

City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7915-0263-00

Planning Report Date: October 20, 2015

PROPOSAL:

• Development Variance Permit

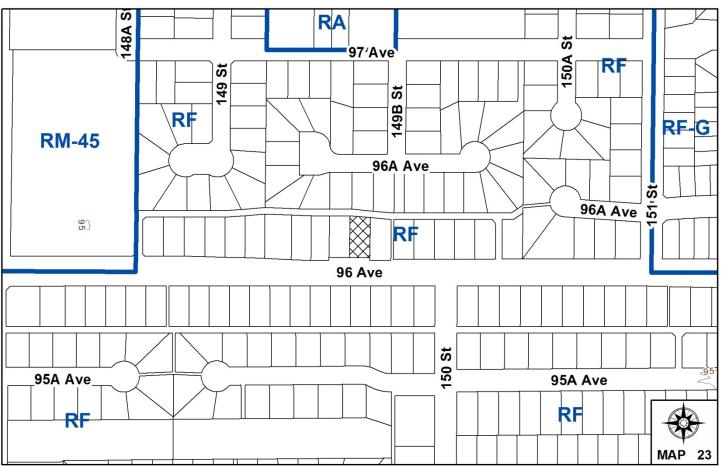
to reduce the west side yard setback for a proposed single family dwelling.

LOCATION: 14969 - 96 Avenue

OWNERS: Jaswant S Dhillon

Jaswinder K Dhillon

ZONING: RF
OCP DESIGNATION: Urban



RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

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

DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

• The applicant is seeking a variance to reduce the westerly side yard setback for the principal building from 1.8 metres (6 feet) to 1.2 metres (3.9 feet) in the RF Zone.

RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The subject property is impacted by a 3.1-metre (10.2 ft.) wide easement along the easterly property line, which reduces the buildable area and functional floor space of the proposed house.
- The requested setback variance will allow additional floor space, and therefore a more functional floor plan for the main floor of the proposed house.
- The proposed side yard setbacks are consistent with the previous (prior to 2013) version of the RF Zone which permitted one side yard setback to be reduced to 1.2 metres (3.9 ft.) provided the opposing side yard is a minimum of 2.4 metres (7.9 ft.). The siting of the proposed dwelling will therefore be consistent with many of the homes of the neighbourhood constructed under the previous regulations in the RF Zone.
- The applicant reports that the neighbour to the west of the subject lot has raised no concerns with the proposed side yard setback relaxation.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0263-00 (Appendix V) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:

(a) to reduce the minimum westerly side yard setback of the principal building in the RF Zone from 1.8 metres (6 ft.) to 1.2 metres (3.9 ft.).

REFERRALS

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

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Existing Land Use: Vacant lot.

Adjacent Area:

Direction	Existing Use	OCP Designation	Existing Zone
North (Across lane):	Single family dwellings	Urban	RF
East:	Single family dwellings	Urban	RF
South (Across 96 Avenue):	Single family dwellings	Urban	RF
West:	Single family dwellings	Urban	RF

DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Background

- The 689-square metre (7,419 sq. ft.) subject lot is located at 14969 96 Avenue in Guildford.
- The lot is designated "Urban" in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and is zoned "Single Family Residential Zone (RF)".
- The subject lot was created in 2009 under Application No. 7907-0171-00. The application consisted of a subdivision to create 2 RF lots from 1 existing parent lot. The subject lot has been vacant since its creation in 2009.
- The parent lot of the subject lot was one of 11 lots (Lot 10) created in 1986 under Application No. 6086-0084-00 (Appendix IV).

• An easement (Z156822) and covenant (Z156823) were registered over the north-eastern portion of the subject lot on August 22, 1986 as a condition of the 11-lot subdivision. The easement is to accommodate a driveway, 3.1 metres (10.2 ft.) wide and 24.5 metres (80.4 ft.) long, over the eastern portion of the subject lot, as shown on Explanatory Plan No. 72539 (Appendix III). The driveway is for the benefit and use of the adjacent lot to the east, located at 14973 – 96 Avenue. As per the Easement and Covenant documents, the driveway area is not to be built upon and the adjacent lot owners are to retain free and unrestricted right and liberty for the purposes of ingress and egress over the driveway area.

• The easement was required as a condition of the 11-lot subdivision because the adjacent lot (14973 – 96 Avenue) does not have sufficient room off the rear lane to obtain a driveway. As per Highway and Traffic By-law No. 13007, driveway access for single family lots is not permitted on arterial roads and 96 Avenue is an arterial road. The driveway easement will therefore be required until such time as the adjacent lot rebuilds and is able to achieve its own driveway access from the rear lane.

Current Proposal

- The applicant is preparing to submit a building permit application to construct a single family dwelling on the subject lot, with an attached garage. Since the driveway easement cannot be built upon, the eastern face of the proposed dwelling must be located outside of the 3.1-metre (10.2 foot) wide driveway area. According to the preliminary house plans submitted by the applicant (Appendix II), the eastern face of the proposed dwelling will be located 3.2 metres (10.6 ft.) from the eastern property line.
- The requirement to site the dwelling outside of the 3.1-metre (10.2 foot) wide driveway area reduces the floor space of the proposed dwelling by 10.2 square metres (109.8 square feet) and results in a less functional floor plan on the main floor. To mitigate these impacts on the proposed dwelling, the applicant is requesting to vary the westerly side yard setback from 1.8 metres (6 ft.) to 1.2 metres (3.9 ft.) (see By-law Variance section).

BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION

(a) Requested Variance:

• To reduce the minimum westerly side yard setback of the principal building in the RF Zone from 1.8 metres (6 ft.) to 1.2 metres (3.9 ft.).

Applicant's Reasons:

• The proposed setback variance allows for a more functional floor plan and increases the floor space of the proposed dwelling, impacted by an existing easement along the easterly side yard.

Staff Comments:

• The proposed side yard setback reduction will help mitigate the impacts of the existing easement on the eastern portion of the subject lot.

• The requested variance will allow the proposed dwelling to achieve a more functional floor plan on the main floor.

- In 2013, Council approved several amendments to the RF Zone including to the setback requirements. The previous RF Zone permitted one side yard to be reduced to 1.2 metres (3.9 ft.) provided the opposing side yard was a minimum of 2.4 metres (7.9 ft.). The current RF Zone no longer includes this provision and as such both side yards are required to be a minimum of 1.8 metres (6 ft.). A number of dwellings in the surrounding neighbourhood were built in accordance with the requirements of the previous (prior to 2013) RF Zone. As such, the siting of the proposed dwelling will be in keeping with the surrounding residential context.
- The applicant has contacted the owner of the neighbouring lot to the west (14949 96 Avenue), and that owner reportedly has no concerns with the proposed setback relaxation.
- The RF Zone permits a maximum floor area of 381 square metres (4,103 square feet) on the subject lot. The proposed dwelling is 319.4 square metres (3,439 square feet) in floor area without the requested setback relaxation and 329.6 square metres (3,548 square feet) with the setback relaxation.
- The proposed front yard setback complies with Part 7 Special Building Setbacks in Zoning By-law No. 12000.
- 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 Building Plan and Sections

Appendix III. Explanatory Plan No. 72539, registered in 1986 Appendix IV. Subdivision Plan No. 72537, approved in 1986 Appendix V. Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0263-00

original signed by Judith Robertson

Jean Lamontagne General Manager Planning and Development

<u>Information for City Clerk</u>

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

1. (a) Agent: Name: Sonia Dhaliwal

Address: 103 – 15127 – 100 Avenue

Surrey, BC V₃R oN₉

Tel: 604-725-7605

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address: 14969 - 96 Avenue

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Owners: Jaswinder K Dhillon

Jaswant S Dhillon

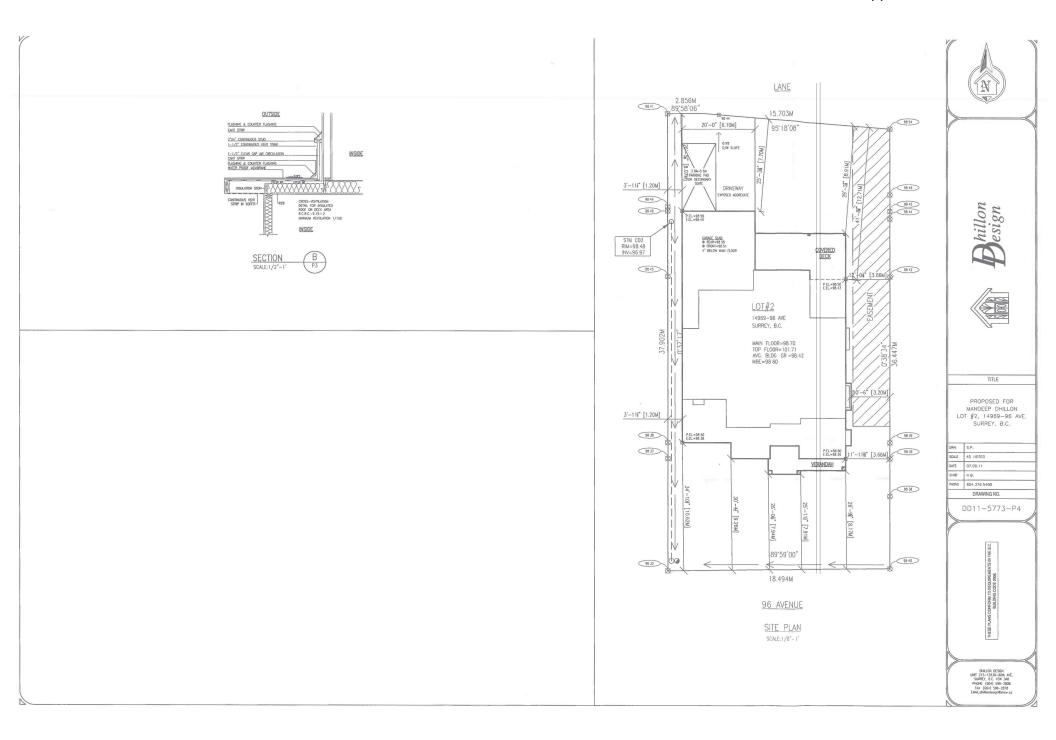
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Lot 2 Section 32 Block 5 North Range 1 West New Westminster District Plan BCP42972

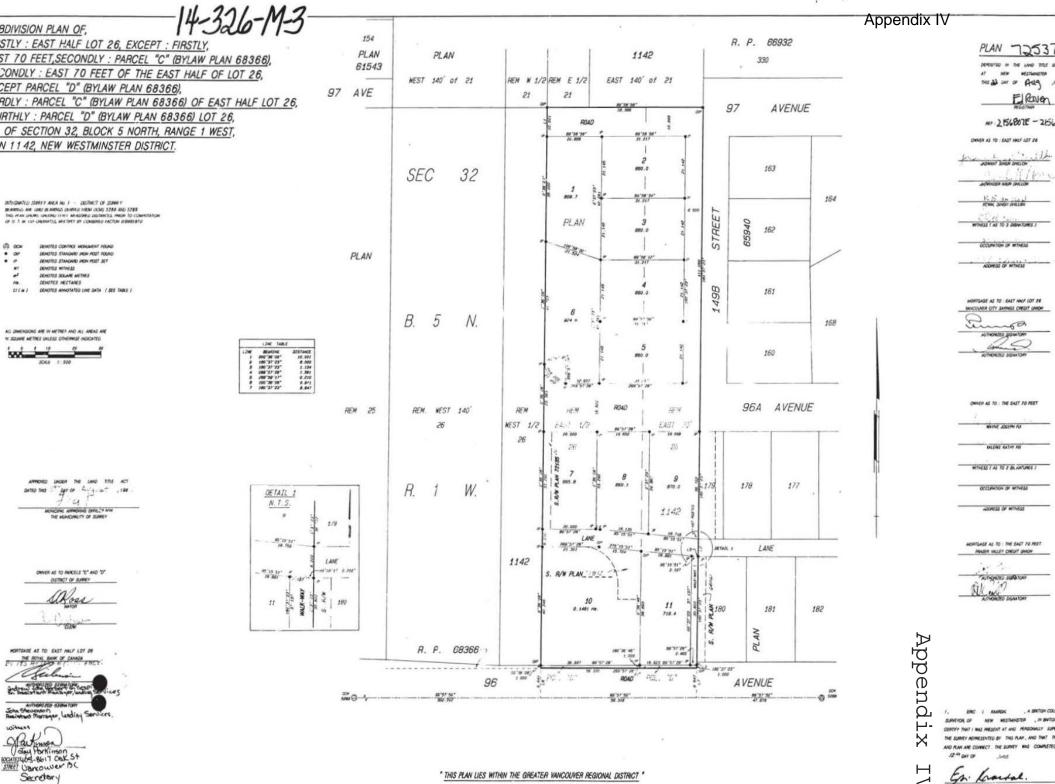
3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office

(a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0263-00 and bring the Development Variance Permit forward for issuance and execution by the Mayor and City Clerk.

Appendix II







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(the "City")

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

NO.: 7915-0263-00

Issued To: JASWANT S DHILLON

JASWINDER K DHILLON

("the Owner")

Address of Owner: 14962 - 96A Avenue

Surrey, BC V₃R ₉V₆

- 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: 028-092-104 Lot 2 Section 32 Block 5 North Range 1 West New Westminster District Plan BCP42972

14969 - 96 Avenue

(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:
 - (a) In Section F of Part 16 "Single Family Residential Zone (RF)", the minimum western side yard setback for the principal building is reduced from 1.8 metres (6 ft.) to 1.2 metres (3.9 ft.).
- 4. This development variance permit applies to only that portion of the buildings and structures 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 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.		
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COUNCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 . ISSUED THIS DAY OF , 20 .			
		Mayor – Linda Hepner	
		City Clerk – Jane Sullivan	

