



City of Richmond

Report to Council

To: Richmond City Council
From: Victor Wei
Chair, Development Permit Panel

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Re: **Development Permit Panel Meeting Held on February 12, 2014**

Staff Recommendation

1. That the changes to the tree management plan and landscape plans at 7180 Gilbert Road be deemed to be in general compliance with the Development Permit (DP 12-615584) issued for that property.

Victor Wei
Chair, Development Permit Panel

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Panel Report

The Development Permit Panel considered the following item at its meeting held on February 12, 2014.

GENERAL COMPLIANCE TO DP 12-615584 – JACKY CHAN – 7180 GILBERT ROAD
(February 12, 2014)

The Panel considered an application for changes to the tree management plan and landscape plans to be considered in General Compliance with approved Development Permit (DP 12-615584).

Mr. Daryl Tyacke, Landscape Architect, of Eckford, Tyacke and Associates, briefed the Panel on the relocation of a Monkey Puzzle tree on the site. During the relocation process, the project arborist discovered that the tree had dry rot and could no longer be transplanted to the new location. He noted that the applicant is proposing to replace the Monkey Puzzle tree with a specimen Serbian Spruce tree.

Staff advised that the applicant submitted an arborist report detailing the unsuccessful attempt to relocate the Monkey Puzzle tree due to the dry rot. Staff have reviewed the arborist's report and have no objections with the proposed replacement Serbian Spruce tree.

In response to Panel queries, Mr. Tyacke noted that the Serbian Spruce tree species is not indigenous to the area, but was selected for its size, columnar shape and its suitability to the local climate. It was further noted that the Serbian Spruce tree is taller compared to the Monkey Puzzle tree and will be a much more prominent feature within the proposed development.

No public correspondence was received regarding the General Compliance request.

The Panel recommends that the revisions be approved.