

# Planning and Land Use Committee Report For the Meeting of August 27, 2015

To:

Planning and Land Use Committee

Date:

August 13, 2015

From:

Jonathan Tinney, Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development

Subject:

Development Variance Permit Application No. 00154 for 1610 Hillside

Avenue - Variance to the Sign Bylaw

#### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that Committee forward this report to Council and that after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment, that Council consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Variance Permit Application No. 00154 for 1610 Hillside Avenue, in accordance with:

- 1. Plans date stamped July 29, 2015.
- 2. The following variances to the *Sign Bylaw*:

  Vary the size allowance for two of the Canadian Tire signs from 9m<sup>2</sup> each to 12.9m<sup>2</sup> and 14.2m<sup>2</sup> each.

#### LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

In accordance with the Land Use Procedures Bylaw, variances to the Sign Bylaw are processed as a Development Variance Permit application.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information, analysis and recommendations regarding a requested variance to the *Sign Bylaw* for the property located at 1610 Hillside Avenue (Hillside Centre).

Hillside Centre Holdings (the owners) have confirmed that there is no additional sign allowance required for the business frontage to accommodate the total amount of signage needed for their tenant, the Canadian Tire store.

The Sign Bylaw restricts the size of each individual fascia sign on this property to a maximum of 9m² and an accumulative maximum signage area of 31.5m². The maximum signage area is derived from Canadian Tire's business frontage of 101.6m. The aggregate total display area is 31.5m². Sign 1 (Customer Pick Up) is 4.4m² and does not require a variance. Signs 2 (Canadian Tire) and 3 (Triangle Logo) measure 14.2m² and 12.9m² respectively. Signs 2 and 3 are in excess of 9m² and require a variance. Cumulatively, the three signs do not exceed the overall allowance 31.5m².

With consideration that there was a similar sign previously located on this property for the Target store, it is recommended that Council approve the Sign Development Variance Permit.

| Sign Bylaw Criteria       |  |   |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Description               | Proposed                                   | Bylaw Standard  |  |  |
| Cumulative Sign Area      | 31.5 m <sup>2</sup> (339.06 sq. ft.)       | 31.5 m <sup>2</sup> (339.06 sq. ft.) Based<br>on 101.6m (333'-4") frontage. |  |  |
| Sign 1 – Customer Pick Up | 4.4m <sup>2</sup> (47.4 sq. ft.)           | 9m² (96.9 sq. ft.)  |  |  |
| Sign 2 – Canadian Tire    | <b>14.2</b> m <sup>2</sup> (152.8 sq. ft.) | 9m² (96.9 sq. ft.)  |  |  |
| Sign 3 – Triangle Logo    | <b>12.9</b> m <sup>2</sup> (138.9 sq. ft.) | 9m² (96.9 sq. ft.)  |  |  |

#### BACKGROUND

## **Description of Proposal**

# Relevant History

Bentall Kennedy (Canada) LP, the owner of the mall property, has voluntarily prepared a comprehensive signage plan to facilitate allocation of permitted signage for each business which has street frontage facing one of the four streets adjacent to the mall. The owner has confirmed that several of the businesses are not, or will not, be using the full display area permitted, based on their individual store frontage calculations. The owner is allowing the Canadian Tire store to use the unused sign allowances from other businesses fronting Hillside Avenue; however, because the proposal for one of the signs exceeds the maximum permitted display area, the proponent needs to apply for a variance.

In January of 2014, a variance to the *Sign Bylaw* was permitted for Target. The information regarding this approval is included in the following table.

| Sign Bylaw Criteria                               |                          |   |  |  |
|---|--------------------------|---|--|--|
| Description  Maximum size of each individual sign | Proposed                 | Bylaw Standard  |  |  |
|   | 23.78m² (255.97 sq. ft.) | 9m² (96.9 sq. ft.)  |  |  |
| Maximum signage area allocated to Target          | 39.34m² (423.47 sq. ft.) | 39.34m <sup>2</sup> (123.47 sq. ft.) Based on 126.9m (416'-4") frontage |  |  |

# **Community Consultation**

Consistent with the Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) Procedures for Processing Rezoning and Variances Applications, on August 6, 2015, the application was referred for a 30-day comment period to the Oaklands CALUC. At the time of writing this report, a letter from the CALUC had not been received (August 6, 2015).

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**

# **Development Permit Area and Design Guidelines**

The variance requested is for the installation of three signs that have a total display surface of 31.5m<sup>2</sup> (339.06 sq. ft.), which as a whole will comply with the allowable percentage of the *Sign Bylaw* and the Canadian Tire Frontage. The area of focus is that of the three signs, two are over the allowable maximum sign size of 9 m<sup>2</sup> (96.9 sq. ft.).

In this instance, the variance is supportable for the following reasons:

- Sign 3 (Triangle Logo) is 1.4 times the permitted size. It is proposed to be located on the upper portion of a two-storey section of the mall.
- The proposed location of the signage is buffered by a 40 meter parking lot which itself faces a busy arterial road, thereby lessening the impact of the proposed signage.
- Sign 2 (Canadian Tire) is 1.58 times the permitted size. It is centralized on the façade and has a clear easy to read font.
- The cumulative area of signage is not in excess of the overall permitted sign allowance.

The Official Community Plan (OCP) identifies this property with in DPA 4, Town Centre Hillside. The Design Guidelines that apply to the signage are the Advisory Design Guidelines for Buildings, Signs and Awnings (1981). The signs respond to these guidelines by minimizing text, by providing only the company name and logo. The signs are also integrated into the design and do not conflict with the colours of the building. Given the context of a town centre and major mall, the size is appropriate.

#### CONCLUSIONS

As Canadian Tire is within the total allowable signage size, based on the amount of frontage as stated in the *Sign Bylaw*, this Development Variance Permit is brought to Council under a technicality of the signage not exceeding the 9m<sup>2</sup> for each sign.

# **ALTERNATE MOTION**

That Council decline Development Variance Permit Application No. 00154 for the property located at 1610 Hillside Avenue

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Morhart

Supervisor – Building Inspections

Jonathan Tinney, Director

Sustainable Planning and Community Development

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

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Date:

August 19, 2015

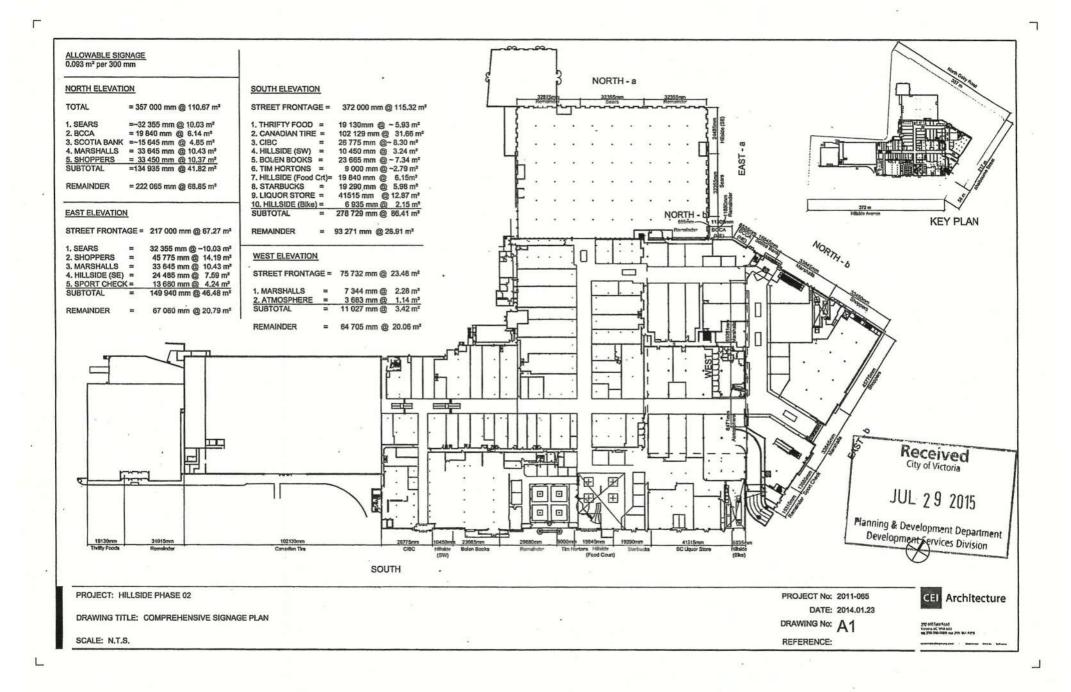
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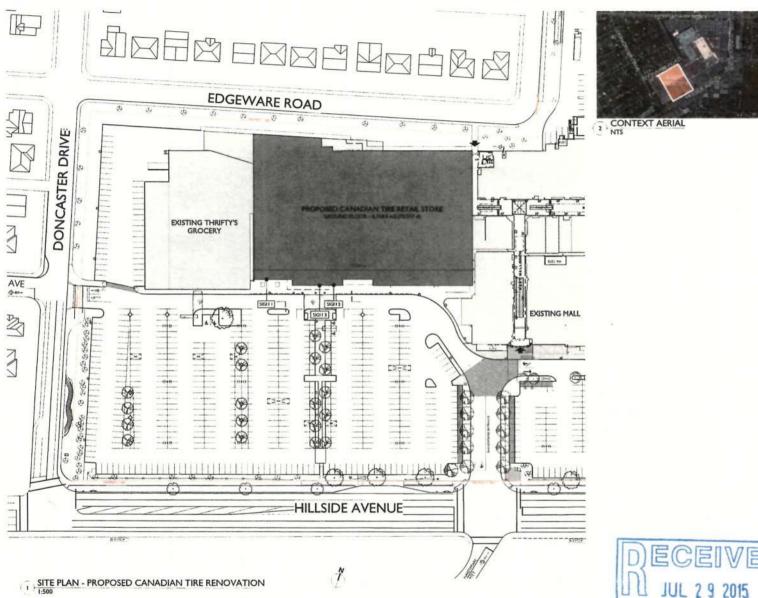
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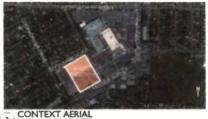












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| 8772 c   | 48.24 m | CANADIAN TIRE    |
| 3646 mm) | 2054 mm | 5937 mm          |

PROPOSED PARTIAL SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

| S'GNAGE AREAS |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| SGNI          | 44 sq m          |
| 9GN 2         | 14.2 sq. m       |
| 5GN 4         | 12.9 sq. m       |
|               | 31.5 sq. m Total |





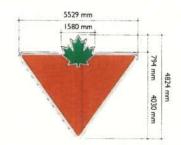


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- FLEXIBLE VINYL FACE 9" DEEP FILLER (PLUS FRAME) WHITE LED LLITH NATION 120 VOLT ORCUIT STE CHECK REQUIRED



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SUPPLY AND INSTALL

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|--------|------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|---|
| SGN I  | FASCIA LED | 101599 mm | 1.1                | 31.50 sq m              | 1215 mm | 3646 mm  | 4.4 sq m  | 2511 mm                                     |
| SIGN 2 | FASCIA LED | 101599 mm | 11                 | 31.50 sq m              | 1676 mm | 16344 mm | 14.2 sq m | 5.928 mm                                    |
| SGN 3  | FASC A LED | 101599 mm | 6.1                | 31.50 sq. m             | 4824 mm | 5529 mm  | 12.9 sq m | 5 060 mm                                    |
|        |            |           |                    |                         |         |          | 31.5 sq m | TOTAL                                       |







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