

General Compliance Request

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Development Permit Panel

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DP 94-000242

From:

Holger Burke

Re:

To:

Acting Director of Development

Application by Morrison Hershfield Limited for a General Compliance Request

at 5860 Dover Crescent

Staff Recommendation

That the proposed changes be considered in General Compliance with the approved Development Permit (DP 94-000242) drawings for 5860 Dover Crescent, which cover the following changes:

1. Replacement of all existing acrylic stucco with similarly coloured metal panels (allucobond) as the primary external cladding material.

2. Implementation of glazed canopies above all exposed exterior doors.

3. Install new metal cornices to match the design of existing cornices

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Staff Report

Origin

Don Hazleden (Morrison Hershfield Ltd), is requesting a General Compliance ruling for an existing Development Permit (DP 94-000242) located at 5860 Dover Crescent (Lighthouse Place) for modifications to the external building envelope. Proposed revisions include the following:

- Replace all existing external acrylic stucco with similarly coloured metal panels (alucobond);
- · Install clear glazed canopies over all exposed exterior doors; and
- Install new metal cornices to match existing cornices.

The purpose for the proposed modifications are part of an extensive project to repair and upgrade the existing building envelope to account for water ingress causing damage to external and internal components of the building. Approved Development Permit drawings, along with proposed revisions (bubbled) are attached to this report. The renovations are only proposed for the apartment building complex. No repairs or alterations are planned for the community owned amenity building situated to the south.

Background

The eight-storey apartment building was constructed in the mid 1990's according to an approved Development Permit (DP 94-000242). The subject site is located in the Dover Crossing Sub Area Plan and situated just west of the No. 2 Road Bridge and south of River Road in a very visible location. Due to water ingress and associated damage to internal and external portions of the building, the Strata Corporation has engaged a building envelope consultant to undertake the design and construction of the building envelope repairs and alterations.

Staff Comments

No technical comments or objections to the proposed modification are noted. The repair of the building envelope proposed is quite extensive and includes the following work not specifically being modified by the General Compliance request.

- Replacement of all exterior doors, windows and sliding doors.
- Replacement of all balcony railings with new, identical aluminium railings and glazing.
- · All roof decks and flat roofs are to be re-roofed
- Replacement of the curved canopy on the third floor (north elevation).
- Interior water damaged finishes will be repaired.

Review by the City's Building Approvals Department and issuance of a Building Permit for these modifications will be required if favourable consideration is given by the Development Permit Panel and Council.

Staff investigated whether alucobond cladding had been implemented on any other residential projects in Richmond. In general, staff could find no examples of where this material had been utilized in residential buildings as the main application has been in commercial, light industrial and institutional buildings. However, staff do not have any objections to the use of alucobond cladding as it is a high quality material selected by the strata property owners that could best address the building envelope issues and subsequent repairs.

Analysis

The proposed revisions are consistent with "General Compliance Guidelines and Criteria" adopted by Council in December, 1998 (Attachment 1). The following are guidelines and criteria that are directly relevant to proposed revisions and that staff have specific comments on (identified in *Bold Italics*).

• Proposed exterior modifications must maintain or enhance the quality of the development and must retain the basic form and character of the development. The selection of metal panels (Alucobond) was based on the durability of this external cladding system and represents a higher quality material than the existing acrylic stucco. The colour scheme proposed for the metal panels is similar to the existing scheme. Part of the design rationale for the selection of metal panels is due to the marine style architecture of the building and close proximity to the waterfront, which partly informed the decision to implement this type of metal panelling. The use of metal panelling maintains the overall character of the building and enhances the quality of exterior cladding materials along with providing the necessary durability and protection from water ingress.

Small glazed canopies (projecting 3 ft) will be installed throughout the building at all exposed external doors and are designed to fit seamlessly into the new proposed cladding. The use of metal support frames and glazing for the canopies is supported considering the extensive use of glazing in the aluminium frames for balcony/deck railings and expanse of windows throughout the building. A detail and cross section of the proposed canopy is shown in the attached drawings.

Approved open space and amenity areas should be maintained; proposed changes to landscaping detail should be minor in nature and of equivalent value to approved plans. The envelope consultants have indicated that some landscaping along the base of the building may be disturbed and in some situations removed and relocated to allow for renovations to proceed (i.e. scaffolding). All landscaping that is disturbed or relocated as a result of the works must be replaced with identical plantings and sized accordingly. The architect for the works has committed to this in writing.

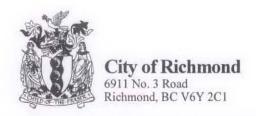
Conclusions

Staff support the modifications associated with the building envelope rehabilitation project at 5860 Dover Crescent (Lighthouse Place) as revisions comply with all applicable General Compliance criteria and represents a significant upgrade in cladding materials and weather protection for the building.

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Introduction

General Compliance applications are intended to accommodate minor changes to approved Development Permits that do not change the basic form and character of a development and that do not impact adjacent properties and streetscape. Proposed modifications should enhance the project and should not change basic site planning and urban design details.

General Compliance applicants are encouraged to identify all required modifications in a single application, following the Building Permit review stage, to allow the total impact of proposed changes to be assessed. General Compliance applications are not intended for approval of modifications which have already been constructed.

There is a fee of \$500.00 for each request for a General Compliance ruling.

Criteria

In order to be considered for General Compliance, the following criteria must be met:

- Proposed modifications must not require any new development variances or increase approved variances.
- The density of development must not be increased beyond the level specified in the approved Development Permit.
- Proposed modifications must not alter elements that were controversial or that attracted
 considerable discussion from the public, Advisory Design Panel or Development Permit Panel
 during the original Development Permit process.
- 4. Proposed exterior modifications must maintain or enhance the quality of the development and must retain the basic form and character of the development.
- Applications should not alter the approved site coverage, siting, scale, spacing or configuration of buildings, with the exception of minor changes and additions to buildings to accommodate Building Code or servicing requirements.
- Approved open space and amenity areas should be maintained; proposed changes to landscaping detail should be minor in nature and of equivalent value to approved plans.
- Proposed changes to the location and configuration of vehicle access and parking areas should be minor in nature.
- 8. Proposed modifications must not contravene the applicable Development Permit Guidelines.

