

# City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7918-0048-00

Planning Report Date: May 28, 2018

#### PROPOSAL:

# • Development Variance Permit

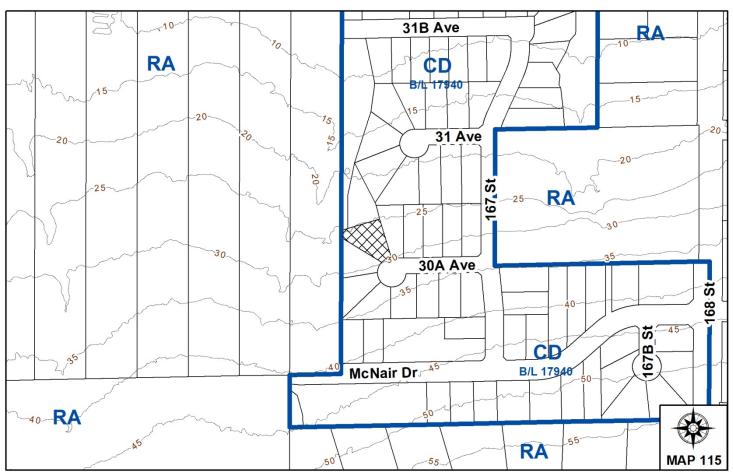
to reduce the minimum streamside setback.

LOCATION: 16659 - 30A Avenue

**ZONING:** CD (By-law No. 17940)

**OCP DESIGNATION:** Suburban

NCP DESIGNATION: Single Detached (2 u.p.a.)



# **RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

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

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

• Seeking variance to reduce the minimum distance (setback) from top of bank for a Class B ditch in Part 7A of Zoning By-law.

# **RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION**

- The subject lot is part of a subdivision which was approved under Development Application No. 7911-0223-00 in 2013, prior to the adoption of Part 7A Streamside Protection in the Zoning By-law.
- Upon subdivision, approximately 15% of the gross site area was conveyed to the City as open space in the form of a 20 metre (66 ft.) wide buffer along 32 Avenue, the protection and enhancement of two Class "B" watercourse riparian areas, and the dedication of a neighbourhood passive park.
- Under the development application, the applicant provided a Riparian Area Regulation (RAR) assessment which demonstrated that all of the lots in the proposed subdivision were compliant with RAR.
- Prior to issuing the Building Permit for the proposed dwelling, a variance to the new streamside regulation is required.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7918-0048-00 (Appendix II) to reduce the minimum setback distance from the top-of-bank for a Class B creek from 15 metres (50 ft.) to 10.4 metres (34 ft.) at its narrowest point, measured from the top-of-bank to the west lot line, to proceed to Public Notification.

# **REFERRALS**

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

However, as a condition of issuance of the subsequent Building Permit, the applicant must confirm that the proposed works within the reduced setback area do not disturb the onsite rock pit and lawn basin drainage overflow system as required under project 7811-

0223-00.

# **SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

Existing Land Use: Vacant Single Family Lot

Adjacent Area:

Direction	Existing Use	NCP Designation	<b>Existing Zone</b>
North:	Single family lots	Single Family	CD (By-law No.
		Detached (2 u.p.a.)	17940)
East:	Single family lots	Single Family	CD (By-law No.
		Detached (2 u.p.a.)	17940)
South:	Single family lots	Single Family	CD (By-law No.
		Detached (2 u.p.a.)	17940)
West:	Single family	Proposed Open	RA
	acreage under	Space	
	application to		
	develop into small		
	suburban lots		
	(7915-0336-00)		

# **DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

- The applicant is proposing to construct a single family dwelling on the subject lot.
- The subject lot was created as part of Development Application No. 7911-0223-00, which was approved in 2013 for an amendment to the North Grandview Heights Neighbourhood Concept (NCP) and rezoning to CD (By-law No. 17940) to allow to subdivision into 38 suburban single family lots.
- On September 12, 2016, Council approved changes to the Official Community Plan (OCP) and the Zoning By-law to implement a Sensitive Ecosystem DPA and Streamside Protection Measures, collectively known as Surrey's Ecosystem Protection Measures, for the protection of

the natural environment, including riparian areas. These changes were detailed in Corporate Report No. R188, which was approved by Council on July 25, 2016.

- During drafting of the Streamside Protection Measures, staff were aware that its implementation would create a number of non-conforming sites throughout the City of Surrey. As such, it was anticipated that Development Variance Permit (DVP) applications could be considered in specific extenuating circumstances.
- As part of the Development Application No. 7911-0223-00, the applicant had provided a Riparian Area Regulation (RAR) assessment report and peer review for the two Class B watercourses on the site, which were approved at a minimum of 10.0 metres (30 ft.) and an average of 15 metres (49 ft.) from the top of bank.
- Although the subject site is located within the newly established Sensitive Ecosystem DPA, a
  Sensitive Ecosystem Development Permit and accompanying Ecosystem Development Plan
  will not be required. However, prior to issuing the Building Permit, a Development Variance
  Permit is required.
- The applicant had the option of applying for a Development Variance Permit or Development Permit to complete landscape work within the required setback area. The subject property owner was advised of the Development Permit option; however, indicated interest in proceeding with the Development Variance Permit.

#### BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION

# (a) Requested Variance:

• To reduce the minimum distance (setback) from top-of-bank in Part 7A of the Zoning By-law from 15 metres (50 ft.) to 10.4 metres (34 ft.) to the west property line.

# Applicant's Reasons:

- The lot was created under Development Application No. 7911-0223-00, which conveyed approximately 15% of the site to the City for open space purposes.
- There is a Restrictive Covenant registered for the subject property for tree replacement in the rear yard. The applicant feels that rear yard is encumbered with setback requirements. The reduced setback to the side yard will allow for a useful back yard space.

# **Staff Comments:**

• Under the original development application (7911-0223-00), the applicant had provided a Riparian Area Regulation (RAR) assessment and peer review for the two Class B watercourses, which set a minimum 10.0 metres (30 ft.) and an average of 15 metres (49 ft.) setback from top-of-bank. Prior to issuing the Building Permit, a Development Variance Permit would be required.

• As the site was developed prior to the implementation of the Streamside Protection Measures in the Zoning Bylaw, and setbacks to the west property line are RAR compliant, staff have no objections to the proposed variance.

# **INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT**

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Lot Owners and Action Summary (Confidential) and Project Data Sheets

Appendix II. Development Variance Permit No. 7918-0048-00

original signed by Ron Hintsche

Jean Lamontagne General Manager Planning and Development

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# APPENDIX I HAS BEEN

# REMOVED AS IT CONTAINS

**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** 

# **CITY OF SURREY**

(the "City")

# **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT**

NO.: 7918-0048-00

Issued To:	
Address of Owner:	
	(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: 029-675-553 Lot 33 Section 24 Township 1 Plan EPP50321

16659 30A Ave

(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:
  - (a) In the table in Section B.2 of Part 7A "Streamside Protection", the minimum distance from top of bank for Class B "Creek" is reduced from 15 metres (50 ft.) to 10.4 metres (34 ft.).
- 4. This development variance permit applies to only the <u>portion of the Land</u> 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		

