

City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7915-0430-00

Planning Report Date: March 7, 2016

PROPOSAL:

• Development Variance Permit

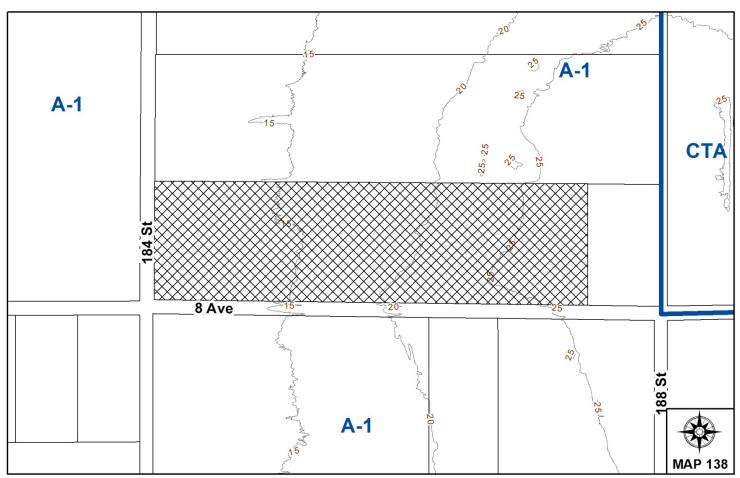
to vary the maximum setback of a *single family dwelling* and the maximum depth of the *farm residential footprint* in the "General Agriculture (A-1) Zone".

LOCATION: 18665 - 8 Avenue

OWNER: Arvinderjit S Sidhu et al

ZONING: A-1

OCP DESIGNATION: Agricultural



RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

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

DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

• The applicant is proposing a Development Variance Permit (DVP) to increase the maximum setback for a single family dwelling; and to increase the maximum depth of the farm residential footprint permitted in the General Agriculture Zone (A-1) in order to permit construction of two (2) single family dwellings.

RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The proposed farm home plate location is not currently used for agricultural production.
- The owners wish to locate the farm home plate within close proximity of existing farm buildings on site to allow the owners to work more efficiently on the property.
- The proposal meets the intent of the farm home plate policy in that it limits the impact of buildings on the farmable land and clusters buildings (including farm buildings) in a contiguous area.
- The Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee supports the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0430-00 (Appendix IV) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:

- (a) to increase the maximum setback of all portions of a single family dwelling from the side lot line on a flanking street in the A-1 Zone from 50 metres (164 ft.) to 93.3 metres (306 ft.); and
- (b) to increase the maximum depth of the farm residential footprint from the side lot line on a flanking street in the A-1 Zone from 60 metres (197 ft.) to 101.5 metres (333 ft.).

REFERRALS

Engineering: The Engineering Department has no objection to the proposed

variance.

Agricultural and Food Security Advisory Committee (AFSAC): The project was reviewed at the February 8, 2016 Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee (AFSAC) meeting wherein the committee made a recommendation of support for the proposal

(Appendix III).

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

<u>Existing Land Use:</u> Agricultural – hay production

Adjacent Area:

Direction	Existing Use	ОСР	Existing Zone
North, East, South and West:	Agricultural	Agricultural	A-1

DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Site Description

- The 12.79-hectare (31.6 acre) subject site is located at 18665 8 Avenue. The site is located within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), is designated Agricultural in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and is zoned "General Agriculture Zone (A-1)".
- There are currently no residential buildings located on the property.
- The General Agriculture Zone allows two (2) single family dwellings to be located on a lot which is 4 hectares (10 acres) or more in size and is a farm operation.

- The subject site is classified as farm land under the BC Assessment Act.
- The proposed farm home plate location is not currently used for agricultural production.

Proposal

- The applicant is proposing to increase the maximum setback for a single family dwelling and to increase the maximum depth of the farm residential footprint in the A-1 Zone in order to permit construction of two (2) single family dwellings.
- The two (2) single family dwellings will be located within a farm residential footprint of approximately 3,000 square metres (0.75 acres) including the driveway, as shown on the site plan attached as Appendix II, which is within the maximum farm residential footprint permitted in the A-1 Zone.

BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION

(a) Requested Variances:

- To increase the maximum setback of all portions of a single family dwelling in the A-1 Zone from 50 metres (164 ft.) to 93.3 metres (306 ft.) from the side lot line on a flanking street; and
- To increase the maximum depth of the farm residential footprint of the A-1 Zone from 60 metres (197 ft.) to 101.5 metres (333 ft.) from the side lot line on a flanking street.

Applicant's Reasons:

- Clustering the residences with the existing farm buildings will allow the owners to work more efficiently on the property.
- The proposal will allow the owners to be close to the farm operation, which they believe will allow for greater yields on the farm.
- No soil deposition permit is required, helping to protect the land around the homes.
- The existing water line and septic tank are located relatively close to the existing farm buildings. The proposal will avoid the digging of long trenches to extend the well water and septic tank lines to the houses.
- The proposed location of the homes is away from farming activity on the neighbouring properties and will not disrupt the neighbours' current agricultural productions.
- The proposal will allow the owners to increase the overall agricultural production of the farm, including adding a chicken broiler barn and organic vegetables.

Staff Comments:

• The proposal meets the intent of the farm home plate policy in that it limits the impact of buildings on the farmable land and clusters buildings (including farm buildings) in a contiguous area.

- The proposal will not vary the maximum size of the farm residential footprint prescribed in the A-1 Zone (3,000 square metres (0.75 acres)).
- The Agricultural and Food Security Advisory Committee supports the proposal.

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. AFSAC Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2016 (DRAFT)
Appendix IV. Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0430-00

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON FILE

• Letter of justification submitted by the owners, dated December 3, 2015.

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. (a) Agent: Name: Harmeet Sidhu

Address: 15558 - 59 Avenue

Surrey, BC V₃S₄N8

Tel: 778-928-5638 - Cellular

778-928-5638 - Home

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address: 18665 - 8 Avenue

(b) Civic Address: 18665 - 8 Avenue Owner: Sukhjit K Sidhu

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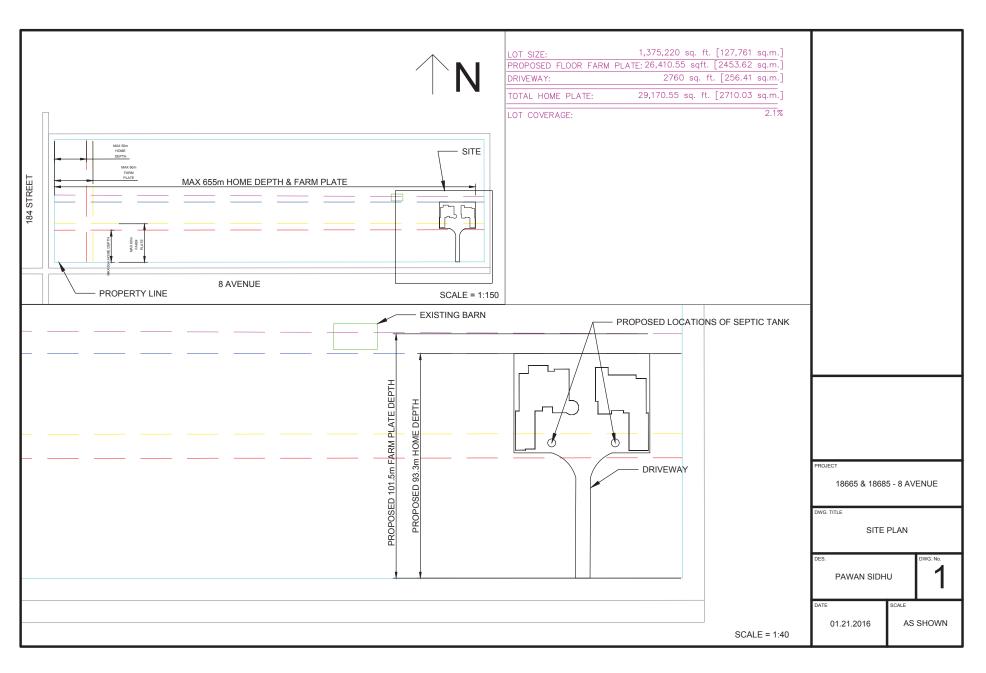
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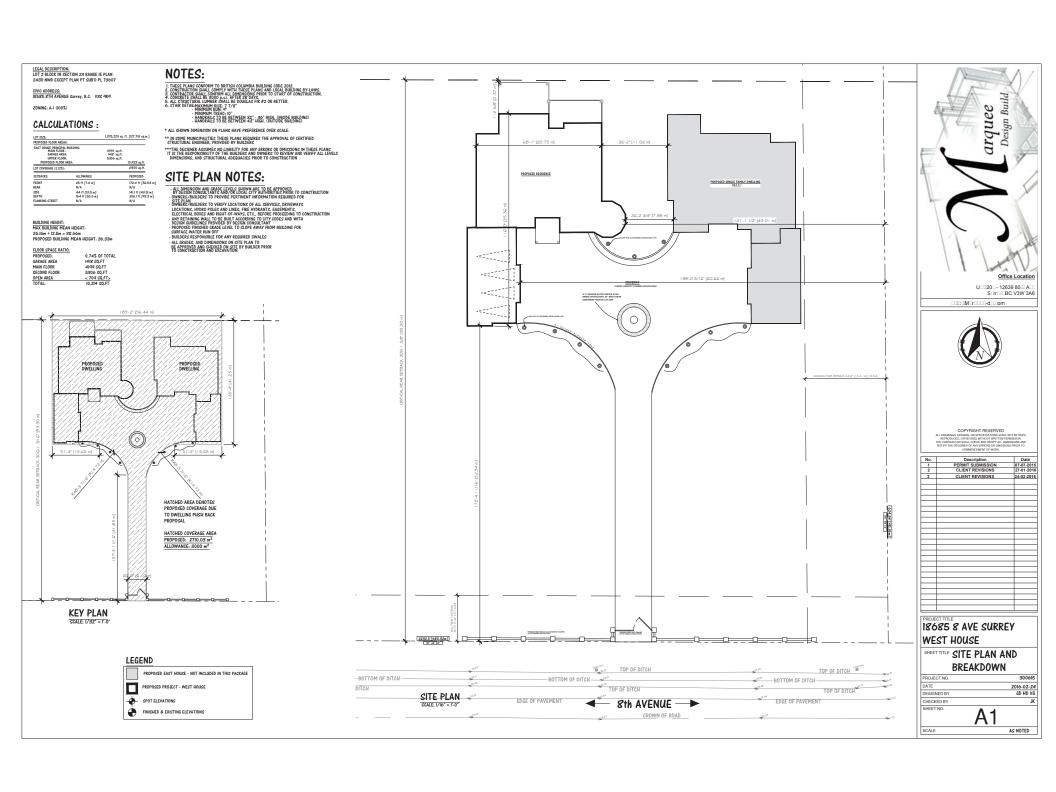
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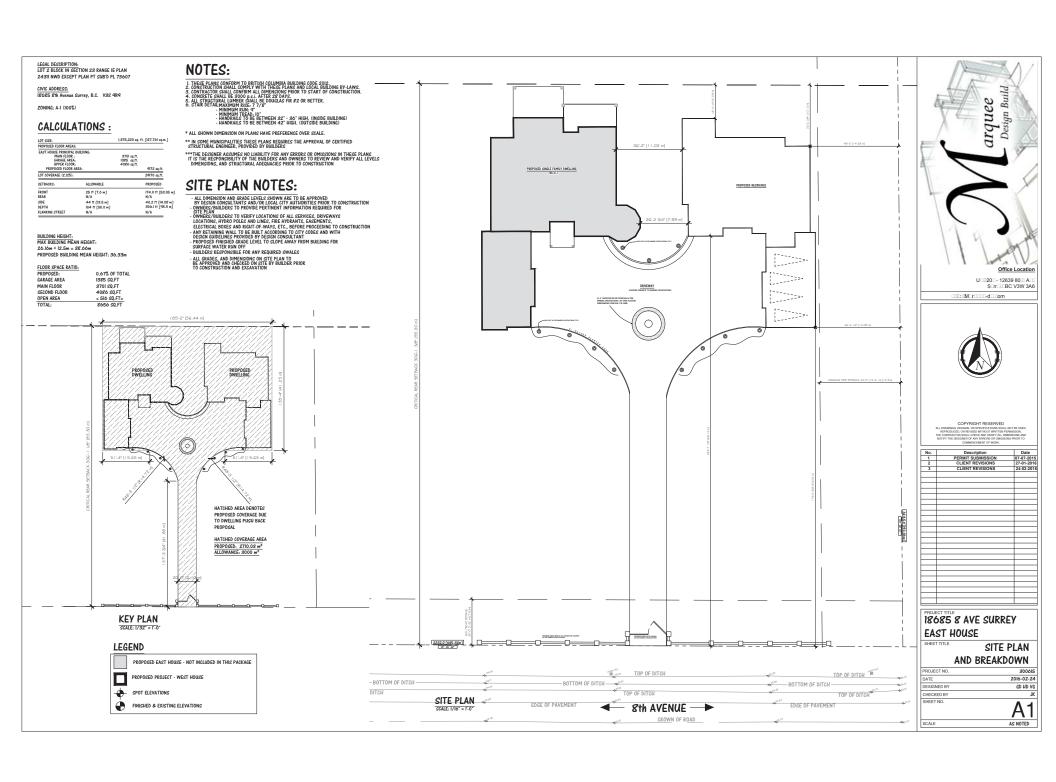
Lot 2 Except Part Subdivided by Plan 73607, Section 23 Block 1 North Range East New

Westminster District Plan 24311

- 3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office
 - (a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0430-00 and bring the Development Variance Permit forward for issuance and execution by the Mayor and City Clerk.









Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee Minutes

2E - Community Room A City Hall 13450 - 104 Avenue Surrey, B.C. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2016

Time: 9:03 a.m. File: 0540-20

<u>Present:</u> <u>Agency Representative:</u> <u>Staff Present:</u>

Councillor Starchuk, Chair

M. Bose, Vice-Chair

B. Sandhu B. Seed G. Hahn H. Dhillon J. Sandhar D. Geesing

Regrets:

D. Arnold

R. Dube, Engineering R. Gilmore, Planner

C. Eagles, Legislative Services

n P. Harrison r M. Hilmer

S. VanKeulen

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The committee will be requested to pass a motion adopting the minutes of January 14, 2016.

It was

Moved by M. Bose Seconded by H. Dhillon

That the minutes of the Agriculture and

Food Security Advisory Committee meeting held January 14, 2016 be adopted as presented.

- B. DELEGATIONS
- C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS
- D. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Development proposal of property 18665 and 18685 8 Avenue Ryan Gilmore, on behalf of Erin MacGregor, Planner

File: 6880-75; 7915-0430-00

The following comments were made:

- The General Manager of Planning and Development is seeking comments and recommendations from the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee with respect to impacts on the following:
 - Agricultural land use;
 - Agricultural viability;
 - o Agricultural economic development;
 - o Agricultural awareness; and
 - o Food security.

- The applicant is proposing a second dwelling for proposed farming operations on a property located within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), which is currently classified as farmland. The Planning and Development Department is also seeking comments on the proposed second dwelling and its appropriateness for the proposed farming operations on the property. The site has no existing house on the property and is currently used to produce hay. The owners intend to grow organic produce and plan to construct a chicken barn.
- The applicant is requesting to vary the maximum allowable setback from the front lot line from 50 metres to 655 metres and to vary the maximum allowable setback from the side lot line from 50 metres to 93.3 metres to accommodate the construction of two single family dwellings.
- The applicant is also requesting to vary the maximum allowable depth of the farm residential footprint from the front lot line from 60 metres to 665 metres and from the side lot line from 60 metres to 101.5 metres.
- The proposed two dwellings are intended housing for 13 family members to work on the property and to farm.
- The Committee members expressed support for the property variance as long as the property remains part of the ALR for farming use.

It was

Moved by S. VanKeulen Seconded by J. Sandhar That the Agriculture and Food Security

Advisory Committee recommends that the General Manager of Planning and Development recommend that Council approve Development Variance Permit Application No. 7915-0430-00 based on the comments in the Committee's Referral, as long as the application falls within the maximum farm residential footprint size limit requirements.

Carried

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

Urban BeeKeeping
 Kevin Pielak and John Gibeau, Honey Bee Centre

File: 3900-01

Correspondence was received from Kevin Pielak requesting to appear as a delegation to present an overview of Urban BeeKeeping at the March 3, 2016 Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee meeting.

It was

Moved by M. Bose Seconded by J. Sandhar

That the Agriculture and Food Security

Advisory Committee accept the Urban BeeKeeping request to appear as a delegation at the upcoming AFSAC meeting.

Carried

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Delegation Update - How Shrinking Agricultural Land Availability Impacts Food Security

File: N/A

D. Geesing provided an update on the delegation request presented at the January 14, 2016 meeting from Ms. Rush, a local dietitian and Friend of Hazelmere and Campbell Valley (FHCV).

The following comments were made:

- The delegation would like to provide information to defend farmland from a dietitian's point of view.
- The Committee recognizes that the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) can
 produce food whether the produce is highly nutritional or not. The ALR
 lands are protected on the basis of producing food and not on their
 nutritional value.
- The Committee would like Ms. Rush to provide information in memo or report style for an upcoming meeting in order to hold a discussion.

It was Moved by M. Bose

Seconded by S. VanKeulen

That the Agriculture and Food Security

Advisory Committee request Ms. Rush to submit correspondence in a memo or reportstyle to be discussed at an upcoming AFSAC meeting; and that Ms. Rush is invited to be an observer at upcoming AFSAC meetings.

Carried

H. INTEGRITY OF THE AGRICULTURE LAND

I. OTHER BUSINESS

Ag Week/Days Chair on behalf of Carla Stewart, Senior Planner

- There are modifications coming to Flavours of Surrey in which the program is moving towards a fall agricultural festival. The City would like to have two members, preferably a farmer and non-farmer of the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee, participate in a sub-committee named Farm and Food Festival Advisory Sub-Committee.
- B. Seed and M. Bose volunteered to participate in the Farm and Food Festival Advisory Sub-Committee to help build a farm tour. It is anticipated that there will be two farm tours in 2016, one for City staff and Council, and one for broader Metro Vancouver representatives.

2. Truck Parking

- Members of the Committee are interested to hear an update of what bylaw enforcement activities are being undertaken on farmland. It was noted the existing bylaw No. 12000 has not been amended.
- The Committee would like to know how many illegal trucks are parking on ALR lands in correspondence with what it actually allowed on the farmplate area.

The Committee requested that at the next Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee meeting, the Manager of Bylaws and Licensing Services provide an update to address the current illegal truck parking situation in the Agricultural Land Reserve in a Closed meeting of AFSAC.

3. Promote Local Sustainable Food on Sundays

• A new plan is underway to promote local sustainable food with a pre-set three course meal, for a set period of time, at select participating Surrey restaurants and bistros. 80 - 100% of foods on the menu will be produced (grown) within the City of Surrey. The first two participating restaurants will be advertised on Tourism Surrey and will be sponsored on Sundays.

4. Committee Photo

• A group photo will be taken at the next Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in 1E Community Meeting Room B.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was	Moved by S. VanKeulen Seconded by M. Bose
	That the Agriculture and Food Security
Advisory Committee meeting do now adjou	rn.
	<u>Carried</u>
The Agriculture and Food Security Committee	tee adjourned at 10: 13 a.m.
Jane Sullivan, City Clerk	Councillor Mike Starchuk, Chair

CITY OF SURREY

(the "City")

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

NO.: 7915-0430-00

Issued To: Arvinderjit S Sidhu

Kamaljit K Sidhu Karanvir S Sidhu Sukhjit K Sidhu

Address: 818 - 184 Street

Surrey, BC V₃S 9R₉

(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: 006-160-247 Lot 2 Except Part Subdivided by Plan 73607, Section 23 Block 1 North Range East New Westminster District Plan 24311

18665 - 8 Avenue

(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:
 - (a) In Subsection F.1(b) Yards and Setbacks of Part 10, General Agriculture Zone (A-1), the maximum setback of all portions of a single family dwelling from the side lot line on a flanking street is increased from 50 metres (164 ft.) to 93.3 metres (306 ft.); and
 - (b) In Subsection J.2(b) Special Regulations of Part 10, General Agriculture Zone (A-1), the maximum depth of the farm residential footprint from the side lot line on a flanking street is increased from 60 metres (197 ft.) to 101.5 metres (333 ft.).

4.	The Land shall be developed strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions and provisions of this development variance permit.		
5.	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.		
6.	The terms of this development variance permit or any amendment to it, are binding on all persons who acquire an interest in the Land.		
7.	This development variance permit is not a bu	ilding permit.	
	ORIZING RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE CO D THIS DAY OF , 20 .	UNCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 .	
		Mayor – Linda Hepner	
		City Clerk – Jane Sullivan	

