

City of Surrey
PLANNING \& DEVELOPMENT REPORT Application No.:

7923-0123-00
Planning Report Date: September 11, 2023

## PROPOSAL:

- Development Variance Permit
to permit construction of a new single family dwelling.
LOCATION: 2155 - King George Boulevard

ZONING: RF
OCP DESIGNATION: Urban
DCP DESIGNATION: Single Family Residential (6 u.p.a.)


## RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

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


## DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

- Proposing to reduce the front yard setback requirements of the Single Family Residential (RF) Zone.
- Proposing to reduce the second storey offset requirements ("8o/20 rule") of the RF Zone.


## RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The subject lot is a "through lot" as defined in the Zoning By-law because the lot abuts two approximately parallel highways (King George Boulevard on the east side and Bowler Drive through a panhandle on the west side). Where a lot is considered a through lot, both lot lines common to the lot and abutting parallel highways shall be considered front lot lines. As such, the subject property has two frontages and no rear lot line.
- The subject lot is also a panhandle lot. Where a lot is considered a panhandle lot, the panhandle portion is disregarded for the purpose of determining the lot width and frontage. When excluding the narrow panhandle, the subject lot has a developable area that is only 22.78 metres long (as measured from the King George Boulevard frontage to the Bowler Drive frontage). This is shorter than the minimum 28 metres depth of a newly subdivided "Single Family Residential Zone" (RF).
- Applying the front yard setbacks from both frontages and the $80 / 20$ rule requirements of Zoning By-law No. 12000, would not allow a standard sized single-family dwelling size for a property of this size under the RF Zone.
- The proposed variance to the $80 / 20$ rule, for a second storey offset of $15 \%$ as opposed to $20 \%$, is considered minor. The proposed massing is reasonable, and the building form is appropriate for this part of South Surrey.
- Reduction of the front yard setback from Bowler Drive instead of reduction of the front yard setback from King George Boulevard supports protection of adjacent City trees. The subject property is adjacent to multiple City trees on King George Boulevard, including a significant English Oak tree.


## RECOMMENDATION

The Planning \& Development Department recommends that:

1. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7923-0123-oo (Appendix II) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:
(a) to reduce the minimum front yard setback (south-west) of the RF Zone from 7.5 metres to 5.0 metres to the face of the principal dwelling;
(b) to reduce the minimum second storey offset of the RF Zone from $20 \%$ to $15 \%$.

## SITE CONTEXT \& BACKGROUND

| Direction | Existing Use | OCP / DCP <br> Designation | Existing Zone |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Subject Site | Single family <br> residential | Urban / Single <br> Family Residential <br> (6 u.p.a.) | RF |
| North (Across King George <br> Boulevard): | Single family <br> residential | Urban / <br> Commercial | CG-1, CTA |
| East (Across King George <br> Boulevard): | Single family <br> residential | Urban | RM-M |
| South (Across Bowler Drive): | Single family <br> residential | Urban / Single <br> Family Residential <br> (6 u.p.a.) | RF |
| West (Across Bowler Drive): | Single family <br> residential | Urban / Single <br> Family Residential <br> (6 u.p.a.) | RF |

## Context \& Background

- The subject property has a total area of 771 square metres. The property is designated Urban in the Official Community Plan (ОСР), "Single Family Residential (6 u.p.a.) in the King George Corridor Development Concept Plan and is zoned "Single Family Residential (RF) Zone". The surrounding area is comprised of mature single family residential development that also falls under the RF zone. An existing single family dwelling is located on the property adjacent to King George Boulevard.
- The subject lot is a "through lot" as defined in the Zoning By-law because the lot abuts King George Boulevard and Bowler Drive, which are both approximately parallel highways. The lot directly abuts King George Boulevard, whereas the lot has frontage on Bowler Drive by way of
a long and narrow panhandle. Consequently, the subject property has two frontages and no rear lot line.
- The subject lot also has a panhandle. The Zoning By-law indicates that when determining the lot width and frontage, that the panhandle portion of the lot shall be disregarded.
- The panhandle portion of the property is approximately 36.29 metres in length, 5.94 metres in width, and 217.74 square metres in area. The non-panhandle portion of the property which can be developed is 24.29 metres in width, 22.78 metres in length, and 553.32 in area.
- Because of these factors, the developable portion of the property is constricted in comparison to a non-panhandle lot of this size under the RF zone.


## DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

## Planning Considerations

- The applicant proposes a Development Variance Permit (DVP) to reduce the front yard setbacks and to reduce the second storey offset ( $80 / 20$ rule) from $20 \%$ to $15 \%$ to construct a single-family residential home.


## Referrals

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

| Parks, Recreation \& | Retention of the English Oak tree (Tree No 5. In the Significant <br> Culture: <br> Trees inventory) on King George Boulevard is required under this <br> proposal. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Bakerview Park is the closest park with active amenities, which <br> include a playground, soccer field, baseball diamonds, and open <br> space. The park is 1.2 km walking distance from the development. |  |
| Jessie Lee Park is the closest park with natural areas and is 450 m <br> walking distance from the development. |  |

## Transportation Considerations

- The property has legal frontage on King George Boulevard. However, the applicant proposes to maintain driveway access from Bowler Drive through the panhandle portion of the lot. This is a preferable condition for vehicle access of the property as King George Boulevard is a major arterial highway.


## POLICY \& BY-LAW CONSIDERATIONS

## Zoning By-law

## Setback / Second Storey Offset Variances

- The applicant is requesting the following variances:
(a) to reduce the minimum front yard setback (south-west) of the RF Zone from 7.5 metres to 5.0 metres to the face of the principal dwelling; and
(b) to reduce the minimum second storey offset of the RF Zone from $20 \%$ to $15 \%$.
- The subject lot is constricted relative to other RF properties of a similar area due to the significant panhandle portion of the property.
- The proposal to reduce the second storey floor area offset from $20 \%$ to $15 \%$ is minor and supports achieving a building density that is permitted for an RF property of this size under the Zoning By-law.
- Public realm impacts from reduction of the second storey offset are not anticipated as the massing will be buffered from Bowler Drive by the existing single family dwelling on 2128 Bowler Drive and from King George Boulevard by mature City trees.
- Reduction of the front yard setback (south-west) from Bowler Drive is preferable for tree retention, as the property's King George Boulevard frontage is adjacent to multiple City trees, including a significant English Oak tree.
- Staff support the requested variances to proceed for consideration.


## TREES

- Francis Klimo, ISA Certified Arborist of Klimo \& Associates prepared an Arborist Assessment for the subject property. The table below provides a summary of the proposed tree retention and removal by tree species:

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

| Tree Species | Existing | Remove | Retain |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Deciduous Trees <br> (excluding Alder and Cottonwood Trees) |  |  |  |
| Mountain Ash | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Coniferous Trees |  |  |  |
| Western Redcedar | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Deodar Cedar |  |  |  |
| Douglas Fir | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Grand Fir | 1 | 1 | O |
| Total (excluding Alder and Cottonwood Trees) | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| Total Replacement Trees Proposed (excluding Boulevard Street Trees) |  | 4 |  |


| Total Retained and Replacement Trees <br> Proposed | 4 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Estimated Contribution to the Green City <br> Program | $\$ 8,800.00$ |

- The Arborist Assessment states that there are a total of nine (9) mature trees on the site, and no Alder and Cottonwood trees. There are also trees adjacent to the site, including one significant City tree (English Oak), and three off-site trees (one Norway Spruce, one Mountain Ash, and one Bigleaf Maple). As these are not on-site trees, these four trees are not captured under the Table 1 inventory. The off-site Bigleaf Maple is proposed for removal.
- The applicant does not propose to retain any on-site trees as part of this development proposal. The project arborist indicates that some on-site trees appear to be poor candidates for long term retention and others will conflict directly with the location of services and construction activities.
- For those trees that cannot be retained, the applicant will be required to plant trees on a 2 to 1 replacement ratio. This will require a proposed total of 18 replacement trees on the site. Since the project arborist proposes 4 replacement trees, the proposed deficit of $\mathbf{1 4}$ replacement trees will require an estimated cash-in-lieu payment of $\$ 7,7 \mathbf{0 0}$.00, representing $\$ 550$ per tree to the Green City Program, in accordance with the City's Tree Protection By-law.
- The proposal requires the removal of the off-site Bigleaf Maple (Tree No. OS3) on 2118 Bowler Drive. A cash-in-lieu payment of $\$ 1,100.00$ is required as compensation for this and is included in the summary above.
- The property is adjacent to an English Oak that is Tree No. 5 on the City's Significant Tree inventory (Schedule B of the Surrey Tree Protection Bylaw, 2006 No. 16100). The tree is approximately 4 metres north of the property's north-west corner on King George Boulevard. Trees in this inventory cannot be cut, damaged, or removed without removal from the inventory through an amendment of the Tree Protection By-law.
- The project arborist proposes retention of this tree through use of tree protection fencing outside the tree's critical root zone.
- In summary, a total of four (4) trees are proposed to be retained or replaced on the site with an estimated contribution of $\$ \mathbf{8 , 8 0 0}$. oo to the Green City Program.


## INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:
Appendix I. Site Plan and Building Elevations
Appendix II. Development Variance Permit 7923-0123-oo
Appendix III. Summary of Tree Survey and Tree Preservation
approved by Shawn Low

Don Luymes
General Manager
Planning and Development
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Appendix I





# DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT 

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: 003-576-752
LOT 163 SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP 1 NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT PLAN 65274
2155 King George Boulevard
(the "Land")
3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:
(a) to reduce the minimum front yard setback (south-west) of the RF Zone from 7.5 metres to 5.0 metres to the face of the principal dwelling;
(b) to reduce the minimum second storey offset of the RF Zone from $20 \%$ to $15 \%$.
4. This development variance permit applies to only the portion of the 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 - Brenda Locke

City Clerk - Jennifer Ficocelli



### 12.0 TREE REPLACEMENT PLAN

Outlined in the "Surrey Tree Protection Bylaw, 2006 No. 16100 ", the requirement for replacement Trees will be required based upon the Trees being cut or removed. Two (2) trees are to be planted for each permit-sized tree removed (2:1 ratio), except when the tree removed is a black cottonwood (Populus trichocarpa) or red alder (Alnus rubra), whereupon the replacement ratio is 1:1.

| On-Site Trees | Number of Trees |
| :---: | :---: |
| Protected Trees Identified | 9 |
| Protected Trees to be Removed | 9 |
| Protected Trees to be Retained | 0 |
| Off-site \& City Trees |  |
| Protected Trees Identified | 4 |
| Protected Trees to be Removed | 1 |
| Protected Trees to be Retained | 3 |
|  |  |
| Total Replacement Trees Required: |  |
| Red alder \& Cottonwood Trees Requiring to be Replaced $x \quad \text { one }(1)=$ |  |
| Dead Trees Requiring to be Replaced |  |
| 1 X one (1) = 1 | 1 |
| All other Trees Requiring 2 to 1 Replacement Ratio |  |
| 9 X two (2) $=18$ | 18 |
| Total Replacement Trees required | 19 |
| Replacement Trees Proposed | 4 |
| Replacement Trees for Cash in leu | 15 |

## Tree Replacement Species

Planting(s) should be scheduled for the late winter/ early spring or early fall

| Quantity | Name | Species |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | Persian ironwood | Parrotia persica |

Please see map for location Note: Planting cannot be within 3 meters of another significant tree

## General Tree Planting Methodology

Replacement trees must meet plant condition and structure requirements as stated in "BC Landscape Standard" of the BCSLA/BCLNA and "Canadian Standards for Nursery Stock" of the CNTA. Also, the Replacement trees must be planted and maintained according to the requirements as stated in the "BC Landscape Standard" of the BCSLA.
The proposed replacement Trees are to be a minimum size of 6 cm caliper if deciduous, which is measured at 15 cm above the ground, or 3 m tall if coniferous at the time of planting (trunk width measured at 15 centimetres above the ground) At least 1.0 metre away from any site boundary line, at least 3.0 metres away from any principle building or any accessory building or any other structure on or adjacent to the site that may adversely affect the tree and; at least 2.5 metres away from any other tree on or adjacent to the site including driveway or any other hardscape or underground service/utility lines.


