REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

2. Planning and Land Use Committee – August 27, 2015

7. Development Variance Permit Application No. 00154 for 1610 Hillside Avenue

It was moved by Councillor Alto, seconded by Councillor Loveday, 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 9m² each to 12.9m² and 14.2m² each."

Councillor Isitt said the Canadian Tire sign could conform to the Sign Bylaw.

Carried

Mayor Helps, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Lucas, Madoff and Thornton-Joe and Young

<u>Against</u>:

For:

Councillors Isitt and Loveday

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6. **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REPORTS**

6.1 Development Variance Permit Application No. 00154 for 1610 Hillside Avenue

Committee received a report dated August 13, 2015 from Sustainable Planning & Community Development for 1610 Hillside Avenue outlining an application to allow the placement of a sign facing Hillside Avenue for the Canadian Tire store.

Committee discussed:

- Giving community associations adequate time to respond.
- The Oaklands Community Association had no concerns regarding the size of the sign as this is a reduction in size compared to the previous Target sign.
- Concerns of ignoring the intent of the Sign Bylaw at it was put in place to allow signs of less than 9m².

It was moved by Councillor Thornton-Joe, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Action: Committee recommends that after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment, that Council consider the following motion:

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- 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 9m² each to 12.9m² and 14.2m² each."

Committee discussed the motion:

- A 9m² sign may not be clearly visible from Hillside Avenue.
- Larger signage will make it easier for people to locate the store, which reduces driving and improves convenience.

CARRIED 15/PLUC/192

Mayor Helps; Councillors Alto, Coleman, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, For: Thornton-Joe and Young Councillor Isitt

Against:



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

To:	Planning and Land Use Committee	Date:	A	ugus	t 13, 2	015
From:	Jonathan Tinney, Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development					
Subject:	Development Variance Permit Application Avenue – Variance to the Sign Bylaw	on No.	00154	for	1610	Hillside

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

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 31.5 m ² (339.06 sq. ft.) Based on 101.6m (333'-4") frontage.		
Cumulative Sign Area	31.5 m² (339.06 sq. ft.)			
Sign 1 – Customer Pick Up	4.4m ² (47.4 sq. ft.)	9m² (96.9 sq. ft.)		
Sign 2 – Canadian Tire	14.2 m ² (152.8 sq. ft.)	9m² (96.9 sq. ft.)		
Sign 3 – Triangle Logo	12.9 m ² (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	Proposed	Bylaw Standard		
Maximum size of each individual sign	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 ² (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.

Development Permit Area and Design Guidelines

The variance requested is for the installation of three signs that have a total display surface of $31.5m^2$ (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 m² (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 9m² 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:

Jason Johnson

List of Attachments

Date: August 19, 2015

- Aerial photo
- Plans date stamped July 29, 2015.

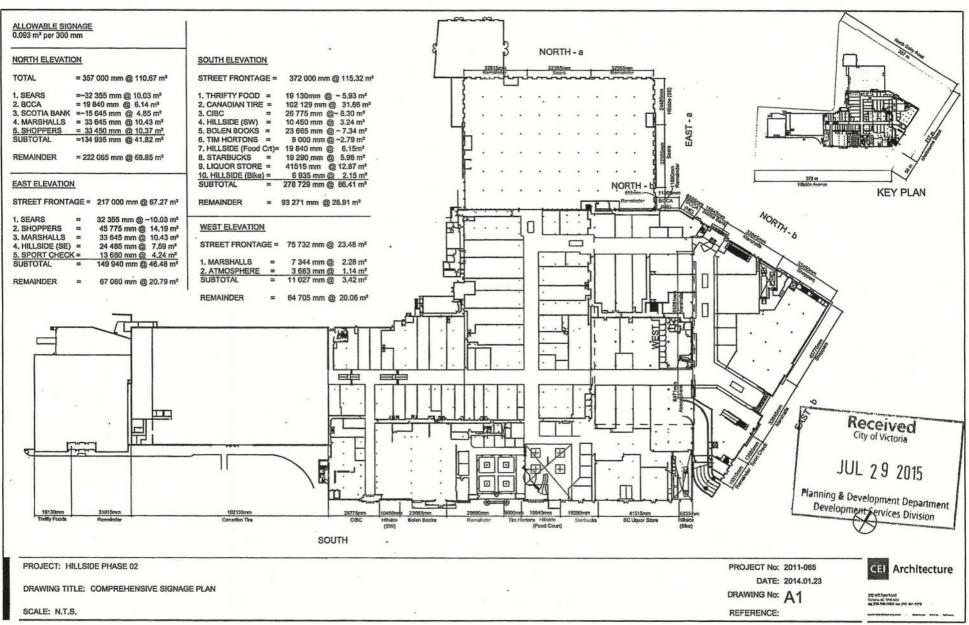
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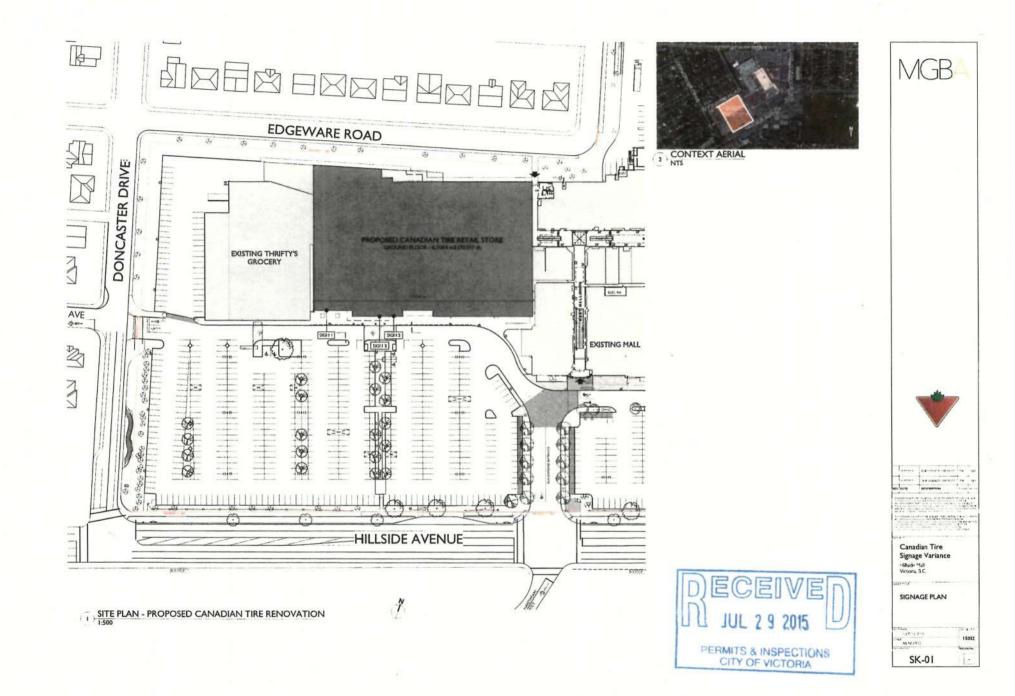
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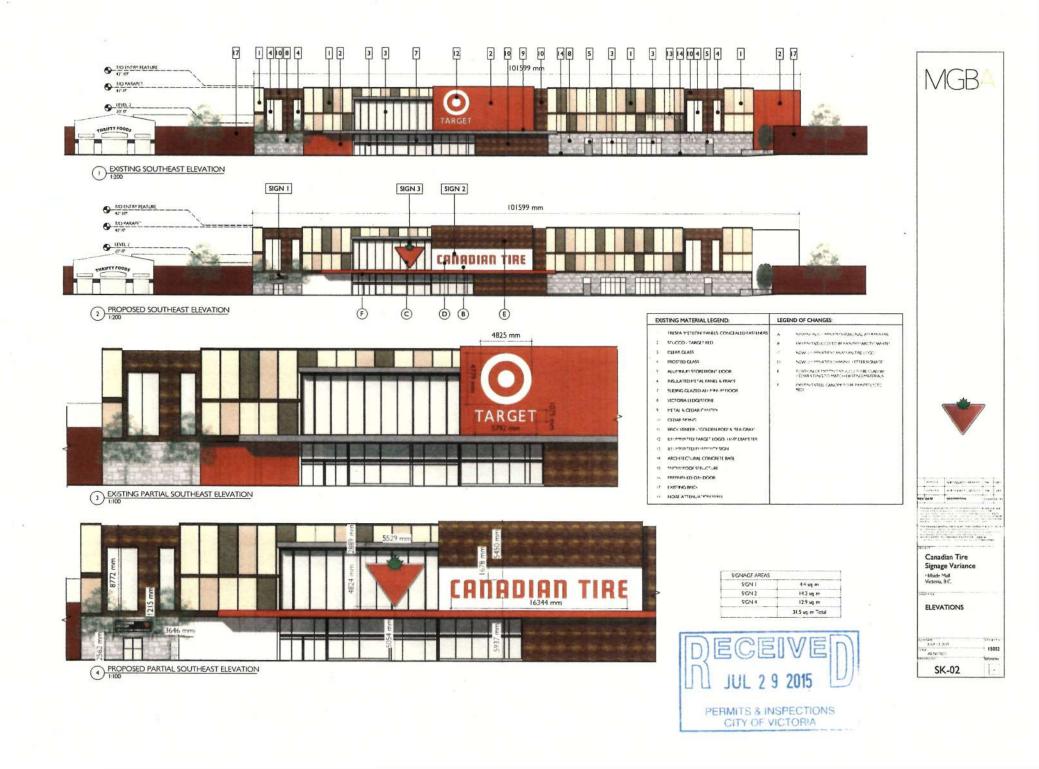




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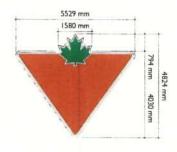






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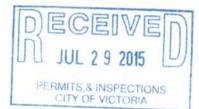
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SGN 3	FASCA LED	101599 mm	61	31.50 sq. m	4824 mm	5529 mm	12.9 sq m	5 060 mm
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