

# City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7915-0072-00

Planning Report Date: May 11, 2015

#### PROPOSAL:

## • Development Variance Permit

in order to permit a total of five (5) fascia signs for an existing Tim Hortons restaurant in Fleetwood.

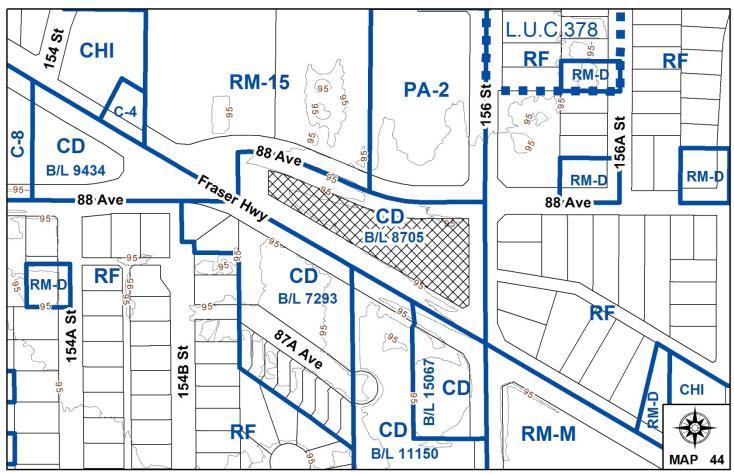
LOCATION: 15551 - Fraser Highway

OWNER: Eskaylee Enterprises Ltd.

ZONING: CD (By-law No. 8705)

**OCP DESIGNATION:** Commercial

TCP DESIGNATION: Highway Commercial



# **RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

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

## **DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS**

• Seeking variances to the Sign By-law to increase the number of allowable fascia signs and the maximum allowable combined fascia sign area for an existing restaurant (Tim Hortons).

### **RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION**

- A previously approved Development Permit (No. 7904-0293-00) permitted a total of three (3) fascia signs for this commercial retail unit. The applicant is now proposing two (2) additional non-illuminated fascia signs for a total five (5) fascia signs, all of which are high-quality, and are of an appropriate size and scale for the existing building.
- An increase to the maximum allowable sign area, to accommodate the five (5) proposed fascia signs, will allow corresponding signage on the west and south building elevations of the subject restaurant. The proposed fascia signage is well-coordinated and integrated with the architecture of the building, and provides a cohesive / improved look to the building, without being excessive.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning & Development Department recommends that Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0072-00 (Appendix II) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:

- (a) to vary Part 5 Section 27(2)(a) of Sign By-law, 1999, No. 13656 to increase the number of allowable fascia signs from two (2) to five (5), with three (3) fascia signs on the south elevation and two (2) fascia signs on the west elevation, for an existing Tim Hortons restaurant located at the west end of the building on the subject site; and
- (b) to vary Part 5 Section 27(2)(6) of Sign By-law, 1999, No. 13656 to increase the maximum allowable combined sign area of all fascia signs on the west and south façades of the Tim Hortons restaurant on the subject site, from 15.0 square metres (160 sq.ft.) to 20 square metres (215 sq.ft.).

## **REFERRALS**

Engineering: The Engineering Department has no objection to the proposed

fascia signage.

#### SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Existing Land Use: Single-storey, multi-tenant commercial building and gas station

(Fleetwood Corner)

## Adjacent Area:

Direction	Existing Use	OCP / Fleetwood	<b>Existing Zone</b>
		TCP Designation	
North (Across 88 Avenue):	Low density	Urban in the OCP/	RM-15 and
	townhouses and church.		PA-2
East (Across 156 Street):	Single family dwellings	Urban in the OCP /	RF
	and vacant lots.	Low Density and	
		Medium Density	
		Townhouses in the	
		TCP	
South (Across Fraser	Two-storey townhouses,	Urban in the OCP /	CD By-law
Highway):	fast food restaurant	Highway Commercial	Nos. 7293,
	(McDonald's), and gas	in the TCP	11150 and 15067
	station (Chevron) and		
	convenience store.		
West (Across Fraser	Multi-tenant	Commercial in the	CD By-law
Highway / 88 Avenue	commercial buildings.	OCP	No. 9434
intersection):			

#### **DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

## **Background**

- The subject site is bounded by 88 Avenue to the north, Fraser Highway to the south, and 156 Street to the east, and is currently occupied by a single-storey, multi-tenant commercial shopping centre and a gas station (Fleetwood Corner).
- The site is designated Commercial in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and Highway Commercial in the Fleetwood Town Centre Plan, and is zoned "Comprehensive Development Zone (CD)" (By-law No. 8705).
- A Tim Hortons restaurant, which is the subject of this development application, is located at the western end of the building.
- Council approved Development Permit No. 7904-0293-00 on October 18, 2004, which permitted a total of three (3) fascia signs for the existing Tim Hortons restaurant on the site.

# **Current Proposal**

- The applicant has been in the process of renovating the existing Tim Hortons restaurant to improve its overall appearance and to bring it in line with the more contemporary design character of newer Tim Hortons restaurants. This renovation includes replacing existing fascia signage and adding new signage on the subject building.
- The applicant proposes to install two (2) new, non-illuminated sign bands along the west and south façades, which will result in a total of five (5) fascia signs for the Tim Hortons restaurant. The five (5) fascia signs will exceed the maximum number of two (2) fascia signs permitted under the Sign By-law, and therefore, a Development Variance Permit (DVP) is required (see By-law Variance Section).
- The applicant also proposes to replace the two (2) existing "Tim Hortons" illuminated channel letter fascia signs that are on the west and south façades with fascia signs of an identical size and type, but in a slightly higher location on the façades.
- The existing, illuminated sign band along the west facade will remain unchanged.
- The combined sign area of all five (5) fascia signs is approximately 20 square metres (215 sq.ft.), which exceeds the maximum sign area of 15 square metres (160 sq.ft.) permitted under the Sign By-law based on the length of the premise frontage of the Tim Hortons restaurant. This also requires a variance (see By-law Variance Section).
- The applicant is not proposing any improvements to any of the other tenant fascia signage or to any of the free-standing signage for this shopping centre, and therefore, the proposal does not constitute a comprehensive sign package.

### **DESIGN PROPOSAL AND REVIEW**

## Proposed Fascia Sign Bands

- The two (2) proposed non-illuminated sign bands will be installed along the west and south façades. Each of the "coffee donuts espresso sandwiches latte bagels" sign bands are approximately 0.3 metre (1.0 ft.) high and 5.0 metres (16.5 ft.) in length, resulting in a combined sign area of 3.0 square metres (32 sq.ft.).
- The two (2) proposed sign bands include aluminum faces with vinyl text and will be illuminated by downward-facing gooseneck style lighting, which is high-quality and will enhance the overall appearance of the building.

## **Existing Fascia Signs**

- The two (2) existing "Tim Hortons" illuminated channel letter fascia signs located on the west and south façades will be replaced with two (2) "Tim Hortons" signs that are identical in size and type, but will be installed approximately 1.0 metre (3 ft.) higher than their current locations on the building.
- Each of these two (2) "Tim Hortons" fascia signs are approximately 0.9 metre (3.0 ft.) high and 4.5 metres (14.5 ft.) in length, resulting in a combined sign area of 8.1 square metres (88 sq.ft.). These fascia signs are comprised of red, illuminated channel letters, which are the same as the two (2) existing fascia signs that are being replaced.
- An existing, illuminated sign band (red background with white text) on the south façade will remain unchanged. The existing sign band, which is approximately 0.6 metre (2.0 ft.) high and 15.0 metres (50 ft.) in length, results in a sign area of 9.0 square metres (95 sq.ft.).
- The table below summarizes the five (5) fascia signs mentioned in this Planning Report for the Tim Hortons restaurant:

Tim Hortons Fascia Signage	Qty	Sign Type	Sign Size
Sign bands ("coffee • donuts • espresso • sandwiches • latte • bagels")	2	Install new, non-illuminated sign bands lit by downward-facing gooseneck lighting	Each sign is approximately o.3 metre (1.0 ft.) by 5.0 metres (16.5 ft.), resulting in a combined sign area of 3.0 square metres (32 sq.ft.)
Channel letter signs ("Tim Hortons")	2	Remove and replace two (2) existing fascia signs with two (2) red, illuminated channel letter signs that are identical in size and type	Each sign is approximately o.9 metre (3.0 ft.) by 4.5 metres (14.5 ft.), resulting in a combined sign area of 8.0 square metres (88 sq.ft.)
Sign band ("Tim Hortons Tim Hortons Tim Hortons")	1	Retain an existing, illuminated sign band on the south building façade (red background with white text)	The sign is approximately 0.6 metre (2.0 ft.) by 15.0 metres, resulting in a sign area of 9.0 square metres (95 sq.ft.)

### **BY-LAW VARIANCES AND JUSTIFICATION**

# (a) Requested Variance:

• To vary Part 5 Section 27(2)(a) of Sign By-law, 1999, No. 13656 to allow two (2) additional fascia signs (sign bands), for a total of five (5) fascia signs, on the west and south façades of the Tim Hortons restaurant located at the west end of the building on the subject site.

# Applicant's Reasons:

- The proposed signage upgrades and modernizes the Tim Hortons restaurant, and reflects the current re-imaging program for all of its restaurants.
- The two (2) proposed sign bands will identify the items offered at Tim Hortons, which is important in the company's continued effort to expand into new markets.

### **Staff Comments:**

- The two (2) proposed fascia sign bands are of an appropriate size and scale in relation to the existing building, and are designed to fit within the two (2) architectural dormer features on the west and south building elevations.
- The two (2) proposed fascia sign bands are of a high-quality aluminum design and are not internally illuminated. The sign bands are lit by downward-facing gooseneck lighting.
- Staff support this variance.

# (b) Requested Variance:

• To vary Part 5 Section 27(2)(b) of Sign By-law, 1999, No. 13656 to increase the maximum permitted sign area of all fascia signs on the west and south façades of the Tim Hortons restaurant on the subject site, from 15.0 square metres (160 sq.ft.) to 20 square metres (215 sq.ft.).

### Applicant's Reasons:

The proposed signage is important to the owners of the business, and will help create
a vibrant and modern aesthetic appearance with an active and welcoming pedestrian
realm.

#### **Staff Comments:**

• The applicant proposes only two (2) new fascia signs (2 sign bands). The other three (3) fascia signs currently exist on the west and south building façades – two (2) of the existing fascia signs will be replaced by two (2) fascia signs that are identical in size and type, while the other existing fascia sign will remain unchanged on the south façade.

• The Tim Hortons signage is well-coordinated and integrated with the architecture of the building, and provides a cohesive / improved look to the building, without being excessive.

• The Sign By-law determines the maximum allowable sign area for fascia signs based on the width of the frontage that contains the main entrance to the premises / commercial retail unit, which in this case is the south building elevation. The subject Tim Hortons restaurant however, also maintains a second frontage along the west building elevation that provides an open and active storefront. As a result, an increase in the maximum sign area has merit on the basis that it will allow corresponding signage on both frontages.

## **INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT**

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Lot Owners and Action Summary

Appendix II. Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0072-00

original signed by Judith Robertson

Jean Lamontagne General Manager Planning and Development

#### DN/da

# Information for City Clerk

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

ı. (a) Agent: Name: Sam Bogetti

**Dillon Consulting Limited** 

Address: 3820 - Cessna Drive, Unit 510

Richmond, BC V7B oA2

Tel: (604) 278-2847

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address: 15551 - Fraser Hwy

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Owner: Eskaylee Enterprises Ltd.

PID: 005-534-356

Lot 1 Section 26 and Section 35 Township 2 New Westminster District Plan 73022

- 3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office
  - (a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0072-00 and bring the Development Variance Permit forward for an indication of support by Council. If supported, the Development Variance Permit will be brought forward for issuance and execution by the Mayor and City Clerk.

## **CITY OF SURREY**

(the "City")

#### **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT**

NO.: 7915-0072-00

Issued To: ESKAYLEE ENTERPRISES LTD

("the Owner")

Address of Owner: #203, 4300 - North Fraser Way

Burnaby, BC V5J oB3

- 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:

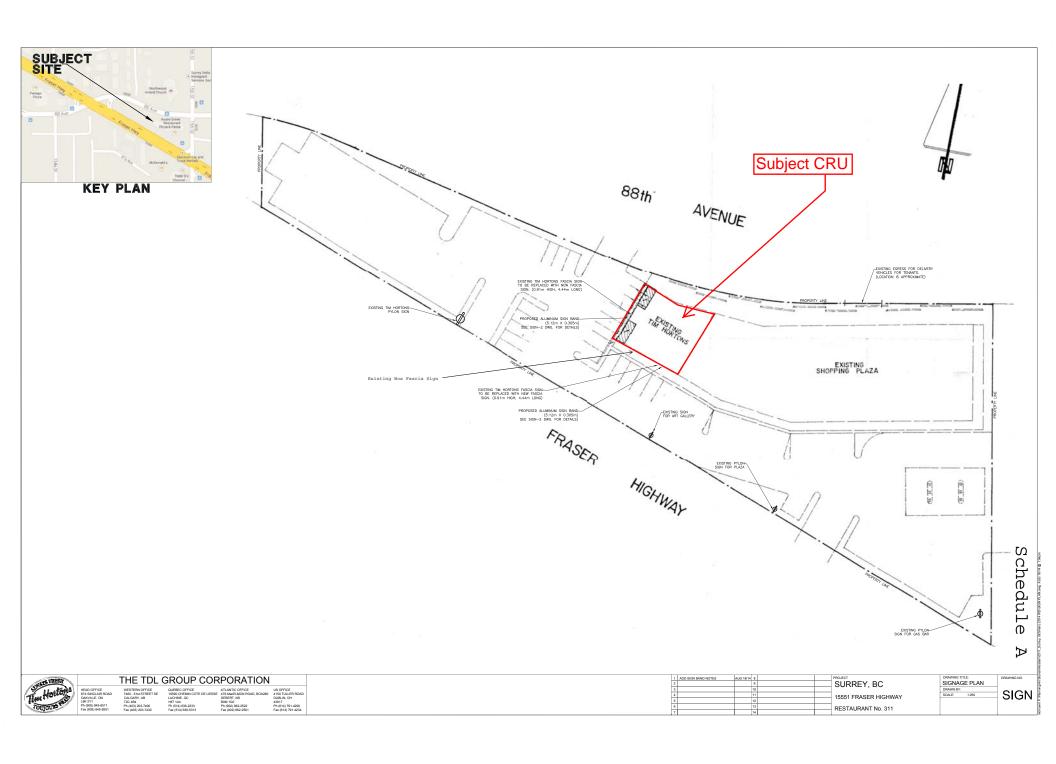
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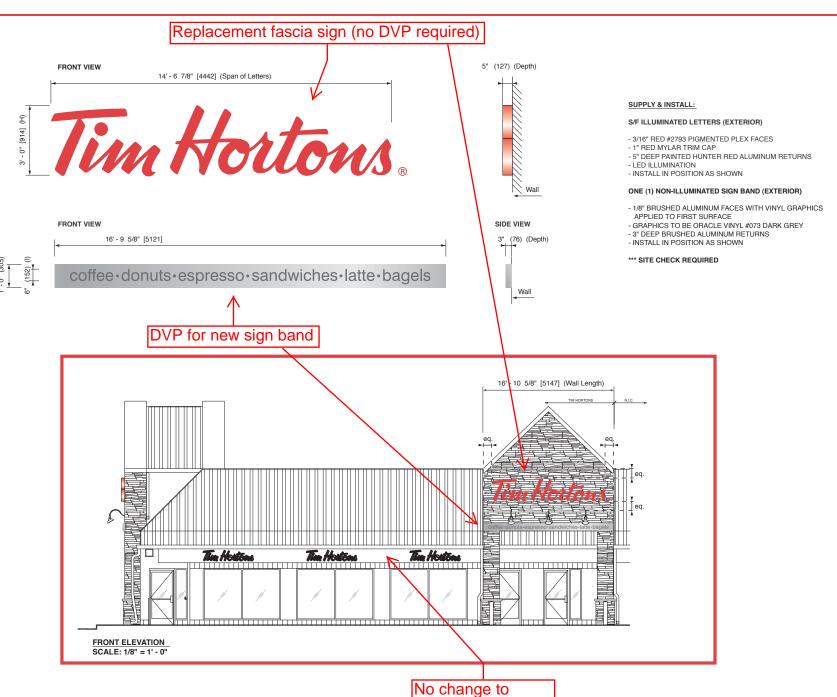
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(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Sign By-law, 1999, No. 13656, as amended is varied as follows:
  - (a) Part 5 Section 27(2)(a) of Sign By-law, 1999, No. 13656 is varied by increasing the allowable number of fascia signs from two (2) to five (5), with three (3) facsia signs permitted on the south façade and two (2) fascia signs on the west façade, for the westernmost commercial retail unit in the building on the subject site; and
  - (b) Part 5 Section 27(2)(b) of Sign By-law, 1999, No. 13656 is varied by increasing the maximum permitted combined sign area of all fascia signs for the westernmost commercial retail unit in the building on the subject site, from 15.0 square metres (160 sq.ft.) to 20 square metres (215 sq.ft.).
- 4. This development variance permit applies to only the portion of the building on the Land shown on 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 construction with respect to which this devel (2) years after the date this development variance.	opment variance permit is issued, within two
7.	The terms of this development variance perm persons who acquire an interest in the Land.	it or any amendment to it, are binding on all
8.	This development variance permit is not a bu	ilding permit.
	ORIZING RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE CO D THIS DAY OF , 2015.	UNCIL, THE DAY OF , 2015.
		Mayor – Linda Hepner
		City Clerk - Jane Sullivan





existing fascia sign

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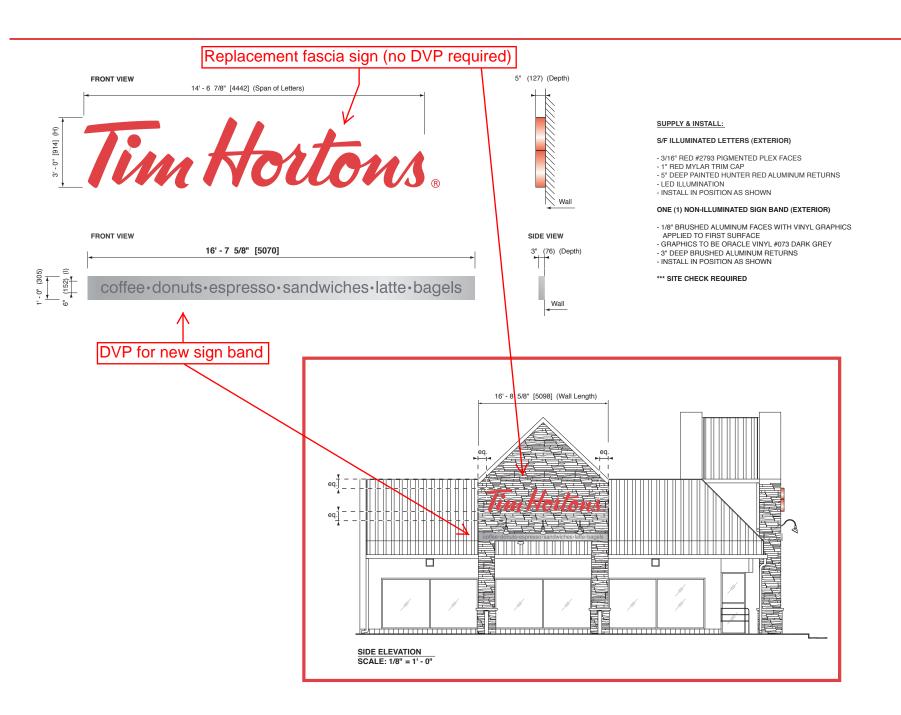
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