

# City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7911-0277-00

Planning Report Date: December 12, 2011

#### **PROPOSAL:**

# • Development Variance Permit

in order to permit two fascia signs for one tenant at the Riverside Heights shopping centre.

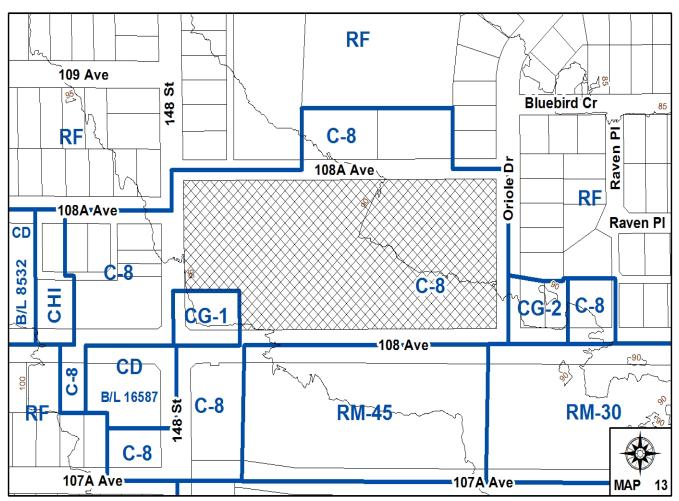
LOCATION: 14815 – 108 Avenue

OWNER: RMA Properties (Riverside) Ltd.,

Inc. No. 575181

ZONING: C-8

**OCP DESIGNATION:** Commercial



# **RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

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

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

• Seeking an increase in the number of permitted fascia signs for one tenant, from 1 to 2.

# **RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION**

- The premises frontage (i.e. front door) of the subject business is located in such a way that it is recessed from the parking lot and pedestrian pathway.
- The proposed fascia signs are consistent in design and scale with existing fascia signs in the same shopping centre.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning & Development Department recommends that:

1. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7911-0277-00 (Appendix II) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:

(a) to vary Surrey Sign By-law, 1999, No. 13656, as amended, to permit an increase in the maximum number of fascia signs from 1 to 2 for Unit 200.

#### **REFERRALS**

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

# **SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

<u>Existing Land Use:</u> Riverside Heights shopping centre

# **Adjacent Area:**

Direction	Existing Use	OCP Designation	Existing Zone
North (Across 108A Avenue):	Single family dwellings, Ecole Riverdale Elementary and Riverside Park.	Urban	RF
East (Across Oriole Drive):	Single family dwellings and gas station.	Urban and Commercial	RF and CG-2
South (Across 108 Avenue):	Apartment buildings and multi-tenant commercial building.	Multiple Residential and Commercial	RF and C-8
West (Across 148 Street):	Multi-tenant commercial buildings.	Commercial	C-8

# **DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

- The subject property located at 14821 108 Avenue is designated Commercial in the Official Community Plan (OCP), and is zoned Community Commercial Zone (C-8). The subject site is the location of the Riverside Heights Shopping Centre which consists of multi-tenant commercial buildings. This centre was originally developed in 1961 and due to a fire, redeveloped in 1994 under Development Application No. 6792-0115-00.
- One of the tenants in this shopping centre is the Riverside Heights Dental Group, located at Unit 200 14815 108 Avenue.

• The subject premises currently has a sign permit for one existing fascia sign on the east side of the commercial unit. The applicant would like to add a second fascia sign facing south into the parking lot.

- The existing fascia sign is to be replaced by a new o.6-metre by 5.5-metre (2 ft. by 18 ft.) fascia sign, which had a sign permit issued on November 2, 2011. The proposed new fascia sign is o.6-metre by 3-metre (2 ft. by 10 ft.).
- The second sign is proposed to be a backlit box sign with blue lettering on a white background. The proposed second fascia sign will match in colour and design the fascia sign with the permit issued. While staff typically encourage applicants to install channel-lettering signs rather than box signs, the proposed sign is consistent in appearance with others within the same commercial complex.
- The combined sign area of the proposed fascia signs is 5.2 square metres (56 sq.ft.), which conforms to the maximum sign area of 8.1 square metres (87 sq.ft.) permitted under the Surrey Sign By-law.
- A Development Variance Permit is required to allow the second fascia sign for this unit.

#### BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION

# (a) Requested Variance:

• To vary the Sign By-law to increase the maximum number of fascia signs for one tenant, from 1 to 2.

# Applicant's Reasons:

- The existing sign is located on an oblique angle from 108 Avenue, and while it is visible from a portion of the parking lot, it has poor exposure to 108 Avenue.
- The proposed signage is consistent with the signage provided for the commercial unit located to the west of the subject site. The proposed signage completes the building face that fronts 108 Avenue.
- The fascia signs are needed to identify the location of the business from each of the directions from which the public may approach that is, from 108 Avenue and from within the shopping centre complex.

#### **Staff Comments:**

- Part 5(2) of the Sign By-law permits one fascia sign per lot frontage or premises frontage. In the case of this site, the subject building has one premise frontage.
- The applicant is requesting one sign for the premises frontage and one sign for the south building face, which is reasonable given the business function, the size, and the design of the proposed signage.

• The subject tenant, Riverside Heights Dental Group, occupies a unit within a larger commercial shopping complex. The increased number of fascia signs allows identification of the business for members of the public approaching from multiple directions.

- The proposed signs comply with the maximum sign area permitted under the Sign Bylaw, fit with the overall design of the building, and are consistent with the design and scale of other fascia signs within the same commercial complex.
- 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. 7911-0277-00

original signed by Judith Robertson

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:

ı. (a) Agent: Name: Harvey Hansen

A1 Signway

Address: Unit 10 - 5619 Sundale Place

Surrey BC V<sub>3</sub>S<sub>7</sub>M6

Tel: 604-574-2490

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address: Unit 200 - 14815 - 108 Avenue

(b) Civic Address: Unit 200 - 14815 108 Ave

Owner: RMA Properties (Riverside) Ltd., Inc. No. 575181

PID: 009-266-801

Lot 33 Except: Part Subdivided by Plan 27710; Section 17 and 18 Block 5 North Range 1 West

New Westminster District Plan 22668

3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office

(a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7911-0277-00 and bring the Development Variance Permit forward for issuance and execution by the Mayor and City Clerk.

#### **CITY OF SURREY**

(the "City")

#### **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT**

NO.: 7911-0277-00

Issued To: RMA PROPERTIES (RIVERSIDE) LTD., INC. NO. 575181

("the Owner")

Address of Owner: 200 - 14815 - 108 Avenue

Surrey, BC V<sub>3</sub>R<sub>1</sub>W<sub>2</sub>

- 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: 009-266-801

Lot 33 Except: Part Subdivided by Plan 27710; Sections 17 and 18 Block 5 North Range 1 West New Westminster District Plan 22668

14815 - 108 Avenue

(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Sign By-law, 1999, No. 13656, as amended is varied as follows:
  - (a) In Part 5 Signs in Commercial/Industrial Zones, Section 27. 2(a), the number of fascia signs is increased from 1 to 2.
- 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.

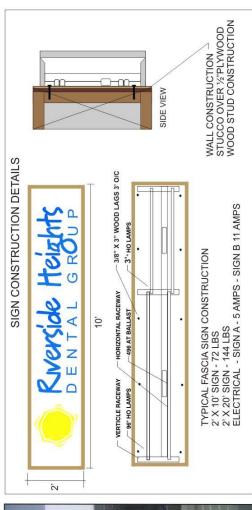
6.	This development variance permit shall lapse if the Owner does not substantially start an construction with respect to which this development variance permit is issued, within two (2) years after the date this development variance permit is issued.		
7.	The terms of this development variance permit or any amendment to it, are binding on a persons who acquire an interest in the Land.		
8.	This development variance permit is not a building permit.		
	ORIZING RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COUNCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 . D THIS DAY OF , 20 .		
	Mayor – Dianne L. Watts		
	City Clerk – Jane Sullivan		

# Schedule A

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CUSTOMER APPROVAL: LANDLORD APPROVAL: CITY CONTACT:

SITE PLAN





SHOPPERS DRUG MART SIGN B - EXISTING

New Patients Welcome

Rwerside DENTAL

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Riverside Heights

SIGN A - PROPOSED SIGN

Sign "A", proposed Requires DVP

RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS DENTAL GROUP

Sign "B", Permit issued November 2, 2011 HARVEY HANSEN SIGNWAY REP:

DATE: FILE NAME: DESIGNER:

JOB NAME: RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS DENTAL GROUP PROJECT #: 5774
LOCATION: 14821 - 108TH AVE SURREY, B.C. CONTACT: DR GREG MARASA

ILLUMINATED SIGNS AWNINGS NEON #10 - 19510 55th Avenue SURREY, B.C. V3S 8P7 PH. (604) 534 - 2484 FAX (604) 574-0148

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