COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 15, 2010

SIGN VARIANCE APPLICATION

FILE NO: SV.10-012

OWNER: FCHT HOLDINGS (ONTARIO) CORP. LOCATION: 9300-9370 BATHURST STREET

BLOCK 23, PART LOT 16, CONCESSION 2

REGISTERED PLAN 65M-3918

WARD 1

Recommendation

The Sign Variance Committee recommends:

That Sign Variance Application SV.10-012, FCHT Holdings (Ontario) Corp., be REFUSED.

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

The applicant is requesting Sign Variances be approved to permit alternate tower/pylon sign designs from that of the approved site plan agreement, as shown on the attached drawings.

Background - Analysis and Options

By-law Requirements (203-92, as amended):

6.2 (a) Where a site plan approved by the City provides standards for signage and the signs for the development comply therewith, such signs shall be deemed to comply with this By-Law.

Noting the above, where the property is regulated by a site plan agreement approved by the City, only those wall signs and pylon signs approved under the site plan agreement are deemed to be permitted by the City's Sign By-Law.

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 signs.

Conclusion

West Sign Tower - Bathurst Street and Ilan Ramon Avenue

The applicant is proposing to replace the previously approved four column tower structure consisting of three, - 3 meter by 4.5 meter Video Signage Screens Tenant Signs (1st Party) with a two column structure that includes 24 sqm. (Total 48 sqm.) of backlit tenant signage as shown on the attached drawings. (Attachment 2)

East Sign Tower - Bathurst Street and Rutherford Road

The applicant is proposing to maintain the previously approved four column tower structure and replace the four, - 3 meter by 4.5 meter Video Signage Screens Tenant Signs (1st Party) with a single larger - 7 meter by 6 meter ± (45 sqm.) curved Video Signage Screen. The proposal also includes an additional 24 sqm. of backlit tenant signage for two of the towers elevations. (Total 48 sqm.)., as shown on the attached plan. (Attachment 2)

The applicant is further proposing that the Video Signage Screen not be restricted to tenant signage (1st Party) and would display ½ Tenant Signage, ½ Community Signage and ½ Third Party Advertising in a continuous display loop.

Committee Comments.

As a major part of the proposed modifications to the east sign tower, the applicant is proposing to construct a 7 meter \times 6 meter - 45 \pm sqm. (485 sqft.) Video Billboard having a sign height of approximately 12 meters (39 feet) above grade. This video billboard/screen is being curved to better ordinate itself towards the major traffic intersection of Bathurst and Rutherford Road. This proposed sign is approximately 4.5 meters (15 feet) higher and more than double the size of typical permitted 3rd Party poster panel/billboard signs found within the City.

Excluding the plaza identification and "Vaughan" portions, the total sign area being proposed for the east sign tower is $93 \pm \text{sqm}$. or 1000 sqft. of signage.

Committee members are of the opinion that the increased signage is not appropriate and far exceeds the maximums contained within the sign by-law. Further, the large curved video display (Video Billboard) is more suitable for a pedestrian orientated urban environment and may be extremely distracting for the vehicular traffic at such a major traffic intersection.

Members of the Sign Variance Committee do not support the application and recommend that the variance application be refused.

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

Attachments

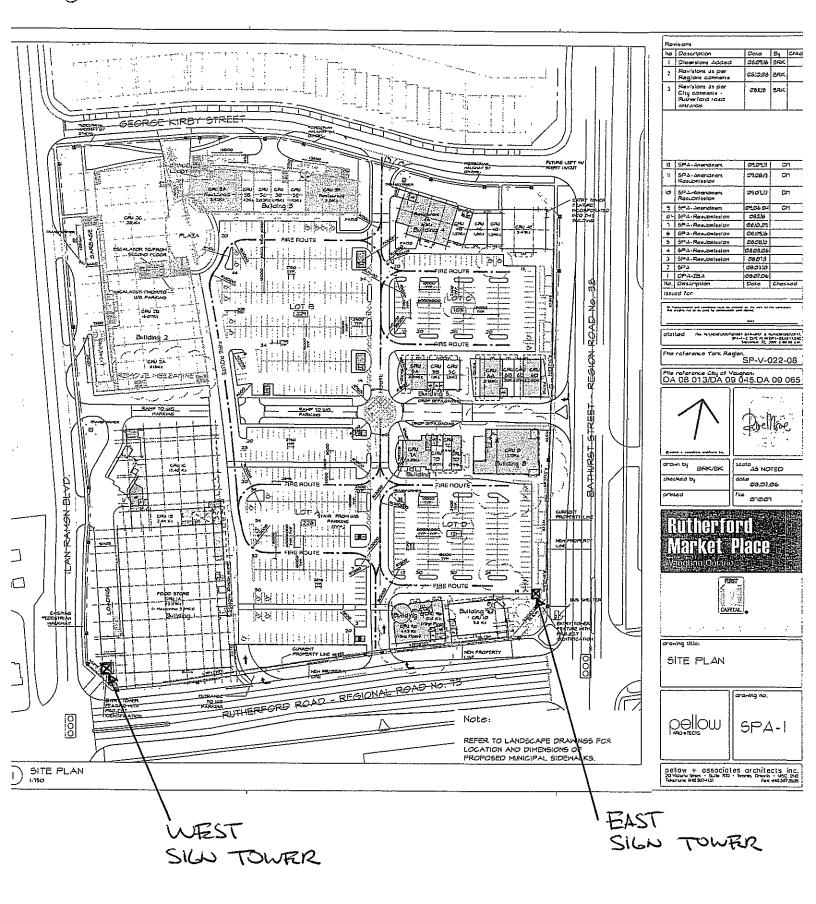
- Site Plan
- 2. Applicant's Proposal Revised Sign Towers
- 3. Approved Sign Towers. (As Per the Site Plan Agreement.)

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Respectfully submitted,

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