

City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7911-0209-00

Planning Report Date: November 7, 2011

PROPOSAL:

Development Permit

• Development Variance Permit

in order to permit the placement of three free-standing signs, and vary the height and width requirement for two free-standing signs.

LOCATION: 7488 King George Boulevard

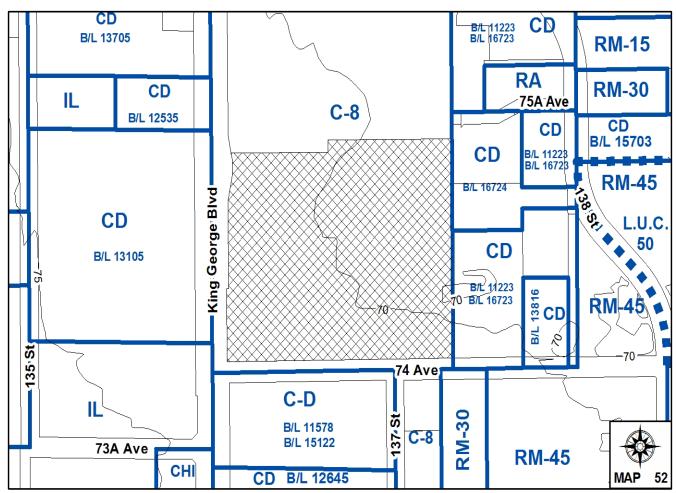
OWNER: King's Cross Shopping Centre Ltd.

ZONING: C8

OCP DESIGNATION: Commercial

NCP/LAP Mass Merchandising

DESIGNATION:



RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

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

DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

• A variance is required to allow two free-standing signs to exceed the maximum 4.6 metre (15 ft.) height and 3 metre (10 ft.) width requirement of a "Special Sign Area" in Surrey Sign By-law, 1999 (13656).

RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- Complies with OCP Designation and the Newton Town Centre Plan Designation.
- The existing sign 1 has been in place for the last 20 years. The size of Sign 1 will not change. The current frame will be reused and reclad. The proposal is an improvement on the current sign.
- The colour and design of the proposed free-standing signage better complements the design of the existing commercial buildings, and improves architectural congruence with the buildings in King's Cross Shopping Centre.
- The variances proposed are supportable due to the lower elevation of the site in comparison to King George Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that:

- 1. Council authorize staff to draft Development Permit No. 7911-0209-00 generally in accordance with the attached drawings (Appendix II).
- 2. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7911-0209-00 (Appendix II) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification (Appendix III):
 - (a) to permit a free-standing sign (Sign 1) to exceed the maximum 4.6 metre (15 ft.) height by 0.76 metre (2.5 ft) and maximum 3 metre (10 ft) width by 1.1 metres (4 ft); and
 - (b) to permit a free-standing sign (Sign 3) to exceed the maximum 4.6 metre (15 ft.) height by 0.9 metres (3 ft) and 3 metre (10 ft) maximum width by 0.6 metre (2 ft.).

REFERRALS

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

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

<u>Existing Land Use:</u> Multi-tenant commercial buildings within a shopping plaza (Kings Cross

Shopping Centre).

Adjacent Area:

Direction	Existing Use	OCP/TCP Designation	Existing Zone
North:	Commercial Retail	Urban/Mass	C-8
North.	(Superstore).	Merchandising	C-8
East:	Multi-family dwellings.	Multiple Residential/High Density Residential	CD
South (Across 74 Avenue):	Multi-tenant commercial site with offices and retail.	Commercial/Commercial Office	CD
West (Across King	Wholesale/Retail - (Costco)	Industrial/Mass	CD
George Boulevard):		Merchandising	

DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Background

• The subject site is located on the east side of King George Boulevard on the north side of 74 Avenue. It is designated "Commercial" in the Official Community Plan (OCP), "Mass Merchandising" in the Newton Town Centre Plan and zoned C-8 (Community

Commercial Zone). Two separate addresses on the site are involved in the application; 7404 and 7488 King George Boulevard.

- King's Cross Shopping Centre is located on the subject site. The major tenants on the south end of the site include a medical office and Michael's Arts & Crafts. All proposed signs are located in a "Special Sign Area" designated in the Sign By-law (Appendix V). In this area, signs are not to exceed a height of 4.6 metres (15 ft). "Special Sign Area" requirements also limit the width of free-standing signs to 2/3 of the height, for a maximum permitted width of 3 metres (10 ft).
- The original Development Permit for the subject site was approved under application No. 7986-0589-00, and allowed for several free-standing signs (Appendix IV). A Sign Permit, which was based on Development Permit No. 6786-0589, was approved for a free-standing pylon sign on December 4, 1990, located adjacent to the main central access on King George Boulevard (Sign 1).
- The 1990 Sign Permit for Sign 1 allowed for a sign 4.3 metre (14 ft) high by 2.7 metre (9 ft 6 in) wide. Existing Sign 1 is 5.3 metres (17 ft 6 in) high and 4.3 metres (14 ft) wide. There is no record on the approval of the existing Sign 1.

Proposal

- The applicant has submitted an application for a Development Permit and a Development Variance Permit to replace the existing free-standing Sign 1 and to allow for two additional free-standing signs (Sign 2 and Sign 3). The proposed signs will be double-sided and display the company names and logos of multiple tenants, with six tenants displayed per side. The proposed location of the three signs is consistent with Development Permit No. 6786-0589 (Appendix IV).
- Sign 2 will be placed at the westernmost drive aisle entry to King's Cross Shopping Centre along 74 Avenue. Sign 3 will be placed slightly north of the northeast corner of King George Boulevard and 74 Avenue.
- The applicant is proposing to make minor design modifications to the existing structure of Sign 1 and replace the decorative element above the sign frame, as illustrated in Appendix II. Since there is no record on the approval of Sign 1, a Development Variance Permit is needed to allow for the existing sign structure to remain. Sign 2 is proposed to be 4.6 metres (15 ft) high and 3 metres (10 ft) wide, which complies with the Sign By-law. Sign 3 is proposed to be 5.5 metres (18 ft) high and 3.65 metres (12 ft) wide, which requires a variance to the Sign By-law.

Copy Area and Spacing

• The copy area of each sign is in compliance and does not exceed 50% of the sign area.

• All proposed signs are spaced well beyond the requirements of the Sign By-law, which states that only one freestanding sign shall be permitted for each highway frontage unless the frontage exceeds 30 metres or (100 ft). In cases where the frontage exceeds 30 metres, one additional freestanding sign per 30 metres (100 ft) frontage may be permitted. Proposed Signs 1 and 3 on King George Boulevard are spaced approximately 125 metres (411 ft) apart. Sign 2 is approximately 93 metres (306 ft) from the northeast corner of King George Boulevard and 74 Avenue.

Design and Colour

- The proposed free-standing signs are changing to modernize the shape and complement the buildings on site. The top of each sign is comprised of a peaked ornamental element with an updated "King's Cross" logo. The sign area includes six symmetrical tenant sign areas per side, with approximately 22 centimetres (9 in) of background area surrounding each tenant sign space.
- The proposed pylon signs are changing colour from turquoise and white to cream and dark blue to match the buildings on the site and update the shopping centre image. Accent colour is navy blue, to complement the majority of signage on the retail frontages.

Lighting

• The decorative element at the top of the sign is routed aluminum and backlit with fluorescent lighting. The proposed tenant sign areas will be translucent or white acrylic panels inside aluminum frame, with surface vinyl lettering or logos, and backlit with fluorescent lighting.

BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION

(a) Requested Variance:

• A Development Variance Permit is requested for Sign 1, to increase the permitted height from 4.6 metres (15 ft) to 5.3 metres (17.5 ft), and increase the permitted width from 3 metres (10 ft) to 4.3 metres (14 ft).

Applicant's Reasons:

• The applicant wishes to make cosmetic improvements to the existing sign frame, which has prior City approval. Moving the sign or changing the width will disturb the surrounding landscaping and greatly increase the construction costs for the project.

Staff Comments:

• The existing sign has been in place for the last 20 years. The same sign structure is to be kept. However, the proposal is an improvement over the current sign and complements the colour and design of the buildings on the site. Because the site is quite large, the larger dimensions of this sign can be considered appropriate.

(b) Requested Variance:

• A Development Variance Permit is requested for Sign 3, to increase the permitted height from 4.6 metres (15 ft) to 5.5 metres (18 ft) and increase the permitted width from 3 metres (10 ft) to 3.7 metres (12 ft).

Applicant's Reasons:

• There is a 0.9 metre (3 ft) drop in grade from the street to the parking lot. As the sign will be located in the parking lot, the sign will appear at an appropriate height from the street and sidewalk.

Staff Comments:

- In order to achieve the appearance of a 15 ft height from the street, the sign will have to be anchored to the ground 0.9 metres (3 ft) lower that street grade. From King George Boulevard to the parking lot of King's Cross Shopping Centre, there is a sharp drop in grade of approximately 0.9 meters (3 ft). Proposed sign 3 will appear to be 15 ft above the sidewalk from motorists and pedestrians.
- The 3.7 metre (12 ft) width can be supported, as it is narrower than the width of the existing sign (Sign 1) located 125 metres (411 ft) north, and meets the intent of the 2/3 width to height ratio defined in the By-law.

CONCLUSION

The proposed signs can be supported for the following reasons:

- The spacing between free-standing signs is well over the minimum requirement in the Sign By-law.
- The total proposed free-standing sign area is below the maximum permitted in the By-law.
- The design is architecturally coordinated with the colour and design of the buildings on site.
- The site is very large and surrounded by commercial, retail, and wholesale businesses. Tenant identification signage located close to the street will improve visibility of goods and services available, given that most of the fascia signage on the building face is set back across a large parking area, approximately 200 metres from the road.

INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Lot Owners and Action Summary

Appendix II. Development Permit Drawings No. 7911-0209-00 (A) to (E)

Appendix III. Development Variance Permit No. 7911-0209-00

Appendix IV. Copy of Landscape Plan from Development Permit 6786-0589 Appendix V. Special Sign Area Map (Schedule 1.c, Surrey Sign By-law, 1999)

original signed by Nicholas Lai

Jean Lamontagne General Manager Planning and Development

NA/kms

<u>Information for City Clerk</u>

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

1. (a) Agent: Name: Lindsay Miles

Imperial Sign Corporation

Address: 2821 Huntington Place

Port Coquitlam BC V₃C ₄T₃

Tel: 604-464-1211

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address: 7488 King George Boulevard

(b) Civic Address: 7488 King George Boulevard

Owner: King's Cross Shopping Centre Ltd.

PID: 017-066-115

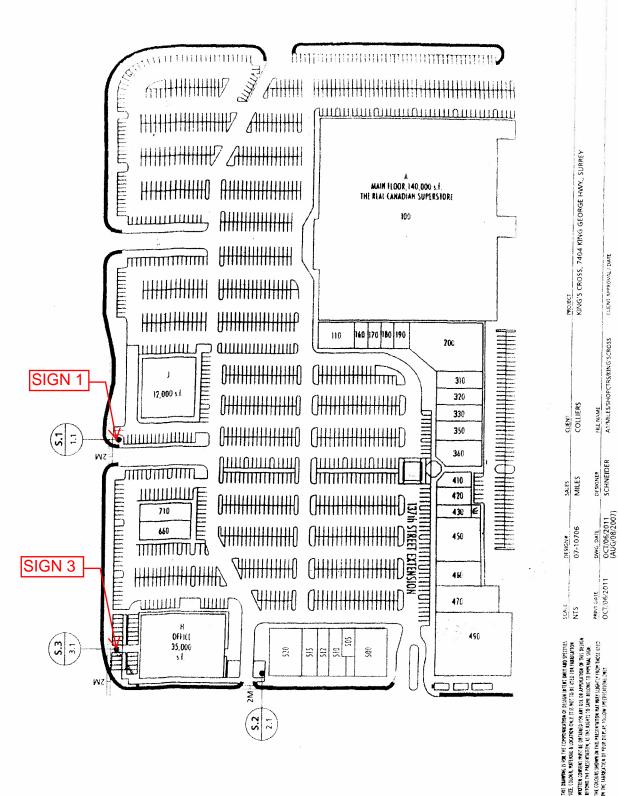
Parcel "A" Section 21 Township 2 New Westminster District Explanatory Plan NWP88060

3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office

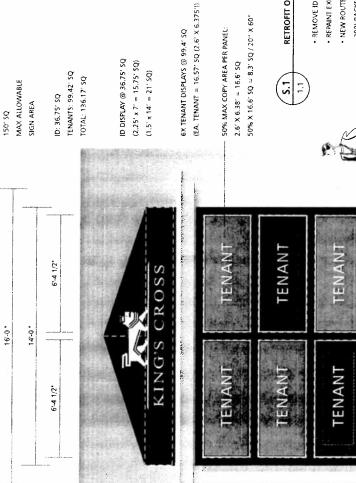
(a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7911-0209-00 and bring the Development Variance Permit forward for issuance and execution by the Mayor and City Clerk.











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EXISTING FREESTANDING PYLON DISPLAY

RETROFIT ONE EXISTING D/F ILLUMINATED PYLON DISPLAY

- REPAINT EXISTING STRUCTURE CREAM (* TO MATCH BUILDING COLOR) REMOVE ID DISPLAY RETAINER, EXPOSED NEON & RED ACRYLIC TRIM
- NEW ROUTED ALUMINUM ID DISPLAY, PAINTED DEEP SEA BLUE (PMS 309) BACKED W/ WHITE ACRYUC / T12 FLUORESCENT ILLUMINATION
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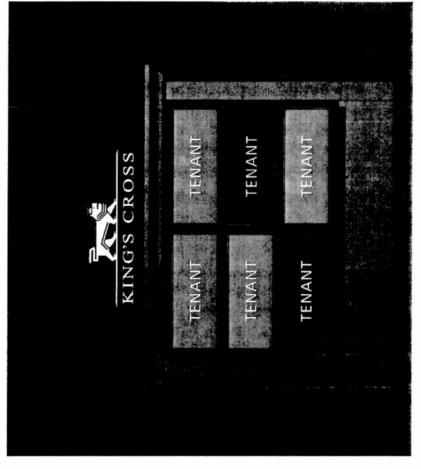
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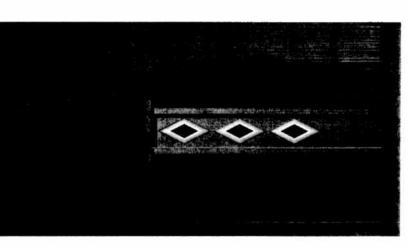
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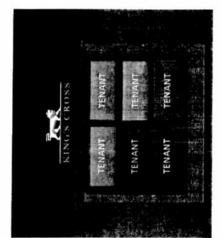
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MAX ALLOWABLE SIGN AREA 150′50

TENANTS: 58.5' SQ TOTAL: 91.5' SQ ID: 33' SQ

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15.1 10.01 TYPICAL ILLUMINATED NIGHT VIEW

(EA, TENANT = 9.75' SQ (2.12' X 4.6')) 6X TENANT DISPLAYS @ 58.5" SQ

50% X 9.75' SQ = 4.88' SQ / 16" X 43" 50% MAX COPY AREA PER PANEL: 2.12' X 4.6' = 9.75' SQ

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SCALE, 1/8" = 1"-0"

MAX ALLOWABLE SIGN AREA 150' 50

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TENANTS: 78.87' SQ TOTAL: 106.11' SQ ID: 27.24' SQ

 $(1.91' \times 6.04' = 11.54' SQ)$ ID DISPLAY @ 27.24' SQ

 $(1.3' \times 12.08' = 15.7' \text{ SQ})$

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(EA. TENANT = 13.14' SQ (2.43' X 5.41')) 6X TENANT DISPLAYS @ 78.87" SQ

50% X 13.2' SQ = 6,6' SQ / 19" X 50" 50% MAX COPY AREA PER PANEL: 2.44' X 5.42' = 13.2' SQ

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CITY OF SURREY

(the "City")

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

NO.: 7911-0209-00

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 PLNWP88060 7488 King George Blvd

(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Sign By-law, 1999, No. 13656, as amended is varied as follows:
 - (a) A free-standing sign (Sign 1) located in a "Special Sign Area" is permitted to be a maximum 5.3 metres (17.5 ft) high and maximum 4.3 metres (14 ft) wide;
 - (b) A free-standing sign (Sign 3) located in a "Special Sign Area" is permitted to be a maximum 5.5 metres (18 ft) high and maximum 3.7 metres (12 ft) wide.
- 4. This development variance permit applies to Signs 1 and 3 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 free-standing signs 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.
	HORIZING RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COUNCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 . ED THIS DAY OF , 20 .
	Mayor – Dianne L. Watts
	City Clerk – Jane Sullivan





