# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PUBLIC HEARING) JUNE 17, 2002

### 5. OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT FILE OP.02.012 ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.02.043 RICETON HOLDINGS LTD. PRELIMINARY REPORT

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### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

THAT the Public Hearing for Files OP.02.012 and Z.02.043 (Riceton Holdings Ltd.) BE RECEIVED; and, that any issues identified be addressed by Staff in a comprehensive report to the Committee of the Whole.

### **Purpose**

On May 10, 2002, the Owner submitted applications to amend the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw to redesignate and rezone the 2.2 ha property for "General Commercial" uses.

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

The subject lands are located on the west side of Dufferin Street, north of Steeles Avenue, at the east end of Viceroy Road, being Block 3, Plan 65M-2085, in Lot 1, Concession 3, City of Vaughan. The 2.2 ha vacant site has approximately 30 m frontage on Viceroy Road, and 200 m flankage on Dufferin Street. The surrounding land uses are:

- North CNR tracks; residential (RM4 & RM1 Residential Zones)
- South commercial plaza (C1 Restricted Commercial Zone)
- East Dufferin Street; proposed high density residential (RA3 Apartment Residential Zone)
- West employment lands (EM2 General Employment Area Zone)

The subject lands are designated "Prestige Area" by OPA #450 and zoned EM1Prestige Employment Area Zone; C1 Restricted Commercial Zone, subject to Exception 9(602); and, OS1 Open Space Conservation Zone by By-law 1-88.

On May 24, 2002, a notice of public hearing was circulated to all property owners within 120 m of the subject lands. To date, no responses have been received. Any comments received will be addressed in the technical report to the Committee of the Whole.

#### Preliminary Review

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

- the subject lands are currently designated and zoned as an industrial lot as part of the plan of subdivision to the east, having access only from Viceroy Road;
- Viceroy Road will be extended east, across the south portion of the subject lands, forming a signalized intersection with Dufferin Street; the site will have increased visibility and accessibility as a result of the new intersection;

- The proposed "General Commercial" designated would permit retail stores for the buying, leasing and exchanging of goods and services, restaurants, banks and business and professional offices;
- the C1 Zone lot located south of the Viceroy extension is subject to Exception 9(602), which also applies to the south portion of the subject lands; the proposed commercial uses are consistant with the commercial zoning on the abutting lands; and,
- any remnant parcels that may be created as a result of the lands being dissected by the Viceroy Road extension would be added to the southerly lot; any contravention of the City's Zoning By-law on the lands to the south as a result of the Viceroy Road extension would be deemed to conform to the provisions of the by-law.

# **Conclusion**

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

# Attachments

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Site Survey

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