COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PUBLIC HEARING) FEBRUARY 4, 2002

1. OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT FILE OP.02.001 ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.01.086 MACKENZIE GLEN DEVELOPMENTS LTD. PRELIMINARY REPORT

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

THAT the Public Hearing for Files OP.02.001 and Z.01.086 (Mackenzie Glen Developments Ltd.) BE RECEIVED; and that any issues identified be addressed by Staff in a comprehensive report to the Committee of the Whole.

Purpose

On December 28, 2001, the Owner submitted an application to amend the zoning by-law to permit a temporary garden centre of approximately $450m^2$, which will operate annually from April 15th to August 31st, adjacent to the existing supermarket. On January 9, 2002 and January 11, 2002, the Owner submitted a corresponding site plan (minor) application and the required application to amend the Official Plan (File OP.02.001), respectively.

Background - Analysis and Options

The 4.46 ha site is located at the northeast corner of Jane Street and Major Mackenzie Drive (2810 Major Mackenzie Drive), in Lot 21, Concession 4, City of Vaughan. The site is developed with a 10,452m² commercial plaza, with a supermarket as the anchor tenant. The lands are designated "Neighbourhood Commercial" by OPA No. 501, and zoned C4 Neighbourhood Commercial Zone by By-law 391-99. The surrounding land uses are:

- North residential (RM1 Multiple Residential Zone)
- South stormwater management ponds (OS1 Open Space Zone), gas station (C6 Highway Commercial Zone), Major Mackenzie Drive, and a retail plaza (C4 Neighbourhood Commercial Zone)
- West Jane Street; gas station (C6 Highway Commercial Zone) and vacant (TPC Theme Park Commercial Zone)
- East residential (R3 Rural Residential Zone)

On January 11, 2002, a notice of public hearing was circulated to all property owners within 120 metres of the subject lands. No comments have been received to date. Any responses received will be addressed in the technical review and included in the detailed staff report to a future Committee of the whole meeting.

Preliminary Review

Following an initial review of the proposed application, Staff have identified the following matters to be reviewed in greater detail:

- the pedestrian circulation on the sidewalk along the front and west side of the supermarket must be maintained;
- the proposed materials and dimensions (i.e height and area) for the garden centre must be identified;

- plant material and fencing must not obstruct driver sight lines around the southwest corner of the supermarket where the parking aisle leads to the Jane Street access; and
- the implementing by-law should contain a clause limiting the size of the garden centre and its seasonal time of operation;

Conclusion

The above issues, but not limited to, will be considered in the technical review of the application, together with comments expressed by the public and Council at the public hearing or in writing, and addressed in a comprehensive report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Attachments

1. Location Map

2. Site Plan

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