

City of Surrey
PLANNING \& DEVELOPMENT REPORT
Application No.: 7923-0049-00
Planning Report Date: June 5, 2023

## PROPOSAL:

- Development Permit
- Development Variance Permit
to permit the development of a temporary modular real estate sales centre and office building in the City Centre.

LOCATION: 10342-136A Street
ZONING: C-35
OCP DESIGNATION: Downtown
CCP DESIGNATION: Mid to High Rise Residential and Mid to High Rise Mixed Use


## RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

- Approval for Development Variance Permit to proceed to Public Notification.
- Approval to draft a Development Permit for Form and Character.


## DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

- Proposing variances to front and side yard setback and height requirements of the CHI Zone.


## RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The proposal complies with the "Downtown" 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 will allow construction of a temporary modular sales centre and office building in the northeast corner of the subject site (future proposed remnant Lot 2) from which the applicant will market units for a proposed residential high-rise and a mixed-use building.
- The requested setback and height variances will allow for an efficient temporary use of the site until such time as it is assembled and developed in accordance with its "Mid to High Rise Mixed Use" City Centre Plan designation.
- The proposed setbacks achieve a more urban, pedestrian streetscape in compliance with the Surrey City Centre Plan and in accordance with the Development Permit (Form and Character) design guidelines in the OCP, and the proposed temporary building provides for an attractive interim use of the site.
- The related high-rise market residential tower and mixed-use building were granted Third Reading under Application No. 7918-0141-oo on May 31, 2021, and will be constructed south of the proposed temporary sales centre/office building, across the future lane on future proposed Lot 1 .


## RECOMMENDATION

The Planning \& Development Department recommends that:

1. Council authorize staff to draft Development Permit No. 7923-0049-00 generally in accordance with the attached drawings (Appendix I).
2. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7923-0049-oo (Appendix III) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:
(a) to reduce the minimum side (north) yard setback, from 7.5 metres to 1.3 metres;
(b) to reduce the minimum front (east) yard setback, from 7.5 metres to 1.5 metres;
(c) to reduce the minimum side (south) yard setback, from 7.5 metres to 1.7 metres; and
(d) to vary the maximum principal building height, from 9 metres to 10.5 metres.
3. Council instruct staff to resolve the following issue prior to final approval:
(a) ensure that all engineering requirements and issues including restrictive covenants, dedications, and rights-of-way where necessary, are addressed to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Engineering;
(b) amend the Section 219 Restrictive Covenant for "No Build" on proposed Lot 2 required as a condition of Final Approval of Application No. 7918-0141-0o to permit a temporary modular real estate sales centre/office building; and
(c) completion of Application No. 7918-0141-00 including the subdivision and creation of the subject lot (remnant proposed Lot 2).

## SITE CONTEXT \& BACKGROUND

| Direction | Existing Use | $\overline{\mathbf{C C P}}$ <br> Designation | Existing Zone |
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| Subject Site | Vacant, 7,520 square metre lot (under Application No. 7918-0141-oo. Third Reading has been granted for the development of a 36-storey mixed-use building). | Mid to High Rise Mixed-Use and Mid to High Rise Residential | C-35 |


| Direction | Existing Use | CCP <br> Designation | Existing Zone |
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| North: | One-storey <br> commercial and <br> three-storey office <br> buildings. | Mid to High Rise <br> Mixed-Use | C-35, CHI |
| East (Across Whalley <br> Boulevard): | One-storey <br> commercial and <br> three-storey office <br> buildings. | Mid to High Rise <br> Residential | C-8, C-15 |
| South: | One-storey <br> commercial retail <br> (Canadian Tire). | Mid to High Rise <br> Residential | CD (By-law No. <br> 14109 ) |
| West (Across 136A Street): | One-storey <br> commercial retail <br> and three-storey <br> office building <br> (London Station). | Mid to High Rise <br> Mixed-Use | C-8 |

## Context \& Background

- The subject property is located at 10342 - 136A Street in the Central Downtown District of City Centre. The site is designated "Downtown" in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and zoned "Downtown Commercial Zone (C-35)". The northeast portion of the site is designated "Mid to High Rise Mixed-Use " in the City Centre Plan, while the remaining southern portion is designated "Mid to High Rise Residential ". Under Application No. 7918-0141-oo, which received Third Reading on May 31, 2021, the southern portion will be amended to "Mid to High Rise Mixed-Use".
- Under Application No. 7918-o141-oo, the subject property will be subdivided into two (2) lots to accommodate a 12.0 -metre east/west lane. After the required road and lane dedication, proposed Lot 1 (tower site) will be approximately 5,140 square metres in size, while the proposed Lot 2 (remnant lot) will be approximately 707 square metres in size.
- The proposed temporary modular sales centre/office building is proposed to be in the northeastern corner of the property, which will be the future/proposed Lot 2 (remnant lot) when Application No. 7918-o141-oo is concluded.
- Future Lot 2, where the temporary building is proposed, will be rezoned to Highway Commercial Industrial Zone (CHI) to be consistent with the abutting properties to the north (13704/18 Whalley Boulevard), once Application No. 7918-o141-oo receives final approval.


## DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

## Planning Considerations

- The temporary modular sales centre/office building will be used primarily to market the proposed high-rise market residential tower and mixed-use development on future proposed Lot 1.
- The proposed temporary building is permitted in the CHI Zone in City Centre.
- Should Council support the proposed Development Variance Permit and Development Permit, the proposed sales centre/office building is anticipated to be in full operation by early 2024.


## Referrals

Engineering: The Engineering Department has no objection to the project subject to the completion of Engineering servicing requirements as outlined in Appendix II.

Surrey Fire Department: No concerns.

## Transportation Considerations

- The applicant is required to construct the Green Lane and access from Whalley Boulevard.


## POLICY \& BY-LAW CONSIDERATIONS

- The proposed temporary building supports a higher density development within City Centre by serving primarily as the real estate sales centre for a high-rise mixed-use building under Application No. 7918-0141-oo.


## Setback and Height Variances

- The applicant is requesting the following variances:
- to reduce the minimum side (north) yard setback, from 7.5 metres to 1.3 metres;
- to reduce the minimum front (east) yard setback, from 7.5 metres to 1.5 metres;
- to reduce the minimum side (south) yard setback, from 7.5 metres to 1.7 metres; and
- to vary the maximum principal building height, from 9 metres to 10.5 metres.
- The proposed setbacks allow for a more urban and active engagement of the streets, which is desirable for the City Centre area and consistent with the City Centre Plan design guidelines as well as the Development Permit (Form and Character) design guidelines in the Official Community Plan.
- The proposed front setback provides for an active engaged street frontage, noting that the actual setback to the existing sidewalk along Whalley Boulevard is 6.0 metres.
- The proposed building height variance allows for mechanical enclosures and stairway access to viewing platform on the roof, and is an appropriate height for a commercial use in City Centre.
- Staff support the requested variances to proceed for consideration.


## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Pre-notification letters were sent on March 20, 2023 and the Development Proposal Signs were installed on March 24, 2023. Staff have received no responses to date.


## DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

- The proposed development is subject to a Development Permit for Form and Character and is also subject to the urban design guidelines in the Surrey City Centre Plan.
- The proposed development generally complies with the Form and Character Development Permit guidelines in the OCP and the design guidelines in the Surrey City Centre Plan.
- The proposed building is sited close to Whalley Boulevard in order to provide an active street frontage. The front entrance to the proposed sales centre will be from Whalley Boulevard, allowing the building to engage with the street.
- The proposed modular design is intentionally simple to reflect the temporary nature of the building. The overall massing has some variation in height, with slightly higher massing along the front elevation.
- The modular form allows the construction to be affordable, allows the building to be removed in a simple and cost-effective manner once the sales centre/office use is no longer required, and allows it to be re-used in a different location, without generating significant construction waste.
- The exterior elevation is finished in metal cladding with contrasting colours (red, white and grey) to prove some visual interest and differentiation.
- The two-storey, approximately 412 -square metre building will include a display area, offices, staff room, kitchen and washrooms. A viewing platform is located on the rooftop.
- The main floor of the proposed building will house the temporary sales centre for the adjacent high rise development, which is currently at Third Reading.
- The second floor is proposed to contain office space that will be occupied by the applicant for marketing, sales and construction management.
- A surface parking lot with spaces for 11 vehicles will be provided on-site for staff and potential purchasers.
- The applicant has agreed to address minor revisions related to the building siting prior to issuance of the Development Permit.
- Commercial signage will be reviewed as part of a separate, subsequent Development Permit application.


## Landscaping

- The surface parking lot perimeter will include landscaping such as low shrubs and trees (Sweetgum).
- The applicant also proposes landscaping at the front of the building, along Whalley Boulevard. The finalized landscaping details will be confirmed prior to final issuance of the Development Permit.


## TREES

- Under the previous Development Application No. 7918-o141-oo, it was confirmed that there are no trees on the subject property. Therefore the applicant was not required to submit an Arborist Report.
- The applicant will be planting two new trees (Sweetgum) on the site.


## INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Site Plan, Building Elevations and Renderings
Appendix II. Engineering Summary
Appendix III. Development Variance Permit No. 7923-0049-00
Appendix IV. Aerial Photo
approved by Ron Gill

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General Manager
Planning and Development
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Appendix I



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1. View from Southeast corner along Whalley Boulevard

2. View from West (Lane)

3. View from South (Lane)

4. View from Northeast cormer along Whalley Boulevard

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Appendix II INTER-OFFICE MEMル

| TO: | Manager, Area Planning \& Development <br>  <br> - North Surrey Division <br> Planning and Development Department |
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| FROM: | Development Services Manager, Engineering Department |
| DATE: | May 25, $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ |

RE: Engineering Requirements (Commercial/Industrial) Location: 10342 136A St

## TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

The following are to be addressed as a condition of issuance of the subsequent Building Permit associated with the Temporary Use Permit:

- Construct Green Lane and access from Whalley blvd.
- Construct storm infrastructure upgrades to adequately capture increased road runoff.
- Construct on site water quality treatment features
- Register a restrictive covenant for the on-site storm water mitigation, water quality and system maintenance.
- Construct a new metered water service connection.
- Provide metered water, storm and sanitary service connection to the lot, as required.

A servicing agreement is required.

## DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

There are no engineering requirements relative to issuance of the Development Variance Permit.

Jeff Pang, P.Eng.
Development Services Manager
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# DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT 

NO.: 7923-0049-oo
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: o16-703-341
Lot A (AD2488694) Section 26 Block 5 North Range 2 West New Westminster District Plan 61693
10342-136A 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:
(a) In Section F. of Part 39 Highway Commercial Industrial Zone (CHI), the minimum side (north) yard setback is reduced from 7.5 metres to 1.3 metres.
(b) In Section F. of Part 39 Highway Commercial Industrial Zone (CHI), the minimum front (east) yard setback is reduced from 7.5 metres to 1.5 metres.
(c) In Section F. of Part 39 Highway Commercial Industrial Zone (CHI), the minimum side (south) yard setback is reduced from 7.5 metres to 1.7 metres.
(d) In Section G. of Part 39 Highway Commercial Industrial Zone (CHI), the maximum principal building height is increased from 9 metres to 10.5 metres.
5. This development variance permit applies to only that portion of the buildings and structures on the Land shown on Schedule A which is attached hereto and forms part of this development variance permit. This development variance permit does not apply to additions to, or replacement of, any of the existing buildings shown on attached Schedule A, which is attached hereto and forms part of this development variance permit.
6. The Land shall be developed strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions and provisions of this development variance permit.
7. 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.
8. The terms of this development variance permit or any amendment to it, are binding on all persons who acquire an interest in the Land.
9. 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 - Brenda Locke

City Clerk - Jennifer Ficocelli
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To reduce the minimum side (north) yard setback in the Commercial Industrial (CHI) Zone from 7.5-metres to 1.3-metres.

To reduce the minimum front (east) yard setback in the Commercial Industrial (CHI) Zone from
7.5-metres to 1.5-metres.




