

# City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7912-0020-00

Planning Report Date: March 12, 2012

#### PROPOSAL:

Development Permit

• Development Variance Permit

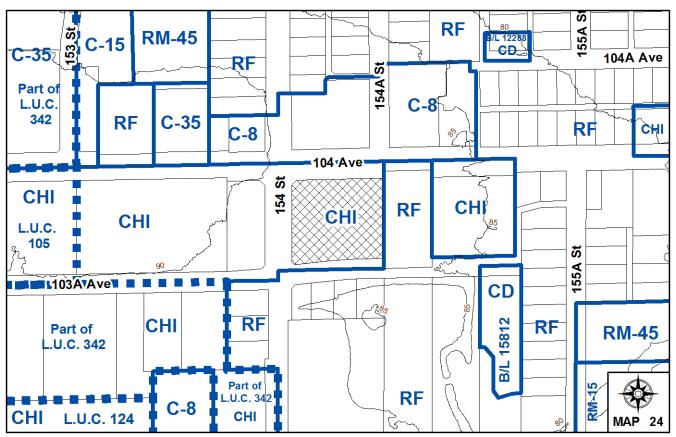
in order to permit exterior renovations and to modify the signage for the Mazda dealership in Guildford.

LOCATION: 15420 - 104 Avenue

**OWNER:** Comway Developments Ltd.

ZONING: CHI

OCP DESIGNATION: Commercial



## **RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

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

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

• Seeking approval for one fascia sign above the roofline.

## **RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION**

• The proposed building modifications and fascia signage are well integrated with the architecture of the existing dealership building.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning & Development Department recommends that:

- 1. Council authorize staff to draft Development Permit No. 7912-0020-00 generally in accordance with the attached drawings (Appendix II).
- 2. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7912-0020-00 (Appendix II) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:
  - (a) to vary the Sign By-law to allow for one fascia sign to be above the roofline.
- 3. Council instruct staff to resolve the following issue prior to final approval:
  - (a) approval of Development Variance Permit No. 7912-0020-00.

## **REFERRALS**

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

## **SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

Existing Land Use: Mazda auto dealership

## **Adjacent Area:**

Direction	Existing Use	OCP Designation	Existing Zone
North (Agrees Avenue)	Daulting lat fourth a Europe	Communicial	C 9
North (Across 104 Avenue):	Parking lot for the Fraser Valley Real Estate Board.	Commercial	C-8
East:	Vacant lot.	Commercial	RF
South (Across 103A Avenue):	Guildford Heights Park.	Multiple Residential	RF
West (Across 154 Street):	Vacant site with expired Development Permit for automobile dealership (7902-0204-00).	Commercial	СНІ

## **DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

## **Background**

• The subject site is located at 15420 – 104 Avenue and is zoned Highway Commercial Industrial Zone (CHI). The site is designated as Commercial in the Official Community Plan (OCP).

• The site is located on the southeast corner of 104 Avenue and 154 Street and is bordered by 103A Avenue to the south.

• Development Permit No. 7902-0205-00 was issued on July 24, 2003 for a Mitsubishi dealership on the subject site. Development Permit No. 7904-0071-00 issued on April 19, 2004 for signage. The Mazda dealership has been operating from this location since 2003.

## Current Proposal

- The applicant is requesting a Development Permit to undertake some external building renovations and to modify the existing signage to reflect Mazda's updated corporate branding.
- The applicant is also requesting a Development Variance Permit to install one fascia sign which extends above the roofline.

#### DESIGN PROPOSAL AND REVIEW

- To reflect Mazda's new corporate branding, the applicant has proposed to change the size of the existing Alucobond panels from 1.2 metres (4 ft.) by 2.4 metres (8 ft.) to 1.5 metres (5 ft.) by 1.5 metres (5 ft.) and revise the colour from champagne to chiseled gray.
- Mazda's corporate branding requires the entrance parapet to be 3 metres (10 ft.) above the roofline. The proposed parapet will have a triangular design to improve views from the rear, including 103A Avenue and Guildford Heights Park, and from the side of the building.
- The existing building is 9 metres (30 ft.) tall with a 1.2-metre (4 ft.) parapet. To meet the corporate branding, the applicant proposes to increase the height of the parapet an additional 1.8 metres (6 ft.) for a total parapet height of 3 metres (10 ft.) and to install a fascia sign on the parapet. A Development Variance Permit is required to allow the proposed parapet fascia sign as it is above the roof line of the building (see By-law Variance section).
- Other modifications include changing the signage on the west side of the building to include the word "Freeway" on the sign. The proposed sign is approximately 4.4 square metres (47 sq. ft.).
- The total proposed sign area of 10.5 square metres (114 sq. ft.) is below the maximum 25.6 square metres (276 sq. ft.) of sign area permitted under the Sign By-law.

#### PRE-NOTIFICATION

In accordance with Council policy, a Development Proposal sign was installed on February 23, 2012 and staff received no phone calls or letters.

### BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION

## (a) Requested Variance:

To vary the Sign By-law to allow one fascia sign to be above the roofline.

## Applicant's Reasons:

- The signage above the roofline is a requirement for all Mazda dealerships.
- The alternative to increasing parapet height is for Mazda dealerships to change the total design of the entry which would cost substantially more for the dealership.

#### **Staff Comments:**

- The proposed signage is integrated with the architecture of the building.
- The applicant has proposed to triangulate the design of the parapet to improve views from the rear and side of the building.
- The applicant is not proposing to increase the total number of signs.
- Therefore, 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. 7912-0020-00

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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:

1. (a) Agent: Name: Trevor Massey

Lark Group

Address: Unit 101 - 17802 - 66 Ave

Surrey, BC V<sub>3</sub>S<sub>7</sub>X<sub>1</sub>

Tel: 604-576-2935

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address: 15420 - 104 Avenue

(b) Civic Address: 15420 - 104 Avenue

Owner: Comway Developments Ltd

PID: 025-802-054

Lot 1 Section 28 Block 5 North Range 1 West New Westminster District Plan BCP7547

3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office

(a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7912-0020-00 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 the final issuance of the associated Development Permit.

#### **CITY OF SURREY**

(the "City")

#### **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT**

NO.: 7912-0020-00

Issued To: COMWAY DEVELOPMENTS LTD., INC. NO. 314415

("the Owner")

Address of Owner: c/o Western Auto Group

15420 - 104 Avenue Surrey, BC V3R 1N8

- 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: 025-802-054 Lot 1 Section 28 Block 5 North Range 1 West New Westminster District Plan BCP7547

15420 - 104 Avenue

(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Sign By-law, 1999, No. 13656, as amended is varied as follows:
  - (a) To vary Sub-section 27.(2)(e) to allow one fascia sign extend above the roofline of the building face to which it is attached.
- 4. The landscaping and the siting of buildings and structures shall be in accordance with the drawings numbered 7912-0020-00(A) through to and including 7912-0020-00(F) (the "Drawings") which are 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  $\,$  , 20  $\,$  . ISSUED THIS  $\,$  DAY OF  $\,$  , 20  $\,$  .

Mayor – Dianne L. Watts

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City Clerk – Jane Sullivan

