

# City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7916-0159-01

Planning Report Date: April 24, 2017

#### PROPOSAL:

# • Development Variance Permit

to reduce the minimum lot area required under the RF-10 Zone.

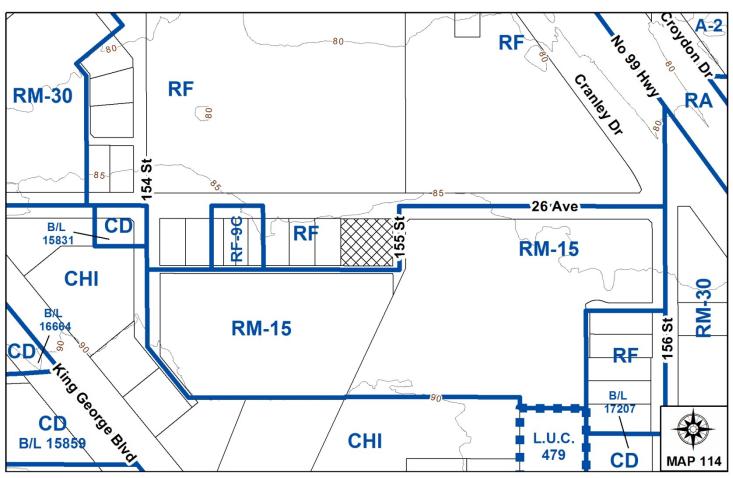
 LOCATION:
 15490 – 26 Avenue

 OWNER:
 0907878 B.C. Ltd.

 ZONING:
 RF-10 (Proposed)

**OCP DESIGNATION:** Urban

**LAP DESIGNATION:** Townhouse (15 upa)



#### RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

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

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

• Development Variance Permit to reduce the minimum lot area of proposed Lot 4 for subdivision under the RF-10 Zone from 363 square metres (3,907 sq.ft.) to 341 square metres (3,670 sq.ft.).

#### RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The proposal complies with the site's "Urban" OCP Designation.
- The rezoning and subdivision development application (No. 7916-0159-00) was granted Third Reading at the Regular Council Public Hearing meeting of October 3, 2016.
- A Development Variance Permit is proposed to address a recent text amendment (By-law No. 18899) to the Zoning By-law No. 12000, which removed the provision allowing the approving officer to reduce the minimum lot area by up to 10% under small lot single family zones. This amendment to the By-law occurred on October 24, 2016 after Development Application No. 7916-0159-00 had obtained Third Reading. The variance is therefore necessary to allow the applicant to proceed with completing the development application for four (4) RF-10 lots.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0159-01 (Appendix II), to reduce the minimum lot area for the subdivision requirement under the RF-10 Zone from 363 square metres (3,907 sq.ft.) to 341 square metres (3,670 sq.ft.), to proceed to Public Notification.

# **REFERRALS**

Engineering: The Engineering Department has no objection to the proposed

variance.

# **SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

<u>Existing Land Use:</u> Single family residential

**Adjacent Area:** 

Direction	Existing Use	OCP/LAP Designation	<b>Existing Zone</b>		
North	Sunnyside Park	Urban/Park	RF		
(Across 26 Avenue):					
East:	Townhouses	Urban/Townhouses (15 upa)	RM-15		
(Across 155 Street):					
South:	Lane and Townhouses	Urban/Townhouses (15 upa)	RM-15		
West:	Single family residential	Urban/Townhouses (15 upa)	RF		

#### **DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

- The subject site is a corner lot located south of 26 Avenue and west of 155 Street. The site is designated "Urban" under the Official Community Plan (OCP) and "Townhouse (15 upa)" under the King George Corridor Highway Local Area Plan (LAP).
- On October 3, 2016, Council granted Third Reading to a Development Application No. 7916-0159-00 which proposes to rezone the site from "Single Family Residential Zone (RF)" to "Single Family Residential (10) Zone (RF-10)" in order to permit subdivision into four (4) single family small lots.
- Under the rezoning and subdivision application, a variance to reduce the minimum lot width of proposed Lot 4 from 10.5 metres (34 ft.) to 9.4 metres (31 ft.) was also supported. The lot area of proposed Lot 4 of 342 square metres (3,681 sq.ft.) was supported based on the former provision under Zoning By-law No. 12000 that allowed a reduction of up to 10% of the minimum lot area requirement of 363 square metres (3,907 sq.ft.).

• On October 24, 2016, the Planning & Development Department approved text amendments (Corporate Report No. R236, By-law No. 18899) to the small lot single family zones. The amendment included the removal of the provision under Section 21(h) of Part 4 General Provisions which permitted the approving officer to reduce the minimum lot area by up to 10% of one lot within a small single family lot subdivision (i.e. RF-9, RF-9C, RF-10, RF-10S, RF-12, RF-12C, and RF-13).

• Given the change to the Zoning By-law No. 12000, proposed Lot 4 no longer complies with the minimum lot area provisions of the RF-10 Zone. As such, the applicant proposes a Development Variance Permit (DVP) to reduce the minimum lot area of proposed Lot 4.

#### BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION

# (a) Requested Variance:

• To reduce the minimum lot area of the RF-10 Zone, from 363 square metres (3,907 sq.ft.) to 341 square metres (3,670 sq.ft.).

#### Applicant's Reasons:

- A variance to reduce the minimum lot area is required to permit proposed Lot 4 to comply with the RF-10 Zone.
- Proposed Lot 4 remains as a larger corner lot compared to the other proposed lots in the subdivision.

#### **Staff Comments:**

- The option of reducing the road dedication of 155 Street to increase the lot area of proposed Lot 4 was considered, however it would negatively impact the retention of a row of existing Douglas-fir trees along the east property line. To accommodate the retention of the Douglas-fir trees, a road dedication of 4.0 metres (13 ft.) was accepted for a modified road standard instead of 4.5 metres (15 ft.) to achieve the typical local road standard.
- Staff are supportive of a DVP to address the issue of lot area compliance that has resulted from recent amendments to the Zoning By-law No. 12000, and it will allow the applicant to proceed with completing the development application.

# **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. 7916-0159-01

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:

ı. (a) Agent: Name: Sadiq Safar

T<sub>3</sub> Engineering Ltd.

Address: 15676 – 83 Avenue

Surrey, BC V<sub>4</sub>N oS<sub>4</sub>

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address: 15490 - 26 Avenue

(b) Civic Address: 15490 - 26 Avenue Owner: 0907878 B.C. Ltd.

Director Information:

Director Information
Balbir S Chatha

Kuldish K Chatha

No Officer Information Filed as at April 11, 2016

PID: 001-923-455

Lot "A" Section 23 Township 1 New Westminster District Plan 20697

3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office

(a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7916-0159-01 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 in conjunction with the final adoption of the associated Rezoning By-law.

# <u>CITY OF SURREY</u>

(the "City")

# **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT**

		NO.: 7916-0159-01					
Issued	То:	0907878 B.C. LTD.					
		(the "Owner")					
Addres	ss of Ow	rner: 15571 - 59 Avenue Surrey, BC V <sub>3</sub> S <sub>4</sub> N8					
1.	statute	evelopment variance permit is issued subject to compliance by the Owner with all s, by-laws, orders, regulations or agreements, except as specifically varied by this pment 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: 001-923-455 Lot "A" Section 23 Township 1 New Westminster District Plan 20697					
		15490 - 26 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 address changes, the City Clerk is directed to insert the new civic addresses for the Land, as follows:					

4		Surrey	Zoning	By-law,	1993, No.	12000,	as amended	is	varied	as i	follows:
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- In Section K Subdivision (2) of Part 17C "Single Family Residential (10) Zone (a) (RF-10)", the minimum lot area of a Type III Corner Lot is reduced from 363 square metres (3,907 sq.ft.) to 341 square metres (3,670 sq.ft.).
- This development variance permit applies to only the <u>portion of the Land</u> shown on 5. 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.
- This development variance permit shall lapse unless the subdivision, as conceptually 7. shown on Schedule A which is attached hereto and forms part of this development variance permit, is registered in the New Westminster Land Title Office within three (3) 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.
- This development variance permit is not a building permit. 9.

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COUNCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 . **ISSUED THIS** DAY OF , 20 .

Mayor – Linda Hepner

City Clerk – Jane Sullivan

