COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PUBLIC HEARING) JUNE 19, 2006

1. OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT FILE OP.06.005
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.06.013
GATETRAIL ESTATES INC.

P.2006.46

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

THAT the Public Hearing report for Files OP.06.005 and Z.06.013 (Gatetrail Estates Inc.) BE RECEIVED; and that any issues identified be addressed by the Development Planning Department in a comprehensive report to the Committee of the Whole.

Economic Impact

This will be addressed when the technical report is completed.

Purpose

The Owner has submitted the following applications to amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law on the subject lands shown on Attachment #1, specifically to:

- 1. Amend OPA No. 600 to:
 - a) redesignate the subject lands from "Medium Density Residential/Commercial Area" to "High Density Residential/Commercial Area" to permit 8 high-rise buildings with the number of storeys ranging from 4 to 30 storeys, and one single storey commercial building, with a total of 8,682 m² of commercial GFA and 2,416 residential units as shown on Attachments #2 and #3; and,
 - b) to permit a maximum net residential density of 370 units/ha.
- 2. Amend Zoning By-law 1-88 to rezone the subject lands from C4 Neighbourhood Commercial Zone and M1 Industrial Zone to appropriate zoning categories to facilitate the proposed development. The Owner is proposing to also retain all of the uses currently permitted in the C4 Neighbourhood Commercial Zone, plus have drive-through facilities operating in conjunction with a bank or financial institution and eating establishment uses.

Background - Analysis and Options

The subject lands shown on Attachment #1 are located at the northwest corner of Rutherford Road and Bathurst Street, in Part of Lot 16, Concession 2, City of Vaughan. The 6.53 hectare site represents the assembly of 3 parcels all having frontage on Rutherford Road, including 828 Rutherford Road, being a 0.18ha parcel of land owned by R and K Mabilia which the Applicant has an option to purchase. The subject lands are presently developed with trailers used as sales offices for future residential homes to be built within the applicant's larger subdivision landholding.

The subject lands are designated "Medium Density Residential/Commercial" by OPA No. 600 and further designated a "Neighbourhood Commercial Centre", and zoned C4 Neighbourhood Commercial Zone by By-law 1-88, subject to site-specific Exception 9(1217). The surrounding land uses are:

- North future street and residential townhouse blocks (RT1(H) Residential Townhouse Zone subject to a Holding Provision)
- South Rutherford Road; existing commercial plaza in Block 10 (C4 Neighbourhood Commercial Zone)
- East Bathurst Street; Town of Richmond Hill, existing commercial and residential uses
- West future street, and future stormwater management pond (OS1 Open Space Conservation Zone)

On May 26, 2006, a Notice of Public Hearing was circulated to all property owners within 120m of the subject lands and to the Town of Richmond Hill. To date, no comments have been received. Any responses received will be addressed in the technical review, and included in a comprehensive staff report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Preliminary Review

Following a preliminary review of the proposed applications, the Development Planning Department has identified the following matters to be reviewed in greater detail:

- i) the appropriateness of the proposed density, height, and intensity of the mixed use development will be reviewed;
- the impact of the high density development within Block 11; but outside of the core Carrville District Centre, which is a planned node and intensified area of mixed residential and commercial development located west of the subject lands, will be reviewed;
- the impact of introducing high residential density on the entire Block 11 area with respect to the impact on traffic, community services and schools; parkland dedication and allocation of water and wastewater servicing and associated phasing of services will be reviewed; and
- iv) a complete site plan application proposal should also be submitted to allow for a comprehensive review of the proposal; as well as the necessary studies required to be submitted in support of the applications, including but not limited to the following: planning justification, traffic impact, parking, noise, sun/shade and wind studies, and environmental reports.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

The applicability of these applications to the Vaughan Vision will be determined when the technical report is considered.

Conclusion

The above issues, but not limited to, will be considered in the technical review of the applications, together with comments from 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. In particular, the proposed redesignation of the subject lands to "High Density Residential/Commercial", and the impact on services and to the Carrville District Centre, will be reviewed.

Attachments

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Conceptual Site Plan
- 3. Perspective Elevations (Looking Southwest)

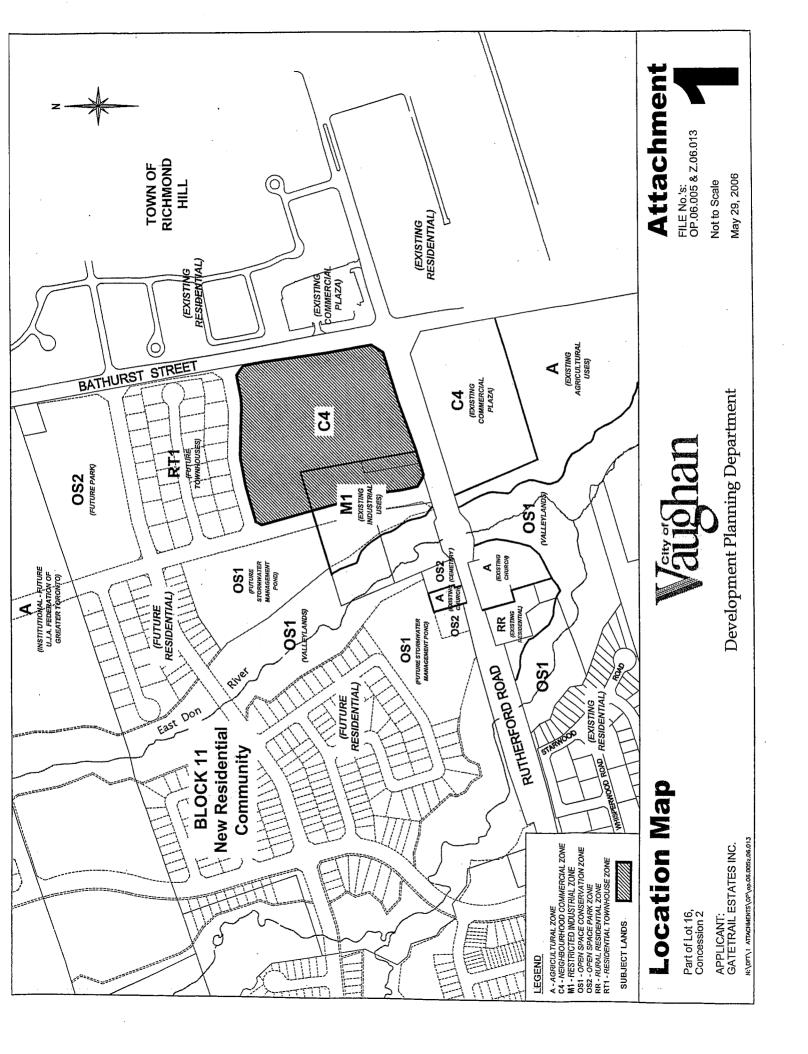
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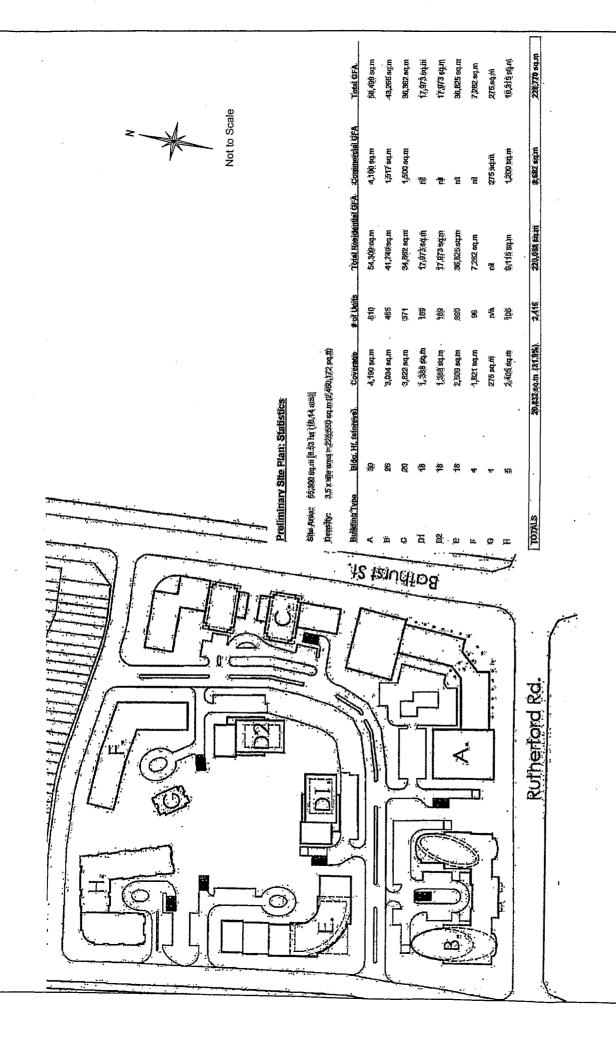
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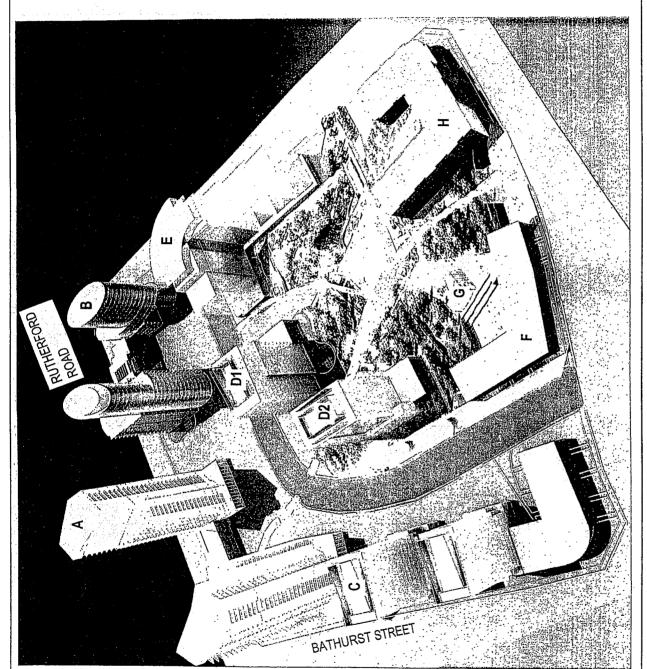
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Conceptual Site Plan

Part of Lot 16, Concession 2







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Perspective Elevations (Looking South West)

Part of Lot 16, Concession 2

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