COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PUBLIC HEARING) OCTOBER 21, 2002

1. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.95.014
SITE DEVLOPMENT FILE DA.02.057
SIGNATURE ONE INC.
PRELIMINARY REPORT

P.2002.65

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

THAT the Public Hearing for File Z.95.014 (Signature One Inc), BE RECEIVED and that any issues identified be addressed in a comprehensive report to the Committee of the Whole.

Purpose

On August 30, 2002, the Owner reactivated Zoning Amendment Application Z.95.014 with a revised proposal for a 3-storey, 28-unit residential apartment building, and a 2-storey addition to the commercial dwelling. The proposal includes 67 parking spaces, of which 31 spaces would be underground.

Background - Analysis and Options

In 1995, Council approved in principle, Application Z.95.014 to permit a 4-storey building (fourth storey within the roofline), comprised of 28 residential units and ground floor commercial space. The application has been amended to reflect the current proposal.

The lands are located on the northwest corner of Woodbridge Avenue and Clarence Street, being part of Lot G, Plan 449 (86 Woodbridge Avenue), in Lot 7, Concession 7, City of Vaughan. The 0.38 ha site is irregular in shape, with frontage along Woodbridge Avenue and Clarence Street. There is one commercial building on the property, which is proposed to be maintained and enlarged. The surrounding land uses are:

- North detached residential (R2 Residential Zone)
- South Woodbridge Avenue; commercial (C1 Restricted Commercial Zone)
- East Clarence Street; residential (R3 Residential Zone)/development application for similar use
- West commercial (C4 Neighbourhood Commercial Zone)

The lands are designated "Mixed Use Commercial" by OPA #440 (Woodbridge Core Area), which permits both commercial and residential uses, provided the residential uses can be appropriately integrated with the commercial uses, and subject to specific development standards. The lands are zoned C4 Neigbourhood Commercial Zone by By-law 1-88, which does not permit residential uses and therefore, an amendment is required.

On September 27, 2002, a notice of public hearing was mailed to all property owners within 120m of the subject site and to the Woodbridge Core Ratepayers Association. To date, there have been no comments. Any responses received will be addressed in the technical report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Preliminary Review

Following a preliminary review of the proposed application, Staff has identified the following matters to be reviewed in greater detail:

- Official Plan Amendment #440 designates the subject lands "Mixed Use Commercial", which permits residential uses appropriately integrated with commercial uses, subject to specific development standards;
- the proposed development will need to be reviewed in accordance with development criteria outlined in OPA #440 and the Woodbridge Core Urban Design Guidelines, to ensure it functions as a gateway to the Core Area;
- the previous application (Attachment #5) was in keeping with the Woodbridge Core Guidelines, providing an attractive streetscape and functional development;
- site layout, building siting and design should compliment the surrounding built-form and the development proposed across Clarence Street; the development should also be appropriately integrated with the future development of the abutting property to the west:
- proper buffering and appropriate integration of commercial/residential uses will be reviewed through the site plan process;
- parking adequacy, traffic circulation and access to Woodbridge Avenue will be reviewed;
- a Phase One Environmental Report may be required for the Woodbridge Avenue and Clarence Street widenings; any road widenings may affect the site design; and
- the lands are subject to the policies of the "Special Policy Area" within OPA #440 and the requirements of the TRCA.

Conclusion

The above issues, but not limited to, will be considered in the technical review of the application, together with comments of the public and Council expressed at the Public Hearing or in writing, and be addressed in a comprehensive report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting. Consideration will be given to the building design and orientation in relation to the development criteria set out in OPA #440 and the Woodbridge Core Urban Design Guidelines. Also, compatibility with surrounding built-form, and traffic, parking and access issues will be reviewed.

Attachments

- Location Map
- 2. Site Plan
- 3. Residential Elevation
- 4. Commercial Elevation
- Previous Site Plan

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Respectfully submitted,









