

Report to Development Permit Panel

To:

Development Permit Panel

Date:

January 20, 2004

From:

Holger Burke

File:

DV 03-250604

Acting Manager, Development Applications

Re:

Application by Patrick Cotter Architect Inc. for a Development Variance Permit

at 22888 Sharpe Avenue

Manager's Recommendation

That a Development Variance Permit be issued for the lots on Westminster Highway, Muir Drive, Sharpe Avenue and Lemon Avenue on properties zoned Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area A (R1/A), Coach House District (R9) and Comprehensive Development District (CD/61) at 22888 Sharpe Avenue which would vary the following:

- 1. For lots north of Sharpe Avenue, reduce the front yard setback from 6.0 m (19.685 ft.) to 4.3 m (14.107 ft.), permit cantilevered roofs, balconies, bay windows, fireplaces and chimneys forming part of the principal building to project into the side yard for a distance of not more than 0.6 m (2 ft.) and permit an unenclosed, roofed porch to project into the front yard for a distance of not more than 1.82 m (6 ft.).
- 2. For Coach House District (R9) lots generally along Sharpe Avenue, Muir Drive, Westminster Highway and the site's west property line, reduce the front yard setback from 6.0 m (19.685 ft.) to 4.3 m (14.107 ft.) and permit an unenclosed, roofed porch to project into the front yard for a distance of not more than 1.82 m (6 ft.).
- 3. For all lots on the subject site, increase the maximum building height from 9 m (29.528 ft.) to 10.4 m (34.125 ft.) and permit projections into the residential vertical envelope (lot depth and width) for a portion of the buildings second storey and roof.

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Staff Report

Origin

Patrick Cotter Architect Inc. has applied to the City of Richmond for permission to vary front and side yard setbacks, residential vertical envelopes and building heights to various lots along Westminster Highway, Muir Drive, Sharpe Avenue and Lemon Avenue at 22888 Sharpe Avenue. The following are variances applicable to each zoning district:

- 1. Front yard setback variances are applicable to all Coach House District (R9) and Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area A (R1/A) lots;
- 2. Projections forming part of the principal building (i.e. bay windows) permitted to encroach into the side yard setback are applicable to lots zoned Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area A (R1/A);
- 3. Projections for unenclosed, roofed porches are applicable to all lots zoned Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area A (R1/A) and Coach House District (R9); and
- 4. Projections into the residential vertical envelope (lot width and depth) for portions of the second storey and roof and increases to maximum building heights for the roof ridgeline are applicable to all Coach House District (R9), Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area A (R1/A) and Comprehensive Development District (CD/61) zoned lots.

A copy of the development application filed with the Urban Development Division is appended to this report along with related site plan and building drawings.

Findings of Fact

The subject site is a large development parcel that is 2.0 ha (4.9 acres) in size. The rezoning for the site, approved in July, 2003, permits subdivision into 54 residential lots (28 single-family residential lots and 26 coach house lots). Three-storey multi-family townhouses are located to the immediate west and east of the subject site. A single-family residential neighbourhood is located north, with Westminster Highway and Highway 91 positioned south of the site.

Road setbacks for the adjoining townhouse site to the west are 2 m (6.56 ft.). Setbacks for the townhouse site to the east are 3.5 m (11.5 ft.) along Sharpe Avenue and Muir Road and 6.0 m (20 ft.) along Westminster Highway.

Justification

The following outlines the applicant's justification for the requested variances. Setback variances are to provide similar front yard setbacks (4.3 m) among zoning districts throughout the site. Projections for portions of the building (i.e. bay windows; chimneys; unenclosed roofed porches) are being requested to emulate design features evident in Comprehensive Development District (CD/61).

Variances to the residential vertical envelope (lot width and depth) and maximum building height are being made by the applicant for two reasons:

- 1. To allow for the implementation of heritage style roof forms, which have a greater height and steeper pitch than conventional roofs; and
- 2. Due to required floodplain elevations, the architect is implementing crawlspaces on all houses, which results in residential vertical envelope projections and increases to height.

Staff Comments

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In the subject site's rezoning (RZ 02-213387), staff noted that the developer wished to reduce the front yard setbacks and permit encroachments into the side and front yards in order to achieve a similar appearance and siting of buildings in the Comprehensive Development District (CD/61) zone. At the time of the rezoning, these proposed variances where only identified for the Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area A (R1/A) lots north of Sharpe Avenue. The applicant has expanded the scope of variances to include Coach House District (R9) and Comprehensive Development District (CD/61) zoned lots resulting in changes to each applicable zoning district. These were not originally requested or noted during the subject site's rezoning.

Due to reduced front yard setbacks for lots fronting Westminster Highway, staff requested additional landscaping along the fronts of lots 13 to 20 and the side of lot 12. The intent being to provide a similar landscaped buffer treatment along Westminster Highway implemented on neighbouring townhouse developments to the east and west. The landscaping shown in the attached drawing is a condition of subdivision approval.

Analysis

Although the list of variances is wide-ranging, staff consider them to be reasonable. They allow a consistent front yard setback for all lots in the area and are similar to existing road setbacks for townhouse developments to the east and west of the site.

The applicant wishes to emulate design features evident in the Comprehensive Development District (CD/61) zone. To achieve this, various front and side yard building projections are being requested for lots zoned Single-Family Housing, District, Subdivision Area A (R1/A) and Coach House District (R9).

Projections into the residential vertical envelope (lot width and depth) and increases to maximum building height are due to the implementation of crawl spaces to meet minimum flood plain elevations and use of 'heritage' style roof pitches. As a result, a variance is being requested to permit portions of the second storey and roof to project into the residential vertical envelope (lot width and depth) and increase maximum building heights accordingly. This applies to all lots on the subject site. A different height variance is specified for each zone with the maximum requested building height being at 10.4 m (34.125 ft.).

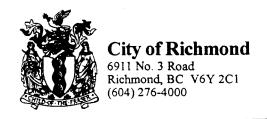
Conclusions

Staff support the Development Variance Permit application.

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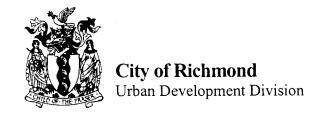
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Please submit this completed form to the Zoning counter located at City Hall. All materials submitted to the City with a *Development Application* become public property, and therefore, available for public inquiry.

Please refer to the attached requirements for details on the non-refundable application fees and application attachments.

Type of Application: DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT
Property Address(es): 22888 Sharpe Ave.
Legal Description(s): Lot 1 Sec 2-4-4 Pl. BCP5877
Applicant: Patrick Cotter Hirchitect Inc
Correspondence/Calls to be directed to:
Name: PATRICIL COTTER ARCHITECT NC.
Address: 1338 -56 Th 5T
DELTA, B.C. V4L 2A4 Postal Code
Tel. No.: (604) 943 - 1151 Business PARCH® TELUS NET E-mail Residence (604) 943 - 1152 Fax
Property Owner(s) Signature(s):
Authorized Agent's Signature: Attach Letter of Authorization Please print name Please print name Please print name
For Office Use
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File No.: 03-250604 Receipt No.: 17-0616049

X/R 02-213387



Development Variance Permit

No. DV 03-250604

To the Holder:

PATRICK COTTER ARCHITECT INC.

Property Address:

22888 SHARP AVENUE

Address:

C/O 1338 56TH STREET DELTA, BC V4L 2A4

- 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 as follows:
 - a) Reduce the front yard setback for all Coach House District (R9) and Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area A (R1/A) lots from 6.0 m (19.685 ft.) to 4.3 m (14.107 ft.).
 - b) Permit cantilevered roofs, balconies, bay windows, fireplaces and chimneys forming part of the principal building to project into the side yard for a distance of not more than 0.6 m (2 ft) for all Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area A (R1/A) zoned lots
 - c) Permit an unenclosed, roofed porch to project into the front yard for a distance of not more than 1.82 m (6 ft.) for all Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area A (R1/A) and Coach House District (R9) zoned lots.
 - d) Permit projections into the residential vertical envelope (lot depth and width) for a portion of the buildings second storey and roof on all lots zoned Coach House District (R9), Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area A (R1/A) and Comprehensive Development District (CD/61).
 - e) Vary the maximum building height for roof ridgeline projections into the residential vertical envelope (lot width and depth) as follows:
 - Increase the maximum building height from 9 m (29.528 ft.) to 10.4 m (34.125 ft.) for all Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area A (R1/A) lots.
 - Increase the maximum building height from 9 m (29.528 ft.) to 9.88 m (32.417 ft.) for all Coach House District (R9) lots.
 - Increase the maximum building height from 9 m (29.528 ft.) to 10.06 m (33 ft.) for all Comprehensive Development District (CD/61) lots.

Variances are shown on Plans # 1-7 attached hereto.

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- 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.
- 5. If the Holder does not commence the construction permitted by this Permit within 24 months of the date of this Permit, this Permit shall lapse.

This Permit is not a Building Permit.

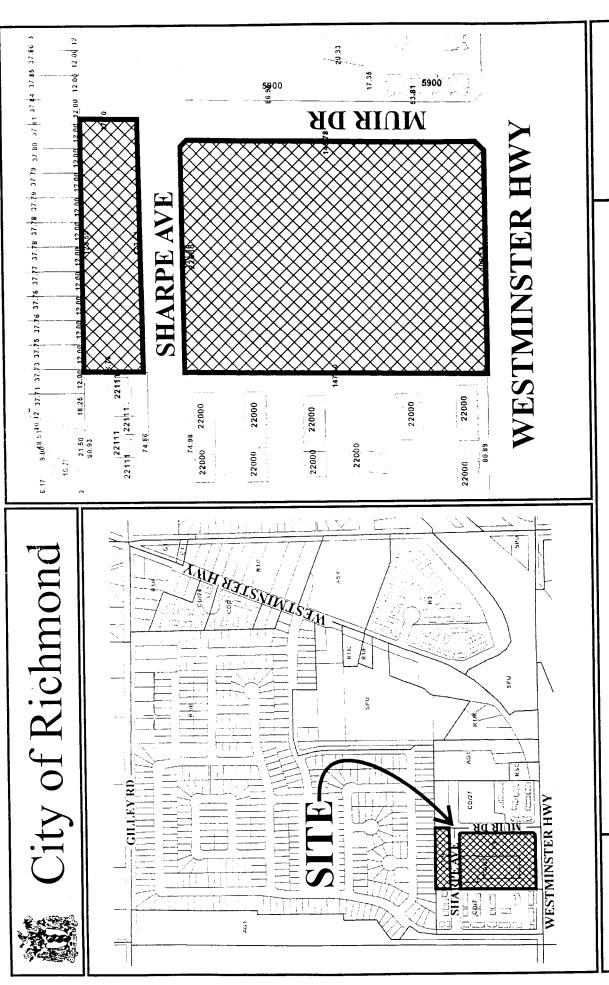
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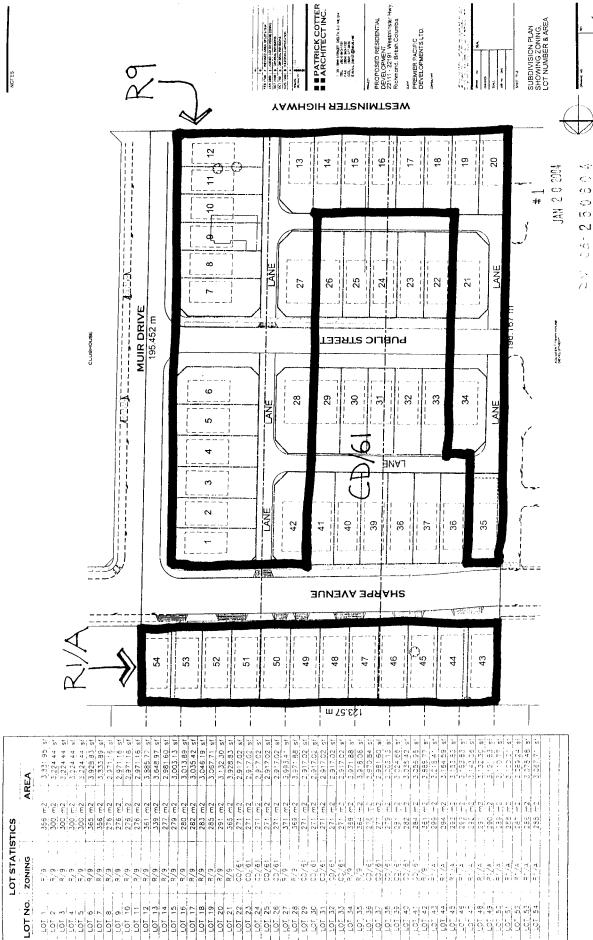
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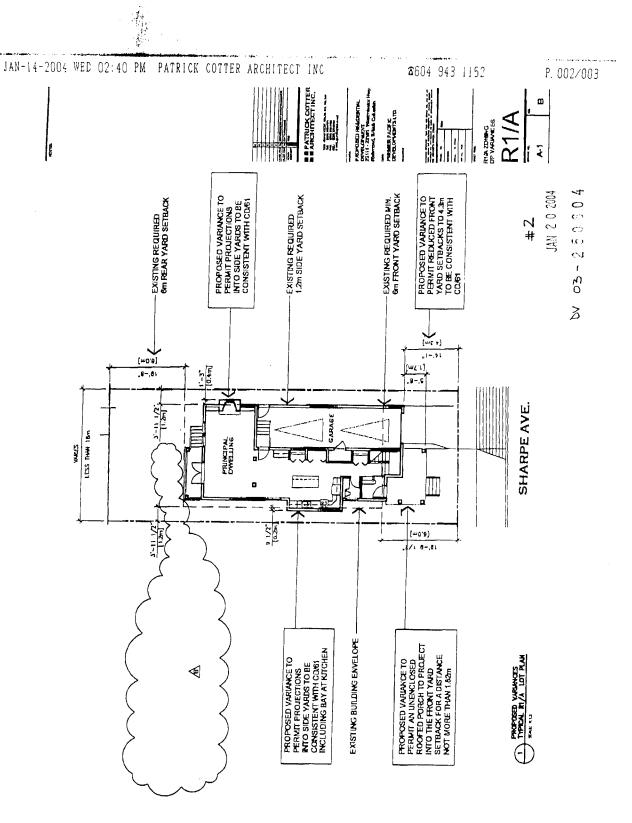


DV 03-250604 SCHEDULE "A"

Original Date: 11/17/03 Revision Date: 01/21/04 Note: Dimensions are in METRES



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