

City of Surrey PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7914-0300-01

Planning Report Date: October 3, 2016

PROPOSAL:

• Development Variance Permit

to relax the minimum streamside setback in the Zoning By-law, in order to permit subdivision into 16 single family small lots and open space.

LOCATION: 16540 and 16582 - Parkview Place

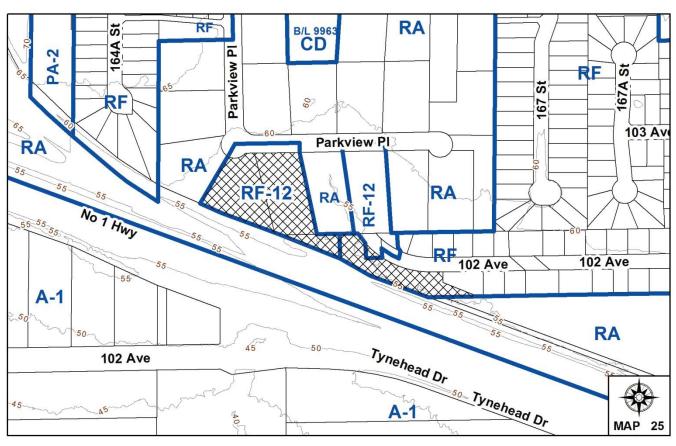
16618 102 Avenue 16591 No 1 Highway

OWNERS: Qualico Developments (Vancouver)

Inc.

City of Surrey

ZONING: RF-12
OCP DESIGNATION: Urban



RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

• Development Variance Permit to proceed to Public Notification.

DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

• Seeking a variance to reduce the minimum distance (setback) for a "Natural Class B Stream" in Part 7A of the Zoning By-law, from 15 metres (49 ft.) measured from top-of-bank to 10 metres (33 ft.) measured from the high water mark for proposed Lot 1.

RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The applicant demonstrated that the requested setback relaxation does not impact the objectives outlined in the Official Community Plan for protecting sensitive ecosystems.
- Upon subdivision, 451 square metres of the gross site area, entirely within the riparian area will be dedicated as park.
- The applicant completed a P-15 agreement for the monitoring and maintenance of the re-plantings in the riparian area.
- The applicant provided a Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR) assessment report for the on-site Class B watercourse.
- The applicant completed all conditions of final adoption, and on September 12, 2016, the associated rezoning to RF-12 was approved by Council. However, on September 12, 2016, Council gave Final Adoption to Text Amendment By-law No. 18809, which incorporates streamside protection regulations as Part 7A in the Zoning By-law, and the subdivision plan associated with Development Application No. 7914-0300-00 was not yet approved.
- The application was in process, and the rezoning received final adoption prior to the adoption of Part 7A Streamside Protection in the Zoning By-law.
- Prior to approving the associated subdivision, a variance to the new streamside regulations is required.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7914-0300-01 (Appendix III) to reduce the minimum setback distance for a "Natural Class B Stream" in Part 7A of Zoning By-law No. 12000, measured from 15 metres (49 ft.) from top-of-bank to 10 metres (33 ft.) measured from the high water mark for proposed Lot 1, and to proceed to Public Notification.

REFERRALS

Engineering: The Engineering Department can support issuance of the DVP

since the rezoning was given Final Adoption prior to endorsement of the new Stream and Riparian Area Protection clauses being included in the Zoning By-law and the Official Community Plan.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Existing Land Use: Vacant single family lots ranging in size from 901 square metres (1/4 acre)

to 4,401 square metres (1 acre) in size.

Adjacent Area:

Direction	Existing Use	OCP Designation	Existing Zone
North (Across Parkview Place):	Single family dwellings on 1-acre lots (under Development Application No. 7914-0322-00, currently referred back to staff by Council)	Urban	RA
East:	Single family dwelling on 1-acre lot.	Urban	RA
South (Across Highway No. 1):	Tynehead Regional Park	Conservation and Recreation	A-1
West:	Single family dwelling on 1-acre lot (under Application No. 7916-0046-00, currently at Second Reading)	Urban	RA (RF proposed)

DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Background

• The subject site is comprised of 3 lots, and a small portion of road allowance, located within Fraser Heights on the south side of Parkview Place. The subject site is designated Urban in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and is currently zoned "One-Acre Residential Zone (RA)".

• The lots immediately surrounding the subject site are comprised of one-acre lots, zoned RA, but designated "Urban" in the OCP. It is anticipated that these lots will ultimately redevelop into a higher density form of single family housing than the current one-acre lots, once servicing is available.

- On April 13, 2015, Council considered Planning Report No. 7914-0300-00, for a Rezoning, and Development Variance Permit in order to allow subdivision into 16 small single family lots and open space. The associated Rezoning By-law (No. 18429) which rezoned the site to RF-12 received final adoption by Council on September 12, 2016.
- The applicant completed all conditions of final adoption, and on September 12, 2016, the associated rezoning was approved by Council. However, on September 12, 2016, Council gave Final Adoption to Text Amendment By-law No. 18809, which incorporates streamside protection regulations as Part 7A in the Zoning By-law, and the subdivision plan associated with Development Application No. 7914-0300-00 was not yet approved.
- The applicant's proposed subdivision (Appendix II) is not in compliance with the new setback requirements for streamside protection and therefore, a Development Variance Permit is required (see By-law Variance and Justification section) to allow the subdivision to proceed as originally contemplated.

Streamside Protection Considerations

- In July 2014, Council endorsed the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and the implementation measures it recommended to protect Surrey's streamside areas, natural habitats and sensitive ecosystems. This document identifies the use of a Development Permit Area (DPA) as an effective means to protecting Surrey's natural environmental assets.
- On September 12, 2016, Council approved changes to the Official Community Plan (OCP) and the Zoning By-law to implement a Sensitive Ecosystem DPA and Streamside Protection Measures, collectively known as Surrey's Ecosystem Protection Measures, for the protection of the natural environment, including riparian areas. These changes were detailed in Corporate Report No. R188, which was approved by Council on July 25, 2016.
- The OCP is used to identify the specific types of ecosystems that are intended to be protected including Class A, A/O or B streams, and the Zoning By-law (Part 7A Streamside Protection) is used to identify the specific protection areas that are required to be established for Streamside Setback Areas.
- During drafting of the Streamside Protection Measures, staff were aware that its implementation would create a number of non-conforming sites throughout the City of Surrey. As such, it was anticipated that Development Variance Permit (DVP) applications could be considered in specific extenuating circumstances.

Although the subject site is located within the newly established Sensitive Ecosystem DPA, a
Sensitive Ecosystem Development Permit and accompanying Ecosystem Development Plan
will not be required. The applicant demonstrated that the requested setback reduction does
not impact the objectives outlined in the Official Community Plan for protecting sensitive
ecosystems, and in support of this, the applicant:

- o Submitted a Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR) assessment report for the on-site Class B watercourse;
- o Upon subdivision, will provide 451 square metres of the gross site area, entirely within the riparian area, for open space purposes; and
- o Completed a P-15 agreement for the monitoring and maintenance of the re-plantings in the riparian area.

BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION

(a) Requested Variance:

• To reduce the minimum distance (setback) for a "Natural Class B Stream" in Part 7A of the Zoning By-law from 15 metres (49 ft.) measured from top-of-bank to 10 metres (33 ft.) measured from the high water mark for proposed Lot 1.

Applicant's Reasons:

- The applicant has taken appropriate measures to ensure the objectives of the sensitive ecosystems guidelines in the OCP have been met.
- The applicant will convey a portion of the site to the City for open space purposes.

Staff Comments:

- An unnamed natural, Class B watercourse, flows through the southeast corner of the site. In accordance with the newly approved streamside setback areas in the Zoning By-law, the minimum required setback measured from the top-of-bank is 15 metres (49 ft.).
- The applicant provided a Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR) assessment report for the on-site Class B watercourse, which recommended protecting 10 metres (33 ft.) from the high water mark. As such, the requested DVP seeks a minimum 10-metre (33 ft.) high water mark setback measured to the south lot line of proposed Lot 1.
- Where a development is proposing to reduce the streamside setback area, a Development Variance Permit is required and is to include an Impact Mitigation Plan. This is intended to ensure that the proposed setback reduction does not create negative impacts on the sensitive ecosystems that are intended to be protected, cause flooding or other negative impacts on the property owners located next to the stream, or increase City of Surrey maintenance costs as a result of the reduced setback.

It has been determined that an Impact Mitigation Plan is not required in this scenario, and the requested variance has merit for the following reasons:

- o The applicant provided a Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR) assessment report for the on-site Class B watercourse. The RAR report supported a 10-metre (33 ft.) setback from the high water mark along the north side of the watercourse. As such, the south lot line of proposed Lot 1 is set back a minimum of 10 metres (33 ft.) from the high water mark of the watercourse in compliance with the RAR report. The future building on Lot 1 would be setback an additional 6 metres (20 ft.) from the rear property line in accordance with the RF-12 Zone:
- The RAR report was reviewed by staff, and accepted by the Province (Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations);
- o The amount of open space being dedicated is 451 square metres of the gross site area. The proposed open space will be added to the existing unnamed park area (25D Greenbelt) that borders the easternmost property line of the subject site;
- o The applicant completed a P-15 agreement for the monitoring and maintenance of the re-plantings in the riparian area;
- The application was in process, and the Rezoning By-law received final adoption, prior to the adoption of the Streamside Protection requirements in the Zoning By-law.
- The requested DVP is required for the associated proposed subdivision to be approved.
- Staff support the requested variance.

INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Lot Owners and Action Summary
Appendix II. Proposed Subdivision Layout

Appendix III. Development Variance Permit No 7914-0300-01

original signed by Judith Robertson

Jean Lamontagne General Manager Planning and Development

Information for City Clerk

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

1. (a) Agent: Name: Jeremiah Boucher

Aplin & Martin Consultants Ltd.

Address: 12448 - 82 Avenue, Unit 201

Surrey, BC V₃W₃E₉

Tel: 604-597-9058

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Addresses: 16540 Parkview Place

16582 Parkview Place 16618 - 102 Avenue 16591 - No 1 Highway

(b) Civic Address: 16540 - Parkview Place

Owner: Qualico Developments (Vancouver) Inc

PID: 006-003-834

Lot 18 Block 5N Section 25 Range 1W Plan 45831 New Westminster District

(c) Civic Address: 16582 - Parkview Place

Owner: Qualico Developments (Vancouver) Inc

PID: 006-003-877

Lot 19 Section 25 Rage 1 Plan 45831 New Westminster District

(d) Civic Address: 16618 - 102 Avenue

Owner: City Of Surrey PID: 019-076-339

Lot 24 Section 25 Range 1 Plan LMP19984 New Westminster District

(e) Civic Address: 16591 - No 1 Highway

Owner: Qualico Developments (Vancouver) Inc

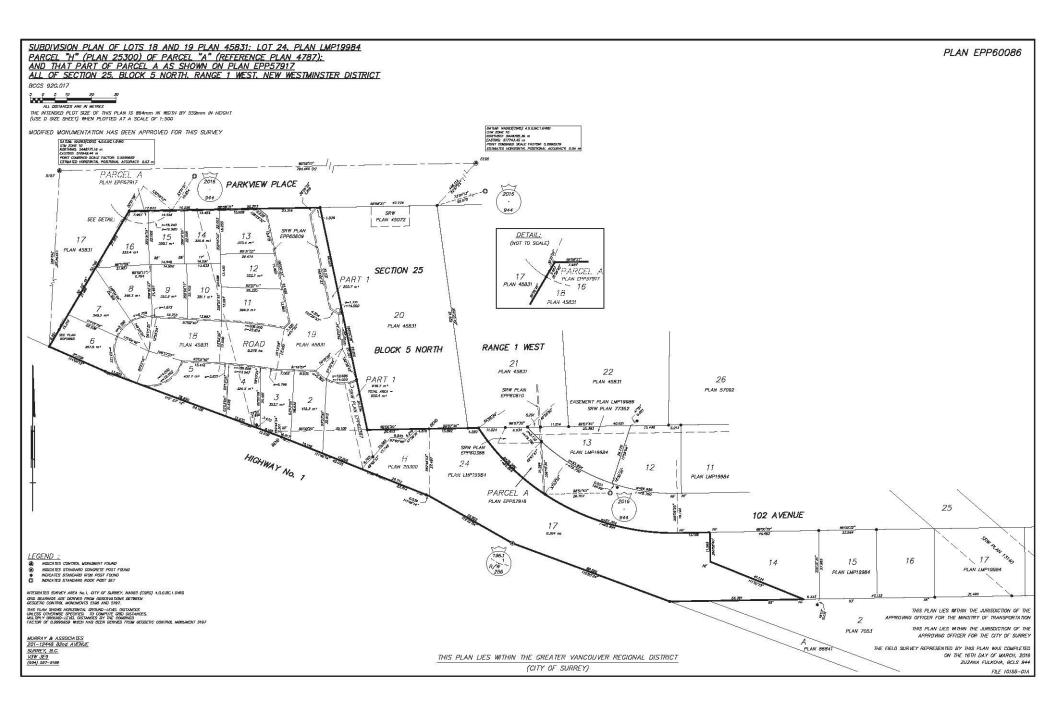
PID: 001-860-259

Section 25 Range 1 Plan 25300 New Westminster District Parcel H of PCL A, PCL "H"

(Plan 25300) of PCL "A" Ref Plan 4787)

3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office

(a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7913-0041-01 and bring the Development Variance Permit forward for issuance and execution by the Mayor and City Clerk.



CITY OF SURREY

(the "City")

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

NO.: 7914-0300-01

Issued To: QUALICO DEVELOPMENTS (VANCOUVER) INC.

Address of Owner: 5620 152 Street, UNIT 310

SURREY BC V₃S₃K₂

Issued To: CITY OF SURREY

Address of Owner: 13450-104 Avenue

SURREY BC V₃T ₁V8

(collectively referred to as the "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: 006-003-834 Lot 18 Block 5N Section 25 Range 1W Plan 45831 New Westminster District 16540 Parkview Place

Parcel Identifier: 006-003-877 Lot 19 Section 25 Rage 1 Plan 45831 New Westminster District 16582 Parkview Place

Parcel Identifier: 019-076-339 Lot 24 Section 25 Range 1 Plan LMP19984 New Westminster District 16618 102 Avenue

Parcel Identifier: 001-860-259 Section 25 Range 1 Plan 25300 New Westminster District Parcel H of PCL A, PCL "H" (Plan 25300) of PCL "A" Ref Plan 4787) 16591 No 1 Highway

(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 titles have been issued, as follows:

Parcel	Identifier:		

(b) If the civic addresses change, the City Clerk is directed to insert the new civic addresses for the Land, as follows:

- 4. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:
 - (a) In the table in Section B.1 of Part 7A "Streamside Protection", the minimum distance for a "Natural Class B Stream" is reduced from 15 metres (49 ft.) measured from top-of-bank to 10 metres (33 ft.) measured from high water mark for proposed Lot 1.
- 5. This development variance permit applies to only the <u>portion of the Land</u> shown on 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 unless the subdivision, as conceptually shown on Schedule A which is attached hereto and forms part of this development variance permit, is registered in the New Westminster Land Title Office within three (3) 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 ISSUED THIS DAY OF , 20 .	THE COUNCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 .
	Mayor – Linda Hepner
	City Clerk – Jane Sullivan

