



City of Richmond

Report to Council

To: Richmond City Council

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Chair, Development Permit Panel

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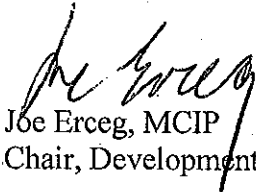
Re: Development Permit Panel Meeting Held on January 28, 2009

Panel Recommendation

That the recommendations of the Panel to authorize the issuance of:

i) a Development Permit (DP 08-448057) for the property at 7551 Westminster Highway;

be endorsed, and the Permit so issued.



Joe Erceg, MCIP
Chair, Development Permit Panel

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Panel Report

The Development Permit Panel considered the following item at its meeting held on January 28, 2009.

DP 08-448057 – DOUG MASSIE, ARCHITECT – 7551 WESTMINSTER HIGHWAY
(January 28, 2009)

The Panel considered a Development Permit application to permit the alteration of the ground floor facade of the West tower of the existing Best Western Richmond Inn Hotel at 7551 Westminster Highway on a site zoned Downtown Commercial District (C7). There are no variances included in the proposal.

Mr. Doug Massie, Architect, of Chercover Massie & Associates advised that the hotel interior and exterior are being upgraded as part of a rebranding to become a Sheraton Hotel. Mr. Massie provided a brief description of the project, which includes removal of a patio and new glazing for the west and south façades.

Staff supported the Development Permit and noted that the proposed façade improvements have no impact on the overall existing hotel complex form and character. Staff noted that a Development Permit recently issued for the site included landscaping improvements in the surface parking lots fronting onto both Westminster Highway and Elmbridge Way.

In response to a query from the Chair, Mr. Massie advised that the hotel improvements had been planned in phases, which explained why the applicant was seeking another Development Permit.

The Panel recommends that the Permit be issued.