

#### City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7911-0282-00

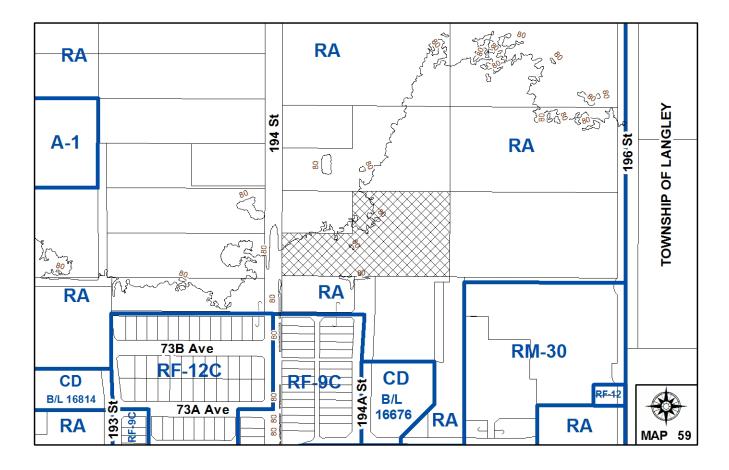
Planning Report Date: April 2, 2012

## **PROPOSAL:**

- OCP Amendment from Suburban to Urban
- **NCP Amendment** to include the subject property within the NCP boundary as 22 45 upa (High Density)
- **Rezoning** from RA to CD (based on RM-30)

in order to permit the development of approximately 42 townhouse units and 12 rowhouse units.

LOCATION:	7414 - 194 Street
OWNER:	Xiao Y Liang
ZONING:	RA
OCP DESIGNATION:	Suburban
NCP DESIGNATION:	Outside the East Clayton NCP Extension – North of 72 Avenue



# **RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

• The Planning & Development Department recommends that this application be <u>denied</u>.

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

- Requires an OCP amendment from Suburban to Urban (see Appendix IV).
- Requires an amendment to the East Clayton Neighbourhood Concept Plan (NCP) Extension North of 72 Avenue to include the property within the NCP and designate it as 22 45 upa (High Density).
- The Official Community Plan (OCP) includes policies that promote an orderly, comprehensive and holistic approach to land development. OCP Policy A-4.3 requires that development within specified areas, such as Clayton, be contingent upon, and subject to, the preparation of an NCP specifying land use, density, infrastructure services including roads, public amenities and financing strategies. This site is beyond the NCP boundary.

## **RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION**

- The subject site currently falls outside of the existing boundaries of the East Clayton NCP Extension North of 72 Avenue (East Clayton North NCP) area.
- The application should be withheld until an NCP process covering the land that is the subject of the application has advanced to Stage 1 approval.
- The Engineering Department has serious concerns with the application. The existing sanitary sewer and storm water management systems do not have the capacity to support additional development beyond the currently approved NCP boundaries.
- The additional residents resulting from the proposed developments were not accounted for in the preparation of Parks, Recreation and Culture Department plans for this NCP area.
- It is difficult for the Surrey School District to plan for additional schools without a comprehensive NCP process being undertaken. The School District has not planned for student growth to the north of the current East Clayton boundaries and, as such, does not have funds for capital infrastructure or operating costs to support such growth at this time.
- The proposed development, if approved, would extend the NCP area without a thorough planning process, which includes community consultation.

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning & Development Department recommends that this application be <u>denied</u> (Option A).

This report is being forwarded to Council in advance of a full application review process since the subject application involves a significant policy-related decision and it was not considered practical to undertake all of the work associated with refining and detailing the proposal until it is determined if Council is prepared to consider the related NCP policy amendment.

If Council is of the view that the relative merits of the application are sufficient to allow the application to proceed (Option B), the application should be referred back to staff to work with the applicant in completing the application as follows:

- submission of a detailed design package, including complete building elevations, floor plans, streetscape sections, lot grading information, colours/material scheme, landscape plan and arborist assessment;
- o detailed Engineering assessment to determine specific development requirements;
- completion of environmental, wildlife and watercourse assessments in accordance with ESA policies in the OCP (environmental); species at risk legislation as identified by the Ministry of Environment (wildlife); and the possibility of any protected watercourses as identified by DFO; and
- undertake a complete public consultation process as per typical NCP amendment applications.

If Council decides there is merit in the application (Option B), a second Planning Report will be forwarded to Council once the completed application has been received and thoroughly reviewed by staff.

#### **REFERRALS**

Engineering:

The Engineering Department has significant concerns with the project as outlined in Appendix III.

#### SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Existing Land Use: Acreage residential lot.

#### Adjacent Area:

Direction	Existing Use	OCP/NCP Designation	Existing Zone
North:	Acreage residential lot.	Suburban in the OCP	RA

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Direction	Existing Use	OCP/NCP Designation	Existing Zone
East:	Acreage residential lot under Application No. 7911-0180-00 (pre-Council).	Suburban in the OCP and beyond NCP boundary	RA
South:	Vacant lot under Application No. 7911-0270-00 (pre-Council). Unconstructed City-owned greenway. Vacant lot under application No. 7911-0138-00 (scheduled for Public Hearing on April 2, 2012) for 30 townhouses.	Suburban in the OCP and beyond NCP boundary. Public Open Space/Park. 15 – 25 upa (Medium-High Density) in the East Clayton NCP Extension – North of 72 Ave	RA
West (Across 194 Street):	Acreage residential lot.	Suburban in the OCP	RA

# APPLICANT'S JUSTIFICATION FOR OCP AND NCP AMENDMENTS

- The applicant has indicated that they have undertaken a review of the subject site and determined it is serviceable from an Engineering perspective. The sewer system would be serviced by gravity without any need for fill, and the City's water system has existing capacity.
- The proposed development would allow for the construction of portions of 74 Avenue, 194 Street and 194A Street, therefore improving the connectivity of the local road network.
- The subject site is adjacent to existing urban development, and is therefore are consistent with the surrounding townhouse and single family developments. Most of the existing East Clayton neighbourhood is close to build-out, but it continues to be a sought after area. Allowing for the proposed development would respond to market demand yet would help create affordable housing.
- The proposed development would allow for the extension of the existing City-owned greenway, which is identified in the Clayton General Land Use Plan. The applicant notes that there are few trees on the subject site, and those that are present can be incorporated into the designated City greenway.
- The larger area is well served by amenities in Cloverdale, Guildford, and Willowbrook (Township of Langley).

# **DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **Background**

• On June 27, 2005, the East Clayton NCP Extension – North of 72 Avenue (East Clayton – North NCP) was approved by Council. The plan area is bounded by 188 Street to the west, 72 Avenue to the south, and 196 Street to the east. The northerly boundary of the NCP area was established as the limit to which gravity sanitary sewers could be installed to service the land north of 72 Avenue while satisfying the following criteria:

- the maximum depth of sewer lines being no more than 5.0 metres (16 ft.) below the finished grade;
- the maximum depth of imported fill on any lot in the area being no more than 1.2 metres (4 ft.);
- sewer trunk servicing capacity must be available to allow full development in the East Clayton NCP areas, including the Aloha Estates neighbourhood south of 72 Avenue and east of 192 Street;
- satisfaction of all other criteria in the City of Surrey Subdivision and Development By-law; and
- the interface between the developed land and the adjacent suburban/rural land to the north being designed with a suitable buffer.

# Context of Current Application

- The 1.52-hectare (3.77-ac) subject property is located at 7414 194 Street outside the existing East Clayton North NCP boundary. The site is currently zoned One-Acre Residential Zone (RA).
- The subject application is one of four applications that the City has recently received for outside the East Clayton NCP boundary (Appendix V). Additional applications could be anticipated, if any of these four applications is supported.
- As in each of the above-referenced applications, the applicants for the subject site are proposing to develop their site in advance of an NCP being prepared for the area. As these applications are outside of an existing NCP area, each application will require an Official Community Plan ("OCP") amendment to redesignate the land from "Suburban" to "Urban" and an amendment to the East Clayton North NCP to include the land within the NCP area.
- Under the subject application, the applicants will be seeking to designate the subject site as 22-45 upa (High Density) within the East Clayton North NCP. In addition, the applicant is proposing to rezone the western portion of the site from RA to Comprehensive Development Zone (CD) based on the Multiple Residential 30 Zone (RM-30) in order to construct a total of 54 units, 42 of which would be townhouse units, and 12 of which would be rowhouse units.
- The subject site is heavily forested and has a Medium Environmental Sensitive Area (ESA) designation in the OCP and is identified as an "Environmentally Sensitive Area" in the Clayton General Land Use Plan. In addition, the City's recently completed Ecosystem Management Study (EMS) identifies the site as part of a Terrestrial Hub (which also includes the adjacent property to the east, under Application No. 7911-0180-00 also proposing inclusion in the East Clayton North NCP).
- According to the City of Surrey EMS site assessment, approximately 74%, of the site is covered with deciduous vegetation and has an "Ecological Significance Score" of 70 out of 100.
- The EMS recommends strategies now being used to inform community planning processes to help identify areas that are suitable for development and similarly areas that should be preserved or enhanced as part of comprehensive planning processes. As noted, a community planning process has yet to be completed for this area. It may be that clustered development is more suited for this site.

# **PRE-NOTIFICATION**

Pre-notification letters were not sent for this application. Should Council direct staff to allow the application to proceed, pre-notification letters will be sent out at that time.

# PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR OCP AMENDMENT

Staff have not consulted with any persons, organizations or authorities with respect to the proposed OCP amendment. Should Council direct staff to allow the application to proceed, staff will undertake the necessary consultation.

# PROJECT EVALUATION AND DISCUSSION

- As discussed above, the applicants are seeking to include their site within the East Clayton NCP Extension North of 72 Avenue (East Clayton North NCP). To date, two land development applications have been approved that were immediately outside the boundary of the East Clayton North NCP (Application Nos. 7905-0382-00 and 7910-0177-00). In each case, the applicant was able to demonstrate how their development could proceed within the criteria established by the NCP (as described on page 4 of this report).
- The current application is unable to satisfy the criteria for the following reasons:
  - The existing sanitary sewer and storm water management systems do not have the capacity to support additional development beyond the currently approved NCP boundaries.
  - The additional residents resulting from the proposed development were not accounted for in the preparation of Parks, Recreation and Culture Department plans for this NCP area.
  - The School District has not planned for student growth to the north of the current East Clayton boundaries and, as such, does not have funds for capital infrastructure or operating costs to support such growth at this time. It is difficult for the Surrey School District to plan for additional schools without a comprehensive NCP process being undertaken.
- The Official Community Plan (OCP) includes policies that promote an orderly, comprehensive and holistic approach to land development. OCP Policy A-4.3 requires that development within specified areas, such as Clayton, be contingent upon, and subject to, the preparation of an NCP specifying land use, density, infrastructure services including roads, public amenities and financing strategies.
- The proposed development, in effect, extends the NCP area without a thorough planning process, which includes community consultation, and does not meet the criteria established within the NCP (see Background section).

- The Planning and Development Department is currently preparing two NCPs for the West Clayton community, located to the west of 188 Street. It is expected that the Stage 1 Land Use Concept (covering both neighbourhood plans) will be completed in 2012, with Stage 2 for the first neighbourhood completed approximately a year later. The remaining Stage 2 report for the second neighbourhood would then be completed. There are no current plans to initiate NCP processes for lands west <u>east</u> of 188 Street, which would cover the subject applications.
- As noted above, the subject property is part of an area with significant environmental value, the extent of which will need to be determined as part of a future community planning process to ensure that the areas with significant environmental values are available for retention.

## **OPTIONAL COURSES OF ACTION**

The following is a summary of the optional courses of action for consideration, and the benefits and concerns of each approach.

Option A: Denial

Pros:

- Withholding the processing of this development application until an NCP process covering the land subject to this application has advanced to Stage 1 approval supports existing City policy related to contiguous, coordinated development that equitably and efficiently utilizes the available land base.
- This action supports the public expectations related to the East Clayton Extension North of 72 Avenue area regarding the northern-most limit of development.
- In addition, a denial will send a clear message that development applications will not be supported in a greenfield area until an NCP has been developed for the area. The NCP process allows for a comprehensive review of all of the land use considerations, servicing needs and financial ramifications before development proceeds in the area to ensure that the neighbourhood provides a high quality of life, that impacts are addressed and that costs are equitably shared.
- Allows time to adequately evaluate the environmental significance of the area through an NCP process.
- In this circumstance, a denial is consistent with the objectives within the City's Sustainability Charter related to planned and orderly development.

Cons:

• The applicant will not be able to proceed with development as proposed and will be required to wait for the completion of a community planning process for the area.

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• Option B: Refer back to staff and work with the applicant to allow the application to proceed. Process application beyond the East Clayton NCP Extension – North of 72 Avenue boundary

Pros:

- New opportunities for additional housing in Surrey would be created, which may help to influence housing affordability in the area.
- Allowing the proposed development to proceed will result in the City collecting additional NCP amenity fees for the neighbourhood.

Cons:

- Proceeding with the development in advance of an NCP sets a precedent for other landowners who are also looking to develop their land prior to completion of an NCP.
- Engineering services, such as sanitary sewers and storm sewers, will require expensive upgrades to accommodate the related developments. These costs will likely exceed the financial ability afforded by the scale of the application. This will lead to frustration on the part of the applicant and will put pressure on the City to compromise design standards to make the development viable, which would lead to problems for the City over time.
- Parks and other amenities will be over-subscribed due to the additional development that was not anticipated in the development of the East Clayton NCPs.
- As the subject site has been identified as a Medium Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) and as a "Terrestrial Hub" (EMS), the proposed development could potentially have significant and detrimental environmental impacts. Any proposed development requires a thorough assessment.
- Schools in the area will experience increased pressure on their capacity by virtue of this unanticipated growth in the student population in the area.

# **CONCLUSION**

- The Planning & Development and Engineering Departments recommend <u>Option A</u>, which is to <u>deny</u> the application.
- If Council is of the view that the relative merits of the application are sufficient to allow the application to proceed (Option B), the application should be referred back to staff to work with the applicant in completing the application as follows:
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# **INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT**

The following information is attached to this Report:

- Appendix I. Lot Owners, and Action Summary
- Appendix II. Proposed Site Plan
- Appendix III. Engineering Summary
- Appendix IV. OCP Redesignation Map
- Appendix V. Map of Current Applications beyond NCP Boundary

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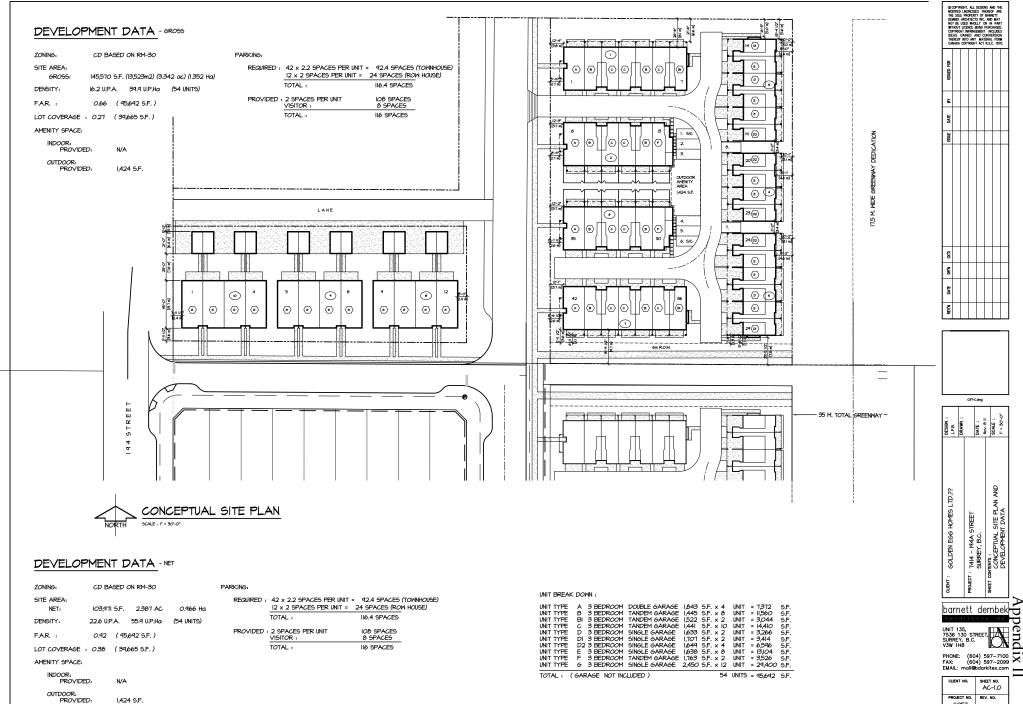
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# Information for City Clerk

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

1.	(a) Agent:	Name: Address:	Sukh Grewal 5871 - 135 Street Surrey BC V3X 1L2
		Tel:	604-723-0077

- 2. Properties involved in the Application
  - (a) Civic Address: 7414 194 Street
  - (b) Civic Address: 7414 194 Street
    Owner: Xiao Y Liang
    PID: 002-406-306
    Lot 14 Except: Parcel "A" (Explanatory Plan 16856); Section 22 Township 8 New Westminster District Plan 2600
- 3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office



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Appendix III



INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO:	Manager, Area Planning & - North Surrey Division Planning and Developmer	Ĩ			
FROM:	Development Project Engineer, Engineering Department				
DATE:	March 27, 2012	PROJECT FILE:	7811-0282-00		
RE:	Engineering Requirement Location: 7414 194 Street	S			

# **OCP AMENDMENT/NCP AMENDMENT**

The following issues are to be addressed as a condition of the OCP Amendment/NCP Amendment:

• This property falls outside the existing boundary of the East Clayton Neighbourhood Concept Plan (NCP) areas. Development will not be supported by Engineering until an NCP process covering the land that is subject of the application has advanced to Stage 1 approval.

# **REZONE/SUBDIVISION**

#### **Property and Right-of-Way Requirements**

• Provide dedication and/or statutory rights-of-way as per the stage 1 NCP approval.

#### Works and Services

• Construct roadworks and utilities as per the stage 1 NCP approval.

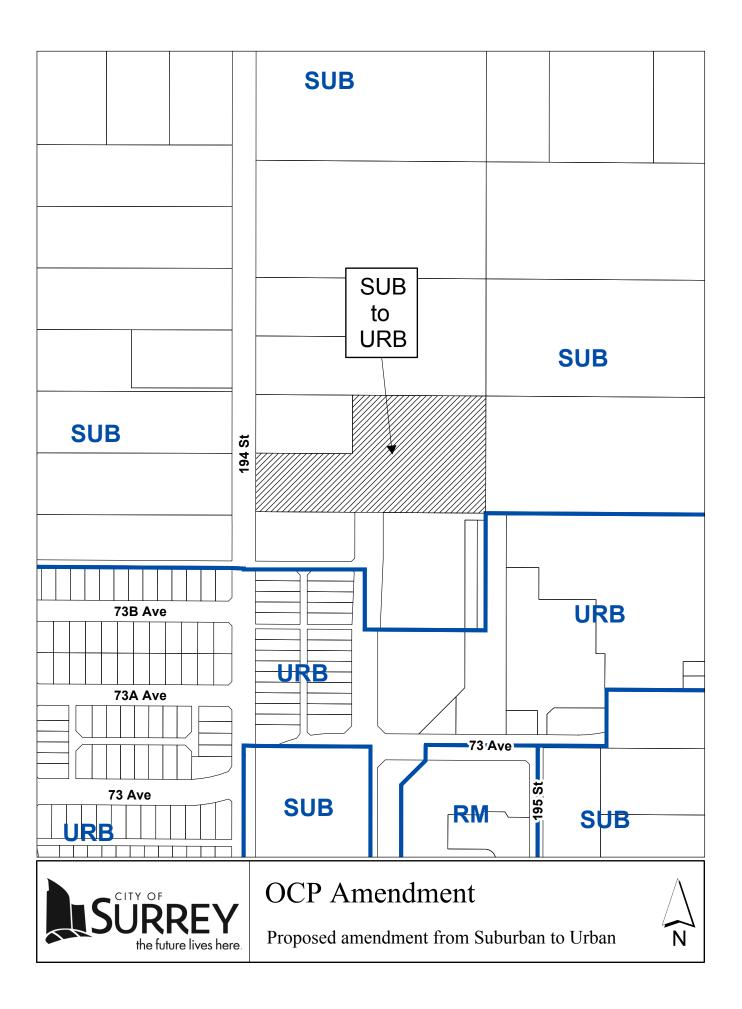
A Servicing Agreement will be required prior to Rezone/Subdivision.

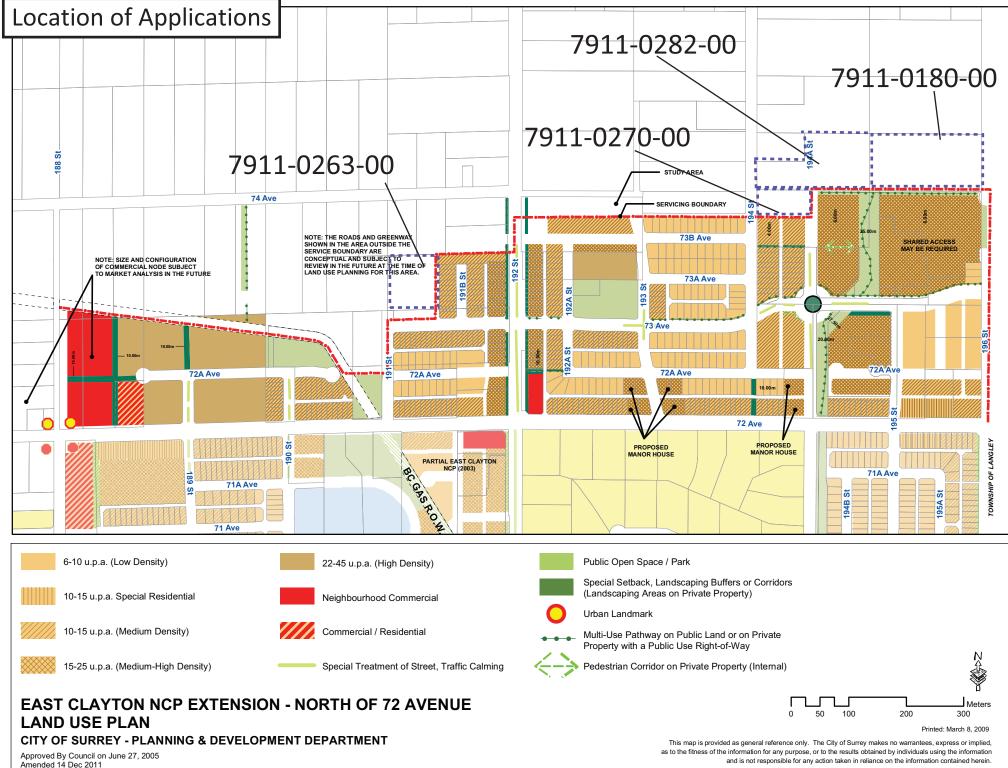
#### **DEVELOPMENT PERMIT**

There are no engineering requirements relative to issuance of the Development Permit.

Bob Ambardar, P.Eng. Development Project Engineer

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Appendix V