COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PUBLIC HEARING) MARCH 3, 2003

2. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.02.083 1315862 ONTARIO LTD. PRELIMINARY REPORT

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Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

THAT the Public Hearing for Zoning By-law Application File Z.02.083 (1315862 Ontario 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 18, 2002, the Owner submitted an application to amend the Zoning By-law to permit a regulated health professional use in the EM1 Prestige Employment Area Zone. The zoning exception would facilitate the use in Unit 20D (169.73m² ground floor and 87.79m² basement/storage) of the multi-unit condominium building.

Background - Analysis and Options

The site is located on the northwest corner of Tandem Road and Steeles Avenue West (2150 Steeles Avenue West), being Unit 20D of York Region Condominium Corporation No. 554, and comprising Lots 1 and 2 of Registered Plan 65M-2157, in Part of Lot 1, Concession 3, City of Vaughan. The irregular-shaped 1.33 ha parcel has 105.4m frontage on Steeles Avenue West, with a depth of 108m.

The subject lands are designated "Prestige Area" by OPA #450 and zoned EM1 Prestige Employment Area Zone by By-law 1-88, subject to Exceptions 9(369) and 9(618). The surrounding uses are:

North - Bessmer Court; employment (EM1 Prestige Employment Area Zone)

South - Steeles Avenue West; City of Toronto

West - commercial (C1 Restricted Commercial Zone)

East - Tandem Road; employment (EM1 Prestige Employment Area Zone)

On February 7, 2003, a notice of public hearing was circulated to all property owners within 120m of the subject lands and to the Concord West Ratepayers Association. To date, no comments have been received. Any responses received will be addressed in a comprehensive report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Preliminary Review

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

the "Prestige Area" designation provides opportunities for activities that require high visual exposure, good accessibility and an attractive working environment, and permits a wide range of office, business and civic uses, with no outside storage. The proposed use conforms to OPA #450;

- the site is zoned EM1 Prestige Employment Area Zone, subject to Exceptions 9(369) and 9(618), which specifically permits the following additional uses: banquet hall to a maximum of 724m², audio retail store, optical retail store, jewelry store and a home supply store. The EM1 Zone permits a Business and Professional Office use, but specifically excludes a Regulated Health Professional, which has a higher parking requirement than employment uses;
- given the current permitted uses and the site initially being developed at an industrial standard, the impact of the on-site parking supply will be reviewed with the addition of the proposed use on the site; a parking study may be required; and
- review will be given to the appropriateness and compatibility of the proposed use with the other uses within the complex and the surrounding area.

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 report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting. In particular, the appropriateness and compatibility of the regulated health professional use in the EM1 Zone, and ensuring adequate parking is provided on site, will be reviewed.

Attachments

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Site Plan
- 3. Floor Plan

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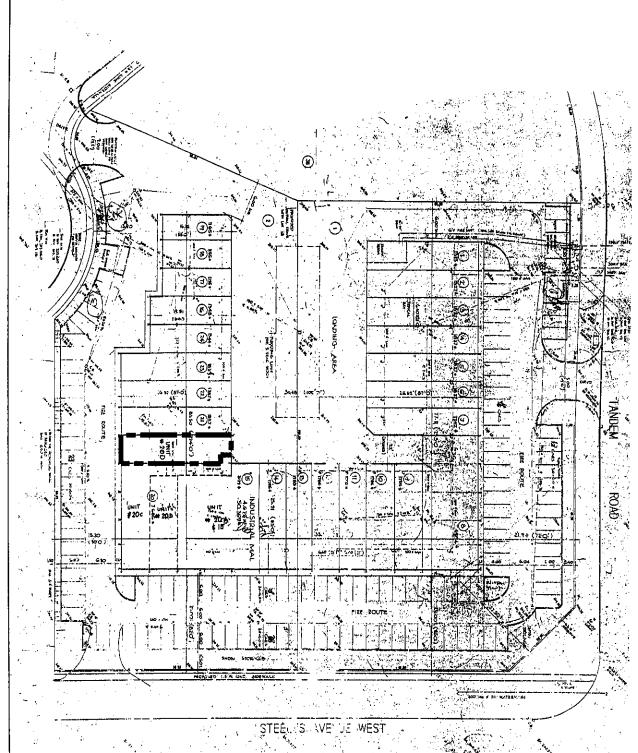
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Site Plan

Part of Lot 1, Concession 3

APPLICANT: 1315862 ONTARIO LIMITED



SUBJECT LANDS

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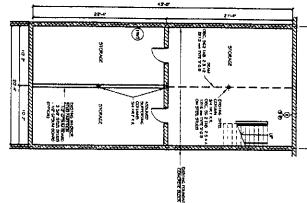
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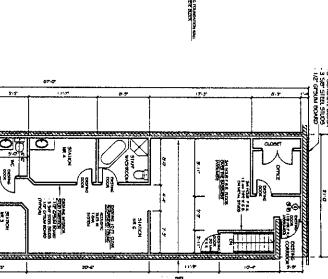
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Floor Plan







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STATION

BASEMENT G.F.A. = 945.00 SQ. FT



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GROUND FLOOR 6.F.A. = 1827.00 Sq. FI

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