

City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7915-0005-00

Planning Report Date: March 7, 2016

PROPOSAL:

• Development Variance Permit

To reduce setbacks for the purpose of tree retention and to create a more uniform streetscape.

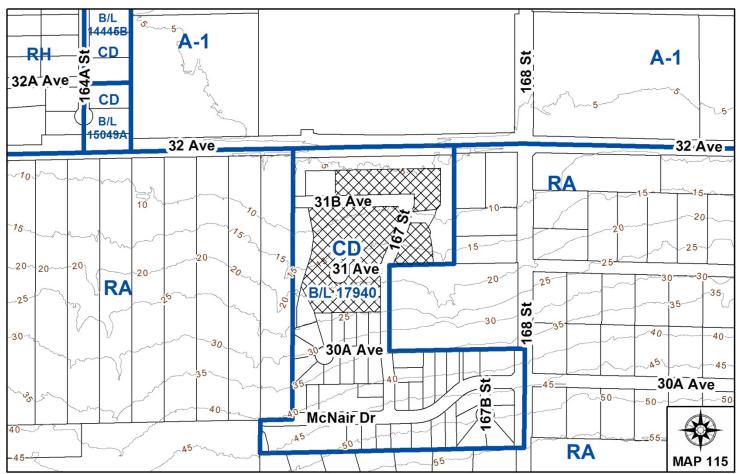
LOCATION: 16676 - 31B Avenue

OWNER: April Creek Developments Ltd.

ZONING: CD (By-law No. 17940)

OCP DESIGNATION: Suburban

NCP DESIGNATION: Single Detached (2 u.p.a.)



RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

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

DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

• A Development Variance Permit (DVP) is required to reduce the front yard, side yard, and side yard flanking street setbacks of Comprehensive Development Zone (CD) By-law No. 17940.

RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The proposed variances are necessary to allow reductions to the front yard, side yard, and side yard on flanking street setbacks for the purpose of tree retention on 12 proposed single family lots.
- Variances are also requested to the side yard and side yard on a flanking street on proposed Lots 11 and 24 due to the irregular shape of the lots and to allow homes that are in keeping with the proposed "estate" character of the area.
- The DVP will apply to Phase II of the subdivision under Development Application No. 7915-0005-00. Phase I of the subdivision was approved under Development Application No. 7911-0223-00 (the southern portion of the development site), which created 38 of the total 67 single family lots proposed to complete the subdivision of the development site.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that:

1. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0005-00 (Appendix III) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:

- (a) to reduce the minimum front yard setback of the Comprehensive Development Zone (CD) (By-law No. 17940) from 7.5 metres (25 ft.) to 6 metres (20 ft.) for proposed Lots 1, 2, 3, 12, 26, and 29;
- (b) to reduce one minimum side yard setback of the Comprehensive Development Zone (CD) (By-law No. 17940) from 3 metres (10 ft.) to 2 metres (7 ft.) for proposed Lots 1, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, and 24; and
- (c) to reduce one minimum side yard on a flanking street setback of the Comprehensive Development Zone (CD) (By-law No. 17940) from 7.5 metres (25 feet) to 4 metres (13 feet) for proposed Lots 1, 11, and 12.

REFERRALS

Engineering: Engineering has advised any issues related to the variances will be

addressed through the detailed design phase.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

<u>Existing Land Use:</u> Undeveloped, heavily treed land.

Adjacent Area:

Direction	Existing Use	OCP/NCP Designation	Existing Zone
North (Across 32 Avenue):	Greenbelt buffer between development site and 32 Ave. Across 32 Ave. is farmland within the ALR.	Agricultural	A-1
East:	Greenbelt and single family homes on one acre lots.	Suburban/Existing One Acre (northeast portion) & Half Acre Lots, Single Detached (2 u.p.a.)	RA
South:	Single family homes on small suburban lots (Phase I development of subject site).	Suburban/Single Detached (2 u.p.a.)	CD (By-law No. 17940)
West:	Greenbelt.	Suburban/Proposed Open Space/Linear Open Space	RA

DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Background

- On July 27, 2015, Council granted Final Adoption of Rezoning By-law No. 17940 to rezone the site from "One-Acre Residential Zone (RA)" to "Comprehensive Development Zone (CD)" (based on the RH-G zone) to facilitate the creation of 67 single family lots. The application also amended the North Grandview Heights NCP to provide for a new local road network, a community detention pond, and additional "Open Space/ Linear Open Space".
- Some of the proposed lots within the single family subdivision were increased in size to allow
 for on-site tree retention, while others were made smaller and narrower in order to provide
 the City with more open space which was conveyed to the City under Phase I of the
 development. Overall, the balance of smaller and larger lots, all permitted in the CD zone, has
 assisted in maintaining the character and context of the existing neighbourhood while
 maintaining the economic feasibility of the project.

Current Proposal

- The applicant is now proposing a Development Variance Permit (DVP) to reduce building setbacks for Phase II of this development to assist with proposed tree preservation efforts on private property and the siting of homes on the smaller lots.
- Specifically, Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0005-00 will vary the front yard, side yard, and side yard on a flanking street setbacks on 12 proposed lots for the purpose of tree retention. It will also vary the side yard and side yard on a flanking street setbacks on two (2) irregularly shaped lots (Lots 11 and 24) to accommodate construction of appropriately sized houses for the "estate" character of the neighbourhood and to help achieve a more balanced streetscape. The following list of variances is requested for Phase II of the subdivision, which will create the remaining 29 lots.

BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION

(a) Requested Variance:

• to reduce the minimum front yard setback from 7.5 metres (25 ft.) to 6 metres (20 ft.) on proposed Lots 1, 2, 3, 12, 26, and 29;

Applicant's Reasons:

- The requested variances are for the purpose of tree retention on the aforementioned lots.
- The front yard setbacks are proposed to be reduced by 1.5 metre (5 ft.) to maintain no build/no excavation tree zones which are necessary to protect trees in the rear yards.
- The proposed variances will also help to accommodate appropriately sized homes in keeping with the "estate" character of the area.

Staff Comments:

- The requested variances reducing the front yard setbacks are necessary to assist with tree preservation efforts on the site. Due to tree retention, many of the proposed lots have compromised building envelopes.
- The proposed variances will provide greater flexibility for building on the lots, while ensuring the residential quality and character of the neighbourhood is maintained.

(b) Requested Variance:

• to reduce one minimum side yard setback from 3.0 metres (10 ft.) to 2.0 metres (7 ft.) on proposed Lots 1, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, and 24.

Applicant's Reasons:

- All of the above variances are requested for the purpose of tree retention, with the exception of Lots 11 and 24.
- Lots 11 and 24 are irregularly shaped and require variances in order to maintain similar front yard setbacks as the neighbouring properties and to accommodate driveways in the front yard. Lot 11 is located on a flanking street, which further reduces the building envelope.
- The side yard setbacks on eight (8) of these lots need to be varied by 1.0 metre (3 ft.) in order to preserve trees on the future lots.
 - The proposed variance on Lot 1 is required to reduce the side yard setback to accommodate significant tree retention in the rear yard;
 - o The proposed variance on Lot 12 is required to reduce the side yard setback to accommodate tree retention in the rear/side yard;
 - o Lots 1 and 12 are also located on a flanking street, which further reduces the building envelope; and
 - O Lots 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 23 require variances to the side yard setbacks due to proposed tree preservation in the front yards.
- The proposed variances will help to accommodate appropriately sized homes in keeping with the "estate" character of the area.

Staff Comments:

- The requested variances reducing side yard setbacks are necessary to assist with tree
 preservation efforts on the site. Due to tree retention, many of the proposed lots have
 compromised building envelopes.
- The proposed variances will provide greater flexibility for building on the lots, while ensuring the residential quality and character of the neighbourhood is maintained.

(c) Requested Variance:

• to reduce one minimum side yard on a flanking street setback from 7.5 metres (25 feet) to 4.0 metres (13 feet) on proposed Lots 1, 11, and 12.

Applicant's Reasons:

- A 3.5 metres (12 ft.) reduction to the side yard on a flanking street setback is requested for three (3) lots flanking 167 Street. This is due to the fact that these lots have become relatively narrow in order to accommodate overall tree retention and open space onsite. The proposed reduction will also assist in creating a more harmonious streetscape.
- Without the requested variance, the narrow flanking lots would have substantially reduced buildable house frontage when compared to adjacent properties. Allowing for the variance will increase the buildable house frontage on the corner lots and give the builder more opportunity to create a uniform streetscape.
- The requested variances will also allow for driveways in the front yards on all three (3) lots.

Staff Comments:

• Staff have no concern with the proposed variance as it will not result in an increase in lot coverage or allowable home size, and will enhance the streetscape.

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 and Supporting Information

Appendix III Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0005-00

original signed by Ron Hintsche

Jean Lamontagne General Manager Planning and Development

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Information for City Clerk

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

1. Agent:

Name:

Alison Davies

Infinity Properties Ltd.

Address:

6360 - 202 Street, Unit 205

Langley, BC V2Y 1N2

Tel:

604-532-6060 - Work

604-532-6060 - Fax

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address:

16676 - 31B Avenue

(b) Civic Address:

16676 - 31B Avenue

Owner:

April Creek Developments Ltd

PID:

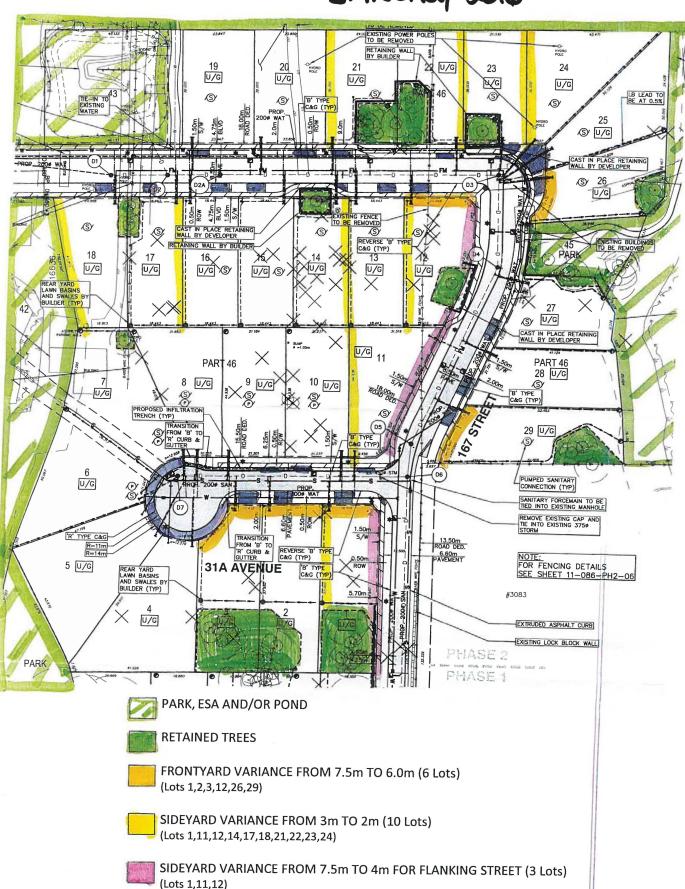
029-675-693

Lot 46 Section 24 Township 1 New Westminster District Plan EPP50321.

3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office

(a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0005-00 and bring the Development Variance Permit forward for issuance and execution by the Mayor and City Clerk.

DEU. VARIANCE PLEMIT APPULATION PHASE 2 - 7915-0005 JANUARY 2016



CITY OF SURREY

(the "City")

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

		NU.: 7915-0005-00
Issuec	l To:	APRIL CREEK DEVELOPMENTS LTD
		("the Owner")
Addre	ess of O	wner: #205, 6360 - 202 Street Langley, BC V2Y 1N2
1.	statut	levelopment variance permit is issued subject to compliance by the Owner with all es, by-laws, orders, regulations or agreements, except as specifically varied by this opment variance permit.
2.	witho	levelopment variance permit applies to that real property including land with or ut improvements located within the City of Surrey, with the legal description and address as follows:
		Parcel Identifier: 029-675-693 Lot 46 Section 24 Township 1 New Westminster District Plan EPP50321
		16676 - 31B Avenue
		(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:

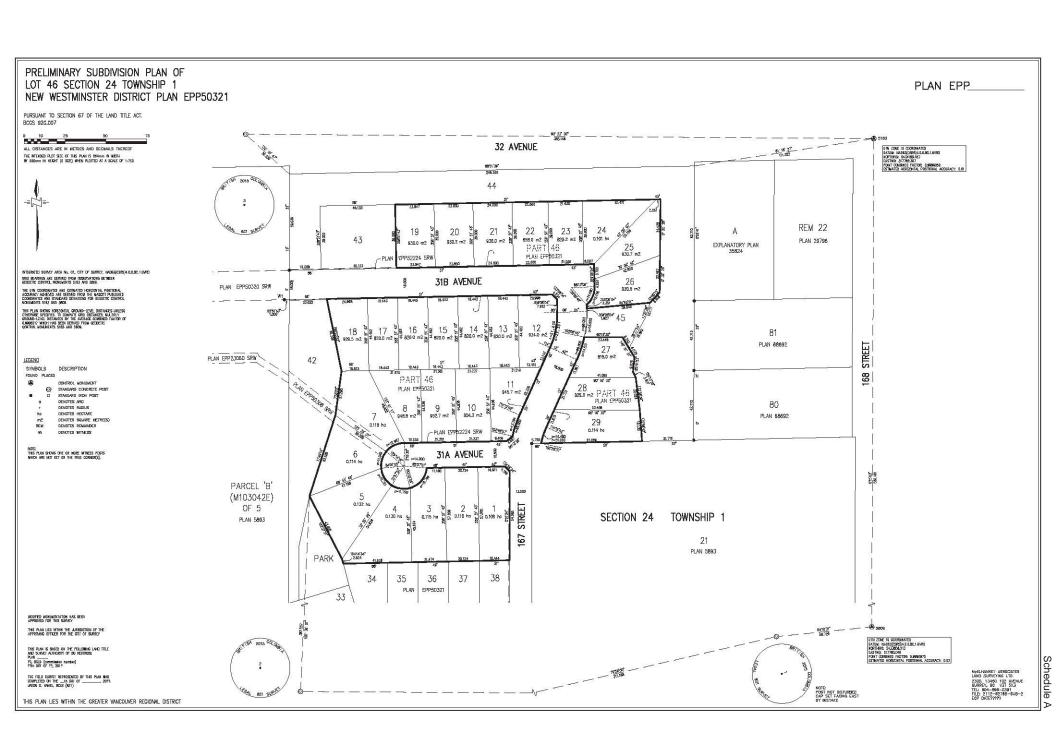
Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:

4.

- (a) In Section F. Yards and Setbacks of Comprehensive Development Zone (CD) (By-law No. 17940) the minimum front yard setback of the principal building is reduced from 7.5 metres (25 ft.) to 6.0 metres (20 ft.) on proposed Lots 1, 2, 3, 12, 26 and 29.
- (b) In Section F. Yards and Setbacks "Comprehensive Development Zone (CD)" (By-law No. 17940) one minimum side yard setback of the principal building is reduced from 3.0 metres (10 ft.) to 2.0 metres (6.5 ft.) on proposed Lots 1, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23 and 24.
- (c) In Section F. Yards and Setbacks "Comprehensive Development Zone (CD)" (By-law No. 17940) one minimum side yard setback on a flanking street of the principal building is reduced from 7.5 metres (25 ft.) to 4.0 metres (13 ft.) on proposed Lots 1, 11 and 12.
- 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. 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.
- 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 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.
- 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 THE COUNCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 . ISSUED THIS DAY OF , 20 .

Mayor – Linda Hepner	
mayor Emac reprier	
City Clerk – Jane Sullivan	



DEU. VARIANCE PURMIT APPULATION PHASE 2 - 7915-0005 JANUARY 2016

