

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE –MAY 7, 2001

CITY OF VAUGHAN LICENSING BY-LAW FILM PERMITS

Recommendation

The City Clerk in consultation with the Manager of Special Projects, Licensing and Permits recommends:

That Section 17.0 of By-Law 2-2001, being the City's Consolidated Licensing By-law, be amended, by adding the following section:

Filming Events

- 11.(a) No more than one filming permit shall be issued in a sensitive residential area at any given time;
- (b) A maximum of four vehicles shall be permitted on street parking in sensitive residential areas;
- (c) Police presence be mandatory during filming in sensitive residential areas;
- (d) That residents in sensitive residential areas be limited to one filming permit per calendar year.
- (e) For purposes of this section sensitive residential areas shall include Old Thornhill, and the Old Village of Woodbridge and,
- (f) That the attached Schedules adding the sensitive residential areas be made part of the City's Licensing By-Law, and

That Section 17.0(2) be amended to reflect that applications for film permits be submitted no less than 7 days prior to the event.

Background

On June 12,2000, Council adopted the report of the City Clerk dealing with the issuance of film permits- a copy of which is attached hereto. The report addressed concerns raised by City residents and the filming industry with respect to filming permits issued in sensitive residential areas, ie: Old Thornhill. In response staff proposed a number of temporary guidelines be put in place with a report to follow outlining the success and/or failure thereof.

Staff is pleased to report that the guidelines were successfully implemented. Accordingly, staff is recommending that they be made permanent requirements in the film permit section of the City's Consolidated Licensing By-law.

The filming policy provides that filming in residential areas be limited to two occasions per year per residential block. Staff is proposing that this policy continue except for filming in sensitive residential areas. Staff recommends that in these areas residences be limited to one filming permit per calendar year.

Appendix "A" outlines the sensitive residential areas in Old Thornhill. In 2000 a total of 3 permits were issued out of a possible eight. Two were issued in area "A" and one in area "D", all without incident. A review of permits issued over the past few years shows that area "A" is the most popular with three homes being used consistently. Under the present policy only 2 of these homes would be able to obtain permits in any given year.

Staff has been approached by a resident of area "A" (Appendix "A") complaining that equal opportunity for a permit does not exist with the present policy. To address this concern staff has re-defined the areas. Appendix "B" outlines these new areas. The former area "A" is now divided into two new areas "B" and "E". Under this scenario each of the three homes would be permitted one film permit per calendar year. The number of potential film permits for all the areas in question will remain at eight.

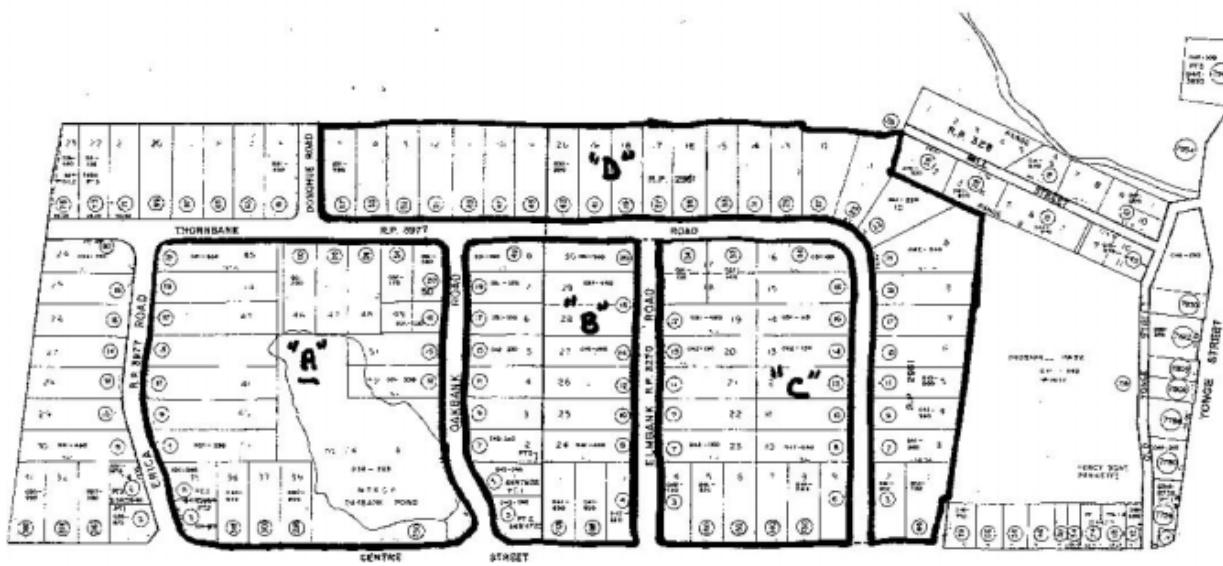
In addition, staff is proposing that sensitive residential areas be created in Old Woodbridge. Concerns similar to those raised by residents of Old Thornhill have also been raised by Woodbridge residents affected by film productions. Attached as Appendix "C" is an outline of the proposed areas. If adopted a maximum of three film permits per year would be available for issuance.

Staff is further recommending that applications for permits be submitted no less than 7 days prior to the event. At the present time only 3 days notice is required. Staff is finding this is not enough time to circulate the applications to affected City Departments for comments.

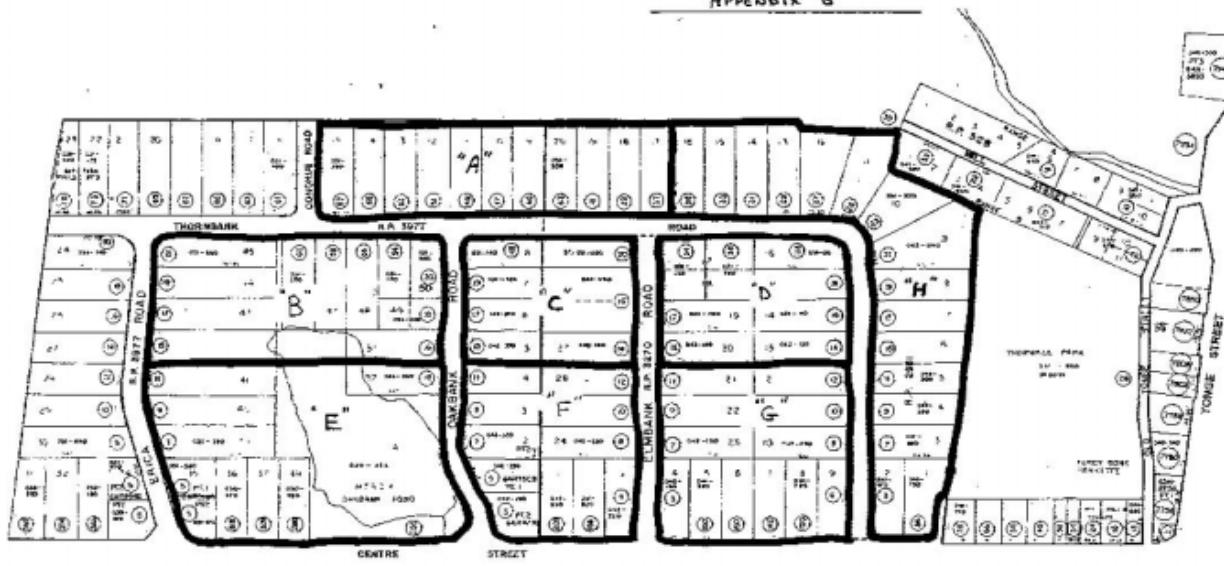
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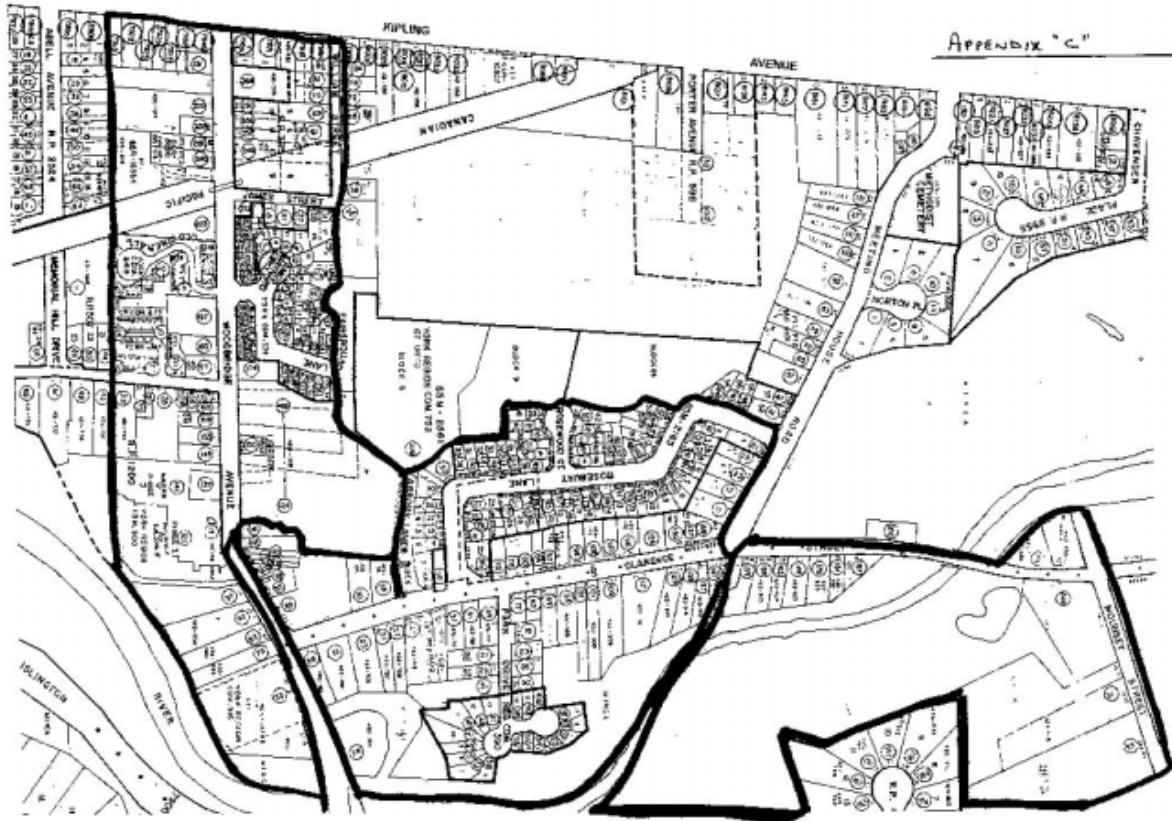
John D.Leach, City Clerk

APPENDIX "A"



APPENDIX "E"





APPENDIX "C"