



City of Richmond

Report to Council

To: Richmond City Council
From: Robert Gonzalez, P. Eng.
Acting Chair, Development Permit Panel
Date: September 9, 2009
File: 0100-20-DPER1
Re: Development Permit Panel Meeting Held on August 26, 2009

Panel Recommendation

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

- i) a Development Permit (DP 09-474381) and a Heritage Alteration Permit (HA 09-474921) for the property at 3960 Chatham Street;

be endorsed, and the Permits so issued.

Robert Gonzalez, P. Eng.
Acting Chair, Development Permit Panel

Panel Report

The Development Permit Panel considered the following item at its meeting held on August 26, 2009.

DP 09-474381 AND HA 09-474921 – DAVID S. MAH, ARCHITECT – 3960 CHATHAM STREET
(August 26, 2009)

The Panel considered applications to permit the construction an elevator tower addition to the existing building on a site zoned “Steveston Commercial (Two-Storey) District (C4)”. No variances are included in the proposal.

Architect, David Mah, provided a brief description of the project, which would provide elevator access to the second floor for the disabled. The finish of the proposed addition to the 1980’s building would be compatible to the building’s exterior.

Staff supported the Development Permit and Heritage Alteration Permit. Staff advised that the applicant had satisfactorily addressed staff comments and used appropriate materials.

In response to a Panel query regarding accessibility, Mr. Mah advised that there was wheelchair access via an exterior sidewalk to the proposed elevator lobby.

Mr. Peter Mitchell, ANAF Unit 284 Vice President, advised that the ANAF would occupy the second floor space for approximately two years while their new space was under construction and that the design and location of the proposed elevator tower worked well.

In response to a Panel query regarding wayfinding, it was advised by Mr. Mah and the Chair that the applicant would work with staff on directional signage to guide people to the elevator lobby.

In response to a Chair query regarding garbage storage, Mr. Mah advised that another area for adequate garbage storage would be allocated on-site.

The Panel recommends that the Permit be issued.