

City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7919-0184-00

Planning Report Date: July 22, 2019

PROPOSAL:

Development Variance Permit

to reduce the east side yard setback to facilitate tree

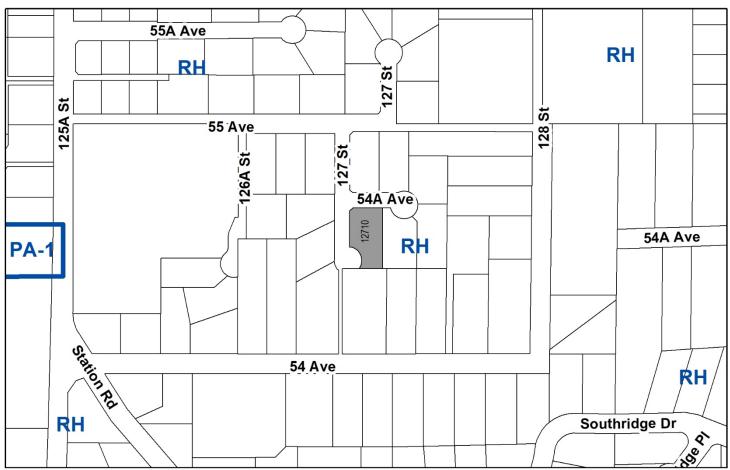
retention

LOCATION: 12710 - 54A Avenue

ZONING: RH

OCP DESIGNATION: Suburban (Density Exception Area)

LAP DESIGNATION: Suburban Residential (1/2 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 minimum required side yard setback of the "Half-Acre Residential Zone (RH)".

RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The proposed variance is necessary due to the tree protection zone of two trees located on the west side of the property.
- The proposed variance will facilitate retention of a significant tree that had been incorrectly surveyed under the original subdivision application.
- The proposed variance will allow the applicant to shift the proposed house 1 metre (3 ft.) to the east, allowing for minimal alterations to the current house design proposed for the property.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7919-0184-00 (Appendix I), to reduce the east side yard setback for the principal building from 4.5 metres (15 ft.) to 3.5 metres (11 ft.), to proceed to Public Notification.

REFERRALS

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

Parks, Recreation, &

Culture:

No referral required.

Fire: No referral required.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

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

Adjacent Area:

Direction	Existing Use	OCP/LAP	Existing Zone
		Designation	
North (Across 54A Avenue):	Single family	Suburban/Suburban	RH
	dwellings	Residential (1/2 Acre)	
East:	Single family	Suburban/Suburban	RH
	dwellings	Residential (1/2 Acre)	
South:	Single family	Suburban/Suburban	RH
	dwellings	Residential (1/2 Acre)	
West (Across 127 Street):	Single family	Suburban/Suburban	RH
	dwellings	Residential (1/2 Acre)	

DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Background:

- The subject property is 1,858 square metres (20,004 sq. ft.) in area and located at the southeast corner of 127 Street and 54A Avenue. The site is designated "Suburban Residential (1/2 acre)" in the West Panorama Ridge Local Area Plan (LAP) and "Suburban" in the Official Community Plan (OCP).
- The subject property was created as part of a 7 lot subdivision under Development Application 7916-0330, which was finalized on May 29, 2019.

• There were two trees designated for retention on the subject property under Development Application 7916-0330-00. The location of one of the trees, a Douglas Fir, was incorrectly surveyed under the subdivision application. The proposed house location on the subject property fell within the tree protection zone of the Douglas Fir tree after the survey was corrected.

After consultation with City staff, the project arborist and the design consultant, a
Development Variance Permit (DVP) was elected to be pursued by the applicant.

Current Proposal:

• The applicant is proposing a Development Variance Permit (DVP) to reduce the minimum side yard (east) setback of the RH Zone from 4.5 metres (15 ft.) to 3.5 metres (11 ft.) for the subject property.

BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION

(a) Requested Variance:

• To reduce the east side yard setback for the principal building from 4.5 metres (15 ft.) to 3.5 metres (11 ft.).

Applicant's Reasons:

- The variance will allow for the retention of a significant tree within the west side yard. The tree was designated for retention under the approved subdivision application; however, the tree location had been incorrectly surveyed at the time.
- The owner will have to pay for a new set of house designs that alter the original proposed house designs that currently place the proposed house within the tree protection zone on the west side of the property. The variance will allow for the owner to continue to use the proposed house designs for the lot by shifting the proposed house 1 metre (3 ft.) to the east outside of the tree protection zone for the incorrectly surveyed tree.

Staff Comments:

- The applicant will be required to provide a comfort letter from the project arborist detailing protection measures to be established for retention of the tree in the west side yard at the Building Permit stage.
- The west side yard setback will be increased from 7.5 metres (25 ft.) to 8.5 metres (28 ft.) as a result of the house shifting outside of the tree protection zone. The proposed variance will facilitate retention of the incorrectly surveyed tree in the west side yard.
- A letter of support has been received from the neighboring property owner to the east.

• Staff support the proposed variance to proceeding to Public Notification.

INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Development Variance Permit No. 7919-0184-00

original signed by Ron Hintsche

Jean Lamontagne General Manager Planning and Development

WS/cm

CITY OF SURREY

(the "City")

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

NO.: 7919-0184-00

(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: 030-807-204 Lot 2 District Lot 51 Group 2 New Westminster District Plan EPP81706

12710 - 54A Avenue

(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:
 - (a) In Part 14, Section F of Setbacks of "Half Acre Residential Zone (RH)" the required side yard (east) setback is reduced from 4.5 metres (15 ft.) to 3.5 metres (11 ft.) for the principal building.
- 4. This development variance permit applies to only the 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. 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.		e if the Owner does not substantially start any opment variance permit is issued, within two ance 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.		
	ORIZING RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE CC D THIS DAY OF , 20 .	OUNCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 .	
		Mayor – Doug McCallum	
		City Clerk – Jennifer Ficocelli	

