

City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7914-0046-00

Planning Report Date: October 20, 2015

PROPOSAL:

• Temporary Use Permit

to permit a temporary truck parking facility for an additional 3 years from the date of expiry of the previous TUP on the site.

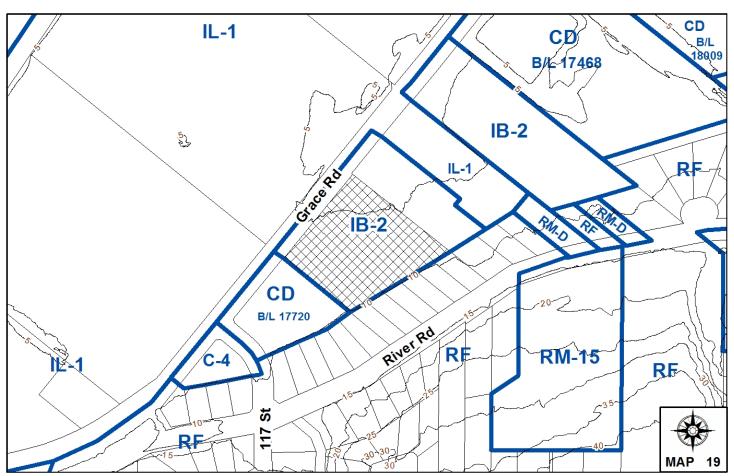
LOCATION: 10128 - Grace Road

OWNER: 0814048 BC Ltd.

ZONING: IB-2

OCP DESIGNATION: Mixed Employment

NCP DESIGNATION: Business Park/Open Space



RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

• The Planning & Development Department recommends that this application be <u>denied</u>.

DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

• Contrary to the South Westminster NCP and the IB-2 Zone.

RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The proposed Temporary Use Permit (TUP) is an extension of the initial TUP No. 7907-0069oo which allowed temporary truck parking on the subject site and was approved by Council on February 20, 2012 expiring on February 20, 2014. The proposed 3-year TUP renewal will have an expiry date of February 20, 2017
- The subject site abuts residential properties along the southeast lot line.
- The applicant has not maintained the buffer that was planted along the rear property line as a condition of the initial TUP.
- Although the original TUP and associated Good Neighbour Agreement prohibited refrigerated container units running at night and maintenance of vehicles, neighbouring residents have advised staff that they have observed refrigerated container units parked on the site and running at night, as well as truck repair activity.
- Earlier this year, staff were informed by the applicant that refrigerated container units were no longer running, while parked on the subject site but rather they were running while parked at customer's sites such as supermarkets. Staff recently received a report from a neighbour that refrigerated container units are still running on the subject site.
- Neighbouring residents continue to object to truck parking on the subject site and on the site to the north-east (TUP Application No. 7915-0162-00 to be considered for denial at the October 20, 2015 Regular Council Land Use meeting).

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that this application be denied.

REFERRALS

Engineering: Should the application be approved to proceed, Engineering will be

requested to provide comments with respect to the proposal.

Metro Vancouver: Metro Vancouver has concerns with the parking of vehicles on the

existing sanitary sewer statutory right-of-way. The applicant must respect the weight restrictions of 6 kPa in Zone A and 57 kPa in Zone B and live loading of 5000 kg (11,000 lbs.) in Zone A (see Appendix V for approximate boundaries and zones of the SRW). Since the issuance of the previous TUP, the applicant has complied

with these requirements.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Existing Land Use: Unauthorized truck parking facility (Temporary Industrial Use Permit

No. 7907-0069-00 expired on February 20, 2014). A Metro Vancouver sanitary sewer right-of-way impacts the northeastern edge of the property.

Adjacent Area:

Direction	Existing Use	NCP Designation	Existing Zone	
Northeast:	Non-conforming lumber	Business Park and Parks	IB-2	
	mill.	Open Space		
Southeast:	Single family dwellings.	Urban in OCP	RF	
Southwest:	Industrial equipment	Light Impact	CD (By-law	
	rental business.	Industrial/Business Park and	No. 17720)	
		Parks and Open Spaces		
Northwest (Across	Warehouse and trucking	Light Impact Industrial	IL-1	
Grace Road):	distribution company.			

DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Background

• The subject property is located at 10128 - Grace Road and encompasses a total site area of 0.98 hectare (2.4 acres). The subject property is designated primarily Business Park with the rear portion designated Open Space, in the South Westminster Neighbourhood Concept Plan (NCP) and zoned "Business Park 2 Zone (IB-2)".

• The Business Park designation along the base of the slope is intended to improve and make more compatible the industrial areas adjacent to residential areas by encouraging these lands to be redeveloped to high quality comprehensively planned business park uses.

- The property was rezoned to the current IB-2 Zone through a City-initiated rezoning of a number of properties in the South Westminster area in order to advance the implementation of the South Westminster NCP. The rezoning was approved on May 18, 2005. The IB-2 Zone does not permit transportation uses, such as truck parking facilities.
- With the adoption of Official Community Plan (OCP) By-law No. 18020 on October 20, 2014, the subject property was re-designated from Industrial to Mixed Employment in the OCP.

Metro Vancouver Sanitary Sewer Right-of-Way

- The northeastern portion of the site is significantly encumbered by a Metro Vancouver sanitary sewer right-of-way (ROW) as shown on Appendix II.
- As part of the previous TUP, Metro Vancouver required that only vehicles under 5000 kg (11,000 lbs.) be parked in Zone A (see Appendix III). Aerial photos show that this requirement was respected and weight restrictions were not exceeded in this area.

Current Proposal

- The initial Temporary Use Permit (TUP) No. 7907-0069-00 was issued on February 20, 2012 for a truck parking facility on the subject site to the same applicant and expired on February 20, 2014.
- The previous TUP application faced some public opposition in regards to noise and parking of refrigerated container units. As a condition of issuance, a Good Neighbour Agreement was required to limit hours of operation and prohibit refrigerated container units running overnight.
- The same applicant/owner, Synergy Trucking, operates the existing truck parking facility and has applied for an extension of the TUP for an additional 3 years. If approved, the TUP (Appendix III) will expire 3 years from the original expiry date, which will be February 20, 2017, which is approximately a year and a half away.

Landscaping

- A 15-metre (50 ft.) wide landscaped buffer along the rear property line and landscaping along the Grace Road frontage was planted as part of the previous TUP application. Since the final landscape inspection much of the landscape buffer has died but numerous trees have survived. All of the landscaping along Grace Road has died.
- The applicant claims that they have replanted portions of the rear landscape buffer several times and have cleaned it up at the request of City staff. The applicant is willing to plant additional trees to the landscape buffer and plant a row of cedar hedges along Grace Road as a condition of the TUP extension.

Future Plans

• The applicant's future plans for the site include redeveloping, or selling the property and relocating the truck parking business. The applicant advises that redevelopment is not possible at this time because of the applicant's need for immediate truck parking and recouping costs that were spent on initial TUP.

• The applicant has reportedly explored development of a cold storage building on the site but has advised staff that it is not feasible at this time due to the anticipated limited financial return on a building.

PRE-NOTIFICATION

Pre-notification letters were sent on April 1, 2014 and a development proposal sign was installed on April 4, 2014. Staff received phone calls from two neighbours, which are summarized below (staff comments are in *italics*):

- A neighbour had concerns about noise from refrigerated container trucks running on site.
 - The applicant advised staff that they no longer run their refrigerated container trucks on the subject site as most refrigerated container trucks are left overnight at grocery stores and other businesses that their trucks supply.

(Staff recently received a report from a neighbour that refrigerated container trucks continue to be run on site.)

- A neighbour had concerns with repairs and washing of trucks along the rear of the property. Repairs reportedly involved welding and loud pneumatic tools.
 - o The applicant advised staff that repairs did occur on the site in the past but are no longer occurring.

(Staff confirmed that there was evidence of repairs in the past even though the previous TUP and Good Neighbour Agreement prohibited truck maintenance.)

- The landscape buffer that was previously planted is dead and is full of weeds which are contaminating neighbouring yards.
 - o The applicant advised staff that they have replanted portions of the buffer three times since the initial TUP.

(Staff confirmed that the buffer has not been maintained but a substantial number trees are growing.)

- Garbage containers are located at the rear of the property that smell and attract birds.
 - The applicant plans on relocating the garbage container away from residential properties.

(Staff confirmed that the applicant has not relocated the garbage container away from the residential properties.)

- It is noted that there is another truck parking TUP proposal currently in process three (3) lots to the north of the subject site (10198 Grace Road) with a similar residential interface (Application No. 7915-0162-00). Staff received a 41-name petition from neighbouring residents in objection to truck parking on that site.
- The applicant has provided two letters of support for the proposed TUP extension from property owners in the vicinity of the subject site and who drive for the subject company.

PROJECT EVALUATION

Applicant's Justification:

- The applicant met with staff and advised that they no longer park refrigerated container units on the site.
- The applicant states that there is short supply of truck parking spaces in Surrey and the subject site is required so they are able to park their trucks.
- The applicant only intends to park at the subject site for an additional two years in order to recover their costs in developing the initial TUP.

Staff Comments:

- As evidenced by the development of the industrial lands four (4) properties to the north-east (10240 Grace Road), there appears to be potential for the site to develop in the short term in compliance with the NCP and IB-2 zoning.
- The <u>advantages</u> and benefits of allowing this application to proceed are as follows:
 - o There is a need for truck parking within Surrey and the proposal will accommodate trucks until the site can ultimately develop;
 - o Truck parking, if done properly, is a good interim use of land; and
 - o The site is in close proximity to Scott Road and to the controlled intersection of Tannery Road and Highway No. 17 (South Fraser Perimeter Road).
- The <u>disadvantages</u> and problems of allowing this application to proceed are as follows:
 - The proposed truck park does not comply with the NCP, which envisions the area for business park uses;
 - The subject site abuts residential properties and contrary to the previous TUP and associated Good Neighbour Agreement, a neighbour has indicated that they have observed refrigerated container units parked and running overnight on the site;

o Contrary to the previous TUP and Good Neighbour Agreement, the applicant has also undertaken truck repairs and maintenance on the site;

- o The landscaped buffer that was planted as a condition of the previous TUP has not been maintained and the landscaping along Grace Road has died; and
- Neighbouring residents continue to have objections to truck parking on the subject site.

CONCLUSION

- In considering the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed development, the Planning and Development Department believes that the negative impacts of the project are considerable, and therefore, recommends that this project be <u>denied</u>.
- If Council believes that the merits of the application are sufficient to allow the proposal to proceed, the application should be referred back to staff to work with the applicant to complete the TUP application review process.

INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Lot Owners and Action Summary

Appendix II. Previously Approved Site Plan and Landscape Plans

Appendix III. Approximate Boundaries of the Metro Vancouver Sanitary Sewer SRW

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Jean Lamontagne General Manager Planning and Development

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<u>Information for City Clerk</u>

Legal Description and Owners of all lots that form part of the application:

1. (a) Agent: Name: Paul Naral

Address: 7184 - 120 Street, Unit 190

Surrey, BC

Tel: 604-502-8775 - Cellular

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address: 10128 - Grace Road

(b) Civic Address: 10128 - Grace Road

Owner: 0814048 BC Ltd.

<u>Director Information:</u> Bhupinder Nahal

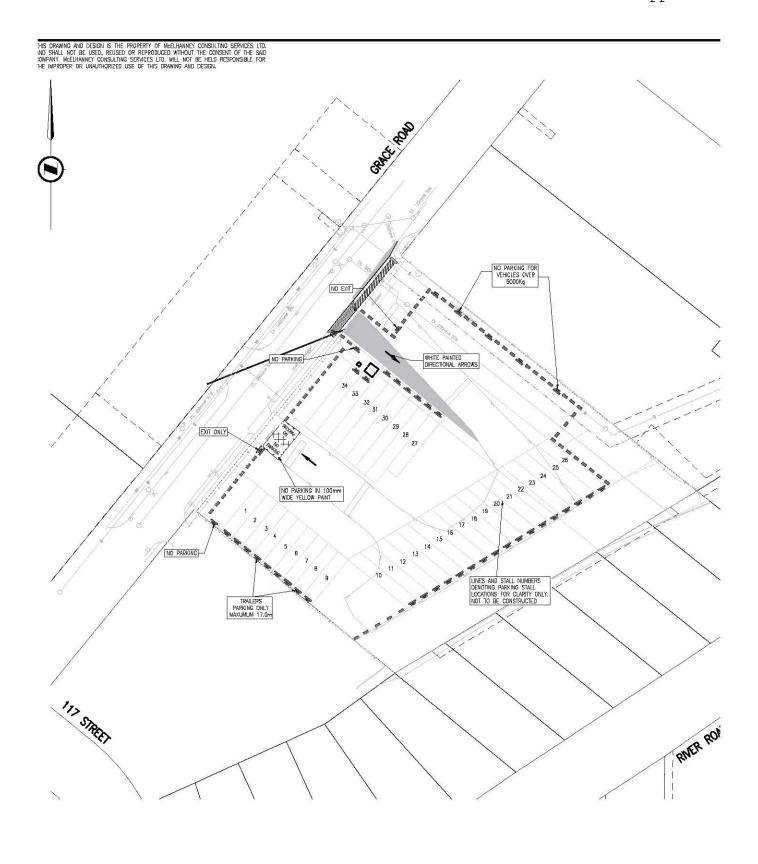
Officer Information as at January 17, 2015:

Bhupinder Nahal (President)

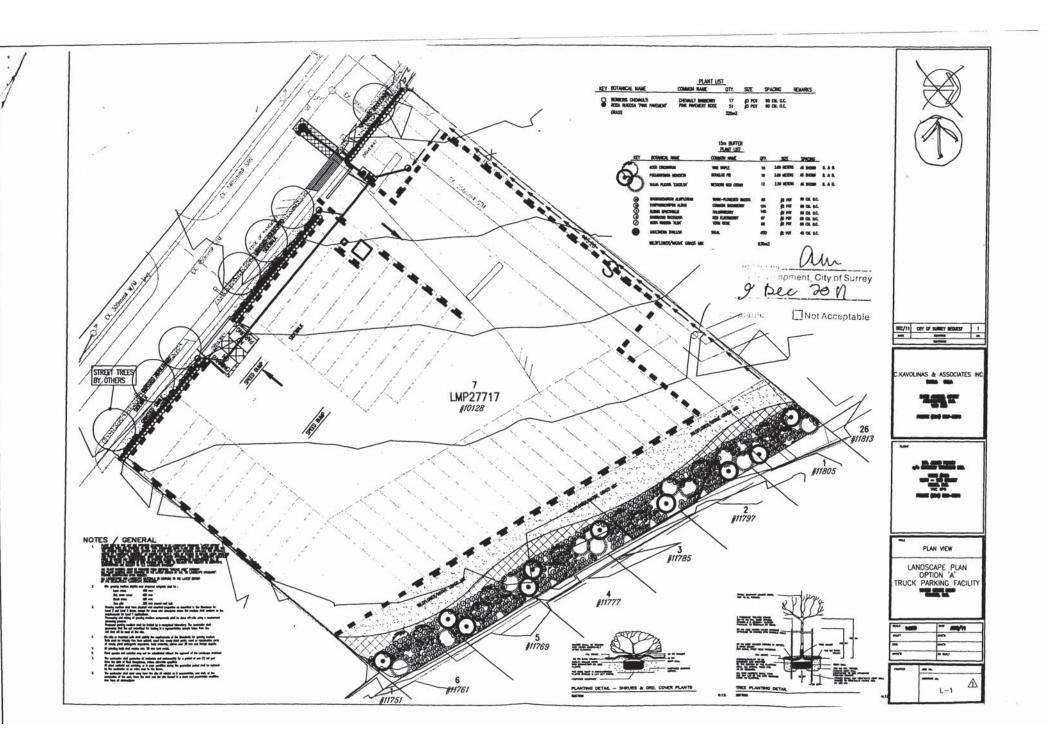
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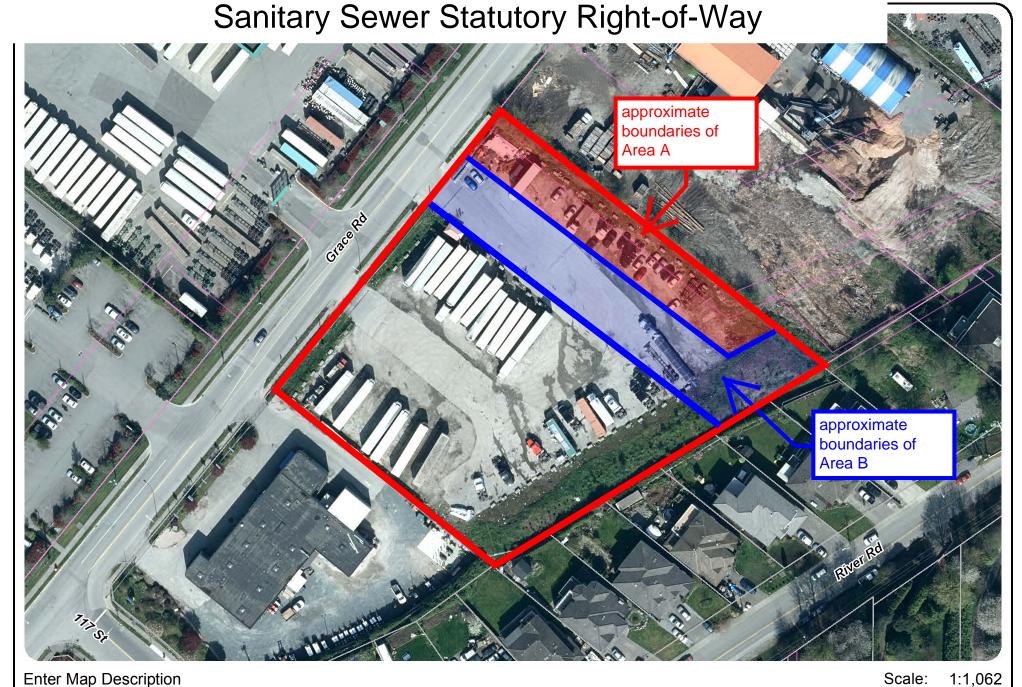
3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office



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Appendix III



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