COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAY 20, 2003

SITE DEVELOPMENT FILE DA.03.007 YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

THAT Site Development Application DA.03.007 (York Region District School Board) BE APPROVED, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The final site plan and building elevations shall be approved by the Commissioner of Planning.
- 2. The final site servicing and grading plans, stormwater management report, and access and on-site vehicular circulation shall be approved by the Engineering Department.
- 3. All hydro requirements shall be fulfilled to the satisfaction of Hydro Vaughan Distribution Inc.
- 4. The final landscape plan and detailed landscape cost estimate shall be approved by the Urban Design Department.

<u>Purpose</u>

On February 6, 2003, the York Region School Board (YRDSB) submitted a site development application for a 2-storey, 5247m² elementary school, with provision for 5 future portables.

Background - Analysis and Options

The site is located north of Rutherford Road, between Hwy 27 and Islington Avenue, being Block 344 in Plan 65M-3277, at the southeast corner of Rota Crescent and Napa Valley, in Lot 16, Concession 8, City of Vaughan. The lands are designated "Elementary School" by OPA 600 and zoned RV3 Residential Urban Village Zone Three by By-Law 1-88.

The 2.02 ha site has approximately 130m frontage on Napa Valley Avenue and a depth of 210m on the east side.

- North Napa Valley Avenue; residential (RV4 (WS) Residential Urban Village Zone Four)
- South Rutherford Avenue; residential (R2 Residential Zone)
- East Open Space (OS2 Open Space Park Zone)
- West Rota Crescent; residential (RV4 (WS) Residential Urban Village Zone Four)

Site Plan

The site plan consists of a 5,247m² 2-storey building situated at the northern portion of the site, adjacent to the Napa Valley Avenue and Rota Crescent intersection, with the main entrance fronting onto Napa Valley Avenue. A playing field is shown to the south of the school, north of Rutherford Road. Five future portables and a light duty asphalt play area are proposed to the south side of the school. A kindergarten play area, enclosed with a vinyl chain link fence, is located directly adjacent to the school on the west side.

Parking and Access

The site has two access points, one from Rota Crescent and the other from Napa Valley Avenue. A bus drop-off area is situated between the front entrance of the school and Napa Valley Avenue.

The parent drop-off and parking lot are accessed separately from Rota Crescent. The 47 parking spaces are sufficient to serve the school and the future portables. Pedestrian access is provided from two concrete paved walkways from the north of the property line.

Landscaping

The north, south and west perimeters of the site are landscaped and tree-lined with a mix of coniferous and deciduous trees and shrubs. The final landscape plan will require a cost estimate, detailing the extent of the landscape work, for approval by the Urban Design Department.

Elevations

The two-storey building is proposed to be constructed of Ferric Red Canadian brick, accented with a pearl-white rock block. The accent brick adds detail around the windows and main entrance. The windows and doors are evenly spaced around the building. A pearl-white block is proposed for the base of the building, below the first floor windows on the east and west elevations, and below the first and second floor windows on the north and south elevations. A pre-finished metal flashing wraps around the top of the building; a prefinished metal siding mechanical/electrical room is on the rooftop. All waste is proposed to be stored internally, and a service area is provided on the southwest side of the school.

There are Architectural Design Guidelines in this area, which do not specify schools. However, the building design is in accordance with the approved Urban Design and Architectural Design Guidelines. Final approval of the building elevations and architectural features must be to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Planning.

Servicing

The subject lands have access to municipal services, including water, hydro, and sanitary and storm sewers. The final engineering plans must be to the satisfaction of the Engineering Department and the requirements of Hydro Vaughan Distribution Inc. must be met.

Conclusion

Staff has reviewed the proposed elementary school development in accordance with the policies of the Official Plan and the requirements of the zoning by-law and have no objections, subject to conditions. Should the Committee concur, the recommendation in this report can be adopted.

Attachments

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Site Plan
- 3. Elevations

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