

City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7918-0342-00

Planning Report Date: November 19, 2018

PROPOSAL:

• Development Variance Permit

to reduce the number of onsite parking spaces to accommodate a recreational facility (gym).

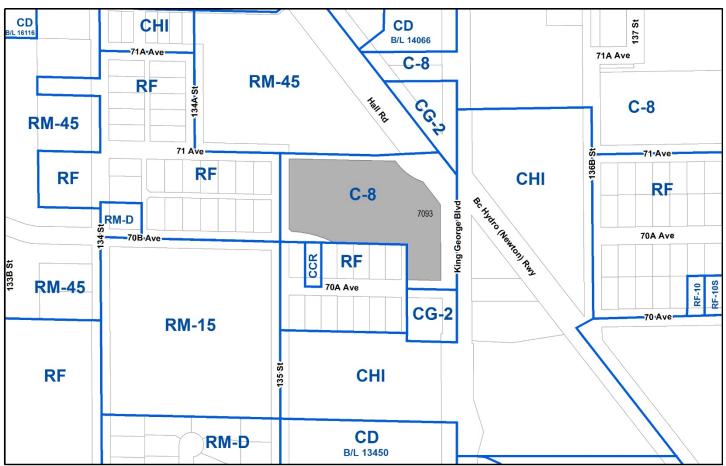
LOCATION: Unit 401, 7093 - King George

Boulevard

ZONING: C-8

OCP DESIGNATION: Commercial

TCP DESIGNATION: Highway Commercial



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 reduce the minimum required number of off-street parking spaces for a recreational facility (gym).

RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The Zoning By-law requires a total of 293 spaces to accommodate the proposed gym and all other existing uses on-site. In total, the site has 260 parking spaces that are available. The gym would require 225 parking spaces, resulting in a total deficiency of 35 spaces.
- The operating hours of the proposed gym is 24 hours, 7 days a week. The applicant has indicated that the busiest time of the facility would be between 5pm to 7pm and earlier in the week (Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday). Therefore, the peak demand for the gym occurs outside the normal operating hours of other businesses on the site.
- The Engineering Department Transportation Division previously commissioned a review of the minimum parking standards for recreational facilities across different municipalities in the Lower Mainland. The results indicate that a lower parking ratio may be appropriate for recreational facilities. At present, the Zoning By-law requires that recreational facilities use provide 11 parking spaces per 100 square metres (1,075 sq. ft.) of gross floor area.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7918-0342-00 to reduce the required parking rate in the Zoning By-law for a proposed recreational facility (gym) from 11 parking spaces per 100 square metres (1,075 sq.ft.) of gross floor area, to 9 parking spaces per 100 square metres (1,075 sq.ft.) of gross floor area.

REFERRALS

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

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

<u>Existing Land Use:</u> Multi-tenant commercial buildings

Adjacent Area:

Direction	Existing Use	TCP Designation	Existing Zone
North:	Townhouses	Highway	RM-45
		Commercial	
East (Across King George	Commercial units	Highway	CHI
Boulevard):		Commercial	
South:	Vacant sites	Highway	RF and CCR
		Commercial	
West (Across 135 Street):	Single Family	Multiple	RF
	Units	Residential Zone	

DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Background:

- The site is designated "Commercial" in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and zoned "Community Commercial Zone" (C-8).
- The C-8 zone is intended to accommodate and regulate the development of community shopping centers serving a community of several neighbourhoods.
- The site contains various commercial and retail units, as well as a childcare center. Six of the units are currently vacant.
- The applicant applied for a Tenant Improvement Permit in order to operate a gym ("Planet Fitness") in the building on the north west corner of the site, marked as building "D" on the site plan (Appendix II). The gross floor area of the gym would be approximately 2,044 square metres (22,001 sq. ft.) of gross floor area.

• The proposed gym is categorized as a recreational facility (gymnasium) under the Zoning Bylaw which requires 11 parking spaces per 100 square meters (1,075 sq.ft.) of gross floor area for this type of use. Therefore, the proposed gym would require 225 onsite parking spaces.

• A total of 293 parking spaces are required to service the proposed gym and all the existing uses on site. The applicant confirmed that there are 260 existing parking spaces, representing a deficit of 33 parking spaces based on the Zoning By-law requirement.

Current Proposal:

- The applicant seeks a Development Variance Permit (DVP) to reduce the rate at which parking for a recreational facility (gymnasium) is calculated from 11 parking spaces per 100 square meters (1,075 sq.) of gross floor area to 9 parking spaces per 100 square meters (1,075 sq.ft.) of gross floor area.
- Should the DVP be supported by Council, the gym would require a total of 184 parking spaces.

BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION

(a) Requested Variance:

• Reduce the required parking rate for a recreational facility (gym) from 11 parking spaces per 100 square meters (1,075 sq.ft.) of gross floor area to 9 parking spaces.

Applicant's Reasons:

 The gymnasium will experience the greatest parking demand between 5pm to 7pm, and earlier in the week (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). Six of the units on the site are currently vacant and do not generate any required parking at this time.
 Furthermore, the applicant noted that there is a surplus of parking on site in relation to the existing uses.

Staff Comments:

- Under Zoning By-law No. 12000, the proposed gym is considered a recreational facility which would require 225 parking spaces based on the current required parking rate. With a total parking demand of 293 parking spaces for all uses on site and 260 parking spaces available, the introduction of the gym would create a deficit of 33 spaces.
- The peak demand of the gym occurs outside the normal operating hours of the other businesses on site.

• The Engineering Department – Transportation Division previously commissioned a review of the minimum parking standards required for recreational facilities across different municipalities in the Lower Mainland. The parking study indicates that a parking rate of 9 parking spaces per 100 square metres (1,075 sq. ft.) of gross floor area for the proposed gym located at Unit 401, 7093 King George Boulevard can be considered reasonable, given that it is slightly higher than the average peak parking demand that was observed in the parking study for similar land-uses in the Lower Mainland.

• As the units on site are subject to future development that are permitted under the C-8 zone, Staff will review future uses as they are proposed, to ensure that adequate parking spaces are available on site to service all uses.

INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Lot Owners and Action Summary (Confidential)
Appendix II. Development Variance Permit No. 7918-0342-00

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

Appendix II

(the "City")

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

NO.: 7918-0342-00

Issued To:

("the Owner")

Address of 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:

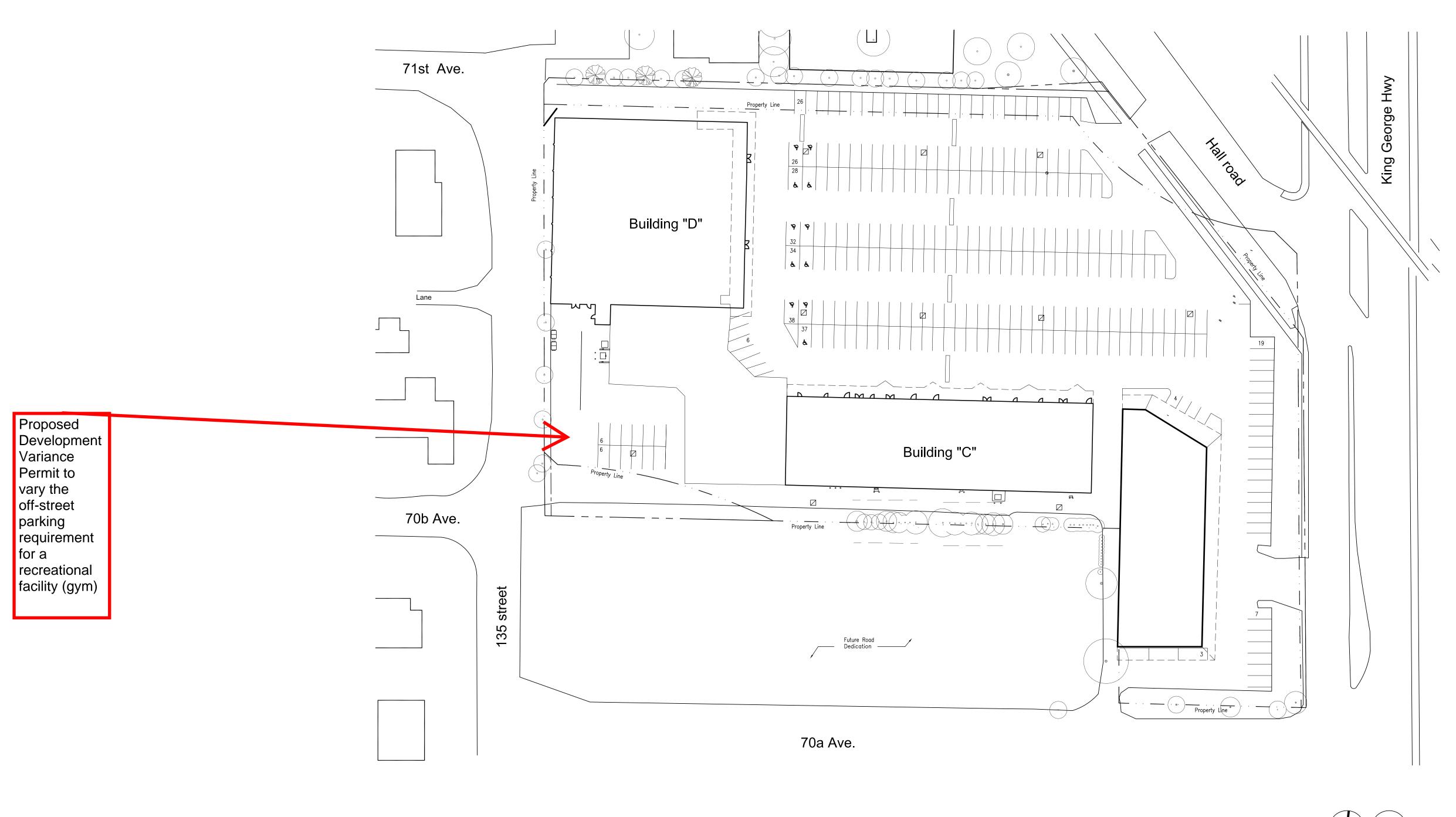
Parcel Identifier: 028-598-385 Lot 1 Section 17 Township 2 Plan BCP 48311 NWD

7093 King George Boulevard

(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:
 - (a) In Table C.1 of Part 5 Off-Street Parking and Loading/Unloading for a recreational facility (gymnasium), the requirement to provide 11 parking spaces per 100m² (1,075 sq.ft) is amended to 9 parking spaces per 100m² (1,075 sq.ft).
- 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 perm persons who acquire an interest in the Land.	it or any amendment to it, are binding on all	
8.	This development variance permit is not a bu	ilding permit.	
	ORIZING RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE CO	UNCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 .	
		Mayor – Doug McCallum	
		City Clerk – Jane Sullivan	



01 SITE PLAN SP101 1' = 20'



PARKING CALCULATIONS

SP101 NTS



4	2018-08-08	Re-Issued for Building Permit	lgv	lgv	
3	2018-08-01	Issued for Information	NB	lgv	
2	2018-07-09	Re-Issued for Pricing	NB	lgv	
1	2018-06-18	Issued for Pricing	lgv	lgv	
0	2018-05-23	Issued for Building Permit	lgv	lgv	
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Planet Fitness Newton

401 - 7093 King George Blvd., SURREY, BC V3W 5A2

Site Plan

PLOT DATE	PROJECT
SCALE 1' = 20'	1803
DRAWING NO.	REVISION
SP101	5

Schedule A