#### City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT Application No.: 7920-0001-00

Planning Report Date: May 4, 2020

**PROPOSAL:** 

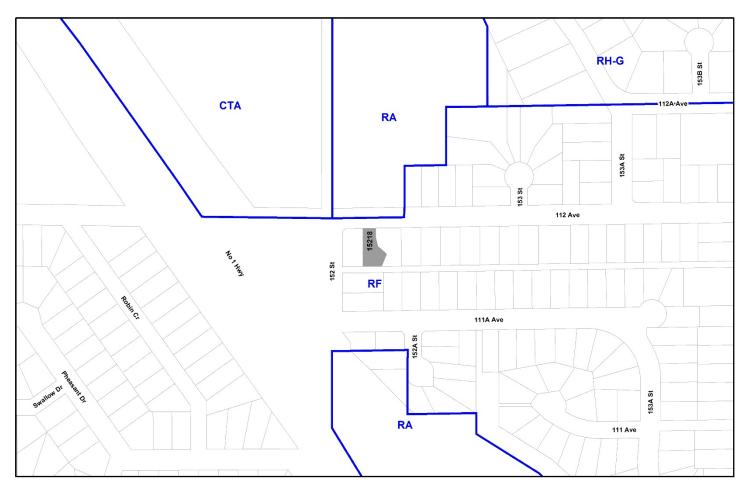
- Development Permit
- Development Variance Permit

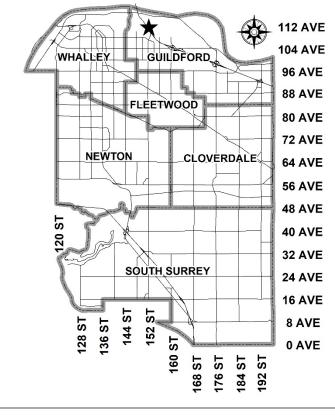
to reduce the minimum streamside setback area for a Class B watercourse, as measured from top-of-bank to permit the construction of a single family dwelling on the existing lot.

LOCATION: 15218 - 112 Avenue

ZONING: RF

OCP DESIGNATION: Urban





# **RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

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

# DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

• Proposed a variance to reduce the minimum streamside setback area for a Class B watercourse from 15 metres to 3.3 metres, as measured from top-of-bank in Part 7A of the Zoning By-law.

# **RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION**

- The proposal complies with the Urban designation in the Official Community Plan (OCP).
- The proposal complies with the General Urban designation in the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy (RGS).
- The proposal partially complies with the Development Permit requirements in the OCP for Sensitive Ecosystems (Streamside Areas).
- The proposed variance was previously supported by Council under Development Application No. 7914-0232-01 but lapsed before substantial construction had begun on site. Therefore, the applicant has applied to renew the variance in conjunction with a Development Permit for Sensitive Ecosystems.
- The subject lot was created under Development Application No. 7914-0232-00. The Preliminary Lot Approval (PLA) for this subdivision was issued on April 30, 2015, prior to the adoption of the Streamside Protection requirements in Part 7A of the Zoning By-law and the Sensitive Ecosystem Development Permit Area regulations, which was approved by Council on July 25, 2016. Thus, the proposed variance was previously supported by Council.
- Under the associated subdivision application, the applicants conveyed approximately 36% of the site to the City for open space and riparian area protection purposes and entered into a P-15 agreement with the City to ensure the completion and maintenance of riparian enhancement works on the conveyed lands.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that:

- 1. Council authorize staff to draft Sensitive Ecosystem Development Permit No. 20-0001 generally in accordance with the attached drawings.
- 2. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7920-0001-00 (Appendix IV) to reduce the minimum streamside setback for a Class B yellow-coded watercourse from 15 metres to 3.3 metres at its narrowest point, as measured from top-of-bank to proceed to Public Notification.
- 3. 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) submission of a finalized Ecosystem Development Plan and Impact Mitigation Plan to the satisfaction of City staff.

Direction	Existing Use	OCP Designation	Existing Zone
Subject Site	Vacant single family lot	Urban	RF
North (Across 112 Ave):	City-owned greenbelt	Urban & Suburban	RF
East:	City-owned greenbelt.	Urban	RF
South (Across unopened lane):	Single family dwelling	Urban	RF
West:	Single family dwelling	Urban	RF

#### SITE CONTEXT & BACKGROUND

# Context & Background

- The subject lot is located at 15218 112 Avenue in Fraser Heights and is approximately 621 square metres in size. The lot is approximately 12.4 metres in width and 37.2 metres in depth. The subject lot is designated Urban in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and is zoned "Single Family Residential Zone (RF)".
- The subject lot was created as part of Development Application No. 7914-0232-00, which included subdivision into two (2) single family (RF) lots and one (1) open space lot to protect the riparian area for the Class B yellow-coded watercourse. The Preliminary Layout Approval (PLA) for this subdivision was issued on April 30, 2015, prior to the adoption of the Streamside Protection requirements in Part 7A of the Zoning By-law and the Sensitive Ecosystem Development Permit Area regulations, which was approved by Council on July 25, 2016.

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- Under the associated subdivision application (File No. 7914-0232-00), the applicant submitted a Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR) assessment report prepared by a Registered Professional Biologist regarding the on-site Class B watercourse (ditch), which supported a minimum 3.3 metre riparian area setback from the top-of-bank. The RAR assessment report was peer reviewed, and the proposed 3.3 metre (11-ft.) riparian area setback was found to be acceptable.
- The riparian area was conveyed to the City and the applicant entered into a P-15 agreement to enhance the streamside protection area with additional planting and restoration works. The subdivision was then approved on the basis that all proposed lots were compliant with RAR, including the subject lot.
- Upon the adoption of the Streamside Protection requirements in Part 7A of the Zoning By-law, the applicants were required to apply for a Development Variance Permit under Application No. 7914-0232-01 to vary the required streamside setback from 15 metres to 3.3 metres. This DVP was issued on November 7, 2016 and stated it would lapse if the owner did not substantially start construction onsite with respect to the variance within two (2) years of issuance.
- Within those two years, substantial construction for a residence did not occur, therefore the DVP for streamside setback that was previously issued, expired on November 7, 2018.

# DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

### **Planning Considerations**

- The applicant is now proposing a single family dwelling on the subject lot. Since the previous variance for streamside setbacks has expired, they have applied for renewal of the variance in conjunction with a Sensitive Ecosystem Development Permit for Streamside Areas.
- The proposed variance is to reduce the minimum streamside setback area for a Class B watercourse from 15 metres to 3.3 metres, as measured from top-of-bank in Part 7A of the Zoning By-law. This is the same variance that was previously issued by Council under Project No. 7914-0232-01.

#### Referrals

Engineering:

The Engineering Department has no objection to the project.

# POLICY & BY-LAW CONSIDERATIONS

#### Streamside Variance

- The applicant is requesting the following streamside variance:
  - Reduce the minimum streamside setback distance for a Class B yellow-coded watercourse from 15 metres to 3.3 metres at its narrowest point, as measured from top-of-bank, to proceed to Public Notification.

- The lot was created under Development Application No. 7914-0232-00, which conveyed approximate 36% of the site to the City for open space and riparian are protection purposes.
- The applicant entered into a P-15 agreement with the City to ensure the completion and maintenance of riparian enhancement works on the conveyed lands.
- The Preliminary Lot Approval (PLA) for this subdivision was issued on April 30, 2015, prior to the adoption of the Streamside Protection requirements in Part 7A of the Zoning By-law and Sensitive Ecosystem Development Permit Area regulations, which was approved by Council on July 25, 2016.
- The proposed variance is identical to the one previously issued by Council but has since expired.
- Staff support the requested variances to proceed to Public Notification.

#### **DEVELOPMENT PERMITS**

#### Sensitive Ecosystems (Streamside Areas) Development Permit Requirement

- The subject property falls within the Sensitive Ecosystems Development Permit Area (DPA) for Streamside Areas in the OCP, given the location of an existing Class B (yellow-coded) watercourse. The Sensitive Ecosystems (Streamside Areas) Development Permit is required to protect aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems associated with streams from the impacts of development.
- In accordance with Part 7A Streamside Protection setbacks of the Zoning By-law, a Class B (yellow-coded) watercourse requires a minimum streamside setback of 15 metres, as measured from the top of bank. The proposed setbacks do not comply with the requirements outlined in the Zoning By-law. The applicant is proposing a variance to the streamside setback from 15 metres to 3.3 metres, as previously supported under Development Application No. 7914-0232-01.
- During the initial subdivision, under Development Application No. 7914-0232-00, the riparian area was conveyed to the City for conservation purposes, in compliance with the OCP.
- An Ecosystem Development Plan, prepared by Ian Whyte, *R.P. Bio.*, of EnviroWest and dated April 21, 2020 was reviewed by staff and found to be generally acceptable, with some modifications to content and format of the report still required. The finalized report and recommendations will be incorporated into the Development Permit.
- The applicant also submitted a Riparian Areas Protection Regulation (RAPR) assessment report prepared by a Registered Professional Biologist regarding the Class B yellow-coded watercourse, which supported a minimum 3.3 metre riparian area setback from the top-of-bank. The RAPR assessment report was reviewed by the Province, and the proposed 3.3 metre (11-ft.) riparian area setback was found to be acceptable.

#### TREES

• Mike Fadum, ISA Certified Arborist of Mike Fadum and Associated Ltd. prepared an Arborist Assessment for the subject property. The table below provides a summary of the tree retention and removal by tree species:

Tree Species	Exis	sting	Remove	Retain		
Coniferous Trees						
Western Red Cedar	2		1	1		
Total		2	1	1		
Additional Trees in the proposed Open Space / Riparian Area	2		0	2		
Total Replacement Trees Proposed (excluding Boulevard Street Trees)		2				
Total Retained and Replacement Trees		4				
Contribution to the Green City Program		N/A				

### Table 1: Summary of Tree Preservation by Tree Species:

- The Arborist Assessment states that there is a total of 2 mature trees on the site. There are no Alder and Cottonwood trees on site. It was determined that 1 tree can be retained as part of this development proposal. The proposed tree retention was assessed taking into consideration the location of services, building footprints, road dedication and proposed lot grading.
- Tree #2264 is currently shown for removal but may be possible to retain. Staff will be working diligently with the applicant to explore all opportunities to retain this tree and this issue will be resolved prior to Final Approval.
- Table 1 includes an additional 2 protected trees that are located within the riparian area. All trees within the riparian area will be retained.
- If Tree #2264 cannot be retained, the applicant will be required to plant trees at a 2 to 1 replacement ratio. This will require a total of 2 replacement trees on the site. The applicant is proposing 2 replacement trees, meeting City requirements.
- In summary, a total of 4 trees are proposed to be retained or replaced on the site. No cash contribution to the Green City Program is required.

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# INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:

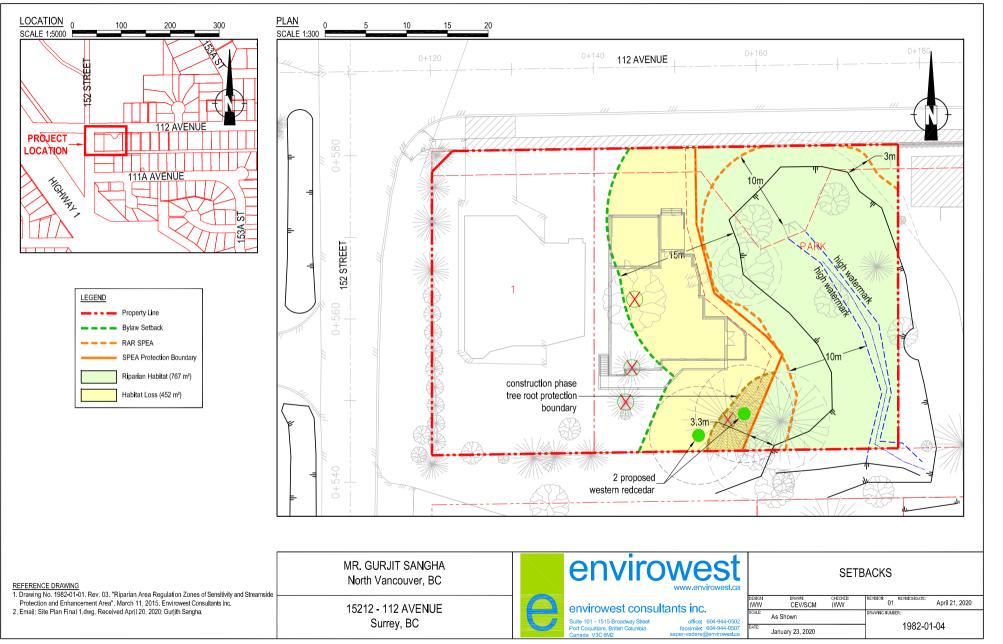
Appendix I.	Streamside Setback Plan
Appendix II.	Site Plan & Building Elevations
Appendix III.	Summary of Tree Survey and Tree Preservation
Appendix IV.	Development Variance Permit No. 7920-0001-00

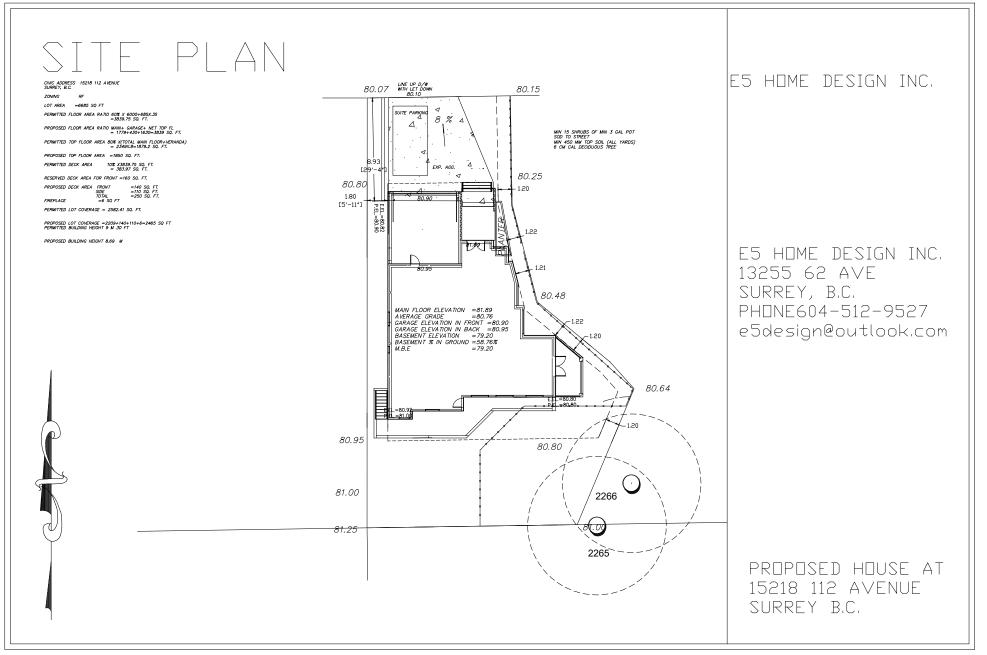
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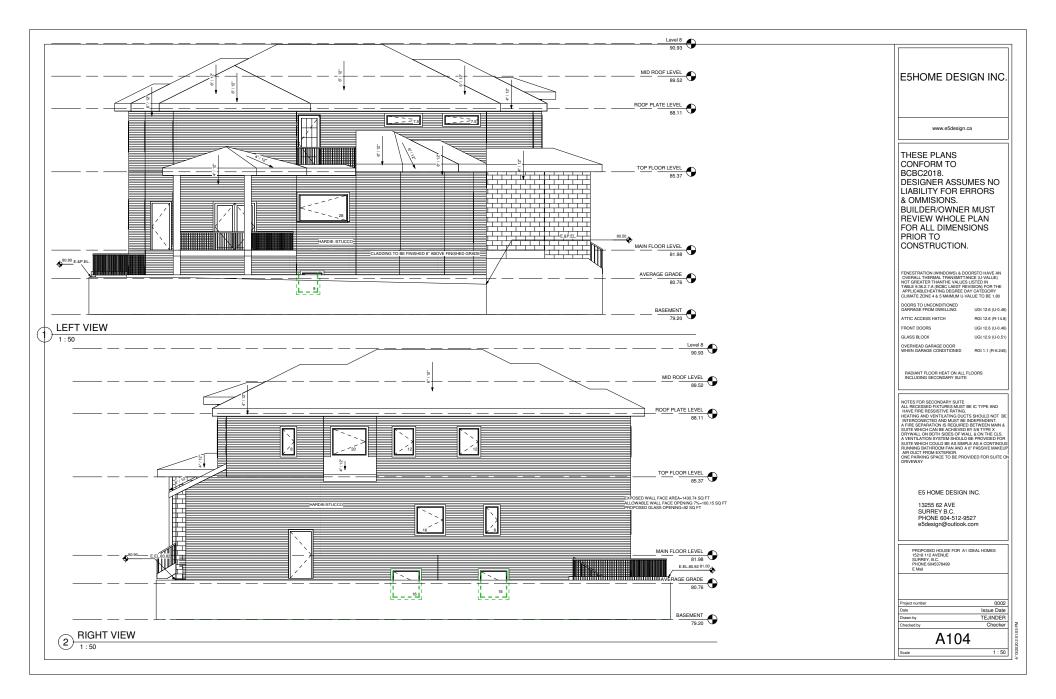
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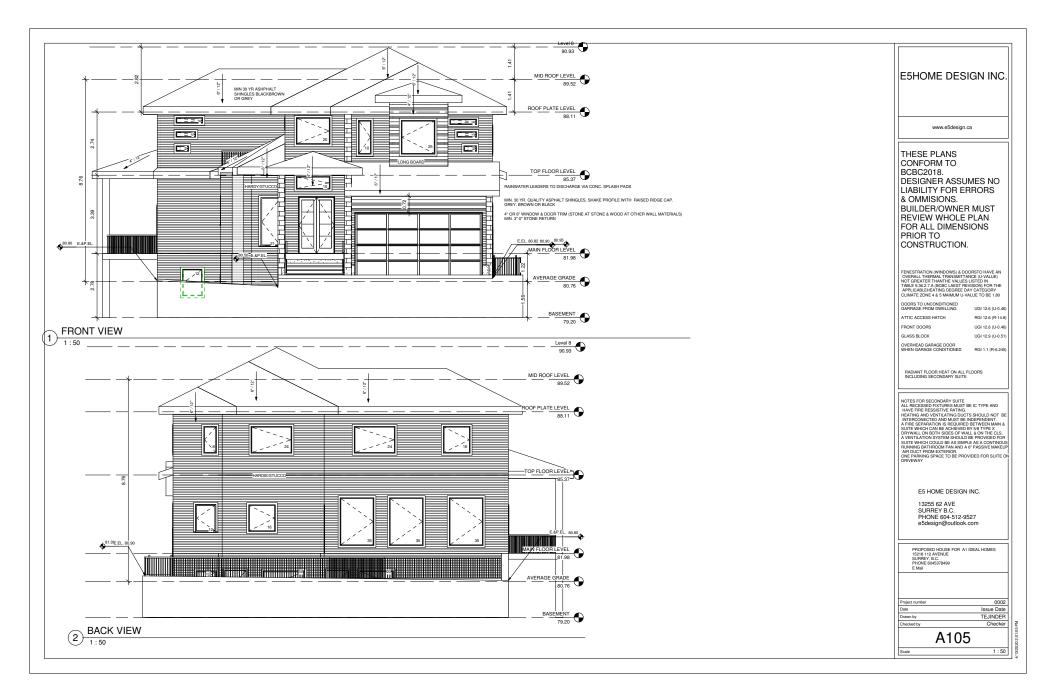
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# Appendix I









#### MIKE FADUM AND ASSOCIATES LTD. VEGETATION CONSULTANTS

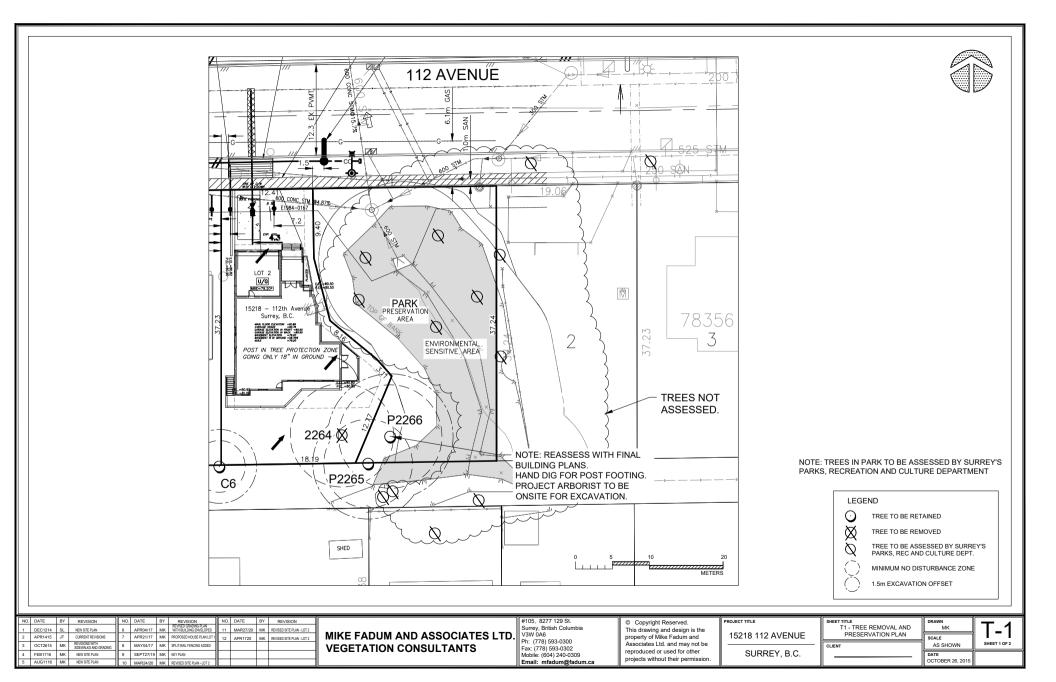
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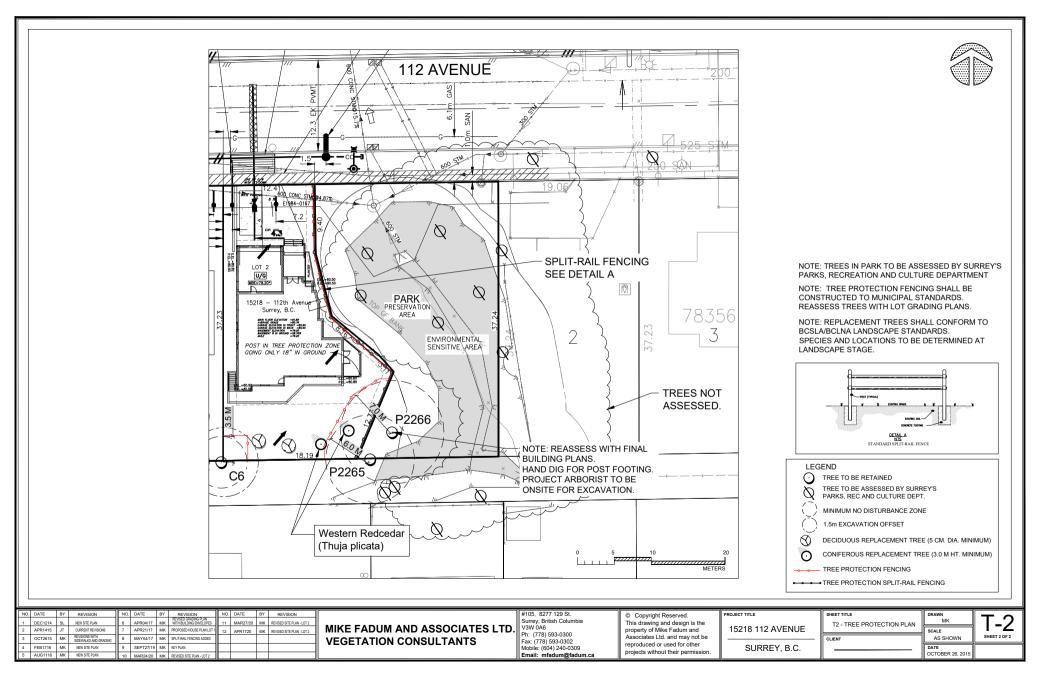
Tree Species	Existing	Remove	Retain			
Alder and Cottonwood Trees						
Alder/Cottonwood	0	0	0			
Coniferous Trees						
Cedar, Western Redcedar	2	1	1			
Total	2	1	1			
Additional Trees in the proposed Open Space / Riparian Area	2	0	2			
Total Replacement Trees Proposed (excluding Boulevard Street Trees)		2				
Total Retained and Replacement Trees		4				

# **\*TOTALS DO NOT INCLUDE OFFSITE TREES**









#### CITY OF SURREY

# (the "City")

# **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT**

NO.: 7920-0001-00

Issued To:

(the "Owner")

Address of Owner:

- 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: 030-139-015 Lot 2 Section 16 Block 5 North Range 1 West New Westminster District Plan EPP65147

15218 - 112 Avenue

(the "Land")

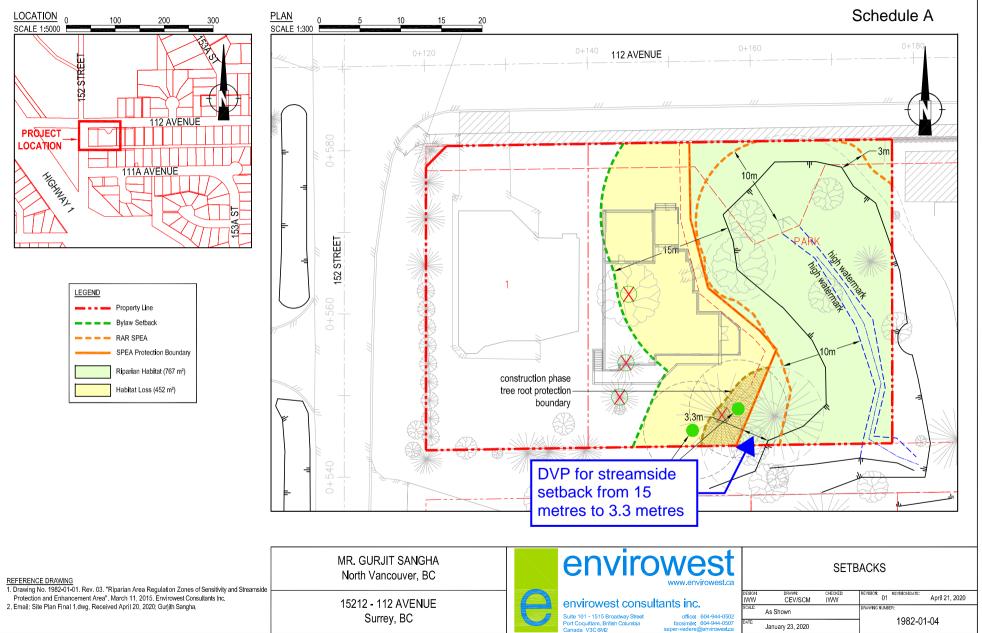
- 3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:
  - (a) In Table B.2 of Part 7A "Streamside Protection" the minimum streamside setback area for a "Class B Natural Stream" is reduced from 15 metres to a minimum of 3.3 metres from top-of-bank.
- 4. This development variance permit applies to Land 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.
- 6. 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.

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COUNCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 . ISSUED THIS DAY OF , 20 .

Mayor – Doug McCallum

City Clerk – Jennifer Ficocelli



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