COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PUBLIC HEARING) JANUARY 21, 2008

1. OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT FILE OP.07.008 ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.07.047 JANE-RUTH DEVELOPMENT INC.

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Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

THAT the Public Hearing report for Official Plan Amendment File OP.07.008 and Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.07.047 (Jane-Ruth Development 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.

Communications Plan

On December 21, 2007, a Notice of Public Hearing was circulated to all property owners within 120 m of the subject lands, and to the Maple Landing Ratepayers Association. As of January 9, 2008, no comments have been received by the Development Planning Department. Any comments received will be addressed in the technical review and included in a comprehensive report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Purpose

The Owner has submitted the following applications on the subject lands shown on Attachment #1, to facilitate the future development of the fourth, 16-storey residential condominium apartment building (Building "D") as shown on Attachment #2:

- 1. An Official Plan Amendment Application (File OP.07.008) to amend OPA #626 to increase the maximum density permitted on the subject lands from 200 units per hectare to 247 units per hectare thereby increasing the total number of residential units permitted on the subject lands from 780 units to 900 units (an increase of 120 units); and
- 2. A Zoning By-law Amendment Application (File Z.07.047) to amend By-law 1-88 to:
 - i) increase the maximum number of residential dwelling units located on the subject lands from 200 units per hectare to 247 units per hectare; and
 - ii) reduce the minimum lot area requirement from 49.9 m² per unit to 40 m² per unit.

The site plan concept considered by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) included four, 16-storey buildings organized around an internal road connecting Rutherford Road to Jane Street. The OMB approval of OPA #626 and By-law 277-2005 limits the overall density on the site at 200 units per hectare (uph) based on a site area of 3.604 hectares, thereby yielding 720 units on the property. The Owner has designed the first three buildings with smaller units than originally anticipated. The Owner has obtained approval for Buildings "A", "B" and "C" (all under construction) with the following number of units:

Building "A" – 236 units Building "B" – 228 units Building "C" – <u>225 units</u> Total 689 units

As a result, only 31 units (720 – 689) are available under the current Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw permissions for the fourth building (Building "D") on the subject lands. This remaining number of units is proposed to be combined with the additional 120 units that would result by increasing the maximum density from 200 uph to 247 uph in future Building "D" within the 16-storey building limit established by the Official Plan and Zoning By-law.

Background - Analysis and Options

The subject lands are located on the northeast corner of Jane Street and Rutherford Road, City of Vaughan. Buildings "A", "B", and "C" as shown on Attachment #2, are currently under construction.

The site is subject to the Vaughan Centre Secondary Plan as defined by OPA #600, and as amended by site-specific OPA #626, which was approved by the OMB on April 19, 2005 as part of Decision Order 0982. OPA #626 designates the subject lands "High Density Residential/Commercial", and facilitates the high density residential apartment development on the property. The subject lands are zoned RA3 Apartment Residential Zone by By-law 1-88, subject to Exception 9(1246), as approved by the OMB in Decision Order 2494, issued on September 23, 2005. The surrounding land uses are as follows:

- North future commercial (C1 Restricted Commercial Zone); open space (OS1 Open Space Conservation Zone)
- South open space (OS1 Zone), Rutherford Road; vacant land/approved employment/office uses, proposed high density residential development (EM1 Prestige Employment Area Zone)

East - open space (OS1 Zone)

West - Jane Street; existing commercial (C8 Office Commercial Zone) and open space (OS1 Zone)

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 applications will be reviewed in the context of the applicable Provincial, Regional and City policies;
- ii) the applications will be reviewed in consideration of the existing and future surrounding land uses to assess the compatibility and appropriateness of the proposed official plan and zoning amendments;
- iii) an updated traffic impact study must be submitted in support of the applications, to the satisfaction of the appropriate authorities;
- iv) a future site development application for the proposed Building "D" must be submitted at a future date and reviewed for consideration at a future Committee of the Whole meeting; and,
- v) the availability of water and sanitary servicing capacity for the proposal must be identified and allocated by Council, if approved.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

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

Regional Implications

The Region of York has no objection to the proposed Official Plan Amendment.

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 Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications will be reviewed in consideration of Provincial, Regional, and City policies, and in context with the existing and future surrounding land uses.

Attachments

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Context Plan

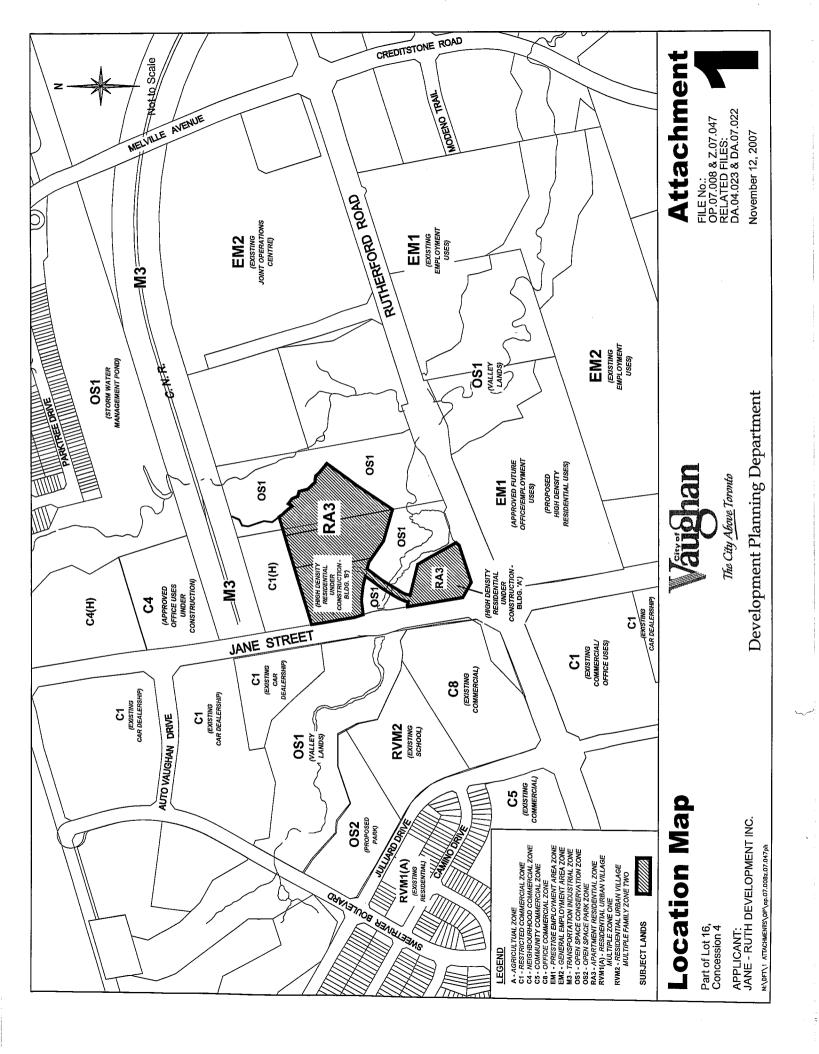
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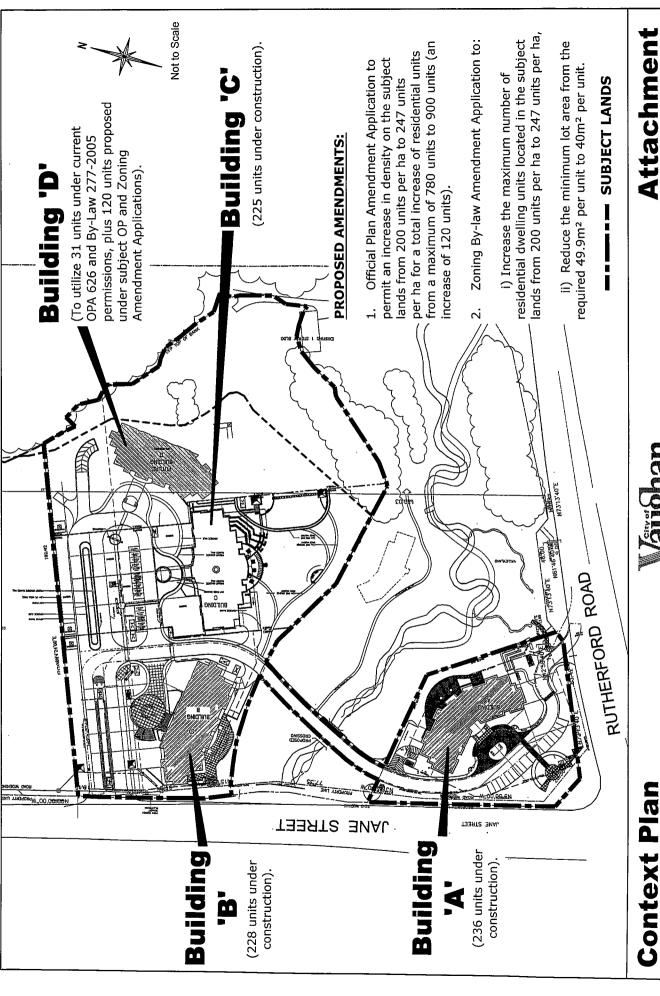
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Attachment FILE No.: OP.07.008 & Z.07.047 RELATED FILES: DA.04.023 & DA.07.022

November 12, 2007

APPLICANT: JANE - RUTH DEVELOPMENT INC.

Part of Lot 16, Concession 4

Development Planning Department

The City Above Toronto