

City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7917-0136-00

Planning Report Date: May 29, 2017

PROPOSAL:

• Development Variance Permit

to vary the off-street parking requirements to permit the placement of two portable classrooms at South Meridian Elementary School.

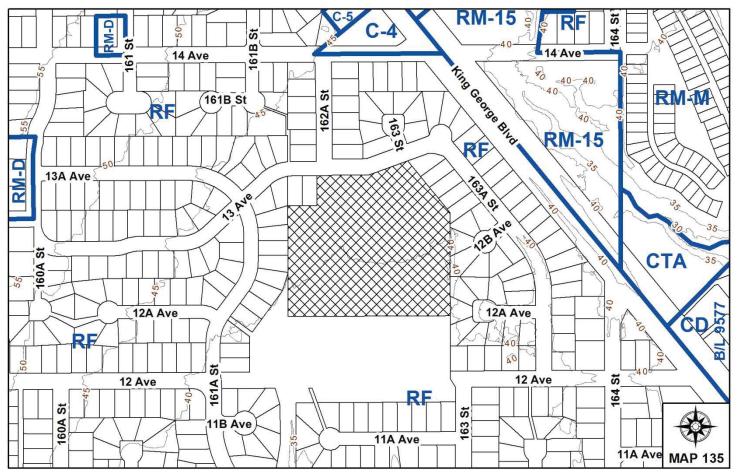
LOCATION: 16244 – 13 Avenue

OWNER: The Board Of School Trustees Of

School District No. 36 (Surrey)

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 to vary the rate at which off-street parking for an elementary school is calculated, resulting in a reduction from the required 65 off-street stalls to 34 off-street stalls.

RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- Reduction of the parking requirements will facilitate the placement of two portable classrooms on the site.
- The proposed reduction in parking complies with the findings of the Surrey Elementary School Parking Study completed by Wildes Consulting Inc., dated January 2017, and was reviewed and accepted by the City's Transportation Planning Division.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7917-0136-00 (Appendix II), varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:

- (a) to vary Part 5 Off-Street Parking and Loading/Unloading of Zoning By-law No. 12000 to calculate the parking requirements for an elementary school shall be increased from 1.0 space per classroom to 1.75 spaces per classroom; and
- (b) to waive the requirement under Part 5 Off-Street Parking and Loading/Unloading of Zoning By-law No. 12000 that requires 11 parking spaces per 100 sq. m. (1,075 sq. ft.) of floor area be provided for a gymnasium that is associated with an elementary school.

REFERRALS

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

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Existing Land Use: South Meridian Elementary School

Adjacent Area:

Direction	Existing Use	OCP Designation	Existing Zone
North (Across 13 Avenue):	Single family dwelling	Urban	RF
East:	Single family dwelling	Urban	RF
South:	City Park	Urban	RF
West:	Single family dwelling	Urban	RF

DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- The subject property, located at 16244 13 Avenue, is designated "Urban" in the Official Community Plan, and zoned "Single Family Residential Zone (RF)". The property is not located in a Neighbourhood Concept Plan.
- The site is occupied by South Meridian Elementary School. Currently, the school contains 12 classrooms, in addition to a gymnasium. The total number of existing parking spaces located on the site is 46.

• A building permit application has been submitted for two portable classrooms to be located south-east of the school building.

• Under Part 5 Off-Street Parking and Loading/Unloading of the Zoning By-law, a public elementary school requires 1 parking space per classroom, 9 parking spaces for drop-off, and 11 parking spaces per 100 sq. metres (1,075 sq. ft.) of floor area for an associated gymnasium. This equates to a total parking requirement of 65 parking spaces for the subject site (South Meridian Elementary School).

BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION

(a) Requested Variance:

• To vary the rate at which the parking requirements are calculated for an elementary school from 1.0 space per classroom to 1.75 spaces, and waive the requirement for 11 parking spaces to be provided per 100 sq. m. (1,075 sq. ft.) of floor area for an associated gymnasium.

Applicant's Reasons:

- The proposed variance will allow for the placement of two portable classrooms on the school site.
- On regular school days, the gymnasium is used by the school's students and no outside visitors. Therefore, there is no need to provide additional parking for those using the gymnasium.

Staff Comments:

- The proposed variance complies with the finding of the Surrey Elementary School Parking Study, conducted by Wildes Consulting Inc. (January 2017). The study has been reviewed and accepted by the City's Transportation Planning Division staff.
- The Parking Study recommends: (1) increasing the parking requirement under the Zoning By-law from 1.0 to 1.75 stalls per classroom, (2) maintaining 9 parking spaces for drop off, and (3) waiving the by-law requirement for additional parking for associated gymnasium space.
- The proposed parking for the school allocates 25 stalls for classrooms (1.75 stalls x 14 classrooms, including the two proposed portable classrooms) and 9 drop off stalls, totaling 34 parking spaces, as recommended in the Parking Study.
- A reduction of the parking requirements will facilitate the placement of two portable classrooms on site.
- Staff support the requested variance to proceed to Public Notification.

INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Lot Owners & Action Summary

Appendix II. Development Variance Permit No. 7917-0136-00

original signed by Ron Hintsche

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. (a) Agent: Name: Mohan Krishna

Thinkspace Architecture Planning Interior Design

Address: 10190 – 152A Street, Unit 300

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2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address: 16244 – 13 Avenue

(b) Civic Address: 16244 – 13 Avenue

Owner: The Board Of School Trustees Of School District No. 36 (Surrey)

PID: 003-545-067

Lot 178 Section 12 Township 1 New Westminster District Plan 65000

3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office

(a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7917-0136-00 and bring the Development Variance Permit forward for issuance and execution by the Mayor and City Clerk.

CITY OF SURREY

(the "City")

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

NO.: 7917-0136-00

Issued To: THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36

(SURREY)

(the "Owner")

Address of Owner: 14033 – 92 Avenue

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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: 003-545-067 Lot 178 Section 12 Township 1 New Westminster District Plan 65000

16244 - 13 Avenue

(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:
 - (a) In Section C, Table C.1 Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces, of Part 5 Off-Street Parking and Loading/Unloading, the required parking spaces for an elementary school shall be increased from 1.0 space per classroom to 1.75 spaces per classroom; and
 - (b) In Section C, Table C.1 Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces, of Part 5 Off-Street Parking and Loading/Unloading, the required 11 parking spaces per 100 sq. m. (1,075 sq. ft.) of floor area be provided for a gymnasium associated with an elementary school shall be waived.
- 4. This development variance permit applies to only the portion of the Land shown on 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.

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		

