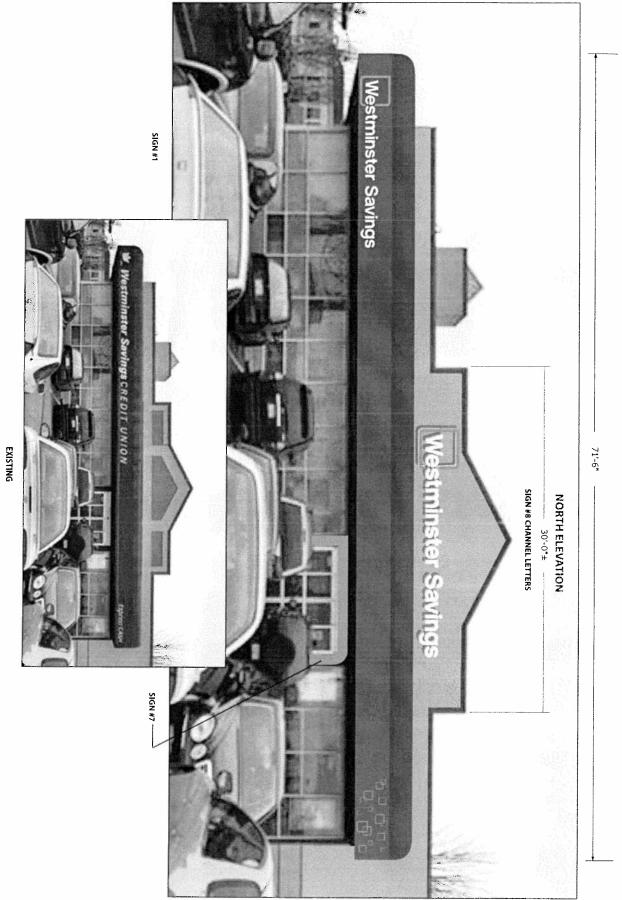
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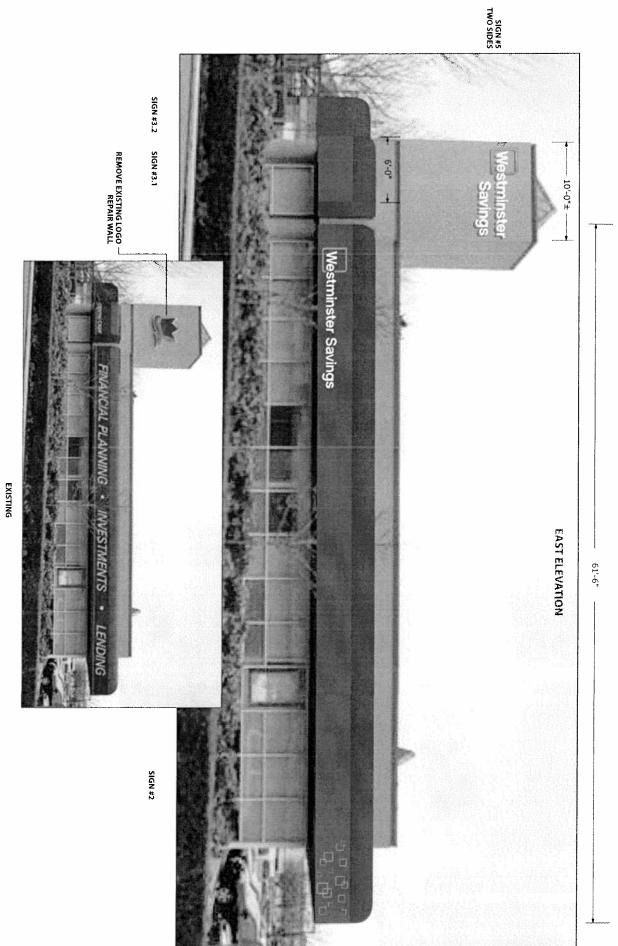
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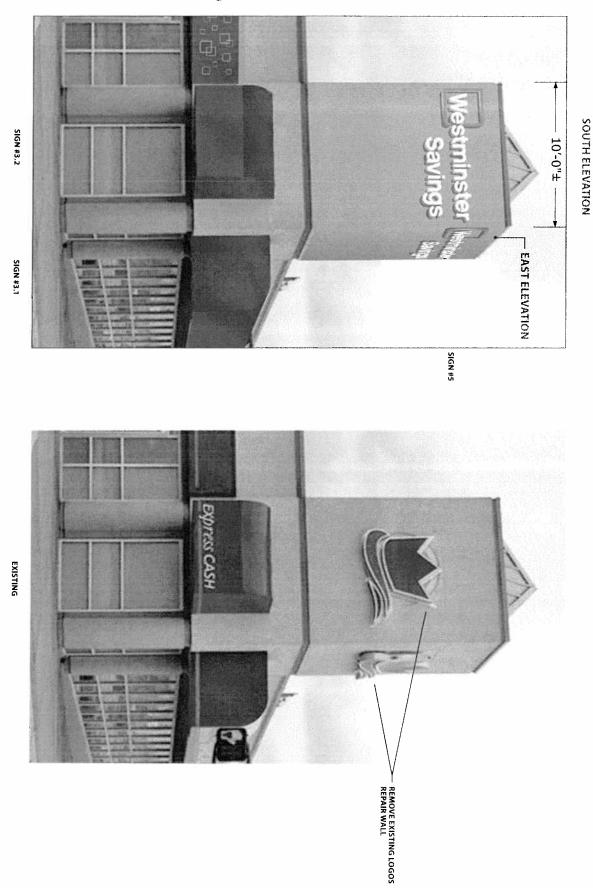
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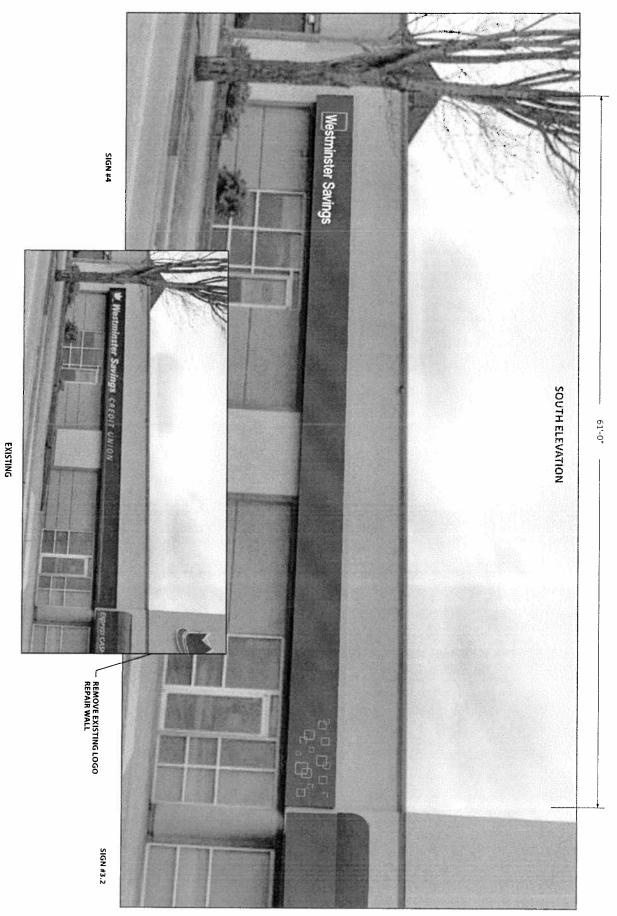
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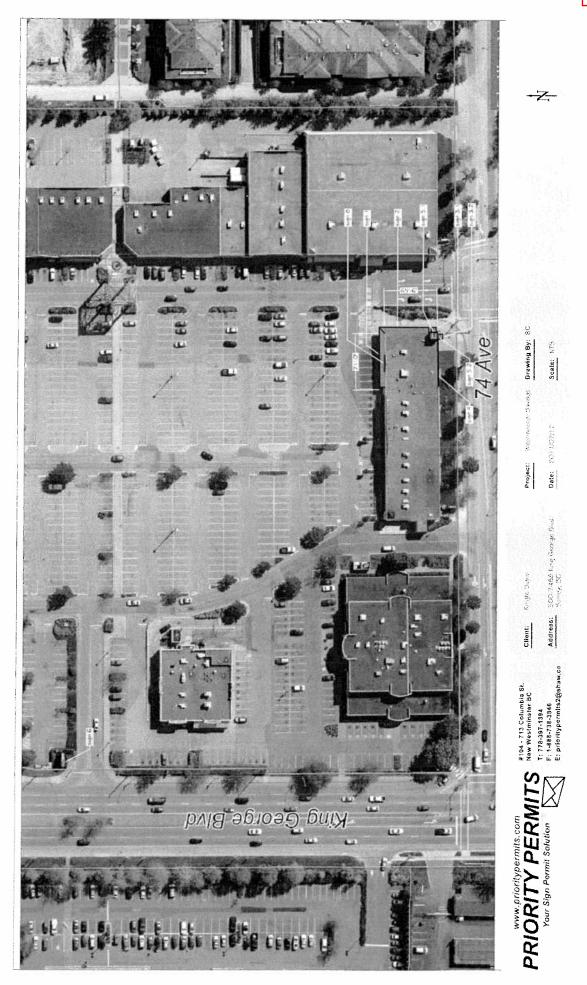
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