

# City of Surrey PLANNING \& DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7916-0486-00 

Planning Report Date: November 7, 2016

PROPOSAL:

- Development Variance Permit
to reduce the required side yard setback on an existing lot to allow the construction of a single family dwelling.

LOCATION:
13721-56B Avenue
OWNER:
Harjinderpal S. Nagra
Paramjit K. Nagra
Ekamjot S. Nagra
Ravjot K. Nagra
ZONING:
RH
OCP DESIGNATION: Suburban
LAP DESIGNATION: Suburban Residential (Half Acre)


## 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 east and west side yard setbacks of the "Half-Acre Residential Zone (RH)".


## RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The subject property is a legal, non-conforming lot in the RH Zone. The RH Zone is intended for lots that are a minimum 1,858 square metres ( 0.5 ac ) in size with a minimum width of 30 metres ( 100 ft .). The subject property is significantly undersized with an area of 927 square metres ( 9978 sq. ft.) and a width of 20.2 metres ( 66 ft .). The RH Zone requires a minimum 4.5 metre ( 15 ft .) side yard setback and the 7.5 metre ( 25 ft .) side yard setback on a flanking street. The provision of these setbacks will significantly restrict the sites buildable area and the size of home that may be constructed on it.
- The RH Zone contains a provision that allows lots that are 900 square metres ( $9,685 \mathrm{sq}$. ft.) in area or less to defer to the smaller setback requirements of the RF Zone. The subject property is 927 square metres ( 9,978 sq. ft.) in area, putting it over the threshold by 27 square metres (290 sq. ft.).
- Many of the neighbouring houses in the block have similar non-conforming side yard setbacks.


## RECOMMENDATION

1. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7916-0486-oo (Appendix III) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:
(a) to reduce the minimum east side yard setback of the RH Zone from 4.5 metres ( 15 ft .) to 3.0 metres ( 10 ft. ); and
(b) to reduce the minimum west side yard setback on a flanking street of the RH Zone from 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) to 6.1 metres ( 20 ft .).
2. Council instruct staff to resolve the following issue prior to final approval:
(a) submission of a finalized tree survey and a statement regarding tree preservation to the satisfaction of the City Landscape Architect.

## REFERRALS

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

## SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Existing Land Use: Single family dwelling.

Adjacent Area:

| Direction | Existing Use | OCP/LAP <br> Designation | Existing Zone |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| North: | Single family <br> dwelling. | Suburban/ <br> Suburban <br> Residential (Half <br> Acre) | RH Zone |
| East: | Single family <br> dwelling. | Suburban/ <br> Suburban <br> Residential (Half <br> Acre) | RH Zone |
| South (Across 56B Avenue): | Single family <br> dwelling. | Suburban/ <br> Suburban <br> Residential (Half <br> Acre) | RH Zone |
| West (Across 137A Street): | Single family <br> dwelling. | Suburban/ <br> Suburban <br> Residential (Half <br> Acre) | RH Zone |

## DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

## Background

- The subject property is designated "Suburban" in the Official Community Plan (OCP), "Suburban Residential (Half Acre) in the West Panorama Ridge Local Area Plan, and is zoned "Half-Acre Residential Zone (RH)".
- The subject property has a site area of 927 square metres ( 9,978 sq. ft .), which makes it a significantly undersized lot in the RH Zone. However, the lot does not qualify for the allowance in the RH Zone that permits lots with an area of 900 square metres ( $9,685 \mathrm{sq}$. ft .) or less to revert to the setback requirements of the "Single Family Residential Zone (RF)" which are less than those required under the RH Zone.
- It should also be noted that the subject property is a corner lot and has a width of 20.2 metres ( 66 ft .), which does not conform to the RH Zone's minimum lot width of 30 metres ( 10 ft .).


## Current Proposal

- The applicant is proposing a Development Variance Permit to reduce the minimum side yard setbacks of the RH Zone from 4.5 metres ( 15 ft .) to 3.0 metres ( 10 ft .) for the east setback and from 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) to 6.1 metres ( 20 ft .) for the west side yard setback on a flanking street. The proposed reduced setbacks will facilitate the construction of an appropriately sized home on the lot.


## TREES

- Peter Brinson, ISA Certified Arborist of PNW Arborist Training Solutions prepared an Arborist Assessment for the subject property. The table below provides a summary of the tree retention and removal by tree species:

Table 1: Summary of Tree Preservation by Tree Species:

| Tree Species | Existing | Remove | Retain |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Deciduous Trees |  |  |  |
| Plum | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Cherry | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Hazelnut | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Coniferous Trees |  |  |  |
| Western Red Cedar | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Falsecypress | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Colorado Blue Spruce | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Pyramdicial Cedar | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Western Hemlock | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sitka Spruce | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 3}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ |


| Total Replacement Trees Proposed <br> (excluding Boulevard Street Trees) | 9 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Retained and Replacement <br> Trees | 17 |
| Contribution to the Green City Fund | $\$ 400$ |

- The Arborist Assessment states that there are a total of 13 protected trees on the site. It was determined that 8 trees can be retained as part of this development proposal. The proposed tree retention was assessed taking into consideration the location of services, building footprints, road dedication and proposed lot grading.
- For those trees that cannot be retained, the applicant will be required to plant trees on a 2 to 1 replacement ratio. This will require a total of 10 replacement trees on the site. Since only 9 replacement trees can be accommodated on the site (based on an average of [2] trees per lot), the deficit of 1 replacement trees will require a cash-in-lieu payment of $\$ 400$, representing $\$ 400$ per tree, to the Green City Fund, in accordance with the City's Tree Protection By-law.
- In summary, a total of 17 trees are proposed to be retained or replaced on the site with a contribution of $\$ 400$ to the Green City Fund.


## BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION

(a) Requested Variance:

- Reduce the minimum side yard setbacks of the RH Zone from 4.5 metres ( 15 ft .) to 3.0 metres ( 10 ft .) for the east setback and from 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) to 6.1 metres ( 20 ft .) for the west side yard setback on a flanking street.

Applicant's Reasons:

- The size of the subject lot qualifies it to defer to the RF Zone regulations on density and lot coverage but not the smaller setbacks. The required side yard setbacks of the RH Zone significantly impede the buildable area of this lot.

Staff Comments:

- The subject property is a legal, non-conforming RH Zone lot. The RH Zone is intended for lots that are a minimum 1,858 square metres ( 0.5 ac .) in size with a minimum lot width of 30 metres ( 100 ft .). The subject property is significantly undersized at 927 square metres ( 9,978 sq. ft .) with a width of 20.2 metres ( 66 ft .). The required 4.5 metre ( 15 ft .) side yard setback and the 7.5 metre ( 25 ft .) side yard setback on a flanking street in the RH Zone significantly reduce the buildable area and the size of home that may be constructed on the lot.
- At 927 square metres ( 9,978 sq. ft.), the subject lot does not qualify for the allowance in the RH Zone that permits lots with an area of 900 square metres ( $9,685 \mathrm{sq}$. ft .) or less to use to the smaller setback requirements of the RF Zone. The subject property is
over this area threshold by 27 metres ( 290 sq . ft.) or by approximately $3 \%$ of the site's area.
- The proposed setbacks exceed what would be required under the RF Zone if the property were allowed revert to those regulations.
- Without the variances, the house is limited to a width of 8.2 metres ( 27 ft .). The variances allow for maximum 11.1 metre ( 36 ft .) wide house, which is more fitting, and in proportion to the width of the subject lot.
- Many of the neighbouring houses in the block have similar non-conforming side yard setbacks.


## INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:
Appendix I. Lot Owners, Action Summary and Project Data Sheets
Appendix II. Summary of Tree Survey and Tree Preservation
Appendix III. Development Variance Permit No. 7916-0486-oo
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: Harjinder Nagra

Address: 12822-63B Avenue
Surrey, BC V3X $3{ }^{5} 5$
2. Properties involved in the Application
(a) Civic Address: 13721-56B Avenue
(b) Civic Address: 13721-56B Avenue

Owner: Ravjot K Nagra
Ekamjot S Nagra
Paramjit K Nagra
Harjinderpal S Nagra
PID: oo1-989-201
Lot 18 Section 9 Township 2 Plan 19866 New Westminster District S $1 / 2$ of SW $1 / 4$
3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office
(a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7916-0486-oo 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 once the conditions of this report are met.

## DEVELOPMENT DATA SHEET

Existing Zoning: RH Zone

| Required Development Data | Minimum Required / Maximum Allowed | Proposed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LOT AREA* (in square metres) | 927 square metres (9978 sq. ft.) |  |
| Gross Total |  |  |
| Road Widening area |  |  |
| Undevelopable area |  |  |
| Net Total |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| LOT COVERAGE (in \% of net lot area) | 32\% | 32\% |
| Buildings \& Structures |  |  |
| Paved \& Hard Surfaced Areas |  |  |
| Total Site Coverage |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| SETBACKS ( in metres) |  |  |
| Front | 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) | 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) |
| Rear | 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) | 7.8 metres ( 25 ft .) |
| Side \#ı (E) | 4.5 metres ( $15 \mathrm{ft}$. .) | 3.0 metres ( 1 oft .) |
| Side \#2 (W) | 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) | 6.1 metres ( 20 ft .) |
|  |  |  |
| BUILDING HEIGHT (in metres/storeys) |  |  |
| Principal | 9.0 metres ( 30 ft .) | 9.0 metres ( 30 ft .) |
|  |  |  |
| NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS |  |  |
| Bachelor |  |  |
| One Bed |  |  |
| Two Bedroom |  |  |
| Three Bedroom + |  |  |
| Total |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| FLOOR AREA: Residential | $\begin{gathered} 463.8 \text { square metres } \\ \text { (4992 sq. ft.) } \end{gathered}$ | 463.8 square metres (4992 sq. ft.) |
|  |  |  |
| FLOOR AREA: Commercial |  |  |
| Retail |  |  |
| Office |  |  |
| Total |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| FLOOR AREA: Industrial |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| FLOOR AREA: Institutional |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| TOTAL BUILDING FLOOR AREA |  |  |

* If the development site consists of more than one lot, lot dimensions pertain to the entire site.


### 3.0 Tree Preservation Summary

Surrey Project No.:
Address: 1372156 B Avenue Surrey BC
Registered Arborist: Peter Brinson PN0286AT

| On-Site Trees | \# of Trees |
| :---: | :---: |
| Protected Trees Identified <br> (On-site and shared trees, including trees within boulevards and proposed streets and lanes but excluding trees in proposed open space or riparian areas) | 13 |
| Protected Trees to be Removed | 5 |
| Protected Trees to be Retained <br> (Excluding trees within proposed open space or riparian areas) | 8 |
| Total Replacement Trees Required: <br> Alder \& Cottonwood Trees Requiring 1 to 1 Replacement Ratio $\qquad$ $\times 1=$ $\qquad$ <br> All other trees requiring 2 to 1 replacement ratio $\qquad$ <br> 5 $\times 2=$ $\qquad$ 10 | 10 |
| Replacement Trees Proposed | 9 |
| Replacement Trees in Deficit | 1 |
| Protected Trees to be Retained in Proposed (Open Space/Riparian Areas) |  |
| Off-Site Trees | \# of Trees |
| Protected Off-Site Trees to Be Removed |  |
| Total Replacement Trees Required: <br> Alder \& Cottonwood Trees Requiring 1 to 1 Replacement Ratio $\qquad$ $\times 1=$ $\qquad$ <br> All other trees requiring 2 to 1 replacement ratio $\qquad$ $\times 2=$ $\qquad$ |  |
| Replacement Trees Proposed |  |
| Replacement Trees in Deficit |  |

Summary, report and plan prepared and submitted by:


October 102016

Signature of Arborist
Date

# DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT 

NO.: 7916-0486-oo

| Issued To: | HARJINDERPAL S NAGRA |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | PARAMJIT K NAGRA |
|  | EKAMJOT S NAGRA |
|  | RAVJOT K NAGRA |

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: oor-989-201
Lot 18 Section 9 Township 2 Plan 19866 New Westminster District S $1 / 2$ of SW $1 / 4$
13721-56B Avenue
(the "Land")
3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:
(a) In Section F. Yards and Setbacks of Part 14 Half-Acre Residential Zone, the minimum east side yard setback is reduced from 4.5 metres ( 15 ft .) to 3.0 metres ( 10 ft .); and
(b) In Section F. Yards and Setbacks of Part 14 Half-Acre Residential Zone, the minimum west side yard setback on a flanking street is reduced from 7.5 metres ( 25 ft .) to 6.1 metres ( 20 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 .

## Schedule A



