

# City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT Application No.: 7924-0010-00

Planning Report Date: February 26, 2024

#### **PROPOSAL:**

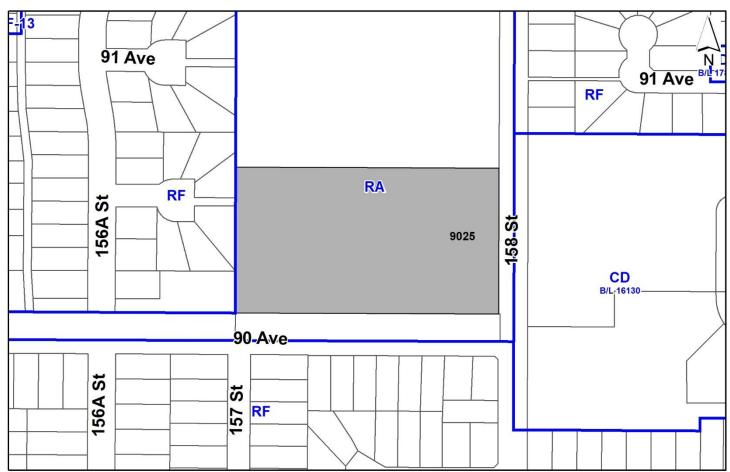
# • Development Variance Permit

To reduce the required number of off-street parking spaces to permit the addition of 16 new classrooms to the existing Woodland Park Elementary School.

LOCATION: 9025 - 158 Street

**ZONING:** RA

**OCP DESIGNATION:** Urban



# RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

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

# DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

• Proposing to reduce the total number of required off-street parking spaces in the Zoning Bylaw from 63 to 47 (a reduction of 16 spaces) to permit the addition of 16 new classrooms.

#### RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- Relaxation of the parking requirements will facilitate the construction of 16 new additional classrooms on site without compromising any outdoor play areas.
- The proposed reduction in parking complies with the findings of the *Woodland Park Elementary School, Surrey Parking Space Demand Study* completed by Creative Transportation Solutions Ltd. (CTS) on November 28, 2023, and accepted by the Transportation Engineering staff.
- There are 47 off-street parking spaces existing currently. An additional 16 classrooms, increase the parking space requirement to 63 parking spaces, creating a parking space deficit of 16 parking spaces. However, the parking study indicates that there are currently 23 unused parking spaces in the AM peak period and 25 unused parking spaces in the PM peak period. The anticipated parking demand can therefore be met with the provision of 47 existing parking spaces.
- There are 9 drop-off stalls available on the subject site, which aligns with the parking requirement as per the Zoning Bylaw.
- The school's parking lots, and pick-up and drop-off areas are designed in such a way that the parking for staff and students is physically separated from the pick-up and drop-off areas. This has reduced conflicting vehicular movements on-site, as well as conflict with pedestrians, and creates a clear and legible pick-up and drop-off arrangement.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that:

1. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7924-0010-00 (Appendix II), varying the Zoning By-law to reduce the total number of required off-street parking spaces from 63 to 47 (a reduction of 16 spaces), for the existing Woodland Park Elementary School, to proceed to Public Notification.

# SITE CONTEXT & BACKGROUND

Direction	<b>Existing Use</b>	OCP/NCP	<b>Existing Zone</b>
		Designation	
Subject Site	Woodland Park	Urban	RA
	Elementary School		
North:	Woodland Park	Urban	RA
East (Across 158 St):	Senior care	Multiple	CD (Bylaw No.
	community	residential	16130)
South (Across 90 Ave):	Single family	Urban	RF
	dwellings		
West:	Single family	Urban	RF
	dwellings		

# **Context & Background**

- The subject site is located at 9025 158 Street. The lot is approximately 20,375 square meters in size.
- The site is designated Urban in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and is zoned "One-Acre Residential (RA)" in the Zoning Bylaw.
- The existing Woodland Park Elementary School on the subject site has 20 classrooms and 4 portable classrooms. The Surrey School District (SD36) is proposing a new 400 capacity (16 classrooms) stand alone, prefabricated addition to serve elementary students in the Fleetwood area. The main objective of this addition is to provide space for the entire school population and to eliminate the number of portables on site. The addition is slated to open in the 2024/25 school year.
- The new addition is proposed to the west of the existing building. There is a 2 metre grade change between the existing school and the proposed location of the new addition.
- The school currently utilizes City land to the north (Woodland Park) for outdoor activity space.

#### **DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL**

# **Planning Considerations**

- As per Part 5, Section D. of the Zoning Bylaw, Elementary Public Schools require 1.75 parking spaces per classroom and 9 parking spaces for drop-off.
- There are 47 off-street parking spaces existing currently. An additional 16 classrooms increase the parking space requirement to 63 parking spaces, creating a parking space deficit of 16 parking spaces. However, the parking study indicates that there are currently 23 unused parking spaces in the AM peak period and 25 unused parking spaces in the PM peak period. The anticipated parking demand can therefore be met with the provision of 47 existing parking spaces.
- The applicant is proposing to reduce the total number of required off-street parking in the Zoning Bylaw from 63 to 47 (a reduction of 16 spaces) to permit the addition of 16 new classrooms.

	Required	Provided	Deficit
Parking spaces	63	47	16
Parking spaces for pick-up	9	9	0
and drop-off			

• The proposed reduction in parking complies with the findings of the *Woodland Park Elementary School, Surrey – Parking Space Demand Study* completed by Creative Transportation Solutions Ltd. (CTS) on November 28, 2023, and a by the Transportation Engineering staff.

# Referrals

Engineering: Engineering has no comments.

Parks, Recreation & Parks staff have no concerns as no parkland or trees are proposed

Culture: to be impacted.

#### **POLICY & BY-LAW CONSIDERATIONS**

# **Zoning By-law**

# Off street parking variance

- The applicant is requesting the following variance:
  - o In Section D, Table D.1 of Part 5 *Off-Street Parking and Loading/Unloading* of the Zoning Bylaw No. 12000, the required number of off-street parking spaces for elementary public schools are reduced from 63 to 47 (a reduction of 16 spaces).
- Staff support the requested variances to proceed for consideration.

#### **TREES**

• No trees are proposed to be removed to support the parking variance. Elvis Truong and Rhythm Batra, ISA Certified Arborists on behalf of Mike Fadum and Associates Ltd. prepared an Arborist Assessment for the subject property to address any tree removal as a result of the new addition to the school. This report will be reviewed by Trees and Landscaping staff in coordination with the Building Permit application.

# INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:

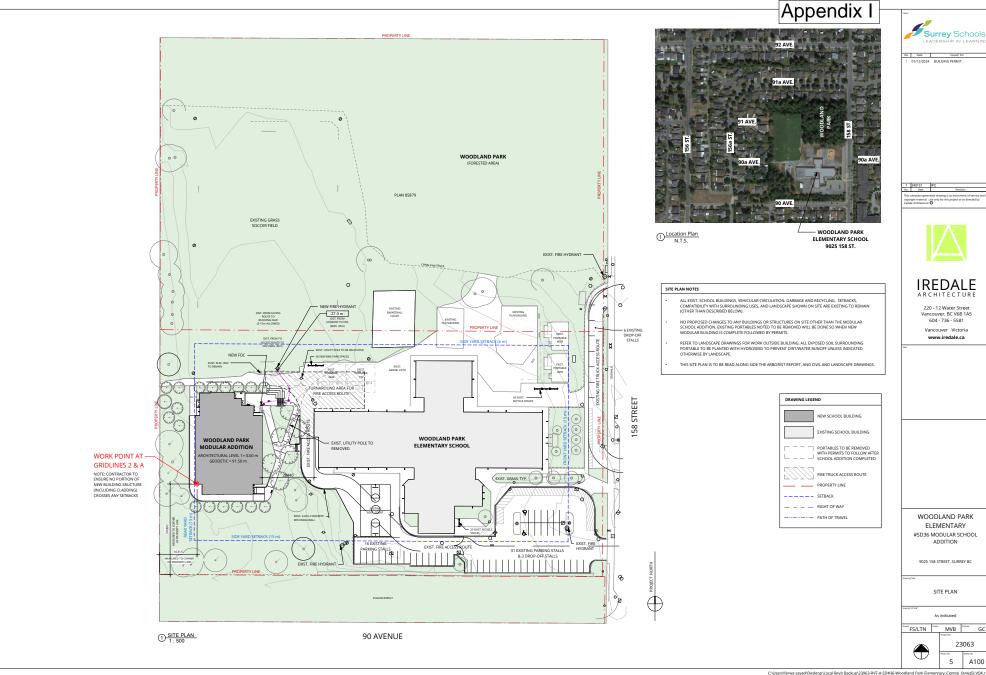
Appendix I. Site Plan

Appendix II. Development Variance Permit No. 7924-0010-00

approved by Ron Gill

Don Luymes General Manager Planning and Development

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# **CITY OF SURREY**

(the "City")

#### **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT**

NO.: 7924-0010-00

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: 016-144-121 Lot 2 Section 35 Township 2 New Westminster District Plan 85879 9025 - 158 Street

(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:
  - (a) In Section D, Table D.1 of Part 5 *Off-Street Parking and Loading/Unloading* of the Zoning Bylaw No. 12000, the required number of off-street parking spaces for elementary public schools is reduced from 63 to 47.
- 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. This development variance permit does not apply to additions to, or replacement of, any of the existing buildings shown on attached Schedule A.
- 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.						
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ISSUEI	O THIS	DAY OF	, 20 .				
				]	Mayor – Brenda Locke		
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