

City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7912-0087-00

Planning Report Date: June 11, 2012

PROPOSAL:

- Development Permit
- Development Variance Permit

in order to vary the minimum setback requirement for a free-standing sign for an existing industrial building.

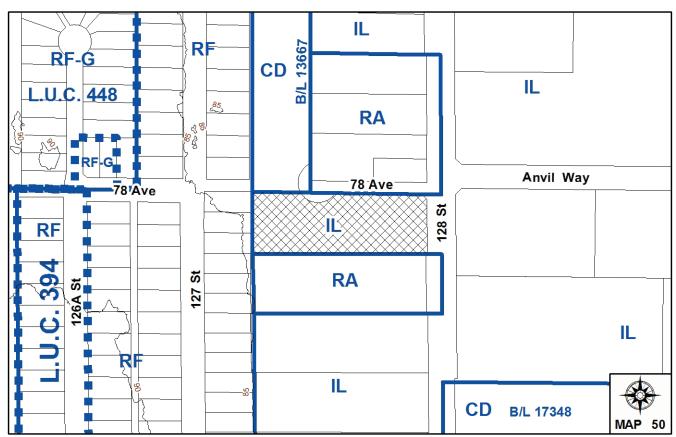
LOCATION: 7795 – 128 Street

OWNER: Tri-L Developments Ltd.

ZONING: IL

OCP DESIGNATION: Industrial

LAP DESIGNATION: General Industrial



RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

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

DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

• The proposed free-standing sign requires a variance to reduce the minimum setback along 128 Street from 2 metres (6.6 ft.) to 0 metre (0 ft.) in order to permit a free-standing sign to utilize the existing sign base.

RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The existing free-standing sign was legally established prior to the adoption of the Surrey Sign By-law, 1999.
- The current location of the free-standing sign does not comply with the Sign By-law. A Development Variance Permit (DVP) is required to reduce the minimum setback requirement and allow a new free-standing sign to utilize the existing sign base.
- The proposed replacement free-standing sign is constructed of high-quality materials and architecturally coordinated with the existing multi-tenant industrial building.
- The free-standing sign complies with all other aspects of the Sign By-law, including maximum height and total sign area.
- The applicant is proposing additional landscaping around the perimeter of the sign base.
- The applicant will provide a Section 219 Restrictive Covenant for future removal and relocation of the proposed free-standing sign, at the cost of the applicant, outside the future road right-of-way on 128 Street.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that:

- 1. Council authorize staff to draft Development Permit No. 7912-0087-00 generally in accordance with the attached drawings (Appendix II).
- 2. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7912-0087-00 (Appendix II) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:
 - (a) to vary the Surrey Sign By-law, 1999 to reduce the minimum setback requirement for a free-standing sign along the eastern boundary of the subject property from 2 metres (6.6 ft.) to 0 metre (0 ft.).
- 3. Council instruct staff to resolve the following issues prior to final approval:
 - (a) ensure that all engineering requirements and issues including restrictive covenants, dedications, and rights-of-way where necessary, are addressed to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Engineering; and
 - (b) registration of a Section 219 Restrictive Covenant for future removal and relocation of the proposed free-standing sign outside the future road right-of-way on 128 Street.

REFERRALS

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

to registration of a S. 219 Restrictive Covenant for future removal and relocation of the proposed free-standing sign, at the cost of the applicant, outside the future road right-of-way on 128 Street.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Existing Land Use: Multi-tenant industrial building.

Adjacent Area:

Direction	Existing Use	OCP/LAP Designation	Existing Zone
North (Across 78 Avenue):	Vacant land & multi-	Industrial/	RA & CD
	tenant industrial	General Industrial	(B/L 13667)
	building.		
East (Across 128 Street):	Multi-tenant industrial	Industrial/	IL
	building.	High Impact Industrial	
South:	Truck park facility.	Industrial/	RA
		General Industrial	
West:	Single family residential.	Urban/	RF
		General Industrial	

DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Background

- The subject property located at 7795 128 Street is designated "Industrial" in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and "General Industrial" in the Central Newton Local Area Plan (LAP). The property is currently zoned "Light Impact Industrial (IL)".
- A multi-tenant industrial building presently occupies the subject property. The property was rezoned in July, 1990 to permit an industrial warehouse building which comprises a total floor area of 3,060 square metres (32,938 sq. ft.) (File No. 5688-0396-00). The multi-tenant building is currently non-stratified with three major tenants: [1] Patton & Cooke; [2] Lakewood; and [3] Gramercy. The existing free-standing sign provides advertising exposure for present tenants.
- A Development Permit was never issued by Council for the subject property. The property is, however, located within an industrial Development Permit area. Therefore, the applicant is required to obtain a Development Permit in order to regulate the form and/or character of the free-standing sign.
- The applicant previously received a Sign Permit in May, 1993 (No. 74618) for a free-standing sign on 128 Street, prior to the adoption of Surrey Sign By-law, 1999. However, the existing free-standing sign is currently located o metre (o ft.) from the eastern property line contrary to the minimum 2 metre setback required under the Sign By-law. As a result, the applicant is requesting a Development Variance Permit (DVP) in order to reduce the minimum setback requirement under the Sign By-law and thereby install a new free-standing sign utilizing the existing sign base.

DESIGN PROPOSAL AND REVIEW

- The proposed free-standing sign is 2.97 metres (9.75 ft.) in height which is below the 4.5 metre (15 ft.) maximum permitted height in this industrial area along 128 Street.
- The free-standing sign is 1.2 metres (4 ft.) wide and double sided resulting in a total sign area of approximately 3.8 square metres (41 sq. ft.). The Sign By-law permits a total sign area of 27.8 square metres (300 sq. ft.).
- The free-standing sign will include a concrete base and black granite frame that complements the existing industrial building. The address panel consists of horizontal aluminum mounted on square tubing with LED backlit acrylic numbers. In contrast, the tenant signage consists of three fabricated aluminum cabinets with curved surfaces and routed lettering with LED backlit white lexan faces that allow light to filter down onto the granite surface below. The free-standing sign will consist of three fabricated aluminum cabinets that encircle the granite frame which provide 6 individual tenant panels (3 per side) with background illumination for advertisement purposes.
- The sign base is currently located o metre (o ft.) from the eastern property line. The Surrey Sign By-law requires a minimum setback of 2 metres (6.6 ft.) from 128 Street. In addition, the Engineering Department has confirmed that approximately 2.8 metres of road dedication will

be required in the future from the subject property for widening of 128 Street in order to achieve the ultimate 30 metre road right-of-way. As a result, the applicant is required to relocate the free-standing sign outside the future road allowance, at no cost to the City, as well as comply with the setback requirements identified in the Sign By-law when 128 Street is widened in future.

BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION

(a) Requested Variance:

• To vary the Surrey Sign By-law, 1999 to reduce the minimum setback requirement for a free-standing sign on the eastern boundary of the subject property from 2 metres (6.6 ft.) to 0 metre (0 ft.).

Applicant's Reasons:

• The applicant is proposing to install a modern free-standing sign utilizing the existing sign base on 128 Street. The applicant previously obtained a Sign Permit in May, 1993. However, the free-standing sign is currently located o metre (o ft.) from the eastern property line. In an effort to limit costs, the applicant is requesting a variance thereby enabling the owner to utilize the existing sign base which requires few modifications.

Staff Comments:

- The proposed free-standing sign was legally established but became non-conforming when Surrey Sign By-law, 1999 came into effect.
- The proposed free-standing sign is constructed of high-quality materials and architecturally coordinated with the existing multi-tenant building located on-site.
- The applicant is proposing to introduce additional landscaping around the perimeter of
 the sign base in order to improve the overall appearance. The proposed landscaping will
 consist of low-level shrubs as well as additional groundcover located around the existing
 concrete sign base.
- The Engineering Department has confirmed that approximately 2.8 metres (9.2 ft) of additional road dedication is required in the future for widening of 128 Street. In order to satisfy the minimum 2 metre setback requirement, the free-standing sign would need to be located roughly 4.8 metres from the current eastern boundary of the subject property. However, a setback of 4.8 metres would place the free-standing sign within the existing on-site parking stalls. Alternatively, the owner would be required to relocate the free-standing sign to the southern driveway entrance which provides limited advertising exposure to passing motorists traveling on 128 Street. The applicant is required to provide a Section 219 Restrictive Covenant for future removal and relocation of the proposed free-standing sign, at no cost to the City, to accommodate the widening of 128 Street.
- Therefore, City 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. 7912-0087-00

Appendix III. Engineering Summary

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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: Jordan Desrocher

Priority Permits Ltd.

Address: 713 Columbia Street, Suite #104

New Westminster, B.C. V₃M ₁B₂

Tel: 778-397-1394

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address: 7795 – 128 Street

(b) Civic Address: 7795 – 128 Street

Owner: Tri-L Developments Ltd. (Incorporation #378843)

PID: 016-426-991

Lot 4 Section 19 Township 2 New Westminster District Plan 86555

3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office

(a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7912-0087-00.

CITY OF SURREY

(the "City")

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

NO.: 7912-0087-00

Issued To:

TRI-L DEVELOPMENTS LTD. (INCORPORATION #378843)

("the Owner")

Address of Owner:

7720 Westminster Highway

Richmond, B.C.

V6X 1A1

- 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: 016-426-991 Lot 4 Section 19 Township 2 New Westminster District Plan 86555

7795 - 128 Street

(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Sign By-law, 1999, No. 13656, as amended is varied as follows:
 - (a) Part 5 "Signs in Commercial/Industrial Zones" Section 27 Sub-section (1)(e) to vary the minimum setback requirement for a free-standing sign from 2 metres (6.6 ft.) to o metre (o ft.).
- 4. The landscaping and the siting of buildings and structures shall be in accordance with the drawings numbered 7912-0087-00(A) through to and including 7912-0087-00(C) (the "Drawings") which are attached hereto and form part of this development variance permit.
- This development variance permit applies to only the free-standing sign, as 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 provisions of this development variance permi			
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.			
	ORIZING RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COU D THIS DAY OF , 20 .	NCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 .		
	Ī	Mayor – Dianne L. Watts		
		City Clerk – Jane Sullivan		

Note: location to be confirmed by signage contractor



Project: PAC

Date: 2012/03/07

Drawing By: SC

Scale: 1/32"=1"

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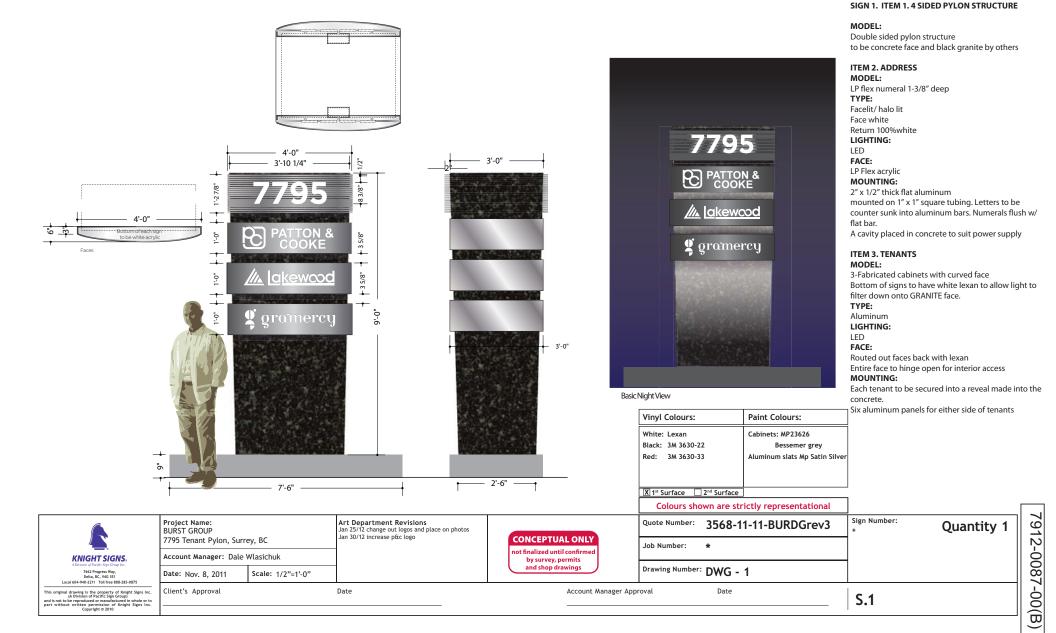
F: 1-888-738-3846

E: prioritypermits2@shaw.ca

Your Sign Permit Solution

Knight Signs

Address: 7795 - 128th St. Surrey, BC

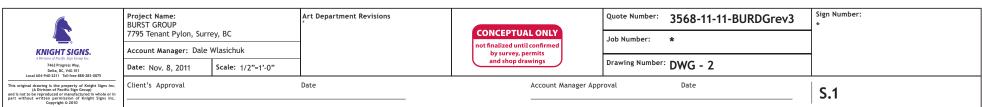


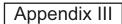






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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO:

Manager, Area Planning & Development

- South Surrey Division

Planning and Development Department

FROM:

Development project Engineer, Engineering Department

DATE:

April 30, 2012

PROJECT FILE:

7812-0087-00

RE:

Engineering Requirements (Commercial/Industrial)

Location: 7795 128 St.

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

The following issues are to be addressed as a condition of issuance of the Development Variance Permit:

 Provide restrictive covenant for future removal and relocation of the proposed sign at the applicant's cost.

Bob Ambardar, P.Eng.

Development Project Engineer

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