

# City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7915-0225-00

Planning Report Date: March 7, 2015

#### PROPOSAL:

## • Development Variance Permit

to permit the construction of a basement access well between the principal building and the front lot line, for a proposed single family dwelling.

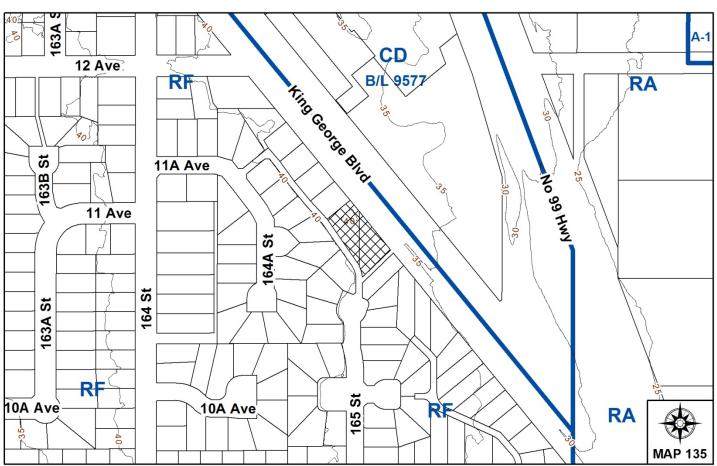
LOCATION: 1115 King George Boulevard

**OWNER:** Heather J. Fink

ZONING: RF
OCP DESIGNATION: Urban

LAP DESIGNATION: Single Family Residential

(6 u.p.a.)



## **RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

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

#### DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

• Seeking to vary the Single Family Residential Zone (RF) to permit construction of a basement access well in the front yard of a new single family home.

## **RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION**

- The proposal would permit a basement access well in the front yard, consistent with the development pattern of other homes in the area.
- Homes along this portion of King George Boulevard are designed such that the front of the house faces onto a lane and the legal front yard on King George Boulevard effectively acts as a rear yard.
- Other homes along this portion of King George Boulevard have basement access wells located in the front yard, as they were constructed prior to the basement access restriction being added to the RF Zone in 2013. Therefore, the proposed front yard basement access well is consistent with the established streetscape.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning & Development Department recommends that Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0225-00 (Appendix III), to vary Subsection J.2. Special Regulations of the Single Family Residential Zone (RF) to allow the basement access and basement well to be located in the front yard of the subject lot, to proceed to Public Notification:

#### **REFERRALS**

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

#### **SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

<u>Existing Land Use:</u> Vacant single family lot.

#### **Adjacent Area:**

Direction	Existing Use	OCP/King George	<b>Existing Zone</b>
		Corridor Plan Designation	
North:	Single family dwellings	Urban / Single Family	RF
		Residential (6 u.p.a.)	
East (Across King	Hotel	Urban / Tourist Commercial	CD (By-law No.
George Boulevard):			9577)
South:	Single family dwellings	Urban / Single Family	RF
		Residential (6 u.p.a.)	
West:	Single family dwellings	Urban / Single Family	RF
		Residential (6 u.p.a.)	

#### **DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

## **Background**

- The 925 square metre (9,952 sq. ft.) subject site is located at 1115 King George Boulevard. The site is designated Urban in the Official Community Plan (OCP), Single Family Residential (6 u.p.a.) in the King George Corridor Development Concept Plan, and is zoned Single Family Residential Zone (RF).
- The subject property, together with the property to the north at 1139 King George Boulevard, are currently under application to subdivide from two (2) RF lots into three (3) RF lots, under Development Application No. 7915-0225-00. Preliminary Layout Approval for this subdivision was issued on November 9, 2015.

## Current Proposal

• The applicant has submitted a building permit application to construct a single family dwelling on the subject lot, with the front of the house and garage facing the rear lane. The proposal is to have the basement access and well in the front yard and is consistent with other homes on this portion of King George Boulevard, which were constructed prior to the basement access restriction being added to the RF Zone in 2013.

• Driveways are not permitted onto King George Boulevard and the apparent front of the proposed home will face onto the rear lane. The legal front yard along King George Boulevard will effectively act as a rear yard.

## **BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION**

## (a) Requested Variance:

• To vary the requirement that basement access and basement wells be permitted only between the principal building and the rear lot line in the RF Zone.

## Applicant's Reasons:

- On this lot, and on neighbouring lots to the northwest that also "legally front" King George Boulevard, houses are designed so that the apparent front of the dwellings face the lane, and that the apparent rear yards face King George Boulevard. There is considerable separation between the legal front lot line and King George Boulevard, with dense planting near the front lot line concealing views from traffic. There is no public sidewalk on this side of King George Boulevard and no entry walkway to the legal front yard. The King George Boulevard side of the property is effectively the rear yard, and the lane is effectively the front yard.
- Other homes along this portion of King George Boulevard have basement access wells located in the front yard, as they were constructed prior to the basement access restriction being added to the RF Zone in 2013. The house at 1085 King George Boulevard was approved in 2013, just prior to introduction of the changes to the RF Zone, permitting construction of a basement entry well in the front yard.
- The proposed front yard basement access well is consistent with the established streetscape.

#### **Staff Comments:**

• The RF Zone was amended in September 2013 to restrict basement access and basement wells to the rear yard only, rather than the front yard or side yard. Other homes along this portion of King George Boulevard were constructed prior to the changes to the RF Zone and have basement access wells located in the front yard. Therefore, the provision of a basement access well in the front yard on the subject property would be consistent with other dwellings in the area.

• The proposed variance will not result in a negative impact to the streetscape and adjoining properties.

# **INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT**

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Lot Owners and Action Summary

Appendix II. Site Plan

Appendix III. Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0225-00

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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. Agent: Name: Dexter Hirabe

WSP Group Canada/Hunter Laird

Address: 65 - Richmond Street, Unit 300

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Tel: 604-525-4651 - Work

2. Properties involved in the Application

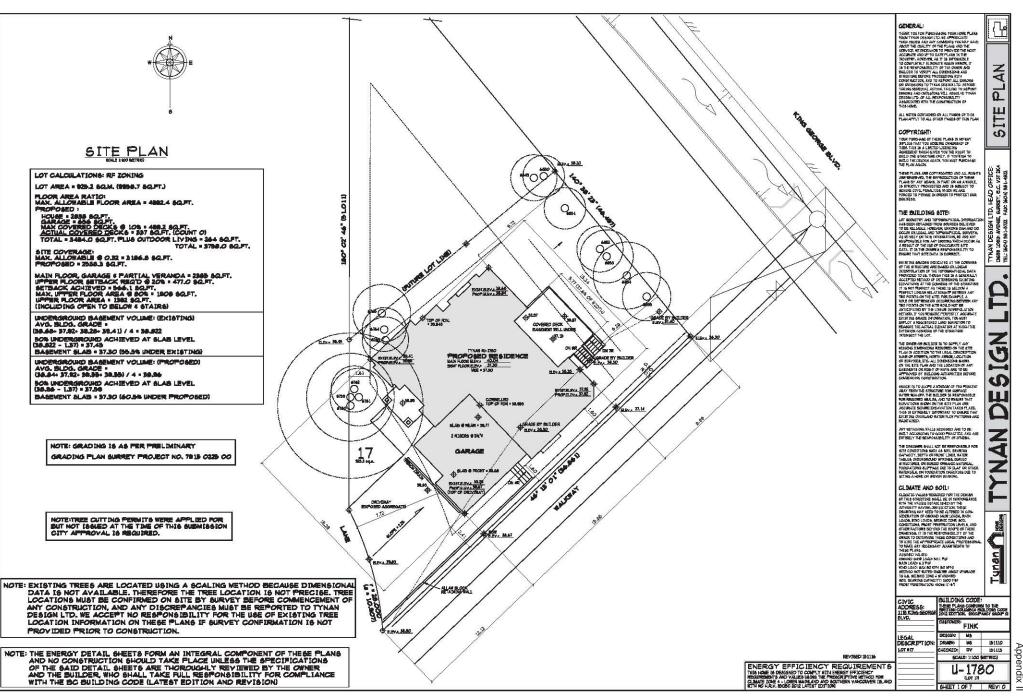
(a) Civic Address: 1115 - King George Boulevard

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Owner: Heather J. Fink PID: 028-833-627

Lot 17 Section 12 Township 1 Plan BCP50756

- 3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office
  - (a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0225-00 and bring the Development Variance Permit forward for issuance and execution by the Mayor and City Clerk.



Appendix

#### **CITY OF SURREY**

(the "City")

#### **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT**

NO.: 7915-0225-00

Issued To: HEATHER J. FINK

("the Owner")

Address of Owner: 935 - 163 Street

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- 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: 028-833-627 Lot 17 Section 12 Township 1 Plan BCP50756

1115 - King George Boulevard

(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:
  - (a) In Subsection J.2 Special Regulations of Part 16 Single Family Residential Zone (RF), the requirement that basement access and basement wells are permitted only between the principal building and the rear lot line is waived for the Land.
- 4. This development variance permit applies to only <u>that portion of the buildings and structures on the Land</u> 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 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.		
	ORIZING RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE CO D THIS DAY OF , 20 .	UNCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 .	
		Mayor – Linda Hepner	
		City Clerk - Jane Sullivan	

