

Report to Development Permit Panel

To:

Development Permit Panel

Date:

December 13, 2010

From:

Brian J. Jackson, MCIP

File:

DP 10-545010

Director of Development

Re:

Application by Ontrea Inc. for a Development Permit at 6551 No. 3 Road

Staff Recommendation

That a Development Permit be issued which would permit the construction of a second floor addition, roof alterations, and minor exterior modifications in association with interior renovations at 6551 No. 3 Road on a site zoned "Downtown Commercial (CDT1)" and "Gas & Service Stations (CG1)".

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Staff Report

Origin

Ontrea Inc. has applied to the City of Richmond for permission to alter the exterior of the existing building on the second floor and roof levels at 6551 No. 3 Road on a site zoned "Downtown Commercial (CDT1)" and "Gas & Service Stations (CG1)". The site currently contains the southern half of the Richmond Centre shopping mall.

The majority of the site is zoned "Downtown Commercial (CDT1)". There is an area zoned "Gas & Service Stations (CG1)" in the northwest corner of the property, which contains surface parking.

There is no rezoning application or Servicing Agreement associated with the Development Permit application.

Development Information

The proposed alterations are limited to interior alterations, minor exterior modifications, skylight alterations at the roof levels, an addition at the second floor level, and a new pedestrian access to existing roof-top parking. The proposed alterations result from the conversion of the second floor movie theatre area into a food court area, and the conversion of the ground floor food court area into commercial retail units. Please refer to the attached Development Application Data Sheet (Attachment 1) for a comparison of the proposed development data with the relevant bylaw requirements.

Background

Development surrounding the subject site is as follows:

- To the north, is the adjacent property with the northern half of the Richmond Centre shopping mall and hi-rise residential towers;
- To the northeast, across No. 3 Road, is the SkyTrain Brighouse Station;
- To the east, across No. 3 Road, are one and two-storey commercial developments;
- To the south, is Richmond City Hall and Richmond RCMP detachment; and
- To the west, across Minoru Boulevard, are proposed and existing hi-rise residential development, existing low-rise apartment development, and the cultural precinct of the City's Minoru Park.

A Development Permit was approved earlier this year for the same property. Development Permit (DP 09-505655) was approved by Council on March 22, 2010 for interior renovations and skylight alterations adjacent to the two-storey building occupied by Sears.

Staff Comments

The proposed scheme attached to this report has satisfactorily addressed 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 does not introduce any variances to the "Downtown Commercial (CDT1)" and "Gas & Service Stations (CG1)" zoning districts.

Advisory Design Panel Comments

The proposal was not presented to the Advisory Design Panel as the improvements do not change the site planning, or general architectural form and character of the overall existing commercial development.

Analysis

The proposed renovation is limited to the interior, roof areas, and an addition to the second floor area of the existing building. Minor storefront glazing changes are also proposed at the Minoru Boulevard and No. 3 Road elevations. These renovations will not result in any changes to the existing conditions of adjacency, site planning or landscape design.

Urban Design and Site Planning

- The second floor addition will be visible from Minoru Boulevard, slightly increasing the second floor massing adjacent to the main Minoru Boulevard entry to the shopping mall. This change will not significantly impact the existing urban design.
- The second floor renovation includes the introduction of a pedestrian access to the second floor food court area from the existing rooftop parking area on the adjacent northern half of the Richmond Centre shopping mall. This new access is an improvement to pedestrian circulation from the rooftop parking area.

Architectural Form and Character

- The renovations will have minimal impact to the architectural form and character of the existing mall as seen from the street level. The proposal is limited generally in the food court and movie theatre areas of the existing building. The work includes interior renovations, minor exterior modifications, modest addition at the second floor level, skylight alterations, and the introduction of a pedestrian entry from the roof-top parking area. Minor storefront glazing changes are also proposed at the Minoru Boulevard and No. 3 Road elevations. Existing glazed doors will be replaced with glazing to match existing storefront glazing system and wall openings.
- The renovation proposal includes increasing the size of the second floor area, relocating the food court from the ground level up to the second floor, converting the existing ground level food court into commercial retail units, altering the internal storefront corridors to suit, and reconfiguring the sky light design to centre over the new corridors and provide natural lighting into the new food court seating area. Access to the second floor will be provided with a new escalator and elevator.
- The second floor addition area will be open to the double height main galleria space, providing a visual link from the upper food court seating area down to the mall's main east-west galleria circulation spine.
- The façade treatment of the second floor addition will match the adjacent existing elevation with painted EIFS cladding detailed with a pattern of reveal relief.
- A new canopy feature is proposed to provide access from the existing rooftop parking area to the second floor food court area. A different reveal relief pattern will be used in this area to provide enhanced visibility for the entry area.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

• The renovation proposal does not raise any CPTED concerns.

Sustainability

Cadillac Fairview intends to seek LEED certification for interiors for the upper level food court area. In addition, Cadillac Fairview continues with sustainability efforts detailed in a staff report earlier this year regarding approved interior renovations in the portion of the mall adjacent to the Sears store. These include industry green building certification (Building Owners and Managers Association's BOMA BEST) for all major office and retail centres. They also continue to be committed to their national 'green at work' initiative, which includes a vision, operational standards for improved efficiencies, and consumption targets.

As noted in the previous staff report, the following operational initiatives have been conducted at Richmond Centre:

- Replaced all exterior canopy lighting and signage with LED in 2008;
- Completed energy audit in 2009 to identify energy savings opportunities;
- Replaced existing 32 watts T8 lamps with 28 watt lamps for common mall lighting;
- Programmed building automation system to control lighting levels based on outdoor light levels and not time of day;
- Installed sensors in all mechanical/electrical rooms to turn lights off when not occupied; and
- Upgrade underway to install six (6) variable speed drives on the physical plant motors.

Flood Plain Management

- The proposal complies with the Flood Plain Designation and Protection Bylaw No. 8204.
- The Bylaw sets out minimum flood construction levels, and includes exemptions that allow for renovations to existing buildings and additions to existing buildings that do not increase the building floor area by more than 25%. This proposal falls under these exemptions.
- Flood plain management measures, including registration of an indemnity covenant, will be investigated by staff with future redevelopment of the site.

Aircraft Noise Sensitive Development Policy

- The subject site is located in 'Area 4' as identified in the OCP Aircraft Noise Sensitive Development Policy (Attachment 2). In Area 4, the Policy allows for all aircraft noise sensitive land uses to be considered, and seeks:
 - > Registration of a restrictive covenant to address aircraft noise mitigation and public awareness, and
 - An acoustic report to ensure building design addresses indoor sound level mitigation relating to residential land use.
- Aircraft noise mitigation measures, including registration of an aircraft noise sensitive development covenant, will be investigated by staff with future redevelopment of the site.

Servicing Capacity

- Capacity analyses of City utility infrastructures were not requested as the proposed is limited to renovation of the existing building with modest addition of new floor area.
- The servicing capacity will be reviewed with future redevelopment of the site.

Conclusions

The proposed renovation and second floor addition will provide interior renovations, operational benefits for the existing shopping centre, and will not impact the overall architectural or landscaping form and character of the existing shopping centre development. Staff recommend that the proposed Development Permit application be approved.

Sara Badyal, M. Arch, MCIP

Planner 2 (Urban Design)

(604-276-4282)

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Prior to future Building Permit issuance, the developer is required to complete the following:

- The applicant is required to obtain a Building Permit for any construction hoarding associated with the proposed development. If construction hoarding is required to temporarily occupy a street, or any part thereof, or occupy the air space above a street or any part thereof, additional City approvals and associated fees may be required as part of the Building Permit. For further information on the Building Permit, please contact Building Approvals Division at 604-276-4285.
- Submission of a construction traffic and parking management plan to the satisfaction of the City's Transportation Division (http://www.richmond.ca/services/ttp/special.htm).

Attachments

Attachment 1: Development Application Data Sheet

Attachment 2: Aircraft Noise Sensitive Development Location Map



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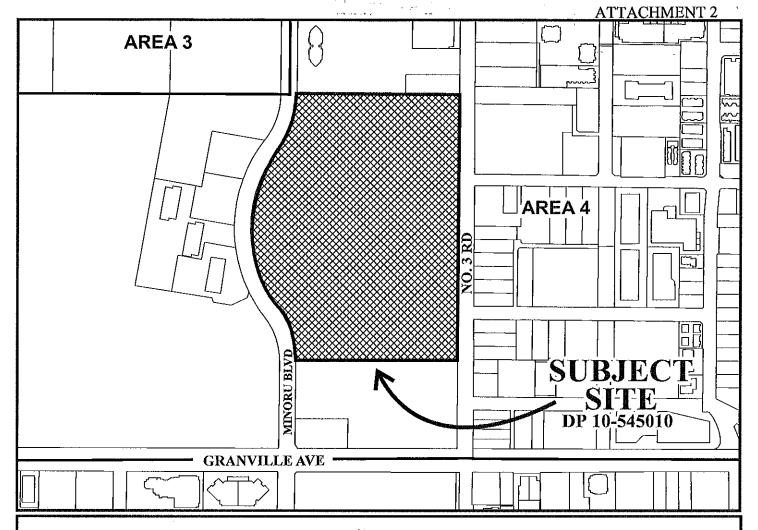
Development Application Data Sheet

Development Applications Division

DP 10-545010	Attachment 1	
Address: 6551 No. 3 Road		
Applicant: Ontrea Inc.	Owner: Ontrea Inc.	
Planning Area(s): City Centre		
Floor Area Gross: 49,969 m²	Floor Area Net: 49,829 m ²	

	Existing	Proposed
Site Area:	112,307 m²	Remains the same
Land Uses:	Commercial	Remains the same
OCP Designation:	High Density Mixed-Use	Remains the same
Zoning:	Downtown Commercial (CDT1) & Gas & Service Stations (CG1)	Remains the same
Number of Units:	151	159

	Bylaw Requirement	Proposed	Variance	
Floor Area Ratio:	CDT1 Max. 3.0 CG1 Max. 0.35	0.45 0	None permitted	
Lot Coverage:	CDT1 Max. 90% CG1 Max. 35%	44% 0%	None - Existing	
Setback: No. 3 Road Minoru Boulevard North side yard South side yard Drive aisle (CG1)	Min. 6 m Min. 6 m Min. 0 m Min. 0 m Min. 3 m	56.7 m 55.3 m 0 m 48.7 m 0 m cross-accesses	Existing drive aisle setback variances for cross-accesses to North mall property	
Height	CDT1 Max. 47 m GSC CG1 Max. 9 m		None - Existing	
Off-street Parking Spaces	1681	2125	None - Existing	
Accessible Parking Spaces	33	60	None - Existing	
Small Car Parking Spaces	Max. 50%	0	None - Existing	



LEGEND

Aircraft Noise Sensitive Development Policy (ANSD) Areas (see Aircraft Noise Sensitive Development Policy Table)

No New Aircraft Noise Sensitive Land Uses:

AREA 1A - New Aircraft Noise Sensitive Land Use Prohibited.

AREA 1B - New Residential Land Uses Prohibited.

Areas Where Aircraft Noise Sensitive Land Uses May be Considered: Subject to Aircraft Noise Mitigation Requirements:

AREA 2 - All Aircraft Noise Sensitive Land Uses (Except New Single Family) May be Considered (see Table for exceptions).

AREA 3 - All Aircraft Noise Sensitive Land Use Types May Be Considered.

AREA 4 - All Aircraft Noise Sensitive Land Use Types May Be Considered.

No Aircraft Noise Mitigation Requirements:

AREA 5 - All Aircraft Noise Sensitive Land Use Types May Be Considered.



Aircraft Noise Sensitive Development Location Map Original Date: 11/10/10

Amended Date:

Note: Dimensions are in METRES

Development Permit

No. DP 10-545010

To the Holder:

ONTREA INC.

Property Address:

6551 NO. 3 ROAD

Address:

C/O DARYL HUTCHISON

ABBARCH ARCHITECTURE INC.

505 BURRARD STREET, 1830 BENTALL ONE, BOX 79

VANCOUVER, BC V7X 1M6

- 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. 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 #7 attached hereto.
- 4. Sanitary sewers, water, drainage, highways, street lighting, underground wiring, and sidewalks, shall be provided as required.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.

This Permit is not a Building Permit.

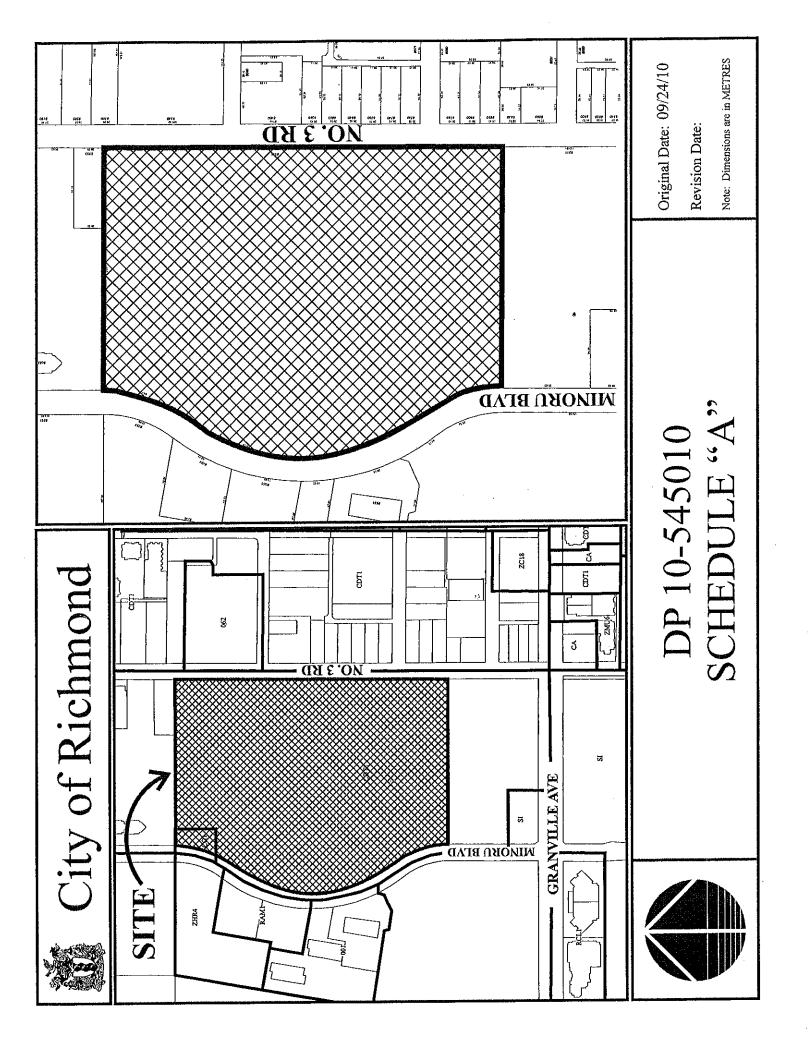
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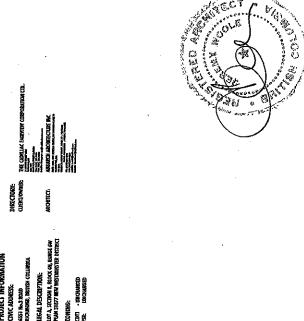
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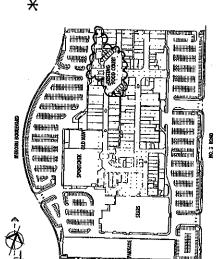


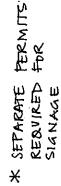
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