

# City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7913-0161-00

Planning Report Date: September 9, 2013

#### **PROPOSAL:**

## • Development Variance Permit

in order to permit construction of a detached garage on a double fronting lot.

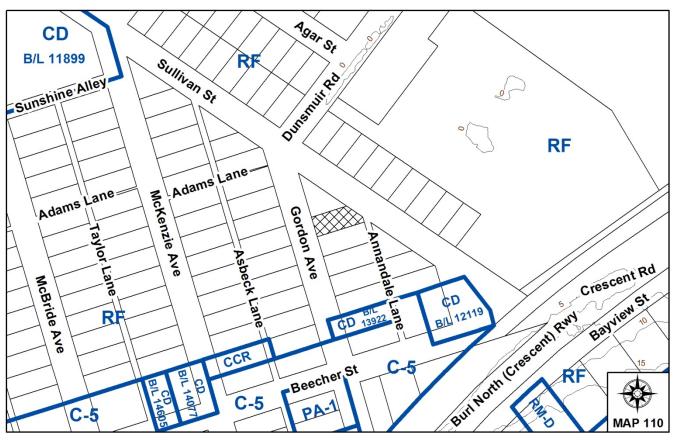
LOCATION: 2830 - Gordon Avenue

**OWNER:** Thomas & Kimberly Hardy

ZONING: RF
OCP DESIGNATION: Urban

LAP DESIGNATION: Urban Residential (Crescent Beach

LAP)



## **RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

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

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

• Requires a Development Variance Permit for front yard setback for an accessory structure on a double fronting lot.

## **RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION**

- The proposed setback reduction will allow this double fronting lot to have a similar setback for a detached garage as neighbouring properties.
- The proposed variance will not negatively affect neighbouring properties.
- The proposed dwelling complies with all other provisions of the Zoning By-law.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning & Development Department recommends that Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7913-0161-00 (Appendix IV) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:

(a) to reduce the minimum front yard setback for an accessory structure of the RF Zone from 18 metres (60 ft.) to 1.8 metres (6 ft.).

#### **REFERRALS**

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

## **SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

<u>Existing Land Use:</u> Single family dwelling (to be demolished)

#### **Adjacent Area:**

Direction	Existing Use	OCP/NCP	Existing Zone
		Designation	
North:	Single Family Residential	Urban	RF
East (Across Sullivan Street):	Single Family Residential	Urban	RF
South:	Single Family Residential	Urban	RF
West (Across Gordon Avenue):	Single Family Residential	Urban	RF

#### **DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

- The subject site is a 0.05 hectare (5457 sq.ft.) lot located within the Crescent Beach Neighbourhood. The site is zoned "Single Family Residential Zone (RF)" and is designated "Urban" in the Official Community Plan. The lot was subdivided in 1912 and is legal non-conforming with respect to the minimum size (560m²/6000 sq.ft.) of the RF Zone.
- The site is a through lot, with frontages on both Gordon Avenue and Sullivan Street, to the west and east respectively. There is also 4.0 metres (13 ft.) of the easternmost portion of the lot flanking onto Annandale Lane. The site currently contains a single family dwelling, proposed to be demolished.
- A Restrictive Covenant is registered against the property, dating from 1925, which imposes setbacks of 15 feet (4.5 metres) for all structures from the front of the lot. This specific covenant applies to over 100 properties in the Crescent Beach area and was registered prior to

the City having a Zoning by-law in place. The City is not a signatory to this covenant and therefore does not have the ability to modify or discharge it.

- The applicant proposes to build a 250m² (2686 sq.ft.) single family dwelling and 53m² (575 sq.ft.) detached garage on the subject site. The detached garage includes a 16m² (175 sq.ft.) loft space, within which is contained washroom facilities and a workspace. This does not constitute a second dwelling or coach house, and is therefore permitted by by-law. A site plan is contained in Appendix II.
- Given that the lot is double fronting, the 18.0 metre (60 ft.) front yard setback for an accessory structure applies to the lot lines fronting both Gordon Avenue and Sullivan Street. A Development Variance Permit is required in order to allow construction of the detached garage fronting onto Sullivan Street/Annandale Lane.
- A development variance permit for floodplain relaxation within the Crescent Beach
  Floodplain is also required to permit construction of the principle dwelling. A memo will be
  sent to Council, consistent with Policy O-28 ("Development Variance Permits in Crescent
  Beach"), to recommend issuance.

#### **BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION**

## (a) Requested Variance:

• To reduce the Front Yard setback for an Accessory Building from 18.0 (60 ft.) to 1.8 metres (6 ft.)

## Applicant's Reasons:

- A detached garage cannot be constructed with the existing setbacks.
- The garage will face Annandale Lane.

## Staff Comments:

- The double-fronting lot condition precludes the applicant from being able to construct a detached garage.
- The proposed dwelling will face Gordon Avenue, treating Sullivan Street and Annandale Lane as the rear of the lot.
- The location of the proposed garage, facing Annandale Lane, is consistent with neighbouring properties on Gordon Avenue.
- The rear yard setback for an accessory structure of the RF Zone is 1.0 metres (3 ft.). The proposed location of the detached garage is consistent with this setback. At its closest point, it is to be located 1.8 metres (6 ft.) from the Sullivan Street frontage, and 3.8 metres (12.5 ft) from Annandale Lane (Appendix II).

 The applicant has provided detailed elevations of the proposed structure (Appendix III). The principle dwelling features articulate facades on both the eastern and western faces, to address both fronting streets. Likewise, the detached garage mimics the design characteristics of the principle dwelling and includes façade articulation and similar design characteristics.

- The proposed dwelling and garage are otherwise consistent with the provisions of the Zoning By-law in all respects asides from the setback in question.
- The restrictive covenant that is registered against the title of the property does not differentiate between principle dwellings and accessory structures. The proposed location of the garage is consistent with the intent of the covenant, allowing a front yard setback on Gordon Avenue (consistent with neighbouring dwellings) and does not negatively impact the neighbourhood nor the use and enjoyment of neighbouring properties. It is not necessary to amend or discharge this covenant.
- The applicant has provided a survey that shows there are no by-law protected trees that are affected by the proposed construction.
- Staff support the proposed variance.

#### INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:

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

Appendix II Site Plan

Appendix III. Building Elevations

Appendix IV Development Variance Permit No. 7913-0161-00

original signed by Nicholas Lai

Jean Lamontagne General Manager Planning and Development

#### DS/da

## Information for City Clerk

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

1. (a) Agent: Name: Bob Ferguson

Graphic Square Design

Address: Graphic Square

15180 - Buena Vista

Surrey, BC

Tel: 604-531-9778 - Work

604-531-9778 - Fax

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address: 2830 - Gordon Avenue

(b) Civic Address: 2830 - Gordon Avenue

Owner: Kimberly D Hardy

Thomas S Hardy

PID: 012-721-221

Lot 12 Block 10 District Lot 52 Group 2 New Westminster District Plan 2482

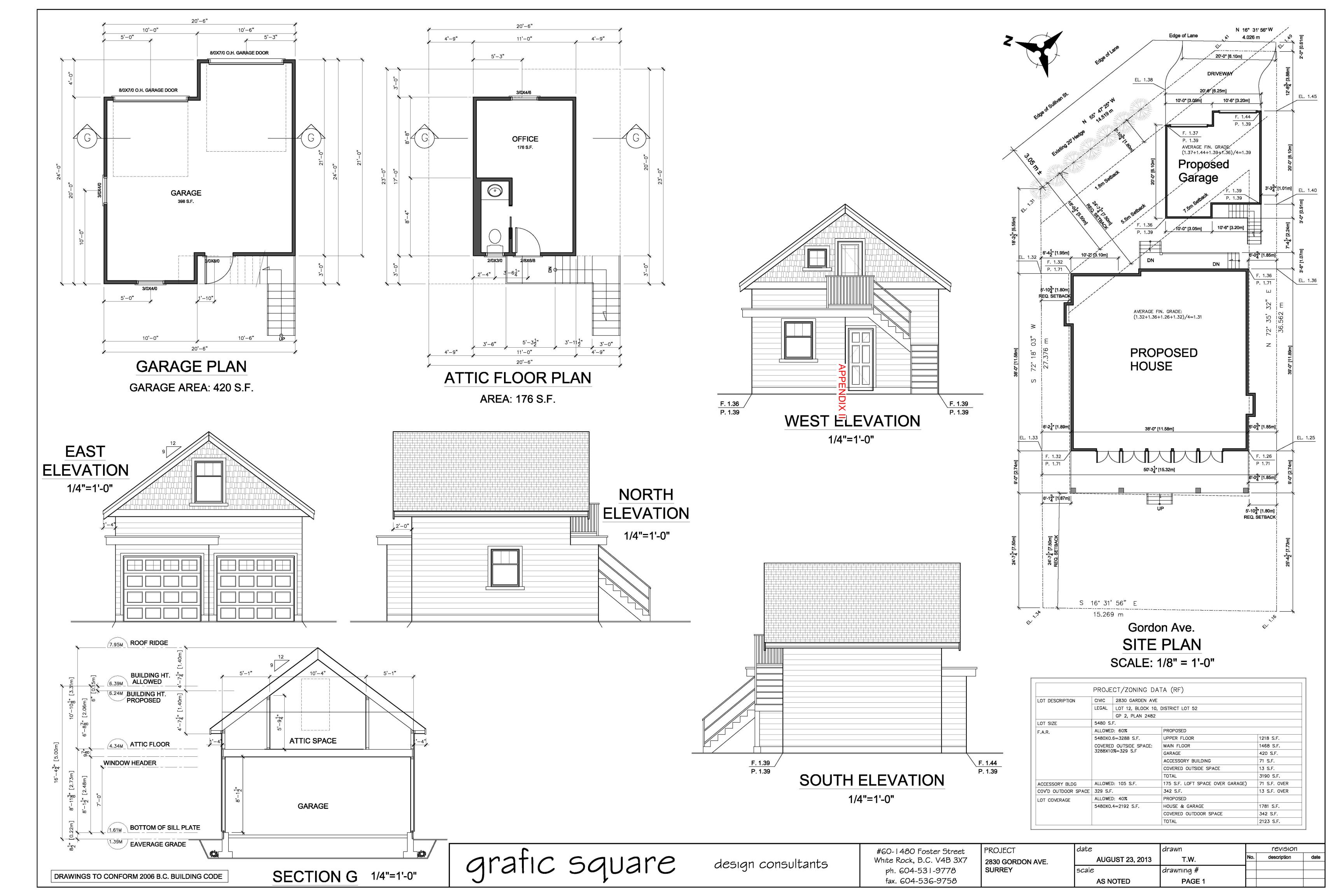
3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office

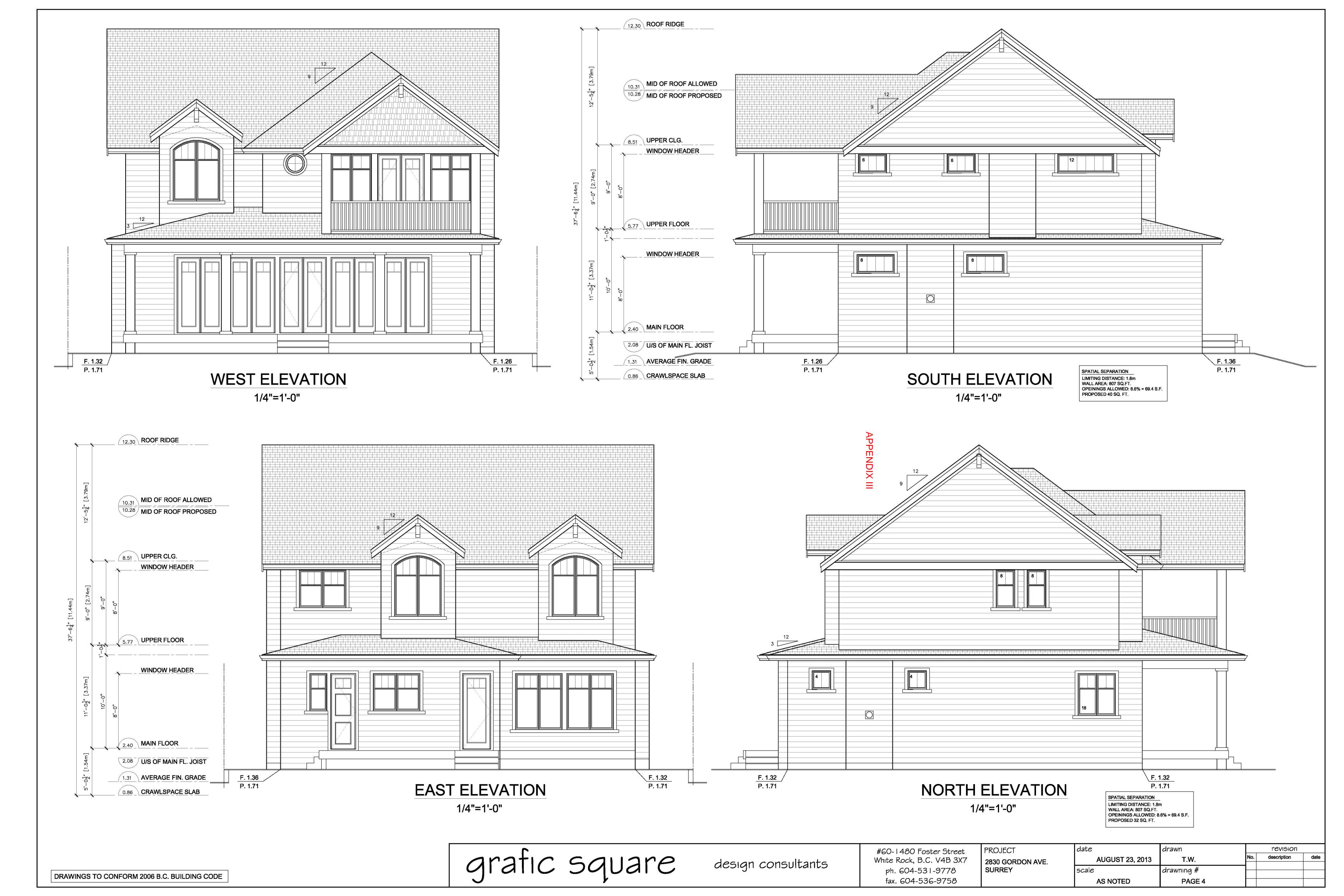
 a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7913-0161-00 and bring the Development Variance Permit forward for issuance and execution by the Mayor and City Clerk.

## **SUBDIVISION DATA SHEET**

**Proposed Zoning: RF** 

Requires Project Data	Proposed
GROSS SITE AREA	
Acres	0.051
Hectares	0.13
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NUMBER OF LOTS	
Existing	1
Proposed	1
SIZE OF LOTS	
Range of lot widths (metres)	15.27
Range of lot areas (square metres)	507
DENSITY	
Lots/Hectare & Lots/Acre (Gross)	y <del>-</del>
Lots/Hectare & Lots/Acre (Net)	-
SITE COVERAGE (in % of gross site area)	
Maximum Coverage of Principal &	40%
Accessory Building	
Estimated Road, Lane & Driveway Coverage	2%
Total Site Coverage	42%
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PARKLAND	
Area (square metres)	<del>-</del>
% of Gross Site	<del>-</del>
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PARKLAND	Required
	NO
5% money in lieu	NO
TDEE CLIDVEY / A CCECCMENIT	NO
TREE SURVEY/ASSESSMENT	NO
MODEL BUILDING SCHEME	NO
WODEL BOILDING SCHEWE	NO
HERITAGE SITE Retention	NO
TILM IT GL SITE RECEITION	110
BOUNDARY HEALTH Approval	NO
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DEV. VARIANCE PERMIT required	
Road Length/Standards	NO
Works and Services	NO
Building Retention	NO
Others	YES
	110





(the "City")

#### **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT**

NO.: 7913-0161-00

Issued To: Thomas S Hardy

Kimberly D Hardy

("the Owner")

Address of Owner: 13675 COLDICUTT AVE

WHITE ROCK BC V4B 3B1

- 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: 012-721-221 Lot 12 Block 10 District Lot 52 Group 2 New Westminster District Plan 2482 2830 Gordon Ave

(the "Land")

3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:

In Section F of Part 16 "Single Family Residential Zone (RF)", the minimum "Front Yard setback for an Accessory Building and Structure Greater Than 10 square metres [105 sq.ft.] in size" is varied from 18.0 metres (60 ft.) to 1.8 metres (6 ft.) for a detached garage only.

- 4. This development variance permit applies to only <u>that portion of the buildings and structures on the Land</u> shown on Schedule A which is attached hereto and forms part of this development variance permit.
- 5. 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.

7.	The terms of this development variance permit or any amendment to it, are binding on all persons who acquire an interest in the Land.			
8.	This development variance permit is not a building permit.			
AUTH( ISSUEI	ORIZING RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COU O THIS DAY OF , 20 .	JNCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 .		
		Mayor – Dianne L. Watts		
		City Clerk – Jane Sullivan		