

Report to **Development Permit Panel**

To: Development Permit Panel - Nov 30, 2005

To:

Development Permit Panel

November 9, 2005

From:

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DV 05-307913

Holger Burke, MCIP

Re:

Acting Director of Development

Application by Sanford Design Group for a Development Variance Permit at

15100 Knox Way

Staff Recommendation

That a Development Variance Permit be issued which would vary the provisions of Zoning and Development Bylaw No. 5300 to reduce the required setback and landscaping for the off-street parking spaces along a public road from 3 m to 2.64 m along Knox Way and to 1.52 m along Savage Road on a site zoned "Light Industrial District (I2)" located at 15100 Knox Way.

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Staff Report

Origin

Sanford Design Group has applied to the City of Richmond for permission to vary the landscaping requirements contained in Zoning & Development Bylaw 5300 that requires the provision of a 3.0 m landscape strip along road frontages. The proposed variance requests a relaxation from 3.0 m to 2.64 m along the Knox Way frontage and 3.0 m to 1.52 m along the Savage Road frontage. The site (located at 15100 Knox Way) is currently undeveloped but the applicant is proposing to construct a 2588 m² building on site. Due to location, the proposed project will not be subject to a Development Permit. All other aspects of building construction and site development will be addressed through the building permit process.

Background

Development surrounding the subject site is light industrial (I2 zone) on all sides.

Staff Comments

The existing zone designation on the subject property is "Light Industrial District (I2)". The proposed landscape scheme is in compliance with the Zoning and Development Bylaw except for the zoning variance noted above.

Staff supports the proposed variance as the proposed landscape plan provides a high standard of landscape treatment and massing that is well beyond the minimum standard prescribed in the Zoning Bylaw for the Light Industrial District (12). Replacement of dead and declining street trees along the Savage Road frontage should occur as a condition of approval.

Analysis

Conditions of Adjacency

The adjacent properties on the block are recently developed (2004/2005) and have constructed landscape strips. The condition is minimal both in terms of plant mass and maintenance. Adjacent properties to the north and south have 1.8 m high chain link fencing at the property line separating the landscape strip from the sidewalk environment. The proposed relaxation would not constitute a serious deviation from the existing conditions. Adjacent properties are not likely to redevelop in the near future.

Urban Design and Site Planning

• The quality of the streetscape environment in this location is quite minimal. The proposed landscape plan (attached as a REFERENCE PLAN) with the proposed variances will enhance the aesthetic quality of the prominent corner location.

Architectural Form and Character

• N/A.

Landscape Design and Open Space Design

The plant variety and number identified on the plant list will provide a greater degree of
aesthetic quality than is prescribed as a minimal standard in the Zoning Bylaw and is in
excess of existing adjacent conditions. It would appear that the proposed plant mass and
variety is intended to compensate for the proposed variances. However, existing street trees

fronting the subject property are either dead or in serous decline and as such should be replaced.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

• The proposed landscape scheme incorporates open and lower growing plant material that is separated from the main building by the vehicular drive aisle and parking. As such, there are no negative implications for CPTED.

Conclusions

Although the proposed reduction in width of the required landscape strip is quite substantial (particularly along the Savage Road frontage), the proposed landscape treatment appears to be of a higher quality than adjacent properties and fits into the current context. As such, staff recommends support of this application.

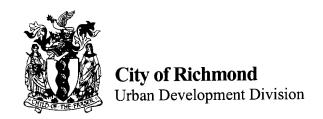
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Planner 1 (604) 247-4662

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The following conditions are required to be met prior to forwarding this application to Council for approval:

- Payment for replacement of street trees along the Knox Way frontage of the subject property in the amount of \$1,350 (\$450 per tree); and
- Receipt of a Letter of Credit for landscaping in the amount of \$12,486.15.



Development Variance Permit

No. DV 05-307913

To the Holder:

SANFORD DESIGN GROUP

Property Address:

15100 KNOX WAY

Address:

C/O #205 - 3751 JACOMBS ROAD

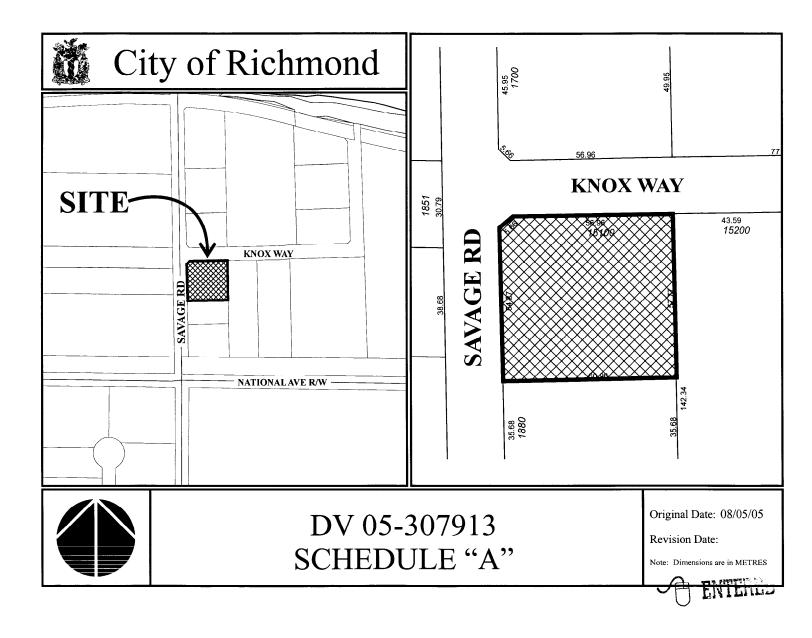
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- 1. This Development Variance Permit is issued subject to compliance with all of the Bylaws of the City applicable thereto, except as specifically varied by this Permit.
- 2. This Development Variance Permit applies to and only to those lands shown cross-hatched on the attached Schedule "A" and any and all buildings, structures and other development thereon.
- 3. The "Richmond Zoning and Development Bylaw No. 5300" is hereby varied to reduce the required setback and landscaping for the off-street parking spaces along a public road from 3 m to 2.65 m along Knox Way and 1.52 m along Savage Road.
- 4. The land described herein shall be developed generally in accordance with the terms and conditions and provisions of this Permit and any plans and specifications attached to this Permit which shall form a part hereof.
- As a condition of the issuance of this Permit, the City is holding the security in the amount of \$12,486.15 to ensure that development is carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Permit. Should any interest be earned upon the security, it shall accrue to the Holder if the security is returned. The condition of the posting of the security is that should the Holder fail to carry out the development hereby authorized, according to the terms and conditions of this Permit within the time provided, the City may use the security to carry out the work by its servants, agents or contractors, and any surplus shall be paid over to the Holder. Should the Holder carry out the development permitted by this permit within the time set out herein, the security shall be returned to the Holder. The City may retain the security for up to one year after inspection of the completed landscaping in order to ensure that plant material has survived.

Property Address:	15100 KNOX WAY C/O #205 – 3751 JACOMBS ROAD RICHMOND, BC V6V 2R4					
Address:						
24 months of the date	Holder does not commence the construction permitted by this Permit within nths of the date of this Permit, this Permit shall lapse.					
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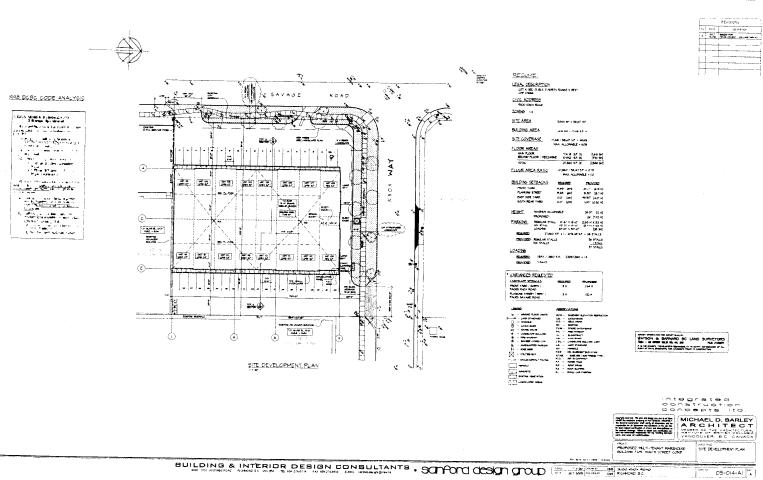
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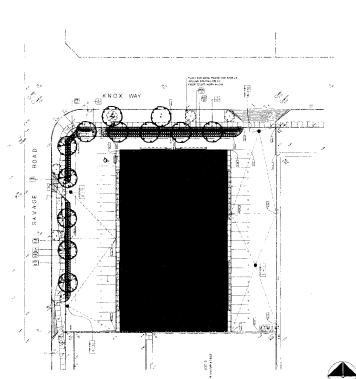
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Reference Plan

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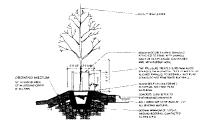


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ALL MATERIALS AND EXECUTION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE TO THE MOST RECENT BRITISH CRIUMBIA LANDSCAFE STANDARDS.

PLANTS IN THIS PLANT LIST ARE SPECIFIED ACCORDING 10 THE CRTA STANDAROS FOR NURSERY STOCK AND THE BC. NA STANDAROS FOR CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS





Reference Plan

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PROPOSED WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENT 15100 Knox Way,BC

Drawing Title LANDSCAPE PLAN

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