

# City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7912-0181-00

Planning Report Date: September 10, 2012

#### PROPOSAL:

# • Development Variance Permit

in order to increase the front yard setback to retain a tree and to permit the construction of a new single family dwelling.

LOCATION: 8923 - 150A Street

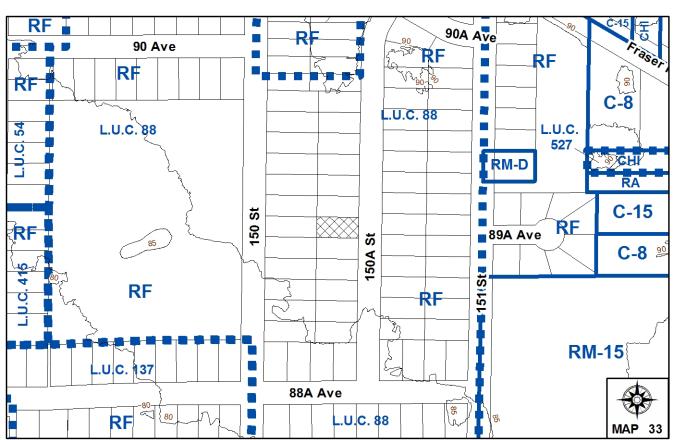
OWNER: Manjot Singh Barn

Charanjit Kaur Barn

**ZONING:** Land Use Contract No. 88

(underlying RF Zone)

**OCP DESIGNATION:** Urban



# **RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

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

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

• Seeking a variance to Land Use Contract No. 88 to increase the front yard setback from 3.5 metres (12 ft.) to 9.1 metres (30 ft.) to construct a new house and retain an existing tree.

# **RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION**

- The proposed front yard setback is consistent with the emerging development pattern along 150A Street within the Land Use Contract No. 88 area.
- Varying the front yard setback requirement of Land Use Contract No. 88 will facilitate tree retention potential in the front yard of the subject property without compromising the construction of a new dwelling, or impacting adjoining properties.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning & Development Department recommends that:

- 1. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7912-0181-00 (Appendix II) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:
  - (a) to relax the front yard setback requirement of Land Use Contract No. 88 from 3.5 metres (12 ft.) to 9.1 metres (30 ft.).
- 2 Council instruct staff to resolve the following issues prior to final approval:
  - (a) submission of a finalized tree survey and a statement regarding tree preservation to the satisfaction of the City Landscape Architect; and
  - (b) registration of a Section 219 Restrictive Covenant to limit the size and location of the driveway to protect trees and critical root zones.

# **REFERRALS**

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

#### **SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

<u>Existing Land Use:</u> Existing single family dwelling which will be removed.

#### **Adjacent Area:**

Direction	Existing Use	OCP Designation	Existing Zone
North:	Single family dwellings.	Urban	Land Use Contract No. 88
			(underlying RF Zone)
East (Across 150A Street):	Single family dwellings.	Urban	Land Use Contract No. 88
			(underlying RF Zone)
South:	Single family dwellings.	Urban	Land Use Contract No. 88
			(underlying RF Zone)
West:	Single family dwellings.	Urban	Land Use Contract No. 88
			(underlying RF Zone)

#### **DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

# **Background**

• The subject site is located at 8923-150A Street in the Fleetwood area. The site is designated "Urban" in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and is regulated by Land Use Contract (LUC) No. 88 which allows for residential single family uses and customarily permitted accessory uses only. The underlying zone is the Single Family Residential (RF) Zone.

• LUC No. 88 requires that each lot have an allocated building setback of either 3.5 metres (12 ft.), 5 metres (17 ft.), 6.5 metres (22 ft.) or 8 metres (27 ft.) as indicated on the plan which forms part of LUC No. 88. Under LUC No. 88, the front yard setback requirement for the subject site is 3.5 metres (12 ft.).

• The site contains two large, mature Spruce trees, both of which are considered protected trees under the Tree By-law. One is located at the south-east corner of the lot within the front yard setback area of the existing dwelling, while the other is located in the rear yard.

### Current Proposal

- The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing house on the subject property and to build a two-storey house, approximately 387 square metres (4,165 sq. ft.) in size.
- The existing Spruce tree located in the front yard of the subject site is set back approximately 1 metre (3.3 ft.) from the front (east) property line. If the house was constructed in accordance with LUC No. 88 front yard setback requirement of 3.5 metres (12 ft.), the tree located in the front yard of the subject site would have to be removed.
- The owner of the subject property wishes to retain the existing Spruce tree within the front yard and has therefore applied for a Development Variance Permit to vary the front yard setback prescribed in LUC No. 88 from 3.5 metres (12 ft.) to 9.1 metres (30 ft.).
- The proposed dwelling will therefore have a front setback of 9.1 metres (30 ft.), a rear setback of 11.5 metres (37.5 ft.) and side yard setbacks of 1.8 metres (6 ft.). The proposed dwelling is consistent in scale and form with the other new houses in the area.

#### Tree Retention

- Mike Fadum and Associates Ltd. prepared the Arborist Report and Tree Preservation/ Replacement Plan. They have been reviewed by the City's Landscape Architect and deemed acceptable.
- The Arborist Report indicates there are two mature trees on the subject property, both of which are proposed to be retained.
- The report also identifies four protected trees on neighbouring properties and one protected City tree within the 150A Street right-of-way. All five trees are proposed to be retained.

# **BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION**

# (a) Requested Variance:

• To vary Schedule "B" of Land Use Contract No. 88 in order to increase the front yard setback from 3.5 metres (12 ft.) to 9.1 metres (30 ft.) for a new single family dwelling.

#### Applicant's Reasons:

• The requested variance would allow the owner to construct the proposed single family dwelling without encroaching on the 2.5-metre (8 ft.) minimum no-disturbance zone of the existing Spruce tree within the front yard setback area.

#### Staff Comments:

- There is one mature Spruce tree located within the front yard setback area of the subject site. A variance to the 3.5-metre (12 ft.) front setback requirement of LUC No. 88 to permit a 9.1 metre (30 ft.) front yard setback will ensure that the tree and no-disturbance zone is not impacted by the proposed development.
- New residential development within the LUC No. 88 area has generally achieved the specified front yard setback requirements of Schedule "B". The neighbouring dwelling to the north was constructed in 2003 with a front yard setback of 3.5 metres (12 ft.), while the neighbouring dwelling to the south, constructed as part of the original subdivision in the 1970's, has a 5-metre (17 ft.) front yard setback. While the proposed 9.1-metre (30 ft.) front yard setback will represent a variation from the 3.5-metre (12 ft.) requirement of Schedule "B", the proposed variation will continue to meet the intent of the LUC No. 88 to create a varied streetscape appearance along 150A Street.
- The proposed dwelling will have rear yard setback of 11.5 metres (37.5 ft.), approximately 2 metres (6.5 ft.) greater than the 9.5-metre (31 ft.) rear yard setback of the neighbouring dwelling to the north. The neighbouring dwelling to the south has a 15.5 metre (50ft.) rear yard setback. These varied setbacks will result in a graduated rear setback character and ensure that the existing mature trees adjacent to the rear (west) boundary of the subject lot can be retained and protected.
- It is also proposed that the City tree within the 150A Street boulevard adjacent to the front (east) boundary of the subject site will be retained. This will be achieved by reducing the width of the driveway within the boulevard. The width of the driveway can be effectively reduced without affecting the functionality of the driveway.
- The proposed variance to the 3.5-metre (12 ft.) front setback requirement of the LUC No. 88 therefore can be achieved without resulting in a negative impact to the streetscape and adjoining properties.
- 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. Proposed Site Plan.

Appendix III. Development Variance Permit No. 7912-0181-00.

# **INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON FILE**

• Complete Set of Architectural Plans prepared by D. Mand Design and Drafting Services Ltd, dated February 2011.

• Land Use Contract No. 88.

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:

1. (a) Agent: Name: Charanjit K Barn

Manjot S Barn

Address: 8923 – 150A Street

Surrey, BC

V<sub>3</sub>R 6W8

Tel: - 604 723 0184

- 778 395 2811

Properties involved in the Application 2.

> (a) Civic Address: 8923 - 150A Street

> (b) Civic Address: 8923 - 150A Street Owner:

Charanjit K Barn

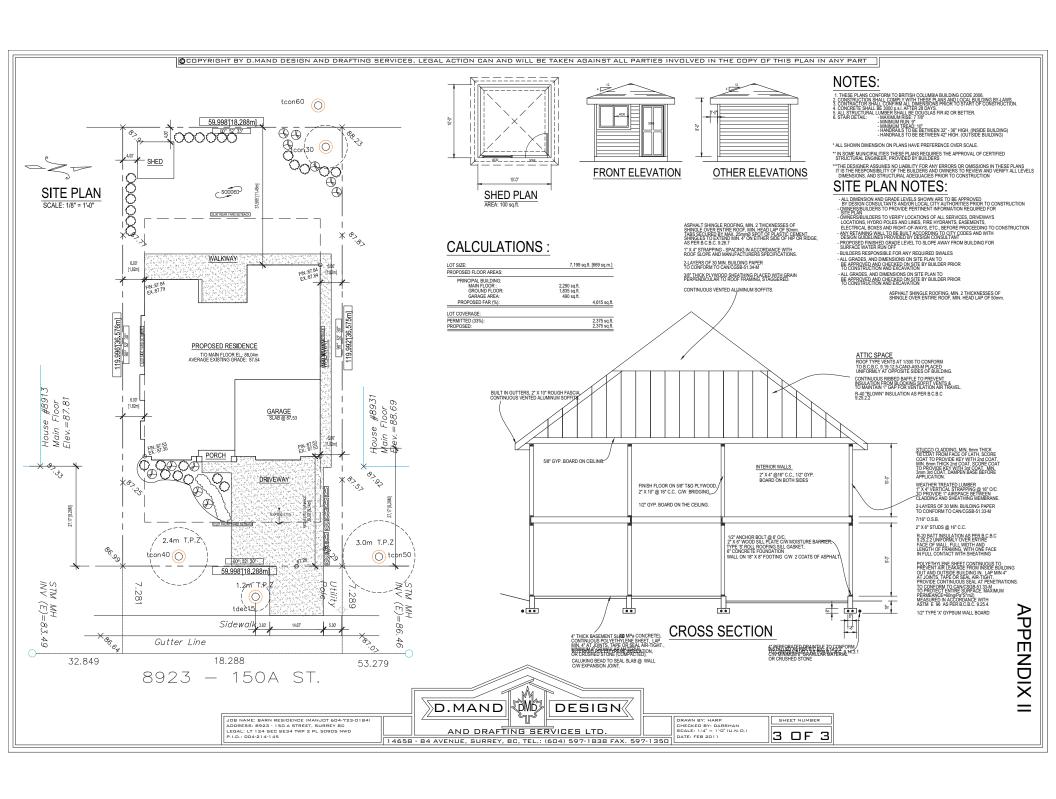
Manjot S Barn

PID: 004-214-145

Lot 124 Section 34 Township 2 New Westminster District Plan 50905

Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office 3.

(a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7912-0181-00 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.: 7912-0181-00

Issued To: CHARANJIT K BARN

**MANJOT S BARN** 

("the Owner")

Address of Owner: 8923 - 150A Street

Surrey BC V<sub>3</sub>R 6W8

- 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: 004-214-145 Lot 124 Section 34 Township 2 New Westminster District Plan 50905

8923 - 150A Street

(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Land Use Contract No. 88, Authorization By-law, 1976, No.4852 is varied as follows:
  - (a) In Schedule B, the front yard setback is increased from 3.5 metres (12ft.) to 9.1 metres (30 ft.).
- 4. The Land shall be developed strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions and provisions of this development variance permit.
- 5. 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.
- 6. The terms of this development variance permit or any amendment to it, are binding on all persons who acquire an interest in the Land.

7.	This development variance permit is not a building permit.				
	ORIZING RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE D THIS DAY OF , 20 .	E COUNCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 .			
		Mayor – Dianne L. Watts			
		City Clerk – Jane Sullivan			