# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 4, 2001

# SITE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA.00.108 YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

#### Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning & Urban Design recommends:

That Site Development Application DA.00.108 (York Region District School Board) BE APPROVED, subject to the following:

- 1. Prior to the issuance of building permits:
  - i) the Site Plan shall be to the satisfaction of the Community Planning and Building Standards Departments;
  - ii) the Site Servicing and Grading Plan shall be to the satisfaction of the Engineering Department;
  - iii) a Stormwater Management Report and Traffic Impact Review Study shall be to the satisfaction of the Engineering Department; and,
  - iv) the Landscaping Plan be to the satisfaction of the Department of Urban Design.

### **Purpose**

On October 4, 2000, the York Region District School Board submitted a site development application for additions totalling 5072 sq.m to the Woodbridge College Secondary School. The application has since been revised, and the additions will now total 3195 sq.m.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

## **Community Meeting**

On April 2, 2001, a community meeting was held to discuss the proposed addition to Woodbridge College, with the applicant, local councillor and staff in attendance. A number of concerns were raised by the residents, including traffic, parking, school bus loading, proximity of the sidewalk to the bus lane, landscaping, garbage and property damage.

# Location

- southeast of Regional Road #7 and Islington Avenue
- 71 Bruce Street
- Part of Lot 5, Concession 7, City of Vaughan

# Land Use Status

- Designation "Open Space" by OPA #240 (Woodbridge Community Plan)
- Zoning A Agricultural Zone and R1 Residential Zone by By-law 1-88

### Site Description

- a 7.59 ha site
- developed with a high school with associated parking and sports fields
- the surrounding land uses are:

North - detached residential (R1 Zone)
South - detached residential (R1 Zone)
East - detached residential (R1 Zone)

West - detached residential, valley (R1 and R3 Zones, A Agricultural Zone)

# Official Plan/Zoning

The proposal conforms to the designation of "Open Space" with a Secondary School under OPA #240 (Woodbridge Community Plan).

The R1 Residential and A Agricultural Zones of By-law 1-88 permit the school use.

#### Site Plan/Elevations

The main addition will be one storey on the south side of the school to accommodate additional classrooms. There will also be a small second-floor addition to accommodate a mechanical room. The main addition will be finished in brick of similar colour to the existing building, with windows evenly spaced around the addition. Metal siding will be used around the second-storey mechanical room, thereby effectively screening it.

Along the front (west side) of the school there will be a 2-storey addition to the library. The remaining additions will be to the administrative area and cafeteria, both 1-storey additions.

The library addition will be in similar brick and windows as the main addition, and the remaining additions will feature brick facades and windows.

#### Parking and Access

A total of four driveways to Bruce Street are proposed, which includes the two existing ones. The bus lane will be accessed from one of the new driveways and exit through an existing driveway. The new bus lane will accommodate 16 buses in two lanes of eight. If necessary, additional bus loading/unloading can be accommodated in the existing north parking lot, which is currently being used by buses.

The parking requirement for a secondary school is 4 parking spaces per teaching classroom. There will be a total of 38 classrooms and six portable classrooms, which will require 176 parking spaces. A total of 216 spaces will be provided, therefore, there will be a surplus of 40 parking spaces.

#### Traffic

The Engineering Department has requested a Traffic Impact Review Study to support the revised site plan. Any recommendations of this study must be incorporated into the site plan prior to the issuance of building permits.

### Landscaping

The Department of Urban Design has requested additional planting along Bruce Street and between the playground and new parking lot. The landscaping must be to the satisfaction of the Department of Urban Design prior to the issuance of building permits.

# **Conclusion**

The proposed addition to the Woodbridge College Secondary School conforms to the policies of the Official Plan, and meets the requirements Zoning By-law. The proposed site plan attempts to improve the current situation by addressing the concerns expressed by the residents, such as traffic and parking. The required technical reports will be reviewed by Staff and must be approved prior to the issuance of building permits. Should Committee concur, the "Recommendation" can be adopted.

# **Attachments**

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Site Plan
- 2A. School Additions
- 3. Elevations

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