COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OCTOBER 22, 2001

SITE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION METRONTARIO INVESTMENTS LIMITED FILE: DA.99.063

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

THAT Site Development Application DA.99.063 (Metrontario Investments Limited) BE APPROVED, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That prior to the execution of the site plan agreement:
 - a) the final site plan and building elevations shall be approved by the Community Planning and Urban Design Departments;
 - b) the final site servicing and grading plans and stormwater management report shall be approved by the Engineering and Urban Design Departments;
 - c) the final landscape plan shall be approved by the Urban Design Department;
 - d) access and on-site vehicular circulation shall be approved by the Engineering Department and Region of York Transportation and Works Department; and
 - e) all hydro requirements shall be addressed to the satisfaction of Hydro Vaughan Distribution Inc and the Planning Department.
- 2. That the site plan agreement contain the following provisions:
 - a) the Owner shall pay to the City by way of certified cheque, cash-in-lieu of the dedication of parkland equivalent to 2% of the value of the subject lands in accordance with the Planning Act, prior to the issuance of a building permit. The Owner shall submit an appraisal prepared by an accredited appraiser for approval by the Vaughan Legal Department, Real Estate Division, and the approved appraisal shall form the basis of the cash-in-lieu payment; and,
 - b) the Owner shall dedicate any required road widenings, daylight triangles and 0.3m reserves, free of all costs and encumbrances, to the appropriate agency or authority as required.
- 3. That the enacting by-law include exceptions to the A Agricultural Zone to enable severance of the subject lands from the residential block, and that this be deemed to be minor in nature and no further public hearing be required.

<u>Purpose</u>

On July 30, 1999, the Owner submitted a Site Plan Application for a retail commercial campus consisting of 18 buildings having a total gross floor area of 19,597m², and a public road allowance.

At the October 1, 2001 Committee of the Whole, the Committee recommended that this item be deferred to the October 22, 2001 Committee of the Whole Agenda.

Background - Analysis and Options

The site is located at the northwest corner of Centre Street and Bathurst Street, being part of Part 1 on Plan 65R-18402, in Lot 6, Concession 9, City of Vaughan. The 7.9ha vacant site has 174m frontage on Bathurst Street and 438m flankage on Centre Street. The surrounding land uses are:

- North future park, high density residential and commercial (A Agricultural Zone)
- South Centre Street; Promenade Mall, bus terminal (C2 General Commercial Zone); highrise condominium (RA3 Apartment Residential Zone)
- East Bathurst Street; residential (R5 Residential Zone & RM2 Multiple Residential Zone)
- West other lands owned by Metrontario/future high density residential (A Agricultural Zone)

Consent Application B76/01 to sever the subject 7.9 ha from the 2.4ha future high density residential site to the west is to be considered by the Committee of Adjustment on October 4, 2001. The severance would cause the retained high density block to be deficient in the current Agricultural Zone standards for minimum lot frontage and area. As Metrontario does not have immediate plans for development of these lands, the implementing by-law will include exceptions to recognize the remaining parcel.

Official Plan

The subject lands are designated "Town Centre Commercial" by OPA #210 (Thornhill-Vaughan Community Plan). This designation permits "General Commercial" uses, comprising retail stores, restaurants, banks, business and professional offices, government offices and hotels. The proposed development conforms to the Official Plan and the Town Centre North Neighbourhood Plan as approved by Council on February 4, 1991.

Zoning

The subject lands are zoned A Agricultural Zone by By-law 1-88. On, April 27, 1998, Council approved Zoning Amendment Application Z.96.023 (Metrontario Investments Limited), subject to the following conditions:

- "1. That the implementing by-law provide for the following:
 - a) rezone the subject lands from A Agricultural Zone to C2 General Commercial Zone;
 - b) permit C2 Zone Uses, but not an Automobile Retail Store, Lumber or Building Materials Supply dealing with new materials only, Place of Amusement, Place of Entertainment, and Service or Repair Shop; and,
 - c) permit any necessary exceptions to the zoning standards to implement the approved site plan.
- 2. That prior to the by-law being enacted, the required site plan application shall be approved by Council".

A number of exceptions to the C2 Zone are necessary to facilitate the proposed development including: front yard, exterior side yard, rear yard, width of landscape strips, height of retaining wall, location and required number of loading spaces per building, maximum building height of 11m, height and use of decorative tower features, and parking.

Site Design

The 7.9 ha site is to be bisected by a new north/south road (Street "C"), creating two development blocks. The blocks are to be developed as a multi-unit office/retail commercial centre, having a total gross floor area of 19,597m² within 18 buildings and parking for 969 cars. The site statistics are as follows:

West Site:	2.72ha	East Site:	5.19ha
Building B Building C Building D Building E Building F Building G Building T Total	390m ² 1,914m ² 1,598m ² 1,533m ² 455m ² 483m ² 446m ² 6,819 m ²	Building A1 Building A2 Building H Building J Building K Building L Building M Building N Building P Building R Building S	1,421m ² 3,326m ² 2,322m ² 502m ² 845m ² 502m ² 595m ² 543m ² 1,403m ² 474m ² 12,778m ²
Building T	<u>446m²</u>	Building M Building N Building P Building R	502r 595r 543r 1,403r <u>474r</u>

Parking Provided: 969 spaces (West: 309 and East: 660)

The buildings are to be situated along the perimeter adjacent to Bathurst Street, Centre Street and Street "C", to provide a pedestrian and transit friendly development. A "main-street" is proposed with a cluster of 4 buildings in the centre of the East Site and two buildings provide focus at the northwest corner of Centre and Bathurst Street. The parking area is directed to the interior of the site, thereby allowing the buildings to be the main feature of the development

Elevations

The application includes elevations for the East Site (Attachments 4A & 4B), which show similar architectural style and materials for all buildings. Except for Building "S", all buildings are two-storey. The exteriors are comprised of a combination of glass, coloured textured stucco and metal accents. The design includes the use of decorative towers, architectural elements along the rooflines and covered walkways. Decorative architectural "bridges" connect several of the buildings.

The Applicant has indicated that the buildings for the West Site will share the same elevations as those in the East Site. All (4-sided) elevations are required for the registered Site Plan Agreement, prior to a building permit being issued.

Staff are generally satisfied with the proposed building elevations. The final elevations for each building shall be to the satisfaction of the Community Planning & Urban Design Departments.

Access and Traffic

The development is to be bisected into two development parcels by a new north/south Street "C". This road will be conveyed to the City, and will be subject to a Servicing Agreement. The intersection of Street "C" and Centre Street is a signalized intersection presently serving the Promenade Mall to the south.

The West site is to be serviced by one full movement access on Street "C", and one right-in-right-out access on Centre Street. The Region of York has advised that the Centre Street access may need to be removed to address operational concerns along this road. Further review and confirmation from the Region will be required. The East site is to be serviced by one full movement access and one right in/right out access on each of Street "C" and Bathurst Street.

The site plan is to be revised to widen the laneway behind Building "A2" in the east Site from 5.36m to 6m, to provide sufficient 2 way movement.

The Region of York Transportation and Works Department and the Engineering Department must approve the proposed access points, road improvements and on-site traffic circulation, as a condition of site plan approval. The Region has advised that they will be a party to the City's site plan agreement.

Parking

By-law 1-88 classifies the development as a shopping centre and requires parking to be provided at a ratio of 6 spaces per 100m² of GFA. The breakdown for the required parking is as follows:

West Site: $6,819\text{m}^2 @ 6 \text{ spaces}/100\text{m}^2 \text{ GFA} = 410$ East Site: $12,778\text{m}^2 @ 6 \text{ spaces}/100\text{m}^2 \text{ GFA} = 767$

Total 1,177 spaces

West site = 309 East site = 660

Parking Provided: 969 spaces

The total development has a deficiency of 208 spaces (17.6%), which is considered to be acceptable, given the expanse of the site and the increased possibility of shared-use parking. The provided parking for each block will be included as an exception in the site-specific by-law.

Servicing/Utilities

The site has access to municipal services, including sanitary and storm sewers and water. The Applicant will be required to enter into a Servicing Agreement for the provision of services within Street "C", to be conveyed to the City. As a condition of site plan approval, the Engineering Department must be satisfied with the site servicing, grading, stormwater management and any necessary noise attenuation requirements.

Centre Street and Bathurst Street are Regional roads, and the site plan will be subject to Regional conditions, which will be included in the site plan agreement. The Owner must also satisfy all requirements of Hydro Vaughan Distribution Inc.

Landscaping

The landscape plan consists of a mix of coniferous, deciduous and flowering trees and shrub plantings along the perimeter of both development sites. Extensive use of patterned concrete

throughout the site is also used to identify pedestrian corridors and vehicular access points into the site. The site plan will need to be amended to provide additional patterned concrete at the Bathurst Street access, which is to be shared with the synagogue use proposed for the adjacent property.

Buffering of the parking areas and provision of clustered parking areas is achieved through the use of landscaped medians. No parking is provided in front of a building along a street frontage, and where parking abuts a street line, additional landscaping has been provided. Street furniture and pedestrian lighting is also provided.

The northwest corner of Bathurst Street and Centre Street is identified as a major entryway into the development, and features enhanced treatment. This includes an impressed concrete pedestrian entry, along with flowering shrub planting beds and coniferous accent planting, with metal gates. Similar treatment is also provided at the northwest corner of the East Site.

In the northwest corner of the West Site a pedestrian walkway to link the development to the proposed park to the north. A walkway is also to be constructed along the rear of Buildings C and B, further extending the pedestrian access to Street "C". Both walkways will feature a patterned concrete walking surface and coniferous tree and shrub planting.

The final landscape plan, garbage storage details and the landscape cost estimate must be approved by the Urban Design Department.

Conclusion

Staff have reviewed the proposed site plan application in accordance with the Official Plan and Zoning By-law, and recommend approval of the application, subject to the conditions. The proposed office/retail commercial development use conforms to the policies of OPA #210, and is considered to be an appropriate and compatible development for the Thornhill Neighbourhood. The implementing by-law to rezone the site to C2 Zone with exceptions to facilitate the proposed development, will be forwarded to Council for enactment upon approval of a revised site plan which addresses comments identified in this report. Should the Committee concur, the recommendation in this report can be adopted.

Attachments

- 1. Location Map
- Site Plan
- Landscape Plan
- 4A. Elevations
- 4B. Elevations
- 5. Memo dated September 28, 2001 from Commissioner of Planning
- 6. Memo dated October 1, 2001 from Commissioner of Planning
- 7. Memo dated October 1, 2001 from Rabbi Israel Landa

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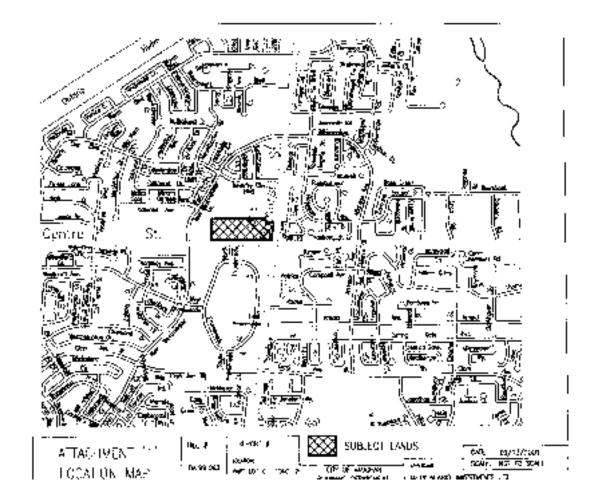
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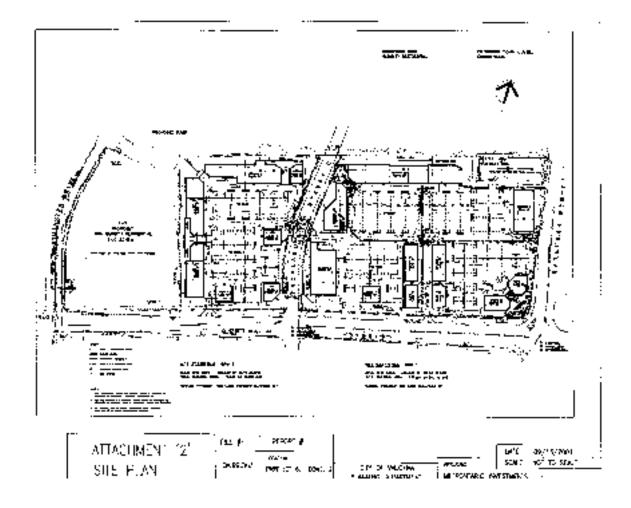
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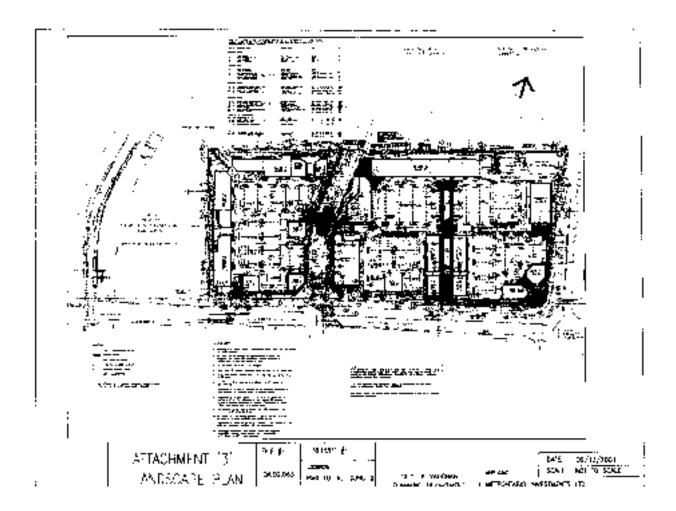
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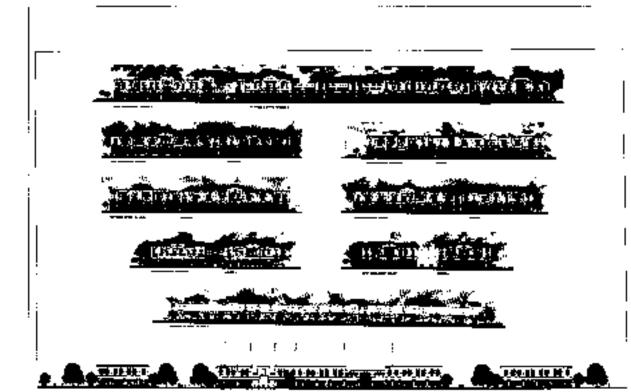
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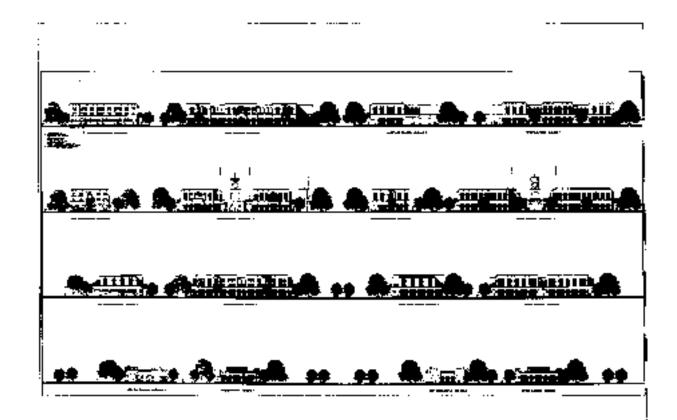








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MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM

MICHAEL DRANGELIS.

COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING

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SEPTEMBER 28, 2001.

SUBJECT:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - ITEM #28

COMMITTES OF THE WHOLE MEETING - OCTOBER 1, 2001 METRONTARIO INVESTMENTS LIMITED FILE DA.99.063

RABBI LANCA, TRUSTEE FILE DA.GC.035 BATHURST STREET AND CENTRE STREET

PART OF LOT 11, CONCESSION 2, BLOCK 10, CITY OF VAUGHAN

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The Applicant of File DA 00.005 has recently advised Planning Staff that the two dwners have been unable to reach an agreement regarding the joint access:

Consequently, Rabbill, and a, Trustae has advised of their intent to recordigate their alterplan so their their development may be contained on their property, including their own driveway. They will be submitting revised populations to the Committee of Adjustment and revised Crawings to the Pointing Department should

The approval or the subject Methodship site plan may proceed subject to the conditions recommended, particularly that the Bathorst Street access must be approved by the Rogion of York. However all plans for both applications will need to be revised to attribute the shared driveway.

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ATTACHMENT NO. 6



Date: October 1, 2001

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And Members of Council

Re: Sire Development Application

Metroptario lovestments Limited

File: DA.99,063

Committee of the Whole Meeting, October 1, 2001

In recent discussions with the owner of the lands subject to this the pian application and with the purchaser of the lands to the north, staff was requested to consider not extending proposed Street "C" on the site plan. It had been proposed that Street "C" would extend from Contre Street through the Metronismo lands and fascings are lands to the north connecting to Beverley Glan, which was recently extended from New Westminster Drive to Batharst Street. In a letter threat September 28, 2001, the applicant requested that Street "C" be chromated and replaced by an internal disveway intersecting with Centre Street.

The new owner of the lands north of the Metrontario property is planning to proceed with development of those lands as medium density residential and not high density as previously one isaged. In this event, the area could pattern could perform as required if the cull delsage planned on the cast sade of New Westmirster Unive trafer to Attachment 2, page 28.7 of the Report No. 28. October 3, 2001), was extended east and north to connect with the proposed north south street to the lands north of Metrontario.

In this case, the connection of proposed street "C" (page 24 %) would not be required as a through street

In order to accomplish the foregoing, a black of 'and would be required at the northwest corner of the Memoritano and plan. As well, the buildings leasted in that quadrant of the site plan would have to be slighted each and south

Cost Sharing for External Services

Staff have been requested to ahtern cost sharing for works constructed by Bathursi and Seven Limited under a Subdivision Agreement signed in 1985. The external works comprise traffic signals and povement widening on highway 7 (Centre Sizeet), at the access and to the north. The Metrontano landowner should be requested to pay a peopenionate share of this work since the development of the subject site plan will benefit.

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Recommendation

The following recommendations are proposed to implement the foregoing and should be added as conditions of approval for Site Development Application DA.99 963

- 1. That Street "C" not be shown as public highway and in its place, a block be moveyed to the City, free of charge and attembrance to provide for the extension of a public highway from New Wasminster Drive and connecting to the coads in the proposed development thinking the north side of the Memoriario Investments site plan. The shape and size of the block shall be determined by staff in consultation with the affected property particles.
- 2. That the Owner be required to pay a proportionate share of the works on Centre Street (functally Highway No. 7), which benefit the subject lands as detailed in the Subdivision Agreement stated April 26, 1985 between Samuest and Seven Limited and the Town of Venghar.

Yours very rody.

Michael DeAngelis
Commissioner of Electring

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ATTACHMENT NO. 7

October 1, 2001

John Lasch Clarks Department City of Vaughan 2141 Major Mackanzio Drive Vaugam, Ontario 54A 171

Dear Mr. Leach:

site Development Application: Metronario Inverments Ltd. (DA.99.003) Proposed Commorcial Place and Synagogue, Batharst Street City of Vaughae

Through the City's notice provisions, it has recently come to my attention that Metrootgrin Investments Ltd. is proceeding with Site Plan and Minor Variance applications for a retail plaza at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Centre Street. Meganismin's site plan also depicts lands that are to be the site of our synagogile at 7770 Satherst Street. We understand that the Committee of the Whole is selectated to consider the application today at 1:00 get and that the Committee of Adjustment is to consider the required variances on October 4, 2001.

We respired the City's notice of Metrontario's proposal during the current holiday season and have not had a chance to fielly review them. Of concern is that Mergentario ahow an older synagostic plan end joint drivoway access between our preparty and the Metroniario lands which are no longer being contemplated. In light of our current plans for the synagogue, we would ask that there applications be defected in order for us to further review the Metrontacia proposal after the holidays.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours thily,

Kubbi larasi Landa

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