# City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT Application No.: 7920-0005-00

Planning Report Date: July 13, 2020

**PROPOSAL:** 

# • Development Variance Permit

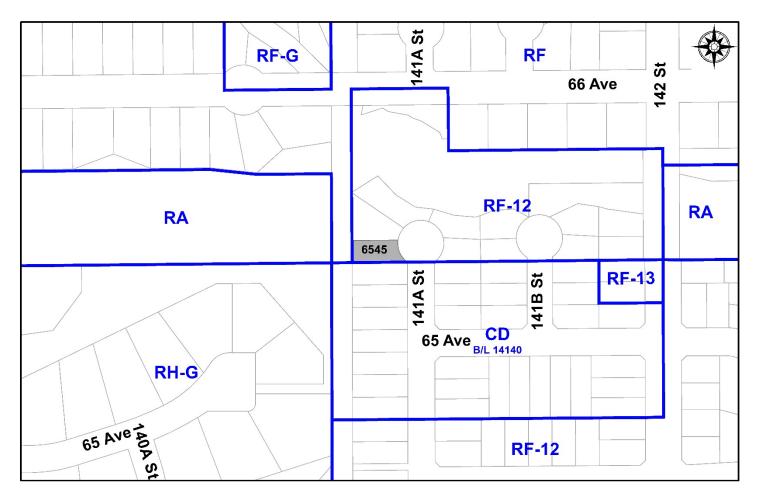
to reduce the front yard setback to permit the development of a single-family dwelling

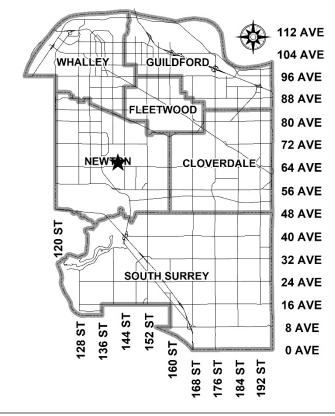
LOCATION: 6545 - 141A Street

ZONING:	RF-13
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**OCP DESIGNATION:** Urban

**NCP DESIGNATION:** Single Family Small Lots





# **RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

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

# DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

• The applicant is seeking a Development Variance Permit to reduce the minimum front yard setback of the "Single Family Residential (12) Zone (RF-12)".

# **RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION**

- The proposal complies with the Single-Family Small Lot designation in the South Newton Neighbourhood Concept Plan (NCP).
- Applying the building setback requirements of Zoning By-law No. 12000, will not allow for a standard sized single-family dwelling to be constructed on the lot. There is a 12.0 metre wide BC Hydro right-of-way along the rear of the property which encumbers the property and makes it difficult to create a functional building footprint. The reduction to the front yard setbacks will allow the applicant to design a more functional floor plan while achieving a similar house size relative to the existing adjacent dwellings.
- The setback reduction that is proposed should not have a significant visual impact on the streetscape or neighboring properties.

# RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that:

- 1. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7920-0005-00 (Appendix I) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:
  - (a) to reduce the minimum front yard setback of the RF-12 Zone from 4.0 metres to 3.0 metres for 50% of the width of the front of the principal building; and
  - (b) to reduce the minimum front yard setback of the RF-12 Zone from 2.0 metres to 1.5 metres for the veranda.

# SITE CONTEXT & BACKGROUND

Direction	Existing Use	NCP Designation	Existing Zone
Subject Site	Single Family	Single Family Small Lots	RF-12
North:	Single Family	Single Family Small Lots	RF-12
East (Across 141A Street):	Single Family	Single Family Small Lots	RF-12
South:	Single Family	Single Family Small Lots	RF-12
West:	Single Family	Parkland	RA

#### **Context & Background**

- The subject property is 392 square metres in size and located on the west side of 141A Street. The property is designated Urban in the Official Community Plan (OCP), Small Lot Single Family in the South Newton Neighbourhood Concept Plan (NCP) and zoned "Single Family Residential 12 (RF-12) Zone".
- The property abuts parkland and a BC Hydro right-of-way (ROW) area to the west, and single family to the east, north and south. The Hydro ROW is also located over a portion of the subject property.
- The property was created through Development Application No. 7905-0145-00. The subdivision created the subject lot fronting 141A Street while transferring a 6,560 square metres sized lot to the City for park purposes.

- The property to the north at 6551 141A Street (under Development Application No. 7920-0031-00), and properties to the east at 6550 & 6540 141A Street (under Development Application No. 7919-0334-00 and 7919-0358-00) also propose reduced setbacks. Application No. 7919-0334-00 was considered at the June 15, 2020 Regular Council Land Use meeting and following public notification was issued on June 29, 2020. Development Application Nos. 7919-0358-00 are anticipated to be presented for Council's consideration in the near future.
- A Statutory Building Scheme and Building Scheme Restrictive Covenant were registered on title of the subject property under Development Application No. 7905-0145-00 to ensure that any future single-family dwelling would be complimentary with house designs in the surrounding neighborhood.

# **DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL**

The applicant is proposing a Development Variance Permit (DVP) to reduce the minimum front yard setback requirements of the Single Family Residential 12 Zone (RF-12) in order to permit a single-family dwelling.

# Referrals

Engineering:

The Engineering Department has no objection to the project.

# POLICY & BY-LAW CONSIDERATIONS

#### **Official Community Plan**

#### Land Use Designation

The subject property is designated Urban in the Official Community Plan (OCP). The proposed single-family dwelling complies with the Urban designation.

#### **Zoning By-law**

- The applicant is requesting the following variances:
  - (a) to reduce the minimum front yard setback of the RF-12 Zone from 4.0 metres to 3.0 metres for 50% of the width of the front of the principal building; and
  - (b) to reduce the minimum front yard setback of the RF-12 Zone from 2.0 metres to 1.5 metres for the unenclosed and unhabitable veranda.
- The proposed lot is encumbered by a 12.0 metre wide BC Hydro right-of-way along the rear of the property. No buildings or structures are permitted within the BC Hydro right-of-way. The proposed setback variance should not impact the streetscape or adjacent properties. The property to the north at 6551 141A Street also proposes reduced setbacks under Development Application No. 7920-0031-00. This application is anticipated to be presented for Council's consideration in the near future.

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- Applying the building setback requirements of Zoning By-law No. 12000, would not allow for a standard sized single-family dwelling on the lot.
- The reduced lot depth due to the BC Hydro Right of Way does not allow for a functional building footprint. The reduction to the front setback will allow the applicant to design a more functional floor plan while achieving a similar house size relative to the existing adjacent dwellings.
- On-site parking will not be affected by the proposed setback variances. The lot will be able to accommodate a minimum of three (3) off-street parking spaces, including a 6.0-metre (20 ft.) wide driveway, meeting the requirement of the Zoning By-law.
- Staff support the requested variances to proceed for consideration.

# INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Development Variance Permit No. 7920-0005-00

approved by Shawn Low

Jean Lamontagne General Manager Planning and Development

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# Appendix I

#### CITY OF SURREY

# (the "City")

# **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT**

NO.: 7920-0005-00

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: 030-934-591 Lot 1 Section 16 Township 2 New Westminster District Plan EPP72052

6545 - 141A Street

(the "Land")

3. (a) As the legal description of the Land is to change, the City Clerk is directed to insert the new legal description for the Land once title(s) has/have been issued, as follows:

Parcel Identifier:

(b) If the civic address(es) change(s), the City Clerk is directed to insert the new civic address(es) for the Land, as follows:

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

In Section F Yards and Setbacks of Part 17(a) "Single Family Residential (12) Zone", the minimum front yard setback of the principal building is reduced from 4.0 metres to 3.0 metres for 50% of the width of the front of the principal building.

In Section F Yards and Setbacks of Part 17(a) "Single Family Residential (12) Zone", the minimum front yard setback of the principal building is reduced from 2.0 metres to 1.5 metres for the veranda.

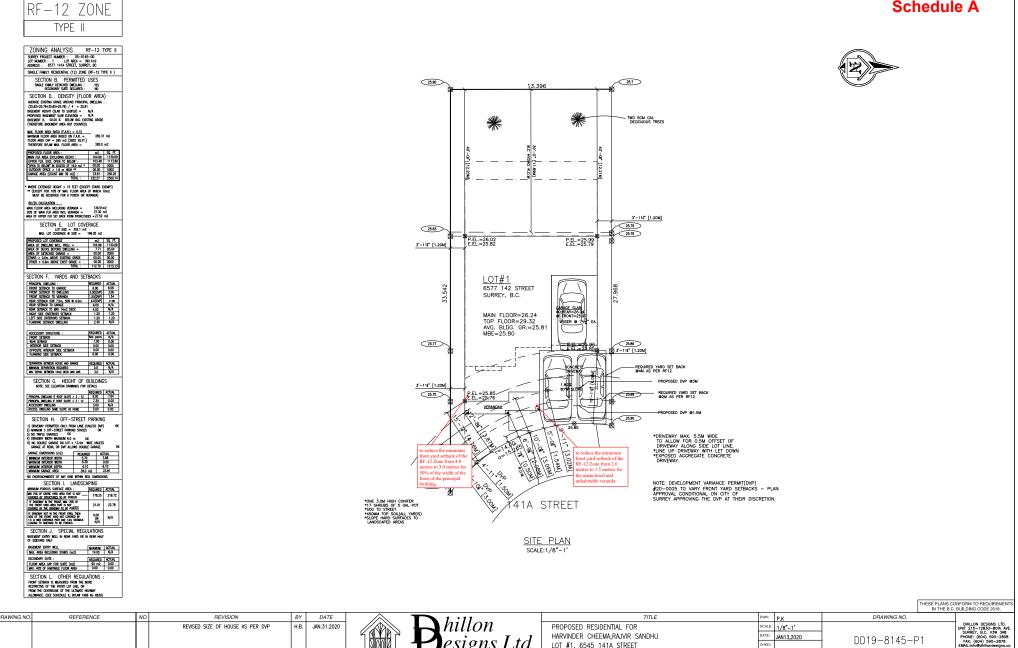
- 5. The Land shall be developed strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions and provisions of this development variance permit.
- 6. This development variance permit shall lapse if the Owner does not substantially start any construction with respect to which this development variance permit 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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