COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOVEMBER 10, 2009

SIGN VARIANCE APPLICATION FILE NO: SV.09-019 OWNER: ZZEN GROUP LOCATION: SOUTH SIDE HIGHWAY 7 CONCESSION 9, PART OF LOT 6 WARD 2

Recommendation

The Sign Variance Committee recommends:

That Sign Variance Application SV.09-019, ZZen Group, be REFUSED, due to the proposed 320 meter minimum separation between Poster Panel Signs.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

None.

Communications Plan

The results of this application will be communicated to the applicant through the Secretary to the Sign Variance Committee.

Purpose

Request to install a Poster Panel Sign on a parcel of land zoned "A" (Agricultural Zone) and located 320 meters from another Poster Panel Sign located on the same side of the street.

Background - Analysis and Options

Bylaw Requirements (203-92, as amended):

15.1 One Poster Panel Sign (Billboard) per lot may be permitted on vacant lots zoned Industrial or Commercial.

All Poster Panel Signs shall be located within the "Industrial Area" as shown on Schedule "D" to the Sign By-Law. (The Industrial Area of Official Plan Amendment 450.)

Poster Panel Signs shall be setback a minimum of 600 meters from any other Poster Panel located on the same side of the street.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

Region of York Engineering approval is required for the proposed sign. (Minimum setback from the centre line of the road only.)

Conclusion

The applicant is proposing to erect a sign on a parcel of land zoned Agricultural that is within the "Industrial Area" as shown on Schedule "D" to the Sign By-law. The applicant is further proposing that the minimum separation between Poster Panel Signs be reduced from the required 600 meters to 320 meters.

Members of the Sign Variance Committee do not support the reduction of the separation between Poster Panel Signs. In their opinion the minimum separations required in the Sign By-law should be maintained to provide a distinct separation between the large third party advertising signs (Poster Panel Signs) to reduce the negative impact on the streetscape. For this reason members of the Sign Variance Committee are recommending that the application be refused.

If Council finds merit in the application, a Sign Permit issued by the Building Standards is required.

Attachments

1. Site Plan

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Respectfully submitted,

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