



Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of November 2, 2017

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** October 19, 2017
From: Jonathan Tinney, Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00198 for 3025 Douglas Street

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council and after the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00562, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Variance Permit Application No. 00562 for 3025 Douglas Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped August 3, 2017.
2. Development meeting all *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* requirements, except for:
 - Part 3.9, Section 13(2): reduce the required number of parking spaces from 62 to 28
 - Schedule C, Section 7.2(g): reduce the required number of visitor parking spaces from 3 to 0
 - Schedule C, Section C(5) and Section D(1): reduce the required number of parking 18 to 0.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

In accordance with Section 498 of the *Local Government Act*, Council may issue a Development Variance Permit that varies a *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* provided the permit does not vary the use or density of land from that specified in the *Zoning Regulation Bylaw*.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present Council with information, analysis and recommendations for a Development Variance Permit Application for the property located at 3025 Douglas Street. The proposal is to convert the existing building from a motel to 48 residential rental units and commercial storage area in the lower level. The variance is related to reducing the required number of parking spaces from 80 to 28.

The following points were considered in assessing this Application:

- a Parking Analysis was prepared by the Applicant summarizing the current parking situation onsite. The analysis confirms that not all the parking spaces are utilized by the existing residents
- the commercial storage space in the basement is currently being used by nearby car dealerships to store vehicles
- secure and enclosed bicycle parking would be provided onsite to offset the parking shortfall
- the subject property is located on a major bus route and is in close proximity (walking and biking) to a mix of shops and services
- the parking variance is supportable given the total onsite parking demand, the addition of bicycle parking, and the close proximity to transit and shops and services.

BACKGROUND

Description of Proposal

The proposal is to vary the required number of parking spaces from 80 to 28 in order to facilitate the conversion of an existing motel to a multiple-dwelling consisting of 48 affordable market rental units.

Sustainability Features

The applicant has not identified any active transportation impacts associated with this application.

Public Realm Improvements

No public realm improvements are proposed in association with this Development Permit Application.

Accessibility Impact Statement

The British Columbia Building Code regulates accessibility as it pertains to buildings.

Existing Site Development and Development Potential

The site is presently zoned for uses such as transient accommodation, but has been operating without all the necessary approvals as long-term housing for the past few years.

Community Consultation

Consistent with the *Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) Procedures for Processing Rezoning and Variances Applications*, on September 5, 2017, the application was referred for a 30-day comment period to the Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood Association. At the time of writing this report, a letter from the CALUC had not been received.

This Application proposes variances; therefore, in accordance with the City's *Land Use Procedures Bylaw*, it requires notice, sign posting and a meeting of Council to consider the variances.

ANALYSIS

The Applicant is proposing to reduce the required number of parking spaces from 80 to 28 in order to facilitate the conversion of the existing motel to a multiple-dwelling consisting of 48 affordable market rental units and existing commercial storage space in the lower level. According to the Parking Analysis prepared by the Applicant, the current residents do not occupy all the existing parking spaces onsite, and therefore, the demand is lower than the existing supply of parking. The existing commercial storage area is currently being used by nearby car dealerships to store vehicles. It is not a typical storage business where there are separate storage units rented out to individuals. The current driveway on Douglas Street providing access to the underground level can be maintained provided that this level is not used for parking.

To offset the parking shortfall, the Applicant is proposing to provide 48 Class 1 (secure and enclosed) bicycle parking spaces in lower level of the building which can be accessed off of Douglas Street. The subject property is also located on a major bus route and in close proximity (walking and biking) to a mix of shops and services.

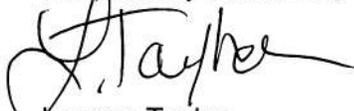
CONCLUSIONS

The proposal to reduce the required number of parking spaces from 80 to 28 will help facilitate the creation of more rental housing in the community. According to the parking analysis, there is adequate parking onsite to manage the parking demand that would be generated by the residential and warehouse uses. Staff recommend that Council consider supporting this Application.

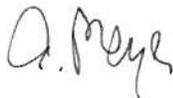
ALTERNATE MOTION

That Council decline Development Variance Permit Application No. 00198 for the property located at 3025 Douglas Street.

Respectfully submitted,



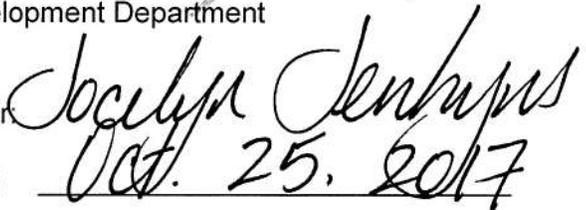
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Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager

Date:


Oct. 25, 2017

List of Attachments:

- Attachment A: Subject Map
- Attachment B: Aerial Map
- Attachment C: Plans date stamped August 3, 2017
- Attachment D: Letter from applicant to Mayor and Council dated January 25, 2017
- Attachment E: Letter from applicant to Mayor and Council including the Parking Analysis dated October 23, 2017
- Attachment F: Community Association Land Use Committee Correspondence.