

# City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7913-0115-00

Planning Report Date: September 9, 2013

#### PROPOSAL:

### • Development Permit

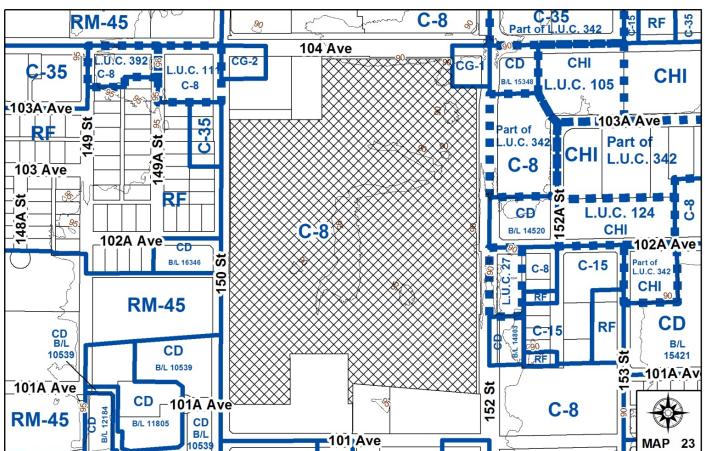
in order to permit the exterior renovation of an existing free-standing commercial building on the Guildford Town Centre Mall site.

**LOCATION:** Portion of 10355 - 152 Street

OWNER: 4239431 Canada Inc.

ZONING: C-8

**OCP DESIGNATION:** Commercial



# **RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

- Approval to vary signage regulations.
- Approval to draft Development Permit.

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

None.

# **RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION**

- Complies with the Commercial designation in the OCP.
- The proposed building form is appropriate for this part of Guildford and will complement the recent renovation and redevelopment of portions of the Guildford Town Centre mall.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning & Development Department recommends that:

- 1. Council approve the applicant's request to vary the Sign By-law by increasing the maximum number of permitted fascia signs from 2 to 3.
- 2. Council authorize staff to draft Development Permit No. 7913-0115-00, generally in accordance with the attached drawings (Appendix II).
- 3. Council instruct staff to resolve the following issues prior to final approval:
  - (a) submission of a landscaping plan and landscaping cost estimate to the specifications and satisfaction of the Planning and Development Department.

#### **REFERRALS**

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

#### **SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

<u>Existing Land Use:</u> Existing commercial retail building associated with the Guildford Town

Centre mall. The building presently houses a Mark's Work Warehouse.

### **Adjacent Area:**

Direction	<b>Existing Use</b>	OCP/NCP Designation	Existing Zone
North:	Existing restaurant (Red Robin)	Town Centre	C-8
East (Across 152 Street):	North lot: Existing two- storey commercial building South lot: Existing commercial buildings (Starbucks and a sushi restaurant)	Commercial	North lot: LUC No. 27 (Underlying C-8 Zone) South lot: CD Zone (By- law No. 14803)
South:	Existing restaurant (White Spot)	Commercial	C-8
West:	Existing parking facility for the Guildford Town Centre mall.	Town Centre	C-8

#### **DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

• The subject proposal is situated on the south-east portion of the Guildford Town Centre Mall site. The subject proposal is located along 152 Street, south of the existing Red Robin restaurant and north of the existing White Spot restaurant.

- The site is designated Commercial in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and zoned Community Commercial Zone (C-8).
- Guildford Town Centre Mall has very recently completed a major redevelopment. This redevelopment consists of a number of phases, including Phase I (Application No. 7906-0413-00), which was approved by Council on May 17, 2010, for the construction of a new Wal-Mart south of 104 Avenue, and Phase II (Application No. 7909-0174), which was approved by Council on September 12, 2011, for further upgrades, expansion and modernization of other portions of the mall.
- These earlier phases did not include the subject building or surrounding lands. However, improvements to the perimeter landscaping along 152 Street and the adjacent driveway entrance (south of the building) were approved under an amendment for Phase II.
- The applicant is proposing an exterior renovation of the existing 1,995-square metre (21,474 sq.ft.) free-standing commercial building. The existing building was previously occupied by a Mark's Work Warehouse outlet and a furniture store. However as part of the renovation, the Mark's Work Warehouse proposes to expand and take over the entire building.
- Principal access for the building will continue to be provided from 152 Street by way of an
  existing driveway located to the south of the subject building, directly adjacent the White
  Spot restaurant. Additional access will continue to be available from an internal driveway to
  the west of the building that supports vehicular movement within the Guildford Town Centre
  Mall site.

#### **DESIGN PROPOSAL AND REVIEW**

- The renovations proposed for the exterior of the building are in a contemporary style which incorporates significant amounts of stucco (white), metal paneling (orange), fiber cement horizontal siding (roasted walnut) and cultured stone accents (pro-fit alpine, black rundle colour on the north and south façades only). The upgraded materials are proposed on the north, south and east façades.
- Concrete panels (white) are utilized in place of stucco on the east façade and at the northeast and southeast corners of the building, in areas which are highly visible from the public realm.
- For the north façade, the existing wood siding is proposed to be painted gray and the existing concrete block is proposed to be covered by smooth finish concrete.
- The building will have two primary entries, located on the north and south façades.

- The building is articulated through the use of raised parapets over the building's entries on the north and south façade and on the east façade to ensure that the building features prominently from 152 Street.
- The majority of the existing onsite landscaping is old and in need of upgrading, particularly along the building's north façade, where an existing hedge screens a large portion of the building from public view. As part of the renovation, the applicant is proposing to replant this area with layered shrubs (Little-Leaf Box), grasses (Northern Sea Oats), and ground cover (Japanese Spurge). Similarly a row of shrubs (Japanese Holly) is proposed adjacent the loading bay on the west façade to help screen this area from public view.
- As noted previously, the perimeter landscaping along 152 Street, including a new retaining wall, and at the driveway entry was approved under Application No. 7909-0174-00.

### Project Signage

- A comprehensive sign design package is proposed as part of the subject application. As part of
  this, three fascia signs are proposed, one on each of the north, south and east façades. For the
  north and south façades, the signs are to be located above the principal entries.
- All signage will be in the form of channel lettering and will be a maximum 0.9 metre (3 ft.) high.
- Although technically the Sign By-law allows for only two fascia signs per premise, an additional fascia sign is supported at this location based on the visibility of the building from both 152 Street and from within the larger Guildford Town Centre Mall site.
- With the recent amendments to the Sign By-law, the proposed variance can be approved by Council as part of the Development Permit approval.

#### **PRE-NOTIFICATION**

According to Council policy, a Development Proposal Sign was installed on the site to inform
adjacent property owners about the proposed development. Staff did not receive any
comments on this proposal as a result of the Development Proposal Sign.

#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST

The applicant prepared and submitted a sustainable development checklist for the subject site on August 23, 2013. The table below summarizes the applicable development features of the proposal based on the seven (7) criteria listed in the Surrey Sustainable Development Checklist.

Sustainability Criteria	Sustainable Development Features Summary
1. Site Context & Location (A1-A2)	• The site is located within an area with frequent transit service.

Sustainability	Sustainable Development Features Summary
Criteria	
2. Density & Diversity (B1-B7)	• N/A
3. Ecology & Stewardship (C1-C4)	<ul> <li>New layers of top soil will be added to the existing landscaping to help with stormwater infiltration.</li> <li>The existing trees are being retained. Invasive plant material will be removed and replaced with native plants requiring low maintenance.</li> <li>A new garbage enclosure is proposed which will house separate bins for recyclable materials (plastics and cardboard).</li> </ul>
4. Sustainable Transport & Mobility (D1-D2)	A bike rack is proposed adjacent the northern entry to encourage cycling.
5. Accessibility & Safety (E1-E3)	• The tall hedges along the building's north façade are to be replaced with low hedging and shrubs so that the building is more open and visible, which will help to minimize spaces that people can hide behind.
6. Green Certification (F1)	• N/A
7. Education & Awareness (G1-G4)	<ul> <li>All of the existing rooftop air conditioning units (RTU) are being replaced with high efficiency units in compliance with ASHRAE 90.1.</li> <li>High efficiency light fixtures are proposed (both on the exterior and interior of the building).</li> <li>The existing single glazed store front windows are to be replaced with double glazed store front windows.</li> <li>R-20 insulation is proposed to promote energy efficiency, where glazing is being replaced by solid walls.</li> <li>Plumbing fixtures are proposed to be replaced with low flow units.</li> </ul>

# **ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL**

This application was not referred to the ADP but was reviewed by staff and found satisfactory.

# **INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT**

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Lot Owners, Action Summary and Project Data Sheets

Appendix II. Proposed Site Plan, Building Elevations and Landscape Plans.

# **INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON FILE**

• Complete Set of Architectural and Landscape Plans prepared by Urban Design Group and M2 Landscape Architecture, respectively, dated August 22, 2013.

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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. Agent: Name: Fariba Gharaei

Urban Design Group Architects Ltd.

Address: Suite 600, 1140 - West Pender Street

Vancouver, BC V6E 4G1

Tel: 604-687-2334 Fax: 604-688-7481

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address: 10355 - 152 Street

(b) Civic Address: 10355 - 152 Street

Owner: 4239431 Canada Inc

<u>Director Information:</u> Roman Drohomirecki

Emilio Elisio

PID: 028-382-609

Lot 1 Section 29 Block 5 North Range 1 West New Westminster District Plan BCP45069

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3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office



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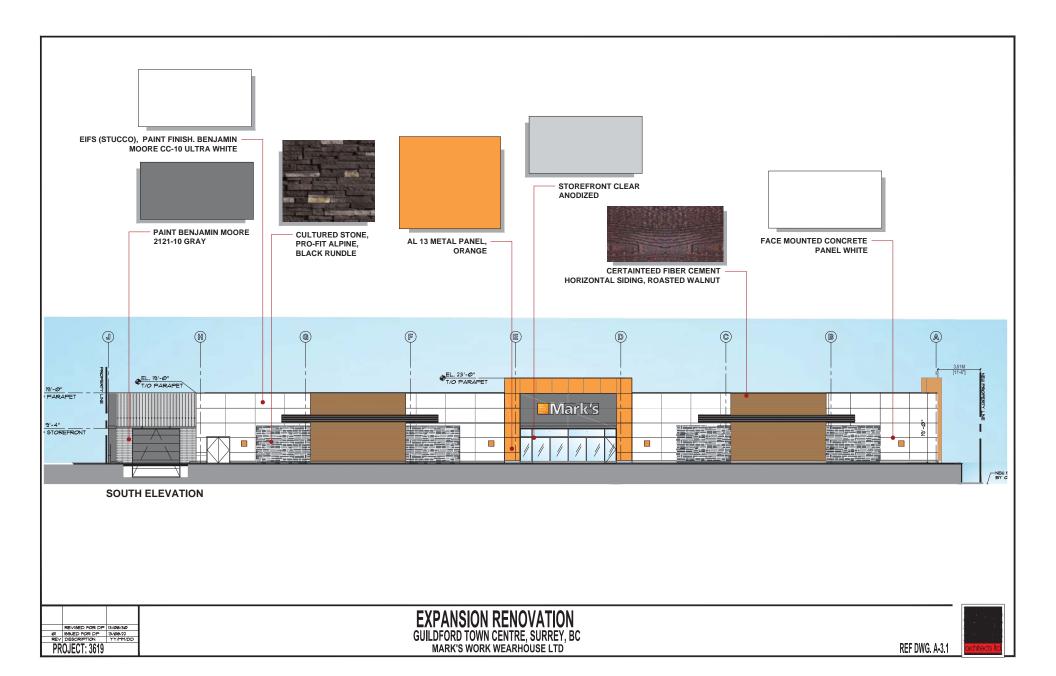




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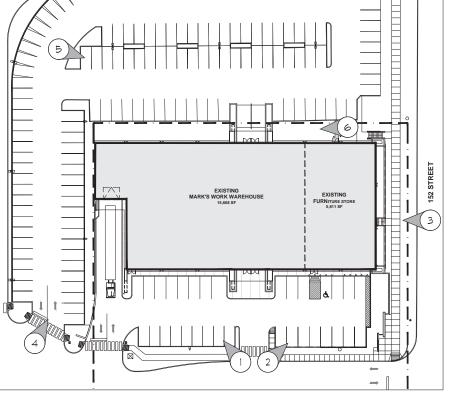
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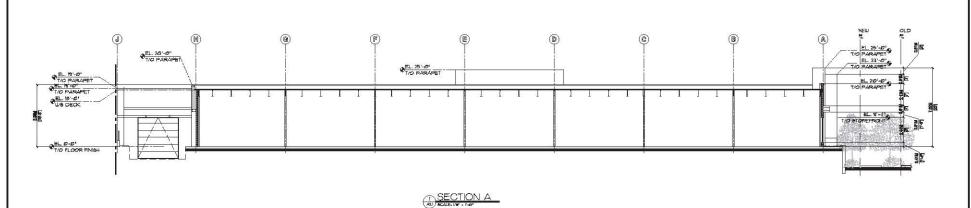
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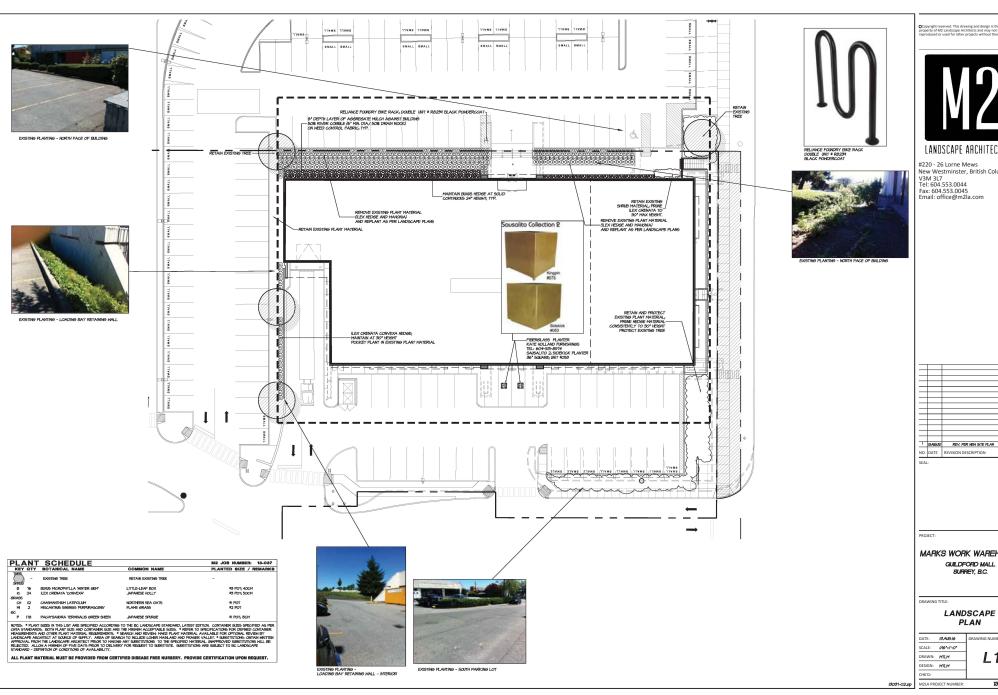
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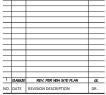






LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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MARKS WORK WAREHOUSE GUILDFORD MALL SURREY, B.C.

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