

## Report to **Development Permit Panel**

To:

**Development Permit Panel** 

Date:

April 29, 2005

From:

Raul Allueva

File:

DP 05-297562

Director of Development

Re:

Application by Sanford Design Group for a Development Permit at

5660 Parkwood Way

#### **Staff Recommendation**

That a Development Permit be issued which would:

- 1. Permit the construction of a 2,174 m<sup>2</sup> (23,402 ft<sup>2</sup>) car dealership building at 5660 Parkwood Way on a site zoned Automotive Park District (AUP); and
- 2. Vary the provisions of the Zoning and Development Bylaw No. 5300 to reduce the minimum public road setback of parking from 3 m to 0.9 m; and side and rear yard setbacks of parking from 1.5 m to 0.9 m to the north and 0 m to the east and south.

Raul Allueva Director of Development

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#### Staff Report

#### Origin

Sanford Design Group has applied to the City of Richmond for permission to develop a 2,174 m<sup>2</sup> (23,402 ft<sup>2</sup>) car dealership building at 5660 Parkwood Way on a vacant site zoned Automotive Park District (AUP) in the Richmond Auto Mall.

#### **Development Information**

Please refer to attached Development Application Data Sheet (Attachment 1) for a comparison of the proposed development data with the relevant Bylaw requirements.

#### **Background**

The subject East Cambie Area site is located in the Richmond Auto Mall surrounded by businesses and industrial buildings to the north. The Richmond Auto Mall is accessed from Jacombs Road between Highway 91, Westminster Highway and Knight Street.

#### Staff Comments

The proposed scheme attached to this report satisfactorily addresses the significant urban design issues and other staff comments identified as part of the review of the subject Development Permit application. In addition, it complies with the intent of the applicable sections of the Official Community Plan (OCP) and is generally in compliance with the Automotive Park District (AUP) except for the zoning variances noted below.

#### Zoning Compliance/Variances (staff comments in bold)

The applicant requests to vary the provisions of the Zoning and Development Bylaw No. 5300 to reduce the minimum public road setback of parking from 3 m to 0.9 m; and side and rear yard setbacks of parking from 1.5 m to 0.9 m to the north and 0 m to the east and south.

(Staff supports the proposed variance. Two of the reasons for the parking setbacks are to ensure sufficient landscaping to offer a separation between different uses and to help conceal surface parking lots. Located inside the Richmond Auto Mall, the property is surrounded by the same use. In this specialized land use, surface parking lots are retail display area and the applicant wishes to maximize the visibility of the retail cars. Setback reductions are consistent with neighbouring developments inside the auto mall.

In compliance with Richmond Auto Mall requirements, a 2 m frontage landscape boulevard is to be provided in addition to the landscaping proposed in the public road setback. The surface parking in the public road setback is broken up with some landscaping elements including planting, trees, special pavement and pylon signage. There is an existing parking lot tight against the east property line. There is an existing access driveway along the north edge which will be landscaped. There is a statutory Right-of-Way along the south property line which precludes the opportunity to plant trees. However, there is existing landscaping to the south of the Right-of-Way on the adjacent car dealership site to the south. In addition, the Richmond Auto Mall Association has submitted a letter in support of the proposal).

#### **Advisory Design Panel Comments**

The proposed development was not presented to Advisory Design Panel. The subject site for the proposed car dealership project is located in the Richmond Auto Mall, surrounded by like businesses and industrial buildings. For these reasons, review by the Advisory Design Panel was not deemed to be necessary.

#### **Analysis**

#### Conditions of Adjacency

• The site is surrounded by like businesses and industrial buildings.

#### Urban Design and Site Planning

- Vehicle access is provided by two driveways to Parkwood Way;
- One hundred and five (105) parking spaces are provided. Forty-eight (48) of those are in excess of the bylaw requirements, including twenty-five (25) tandem parking spaces in the vehicle storage area to the rear of the site; and
- Screen walls are provided throughout the Richmond Auto Mall and on this site to separate the front retail area from the rear vehicle storage area. Perimeter fencing is also provided around the vehicle storage area to enhance security after hours in accordance with CPTED (1.8 m chainlink to match existing neighbouring fences).

#### Architectural Form and Character

- The building form is articulated;
- The proposed building materials (curtain wall, metal panels, cultured stone, and painted tilt up concrete) are generally consistent with the Official Community Plan (OCP) Guidelines; and
- Signage has not been considered under this Development Permit application. A separate Permit application is required for signage and is subject to the Sign Regulation Bylaw.

#### Landscape Design and Open Space Design

- The landscape design includes the removal of six (6) existing trees, which will be replaced with 19 new trees; and
- The landscape design also includes special paving treatment with patterning and colour, as
  well as perimeter planting across the frontage and along the access driveway to the north.

#### **Conclusions**

The applicant has satisfactorily addressed conditions of adjacency, site planning and urban design, architectural form and character, and landscape design. The applicant has presented a development that fits into the existing context. Therefore, staff recommend support of this Development Permit application.

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Sara Badyal, M.Arch.

Planner 1

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

Receipt of a Letter-of-Credit for landscaping in the amount of \$46,804.



# Development Application Data Sheet

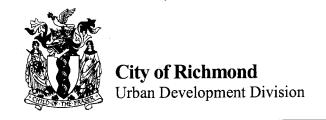
**Development Applications Department** 

DP 05-2975	62		Attachment 1
Address: 5	660 Parkwood Way		
Applicant: S	Sanford Design Group	Owner:	Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada
Planning Area	a(s): Fast Cambie Area		

Floor Area Gross: 2,174 m<sup>2</sup> Floor Area Net: 2,174 m<sup>2</sup>

	Existing	Proposed	
Site Area:	6,899 m²	No change	
Land Uses:	Vacant	Car dealership	
OCP Designation:	Commercial	No change	
Zoning:	Automotive Park District (AUP)	No change	

	Bylaw Requirement	Proposed	Variance
Floor Area Ratio:	Max. 0.5	0.32	none permitted
Lot Coverage:	Max. 50%	29.3%	None
Setback – Public Road:	Min. 6 m	Min. 19.8 m	None
Setback – Side Yard:	Min. 3 m	Min. 13.7 m	None
Setback – Rear Yard:	Min. 3 m	Min. 23 m	None
Height (m):	Max. 12 m	9 m	None
Parking Setback – Public Road:	Min. 3 m	0.9 m	2.1 m reduction
Parking Setback – Side & Rear Yards:	Min. 1.5 m	0 m & 0.9 m	1.5 m to 0.6 m reduction
Off-street Parking Spaces:	87	105	None
Off-street Parking Spaces – Accessible:	2	2	None
Total off-street Spaces:	87	105	None



### **Development Permit**

No. DP 05-297562

To the Holder:

SANFORD DESIGN GROUP

Property Address:

5660 PARKWOOD WAY

Address:

C/O DAVE SANFORD

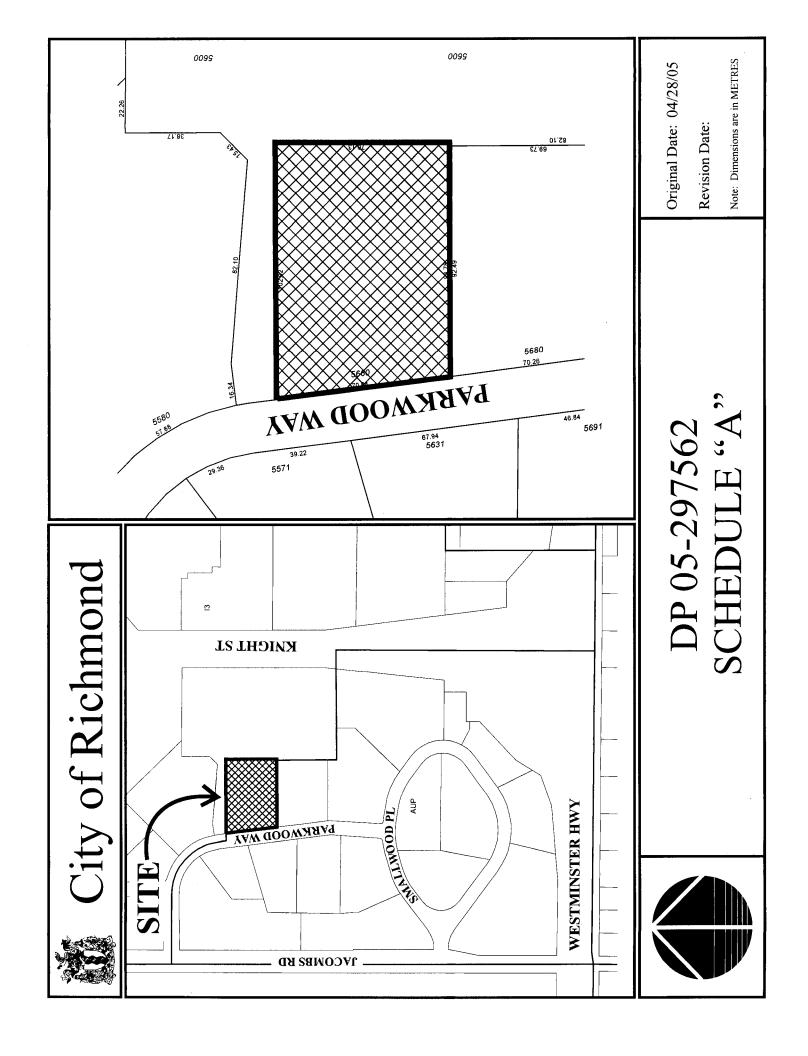
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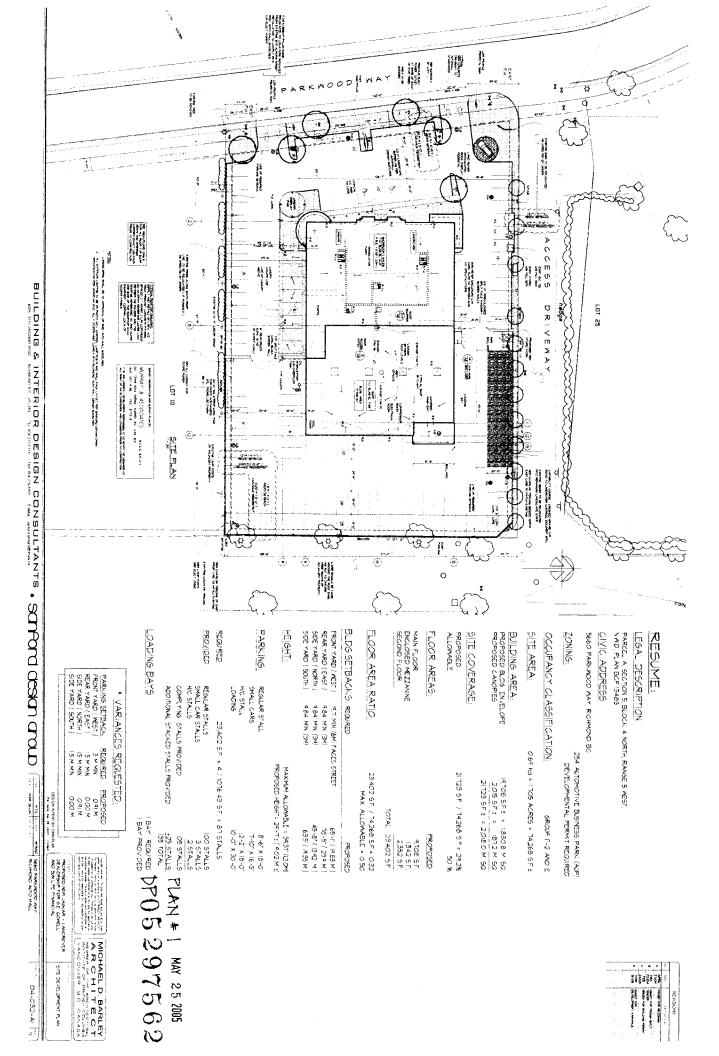
- 1. This Development Permit is issued subject to compliance with all of the Bylaws of the City applicable thereto, except as specifically varied or supplemented by this Permit.
- 2. This Development Permit applies to and only to those lands shown cross-hatched on the attached Schedule "A" and any and all buildings, structures and other development thereon.
- 3. The "Richmond Zoning and Development Bylaw No. 5300" is hereby varied to reduce the minimum public road setback of parking from 3 m to 0.9 m; and side and rear yard setbacks of parking from 1.5 m to 0.9 m to the north and 0 m to the east and south.
- 4. Subject to Section 692 of the Local Government Act, R.S.B.C.: buildings and structures; off-street parking and loading facilities; roads and parking areas; and landscaping and screening shall be constructed generally in accordance with Plans #1 to #4 attached hereto.
- 5. Sanitary sewers, water, drainage, highways, street lighting, underground wiring, and sidewalks, shall be provided as required.
- 6. As a condition of the issuance of this Permit, the City is holding the security in the amount of \$46,804. 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.
- 7. 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.

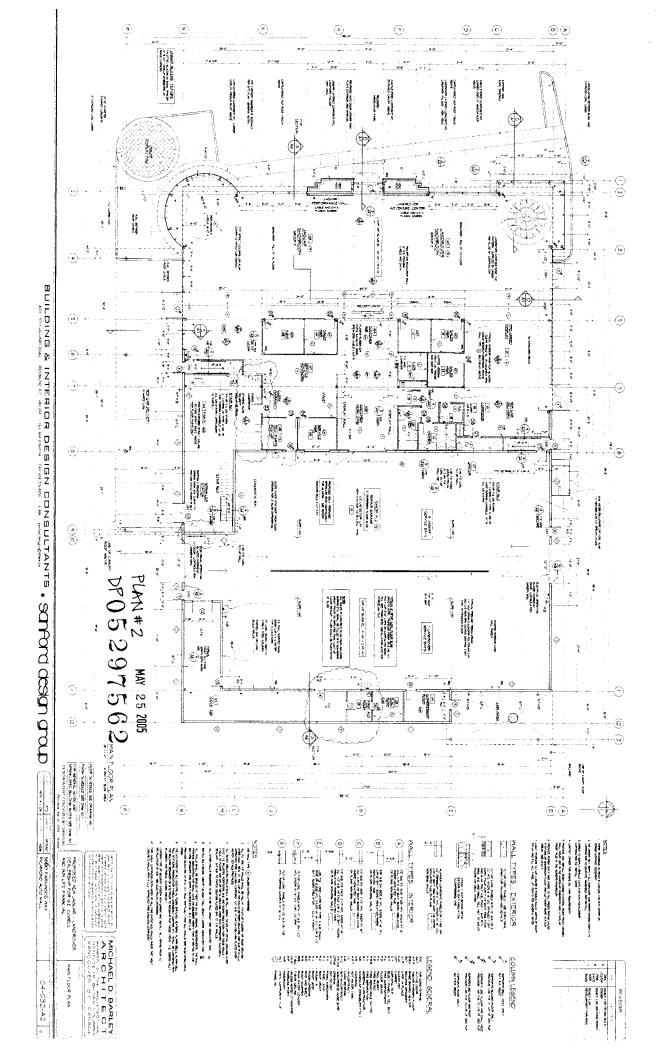
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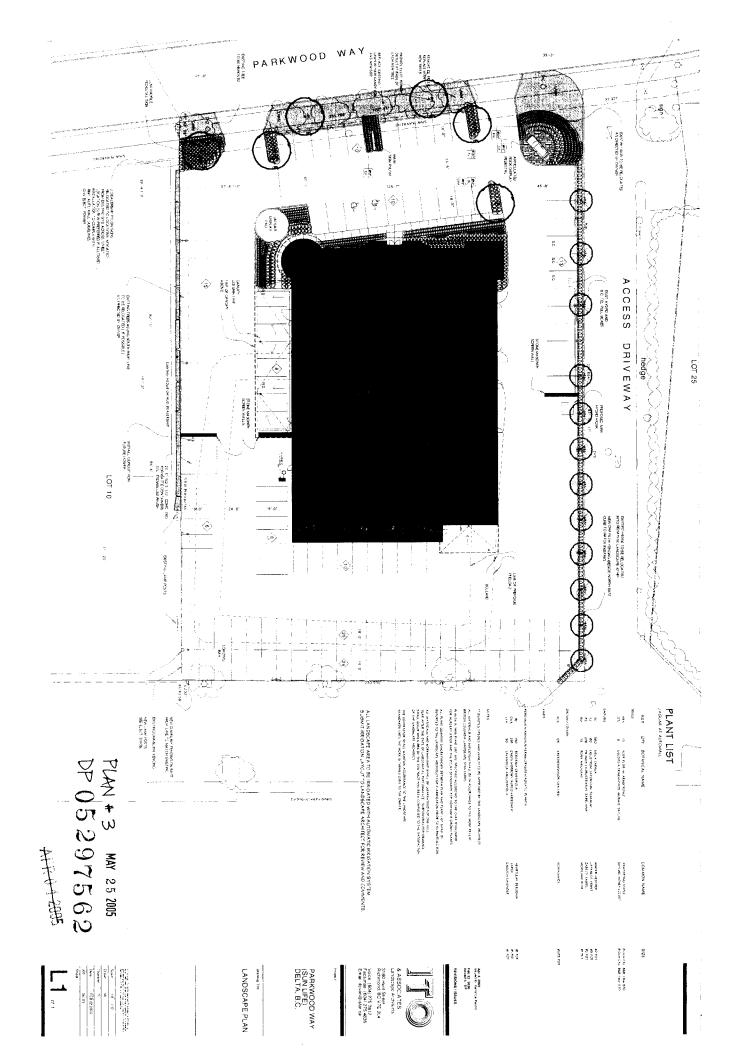
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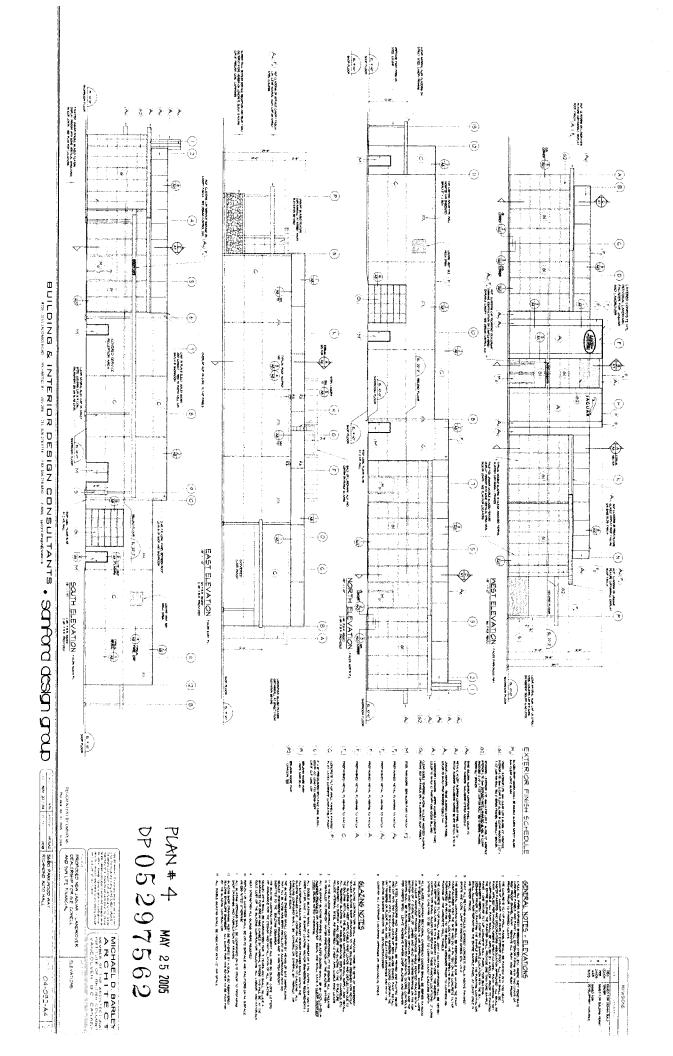
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<ul><li>8. The land described herein shall be developed generally in accordance with the terms and conditions and provisions of this Permit and any plans and specifications attached to this Permit which shall form a part hereof.</li><li>This Permit is not a Building Permit.</li></ul>						
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