

City of Surrey PLANNING \& DEVELOPMENT REPORT Application No.: 7922-0137-00
Planning Report Date: November 14, 2022

## PROPOSAL:

- Development Variance Permit
to increase the maximum lot coverage of a single family lot.

LOCATION: 3225-138A Street
ZONING: RA-G
OCP DESIGNATION: Suburban
LAP DESIGNATION: One Acre


## RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

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


## DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

- Proposing to increase the maximum lot coverage requirements of the RA-G Zone.


## RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- A variance to increase the permitted lot coverage from $20 \%$ to $27 \%$ is required to replace an existing shed with a proposed personal workshop without requiring modification of the existing one-storey home.
- The applicant is not seeking to increase the maximum building density permitted on the property.
- The "Acreage Residential Gross Density (RA-G) Zone" does not permit a detached secondary suite and the City would not approve any Building Permit application that proposes the addition of a residential suite to the accessory building (such as servicing for or installation of a kitchen or washroom with shower).
- The proposed increase in lot coverage will not create a visual impact within the neighbourhood. The replacement building would be screened by an existing fence from 138A Street and is separated from abutting properties by mature trees, fencing, and other landscaping.
- The south abutting neighbor (whose property line borders the proposed accessory building) has indicated support for the subject variance and authorizes the removal of a protected tree on their property that the proposed works would impact.


## RECOMMENDATION

The Planning \& Development Department recommends that:

1. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 22-0137-oo (Appendix II) to increase the maximum lot coverage of the "Acreage Residential Zone Gross Density Zone (RA-G)" from $20 \%$ to $27 \%$, to proceed to Public Notification:

## SITE CONTEXT \& BACKGROUND

| Direction | Existing Use | OCP / NCP <br> Designation | Existing Zone |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Subject Site | Single family <br> housing | Suburban / One <br> Acre | RA-G |
| North: | Single family <br> housing | Suburban / One <br> Acre | RA-G |
| East (Across 138A St.): | Single family <br> housing | Suburban / One <br> Acre | RA-G |
| South: | Single family <br> housing | Suburban / One <br> Acre | RA-G |
| West: | Single family <br> housing | Suburban / One <br> Acre | RA-G |

## Context \& Background

- The subject 1,691 square metres property is zoned "Acreage Residential Gross Density (RA-G) zone" and is designated "Suburban" in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and "One Acre" in the Central Semiahmoo Local Area Plan.
- The RA-G zone is intended to permit the clustering of semi-rural residential lots based on dedication of a significant green space. The maximum $20 \%$ lot coverage under the RA-G Zone helps maintain a semi-rural neighbourhood character.
- The subject property contains a one-storey single family home with covered rear yard patio, two detached sheds, and a gazebo.


## DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

## Planning Considerations

- The applicant seeks to remove a detached shed and build a personal workshop in that location on the southwest portion of the property. The increased size of this accessory building is required for a functional workshop building and would increase the lot coverage on this property to $27 \%$ ( 454.04 square metres), above the current maximum of $20 \%$ (338.2-square-metres).
- Based on the increase in lot coverage, the proposal would not be possible without removing 63.81 square metres of floor area (comprising the sites lot coverage) from the existing structures on-site.
- The floor plans indicate that the finished accessory building will be used as a personal workshop. The RA-G zone does not permit a detached secondary suite. The City would not accept any Building Permit application that proposes habitable space or servicing connections for a secondary suite within the accessory building.
- The siting of the replacement accessory building on the southwest corner of the property would not result in visual impacts on the neighbourhood. The site currently contains an accessory shed building and will continue to be screened from the public frontage (138A Street) by a fence. The building will be separated from surrounding properties by mature trees, fencing, and other landscaping.
- The south abutting neighbor (whose property line borders the proposed accessory building) has indicated support for the subject variance and authorizes the removal of a protected tree on their property that the proposed works would impact.


## Referrals

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

## POLICY \& BY-LAW CONSIDERATIONS

## Zoning By-law

Lot Coverage Variance

- The applicant is requesting the following variance:
- to increase the maximum lot coverage of the RA-G Zone from $20 \%$ to $27 \%$.
- The subject variance to increase lot coverage from $20 \%$ to $27 \%$ is required to replace an existing shed with a proposed personal workshop.
- The applicant is not proposing to increase the maximum building density permitted on the property.
- The "Acreage Residential Gross Density (RA-G) Zone" does not permit a detached secondary suite and the City would not support any Building Permit application that proposes the addition of a residential suite to the accessory building (such as through the provision of servicing of or installation of a kitchen or washroom with shower).
- The proposed increase in lot coverage would not create a visual impact on the neighbourhood. The replacement building is screened by a fence from 138A Street and is separated from abutting properties by mature trees, fencing, and other landscaping.
- The south abutting neighbor (whose property line borders the proposed addition) has indicated support for the subject variance and authorizes the removal of a protected tree on their property that the proposed works would impact.


## TREES

- Terry Thrale, ISA Certified Arborist of Woodridge Tree Consulting Arborists Ltd. prepared an Arborist Assessment for the subject property. The table below provides a summary of the onsite tree retention and removal by tree species:

Table 1: Summary of Tree Preservation by Tree Species:

| Tree Species | Existing | Remove | Retain |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Deciduous Trees (excluding Alder and Cottonwood Trees) |  |  |  |
| Birch | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Locust | 1 | o | 1 |
| Coniferous Trees |  |  |  |
| Cypress | 1 | o | 1 |
| Western Red Cedar | 3 | o | 3 |
| Total (excluding Alder and Cottonwood Trees) | 7 | 1 | 6 |
| Total Replacement Trees Proposed (excluding Boulevard Street Trees) |  | 2 |  |
| Total Retained and Replacement Trees |  | 8 |  |

- The Arborist Assessment states that there are a total of 7 mature trees on the site, excluding Alder and Cottonwood trees. There is one Alder tree, which comprises approximately 9\% of the total trees on the site.
- It was determined that 6 trees can be retained as part of this development proposal. The proposed tree retention was assessed taking into consideration the building footprints.
- For those trees that cannot be retained, the applicant will be required to plant trees on a 1 to 1 replacement ratio for Alder and Cottonwood trees, and a 2 to 1 replacement ratio for all other trees. This will require a total of 2 replacement trees on the site.
- The applicant proposes 2 replacement trees for the removal of the on-site Birch tree, meeting By-law requirements.
- The proposal requires the removal of one (1) off-site Alder tree on the adjacent lot the south at 1309 138A Street. The owner of the adjacent property has provided signed authorization for removal of this tree.
- The deficit of 1 replacement tree on the adjacent property will require a cash-in-lieu payment of $\$ 550.00$, representing $\$ 550.00$ per tree, to the Green City Program, in accordance with the City's Tree Protection By-law. This is not captured in Table 1 above as that summary pertains to on-site trees.
- In summary, a total of 7 trees are proposed to be retained or replaced on the subject property with a contribution of $\$ 550.00$ to the Green City Program. An additional contribution in the amount of $\$ 550.00$ to the Green City Program is required for the removal of an off-site tree on the neighboring property.


## INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:
Appendix I. Site Plan
Appendix II. Development Variance Permit 7922-0137-oo
Appendix III. Summary of Tree Survey and Tree Preservation
approved by Shawn Low

Jeff Arason
Acting General Manager
Planning and Development
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# DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT 

NO.: 7922-0137-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: 004-616-502
Lot 1 District Lot 157 Group 2 New Westminster District Plan 72387

3225-138A Street
(the "Land")
3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:
(a) In Section E. Lot Coverage of Part 13 "Acreage Residential Gross Density Zone (RAG)" the maximum lot coverage for all buildings and structures is increased from $20 \%$ to $27 \%$
4. 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.
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


## Tree Preservation Summary

## Surrey Project No: 220137

Address: 3225 138A Street
Registered Arborist: Woodridge Tree Consulting Arborists Ltd., Terry Thrale PN 6766A

| On-Site Trees | Number of Trees | Off-Site Trees | Number of Trees |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Protected Trees Identified* | 7 | Protected Trees Identified | 4 |
| Protected Trees to be Removed | 1 | Protected Trees to be Removed | 1 |
| Protected Trees to be Retained (excluding trees within proposed open space or riparian areas) | 0 | Protected Trees to be Retained | 3 |
| Total Replacement Trees Required: <br> - $\quad$ Alder \& Cottonwoods to be removed (1:1) $0 x \text { one }(1)=0$ <br> - All other species to be removed (2:1) $1 x \text { two }(2)=2$ | 2 | Total Replacement Trees Required: <br> - $\quad$ Alder \& Cottonwoods to be removed (1:1) $1 x \text { one }(1)=0$ <br> - All other species to be removed (2:1) $0 \times \text { two }(2)=0$ | 1 |
| Replacement Trees Proposed | 2 | Replacement Trees Proposed | 0 |
| Replacement Trees in Deficit | 0 | Replacement Trees in Deficit | 1 |
| Protected Trees to be Retained in Proposed Open Space or Riparian Areas |  |  |  |
| *on-site and shared trees, including trees within boulevards and proposed streets and lanes, but excluding trees in proposed open space or riparian areas |  |  |  |

Summary, report and plan prepared and submitted by:
(Signature of Arborist)

Date


