COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE APRIL 8, 2002

ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD HEARING VARIANCE APPLICATION FILE A128/01 JANESVILLE DEVELOPMENT LIMITED

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

THAT Council provide direction with respect to the City's position on an appeal of the Committee of Adjustment's refusal of Variance Application A128/01 (Janesville Development Limited).

Purpose

To seek direction from Council with respect to Staff's attendance at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing scheduled for April 22, 2002.

Background - Analysis and Options

The site is located on the northeast corner of Bathurst Street and Atkinson Avenue, being Block 268, of Plan 65M-2394, (531 Atkinson Avenue) in Lot 32, Concession 1, City of Vaughan. The lands are designated "Local Convenience Commercial" by OPA #210 (Thornhill-Vaughan Community Plan), as amended by OPA #433, and zoned C3 Local Commercial Zone by By-law 1-88, subject to Exception 9(1006).

On May 31, 2001, the Committee of Adjustment refused an application to allow:

- i) a seasonal outdoor patio associated with Cupps Coffee House in Unit #1;
- ii) an outdoor patio which abuts a residential zone; and
- iii) a 154.86m² eating establishment/bakery/delicatessen with an accessory takeout, whereas the maximum gross floor area permitted is 145m².

The Applicant appealed the Committee's decision on the basis that the variances would enable an insignificant addition of 10m² with 10 seats to the existing coffee shop. The applicant is of the opinion that the outdoor patio would add significantly and positively to the shopping plaza, and to the convenience and comfort of customers who wish to enjoy an outdoor environment service. Also, the applicant believes the outdoor patio will have no adverse impact on the abutting residential neighbourhood, given its considerable distance and the privacy fence screening, and that the outdoor patio will not create any perceptible additional noise from that already on Bathurst Street.

At the Public Hearing, concern was expressed that the area was a hangout for teenagers, and that an outdoor patio would encourage more activity. The owner to the north submitted photos to the Committee showing garbage and debris in his backyard and voiced concerns about loitering which occurs at this establishment.

The owner of the Cupps Coffee House submitted a petition of 30 patrons and local businesses, and the co-owner proposed that the patio be fenced into discourage loitering on lunch hours. The owners also stated that if the Committee imposed a curfew, they would be willing to co-operate.

Conclusion

The Community Planning Department did not support the application on the basis that the proposal would be more properly considered by way of an application to amend the Zoning Bylaw. This matter is scheduled to proceed to the OMB on April 22, 2002, and Council's direction is requested.

Attachments

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Site Plan
- 3. Unit Floor
- 4. Patio Plan

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Respectfully submitted,

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