

Report to Development Permit Panel

To:

Development Permit Panel

Date:

January 31, 2003

From:

Joe Erceg

File:

DP 02-212789

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Manager, Development Applications

Re:

Application by Am-Pri Construction Ltd. for a Development Permit at

8080 Bennett Road

Manager's Recommendation

That a Development Permit be issued for 8080 Bennett Road that would:

- 1. Permit the construction of a 38-unit townhouse complex on a property zoned Townhouse & Apartment District (R3); and that would:
- 2. Vary the regulations in the Zoning and Development Bylaw to:
 - permit up to twenty tandem parking spaces;
 - reduce the sideyard setback from 6 m to 3 m for five (5) buildings;
 - reduce the front setback from 6 m to 4 m to allow bay windows and porches to project;
 - reduce the rear yard setback from 6 m to 4 m to allow balconies and bay windows to project, and
 - relax the visitor parking requirement from 8 to 6 to allow for more tree-planting.

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Manager, Development Applications

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Staff Report

Origin

Mr. Tom Yamamoto, Architect has applied, on behalf of Am-Pri Construction Ltd., to build a 38-unit townhouse complex on a site which is scheduled for February 24 for final reading of the rezoning to Townhouse & Apartment District (R3).

A copy of the development application filed with the Urban Development Division is appended to this report.

Development Information

Site Area:

6,503 m² (69,998 ft²)

Building Area:

4,937.263 m² (53,146 ft²)

Site Coverage:

40% Allowed 39% Proposed

F.A.R.:

0.6 for first 3,000 m², plus 0.9 for next 9,000 m² Allowed

Proposed is 15 m² less than allowable.

Parking:

65 Spaces Required

68 Spaces Proposed

Findings of Fact

Criteria and policies for the issuance of Development Permits appear in Schedule 2.10. of Bylaw 7100, *The City Centre Area Plan*, part of the *Official Community Plan*.

Development surrounding the subject site is as follows:

To the north, south, east and west are existing multi-family developments; and

To the south-east is an approved townhouse development which is supposed to complete a public walkway to General Currie Road.

Staff Comments

Urban Development - Design

The revised plans are an improvement in a number of ways. (These comments are based on revised plans submitted in November, 2002). Retaining mature trees and combining the two (2) amenity spaces results in an attractive, functional and safe design. We note that the lab report from the arbourist indicates no disease in the roots of the existing Cedar trees along the proposed public walkway, and therefore we agree that the trees should be retained (Parks Department staff concur).

Because the arbourist has a number of cautions in his report, we recommend that the developer retain a qualified tree expert to monitor the trees during and <u>after</u> construction. Please provide evidence of a contract for monitoring during construction. We also will require a letter indicating the health of the trees after construction is complete. Finally, please assure that there is protective fencing in place prior to commencement of construction or site work. (I have already spoken to the developer about trucks on the site). We will be retaining the Letter of Credit for two (2) years after final inspection to cover the City's costs, if any, should the Cedars need to be removed for safety reasons.

We note that one of the conditions of rezoning is the granting of a public walkway 4.5 m wide, narrowing to 3 m at the driveway.

We recommend some minor changes to the landscape plans to: add large-growing trees along the walkway where existing trees have to be removed, and to better connect the walkways thru the common area.

We commend the use of durable materials such as Hardi-plank, but we recommend that it be used at grade level instead of vinyl. Also, please show paint colour numbers for wood trim.

The applicants have revised the plans accordingly. The developer has already installed protective fencing around the existing trees, and prepared a right-of-way plan. The landscape architect has added replacement trees as per the comments. Hardi-plank has been added to the end walls of "C" and "D" units and facades of building 3 are improved by revising the roof lines of the "C" unit and adding hardi-plank to the ground floor façade. Window panels were added to some garage doors. All entries have covered porches and box windows and brackets were added to all buildings. Lighting information has been added to the landscape plan

City Centre Planner

Improve the facades of Building 3, especially the sides facing the walkway and Bennett Road. There seems to be too many garage doors all the same, and the front doors could use more emphasis. Provide a more detailed landscape plan of the walkway and its amenities, lighting, etc.

Buildings 7 and 8 should have access to the amenity space via the rear of the buildings. The architecture in general could use more character and better detailing.

The applicants have revised the plans accordingly, except that access was not added to the rear of the buildings because the floor plan did not lend itself to such a change, and it would lessen the private yard space.

Urban Development - Utilities

Most all of our issues are being dealt with via the rezoning RZ (01-197892) and subsequent required Servicing Agreement (which has not been applied for yet). Related to this, is the design of the walkway along the east edge of the site. It is a Rezoning/Servicing Agreement requirement but some design detail can be coordinated via this Development Permit process. No other concerns.

Urban Development - Transportation

Ensure turnaround capability for vehicles particularly at dead-ends (e.g. hammerheads). Ensure turnaround capability for all visitors' stalls; in particular V1, V2, V3, V4, and V6, otherwise relocate them. First curve upon entering off of Bennett Road is narrow. Ensure two (2) vehicles can pass each other safely (should use a vehicle turning template to confirm).

The applicants have revised the plans accordingly.

Public Art

Recommend that the applicant be requested to contribute \$25,000 for the development of a Public Art project. The suggested location for artwork is the proposed pedestrian trail along the east property. It is recommended that the applicant meet with the Public Art Coordinator to discuss Public Art and its development on-site.

The developer has requested that he be allowed to make a contribution of \$10,000 to the Affordable Housing Fund instead.

Garbage and Recycling

This development will be on private garbage collection and can apply to the City for City garbage collection (see Garbage Bylaw). The proposed location for the recycling enclosure is good. Please add space for a 3 cu. yd. cardboard recycling container and ensure the enclosure is 10 ft. away from combustible building.

The applicants have revised the plans accordingly.

Analysis of the City Centre Guidelines

4.3 General Design Considerations

- 4.3.1 Public Amenity: Contribute to the establishment of a "complete community".
- ☑ Mix of uses, and their distribution, should serve to strengthen neighbourhoods.
- Promote streets for pedestrian activity and make them the focus of public life.

walkway.

- ✓ Social and cultural features should be made plentiful, accessible, and of higher quality.
 ✓ Natural, built, and human heritage should be retained, enhanced, and celebrated.
 ✓ Safety in design should provide for surveillance, territoriality, effective lighting, and increased security around potential crime targets. Provide front doors on east side of Building 3, facing the public walkway in order to improve surveillance. The architect has added window panels to the garage doors of building 3 and each unit also has a "back door" facing the public
- 4.3.2 Environmental Factors: Enhance liveability of the public and private realms.
- Sun and shade, influenced by massing and siting, should ensure the liveability of:
 - a) Public Realm Around noon, 3-5 hours, minimum, of sunlight to streets subject to sunlight standards (Fig.2), and outdoor spaces in general (March 2 September 21).
 - b) Semi-Private Open Spaces Maximize direct sunlight between 10 am and 2 pm for all uses, plus 4 pm to early evening for residential uses.
 - c) Private Residential Open Space Ensure direct sun to at least 75% of dwelling units and their open spaces. (May require shadow study of subject site and neighbours).
- ☑ Weather protection should be designed to enhance pedestrian comfort and activity:
 - Throughout City Centre It is promoted adjacent to public uses, transit, building entries, across barriers (i.e. parking lots), and where a "gap" can be filled.
 - b) Special Pedestrian Area Its provision and continuity are directed as per Fig.3.
 - c) Types In higher-density and mixed-use areas, canopies (1.8 m deep x 2.74 m high, min.) and arcades (2.5 m deep x 4.2 m high, min.) are preferred over fabric awnings.
- Wind and pedestrian comfort Protect pedestrian areas, in general, and high-activity pedestrian areas, in particular, from the negative effects of the prevailing easterly wind, local wind conditions, and site-generated wind conditions.
- Noise North of Granville Avenue, a registered acoustics professional must verify residential development, subject to rezoning or subdivision, meets CMHC standards. n/a.
- Public views and vistas, including the skyline, should be preserved and enhanced.
- 4.4.1 Residential: Reinforce and augment other City liveability criteria and sub-area plans.
- ☑ General multiple-family guidelines promote the following:
 - a) Clustering Maximum 90 apartment units sharing one entrance, 25 townhouses clustered, and 6 townhouses in a row.
 - b) Entries Promote individual grade-level unit entries.
 - c) Views Provide near-, middle-, and distant-views to each unit.
 - d) Sun 75% of units and their open space should receive direct sunlight year-round.
 - e) Private Open Space Larger spaces are strongly encouraged, but for townhouses, 37 m² (9 m deep) minimum, and for apartments, 6 m² (1.8 m deep) minimum.
 - f) Noise Maintain maximum indoor ambient sound level of 35 dBA, and buffer traffic noise impacts on private and semi-private open space.
- ☑ Universal housing seeks to accommodate the functional needs of <u>all</u> residents, through:
 - a) Common areas All should accommodate wheelchairs and the visually impaired.
 - b) Elevator At least one must accommodate a prone stretcher.
 - c) Units Should accommodate wheelchair access throughout.
 - d) Doorways Wheelchair accessible throughout common areas and private units.

- e) Floors Slip-resistant and non-glare.
- f) Locks, Handles, and Controls Easy to read, reach, grasp, and use.
- g) Counters, Cupboards, Sinks, Tubs, and Showers Well-lit and easy to use.
- h) Additional electrical features Encouraged to allow for computers, etc.
- Housing families with children effectively requires special consideration of:
 - a) Sites Within walking distance of schools/amenities, protected from incompatible uses, and conducive to the provision of family housing needs (i.e. play space).
 - b) Clustering Group family units to provide children peers to play with, a sense of community, and adequate numbers to support the provision of amenities.
 - c) Common Open Space Must meet the needs of both adults and children.
 - d) Indoor Amenity Space Size, distribution, and design should accommodate <u>both</u> adults and children.
- 4.4.2 Retail. n/a.
- 4.4.3 Amenity Space: Enhance access to high-quality, useable, indoor amenity spaces.
- Public space provided by new development, as defined under Bylaw 5300, should be tailored to one or more uses determined by the City, provide barrier-free public access, be convenient to outdoor space and parking, and ensure that exterior windows extend for a length equal to at least 20% of the perimeter of the facility.
- Semi-Private Space, for the common use of residents or non-residential tenants, should:
 - a) Phasing Adequately serve each phase of development.
 - b) Design and Operation Be tailored to site-specific tenant needs.
 - c) Minimum Ratio For residential, 2 m²/bedroom (plus 4 m²/bedroom of outdoor space), and for other uses, 1 m²/100 m² of gross leaseable building area.
 - d) Tenants Meet the on-site needs of children, youth, adults, and seniors.
- 4.4.4 Parking and Loading: Improve the safety/appearance/effectiveness of these uses.
 - Parking reduction opportunities should be sought through the sharing of parking facilities and coordination with the off-site opportunities.

Advisory Design Panel

The Design Panel gave the project their support at the meeting of November 20, 2002. The comments are as follows:

- "The plan, including Bennett Road, is much improved over the original presentation, in particular the edge and the combining of the play area to the amenity area;
- the play and amenity area combination was good;
- an improved plan. A suggestion was made that a different ground floor facade material be considered over vinyl;
- the new plan was an improvement. More variety and colours were suggested, such as vertical board and batten or shingles, for the exterior finish. A strong recommendation for improved design elements, such as box windows, was put forth."

The consensus of the Panel was that the item move forward subject to the above noted comments.

The applicants have revised the plans accordingly.

Variances

The applicants are seeking a number of variances to the zoning. These include setback variances on three sides and tandem parking of vehicles. These kinds of variances are commonly granted, and staff have no objections. In addition staff recommend that 2 visitor parking spaces be deleted to allow for more tree-planting at the end of long aisles. The project still exceeds the bylaw requirement for resident parking.

Analysis

This is one of the last projects to be developed in the St. Albans sub-area of the City Centre. This 38 unit townhouse will provide a walkway link to General Currie Road and the school to the south. A number of mature trees will be preserved along the walkway and on the site, which will complement and soften the three-storey architecture. Porches facing Bennett Road, a huge existing Oak tree in the amenity space, and a universally-convertible unit will help by adding a human touch.

The applicant will also be constructing frontage improvements on Bennett Road and has offered to contribute \$10,000 to the Affordable Housing Fund (in lieu of a \$25,000 Public Art contribution).

Conclusions

The City has received an application for a Development Permit for a townhouse complex on a Townhouse & Apartment District (R3) site. The project is generally in conformance with City bylaws and guidelines, except for a few minor variances. The project will provide public benefits, including a walkway and frontage works. Staff recommend approval of this project.

Alex Jamieson

Planner 2 - Urban Design

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There are conditions to be met, namely:

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Prior to a Building Permit, the developer is to enter into a Servicing Agreement for the construction of frontage works and a walkway, and a right-of-way is required for the walkway.

Prior to advancing this Development Permit to Council, a Letter of Credit is required for landscaping and \$10,000 for the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund. The developer must provide evidence of a contract for a consultant to monitor the existing trees during construction.



Development Applications Department



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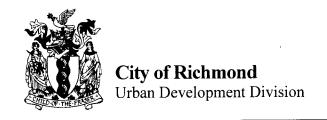
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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Please submit this completed form to the Zoning, Land Use Planning and Development Applications Centre for each application (ie. rezoning; subdivision; development permit, etc.). All materials submitted to the City for a development application become public property, and therefore, available for public inquiry.

Please refer to the attached forms for details on application attachments and fees. Type of Application: Property Address(es): Legal Description(s): PL 36 Applicant: Correspondence/Calls to be directed to: YAZMAMOTO Name: Address: Tel. No.: Property Owner(s) Signature(s): Please print name or Authorized Agent's Signature: Attach Letter of Authorization Please print name FOR OFFICE USE Application Fee: Date Received: Receipt No.: File No.: Only assign if application is complete



Development Permit

No. DP 02-212789

To the Holder:

AM-PRI CONSTRUCTION LTD.

Property Address:

8080 BENNETT ROAD

Address:

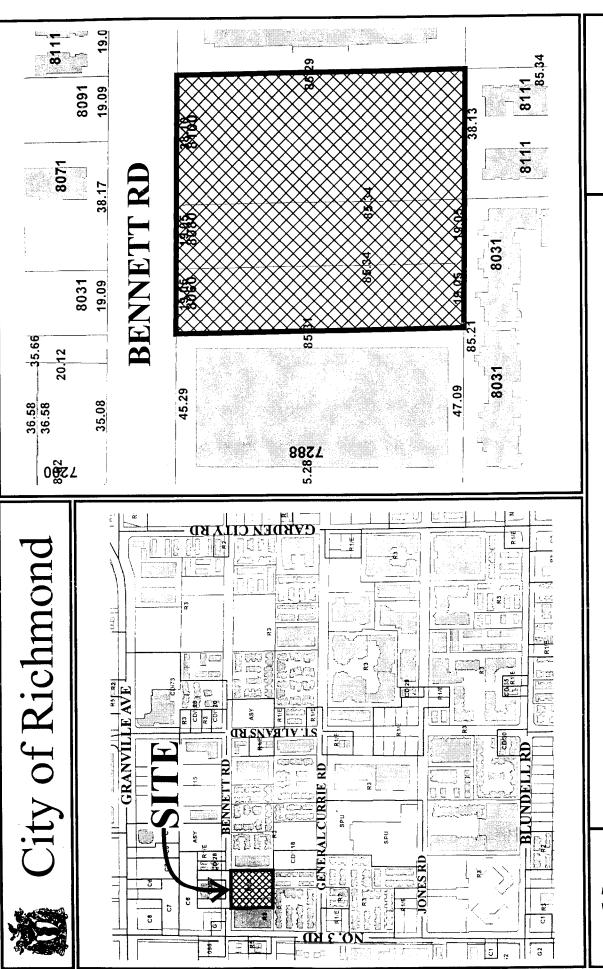
C/O MR. TOM YAMAMOTO, ARCHITECT

954 BAYCREST DRIVE

NORTH VANCOUVER, BC V7G 1N8

- 1. This Development Permit is issued subject to compliance with all of the Bylaws of the City applicable thereto, except as specifically varied or supplemented by this Permit.
- 2. This Development 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 or supplemented as follows:
 - a) The dimension and siting of buildings and structures on the land shall be generally in accordance with Plan #1 attached hereto.
 - b) The siting and design of off-street parking and loading facilities shall be generally in accordance with Plan #1 attached hereto.
 - c) Landscaping and screening shall be provided around the different uses generally in accordance with the standards shown on Plan #2 and 3 attached hereto.
 - d) Roads and parking areas shall be paved in accordance with the standards shown on Plan #1, and 2 attached hereto.
 - e) Sanitary sewers, water, drainage, highways, street lighting, underground wiring, street trees, walkways, and sidewalks, shall be provided as required.
 - f) Subject to Section 692 of the Local Government Act, R.S.B.C., the building shall be constructed generally in accordance with Plans #4 to #6 attached hereto.
- 4. As a condition of the issuance of this Permit, Council is holding the security set out below 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, or 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 two years after inspection of the completed landscaping in order to ensure that plant material has survived. In addition to other remedies, the City may cash the letter-of-credit in an amount equal to the value of any trees which die as a result of construction.

To the Holder:		AM-PRI CONSTRUCTION LTD.	
Property Address:		8080 BENNETT ROAD	
Address:		C/O MR. TOM YAMAMOTO, ARCHITECT 954 BAYCREST DRIVE NORTH VANCOUVER, BC V7G 1N8	
	There is filed accordingly An Irrevocable Letter	v: of Credit in the amount	nt of \$31,657.
	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.		
6.	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 and the security shall be returned in full.		
	This Permit is not a Building Permit.		
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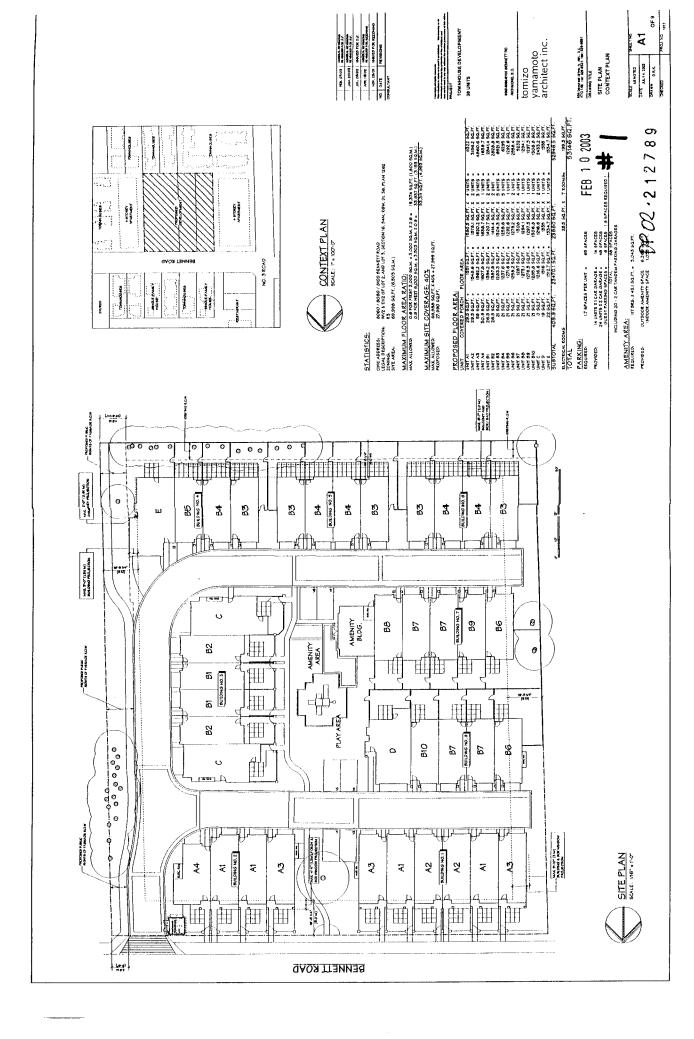


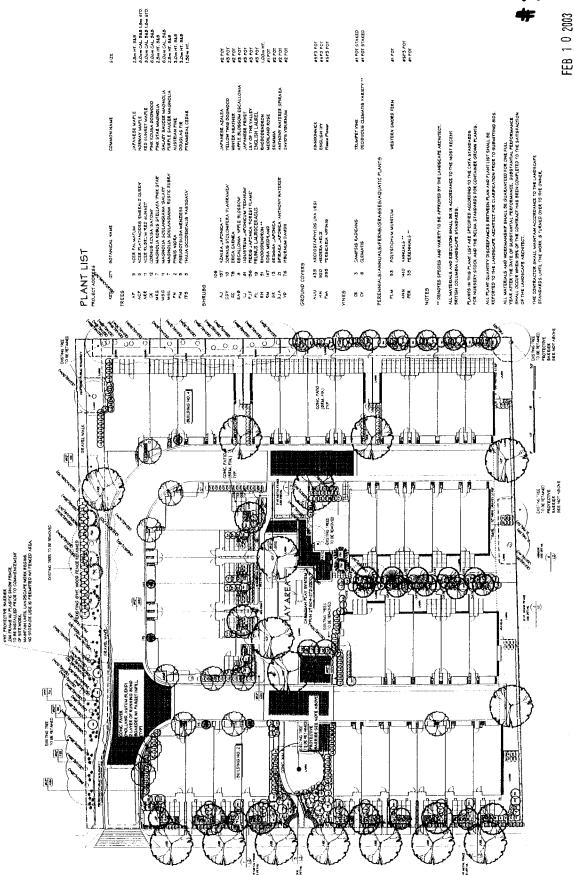
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