COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAY 20, 2003

SITE DEVELOPMENT FILE DA.02.075 FIRST VAUGHAN INVESTMENTS LIMITED

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

THAT Site Development Application DA.02.075 (First Vaughan Investments Limited) BE APPROVED, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That prior to the execution of the site plan application:
 - a) the final site plan and building elevations shall be approved by the Commissioner of Planning;
 - b) the final landscape plan and detailed landscape cost estimate shall be approved by the Urban Design Department;
 - c) the final site grading and servicing plan and storm water management report, and access and on-site circulation shall be approved by the Engineering Department;
 - d) the requirements of Hydro Vaughan Distribution Inc. shall be satisfied;
 - e) the requirements of the Ministry of Transportation Ontario shall be satisfied; and
 - f) the required variance from the Committee of Adjustment for a reduced number of loading spaces shall be final and binding.
- 2. That the site plan agreement contain the following provision:
 - a) The Owner shall pay to the City by way of certified cheque, cash-in-lieu of the dedication of parkland equivalent to 2% of the value of the subject lands, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, in accordance with Section 51 of the Planning Act and City of Vaughan Policy. The Owner shall submit an appraisal of the subject lands prepared by an accredited appraiser for approval by the Vaughan Legal Department, Real Estate Division, and the approved appraisal shall form the basis of the cash-in-lieu payment.

Purpose

On November 13, 2002, the Owner submitted a Site Development Application for a one-storey, 7255.49 sq.m. office building on a 3.15 ha site.

Background - Analysis and Options

The subject lands are located north of Regional Road #7, on the east side of Highway #400 through to Applewood Crescent, being Blocks 4 and 5 on Plan 65M-3606, in Part of Lot 7, Concession 5, City of Vaughan. The rectangular-shaped 3.15 ha through lot has 140 m frontage on Applewood Crescent and 231.35 m depth.

Official Plan

The subject lands are designated "Prestige Area" by OPA #450 (Employment Area Plan), which accommodates a wide range of industrial, office, business and civic uses. The proposed development conforms to the policies of the Official Plan.

Zoning

The subject lands are zoned EM1 Prestige Employment Area Zone by By-law 1-88, subject to Exception 9(1109), which permits an office building. The proposed development conforms with the requirements of the Zoning By-law, with the exception of a deficiency of 1 loading space, whereas two are required. The applicant will be submitting a variance application to the Committee of Adjustment to address this issue, which can be supported by Staff.

Site Design

The proposed office building (7255.49 sq.m) is sited in the northwest area of the property, with access from two 7.5 m wide driveways on Applewood Crescent. Parking is provided to the east and south of the building. A 3.5 m and 9 m wide landscaped buffer abutting Applewood Crescent and Highway #400, respectively, are provided to screen the parking and loading area.

As future addition is contemplated on the east side of the building, together with a future development at the southeast corner of the site (proposed at this stage as landscape only), which will require subsequent site plan amendments.

The building is set back 14 m from the Highway #400 right-of-way, which exceeds the Ministry of Transportation Ontario's (MTO) 13.7 m requirement. The Owner will be required to satisfy any MTO requirements and obtain any necessary Ministry permits.

Building Design

The proposed building is to have a flat roof to a height of 9.1 m. A parapet to a height of 10.21 m screens the roof-top mechanical equipment from the view of adjacent roads. The building materials consist of concrete panels in a sandblast finish with spandrel glazing. The company signage is located above the metal canopy in the middle portion of the south elevation, and also appears on the east and west facades. In addition, the facades are accented with vertical rows of white pre-cast concrete panels with tinted glazing. Tinted glazing also accents the lower portion of the facades that wrap around the sides of the building.

The north elevation is consistent with the south elevation, with the exception of the main entranceway and the addition of 2 man-doors at the northeast corner to provide access to the garbage room and loading area. Similarly, the east and west facades are identical, with the minor difference being two entrances on the east side.

Staff are satisfied with the proposed building elevations for the office building.

<u>Parking</u>

By-law 1-88 requires parking to be provided on the basis of the following:

Business or Professional Office: 7,255.49 sq.m @ 3.5 spaces/100 sq.m GFA = 254 spaces

Total Parking Required = 254 spaces Total Parking Provided = 349 spaces The site exceeds the minimum parking requirements, with a surplus of 95 spaces. A variance may be required to accommodate the intended future phases of development, which will be determined upon submission of site plan amendments.

Servicing

The subject lands have access to municipal services, including hydro, storm and sanitary sewers, and water. The final site grading and servicing plans and stormwater management report shall be to the satisfaction of the Engineering Department and Hydro Vaughan Distribution Inc.

Urban Design

The landscape plan shows a mix of coniferous and deciduous trees and shrubs along the perimeter of the site, including a 3 m wide strip adjacent to Applewood Crescent and a 9 m wide strip adjacent to Highway #400, to screen the parking area. In addition, landscaped boulevards are provided within the parking area to break-up the large amount of paved surfaces. An amenity patio area is provided at the southeast corner of the building for the employees. The final landscape plan and cost estimate must be to the satisfaction of the Urban Design Department.

Conclusion

Staff have reviewed the proposed site plan application for an office building in accordance with the policies of OPA #450 and the requirements of the Zoning By-law, and are satisfied that the site can be appropriately developed. The applicant will be applying to the Committee of Adjustment for a variance to reduce the number of required loading spaces, which can be supported by Staff, and must be final and binding prior to the registration of the site plan agreement.

Staff can support approval of the application subject to conditions. Should the Committee concur, Site Development Application DA.02.075 can be approved with the adoption of the recommendation in this report.

Attachments

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Site Plan
- 3. Landscape Plan
- Elevations

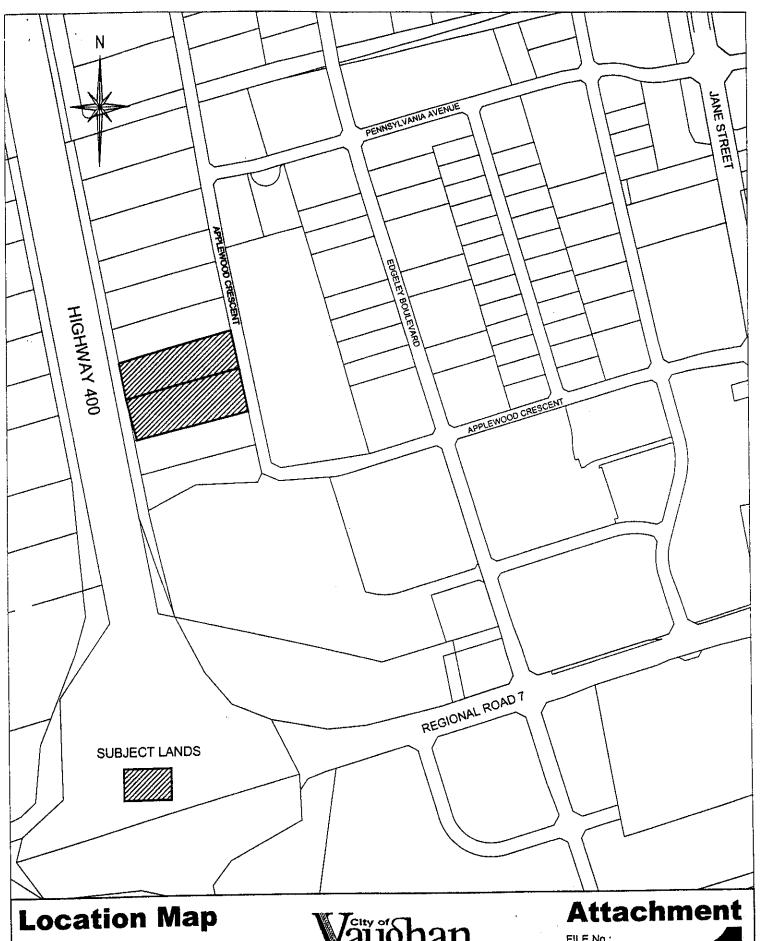
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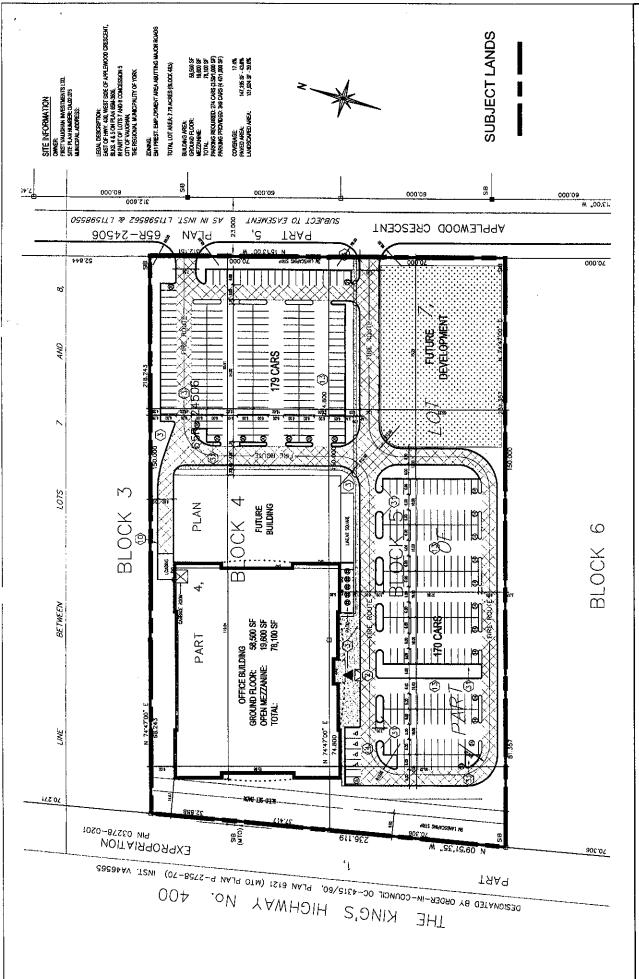
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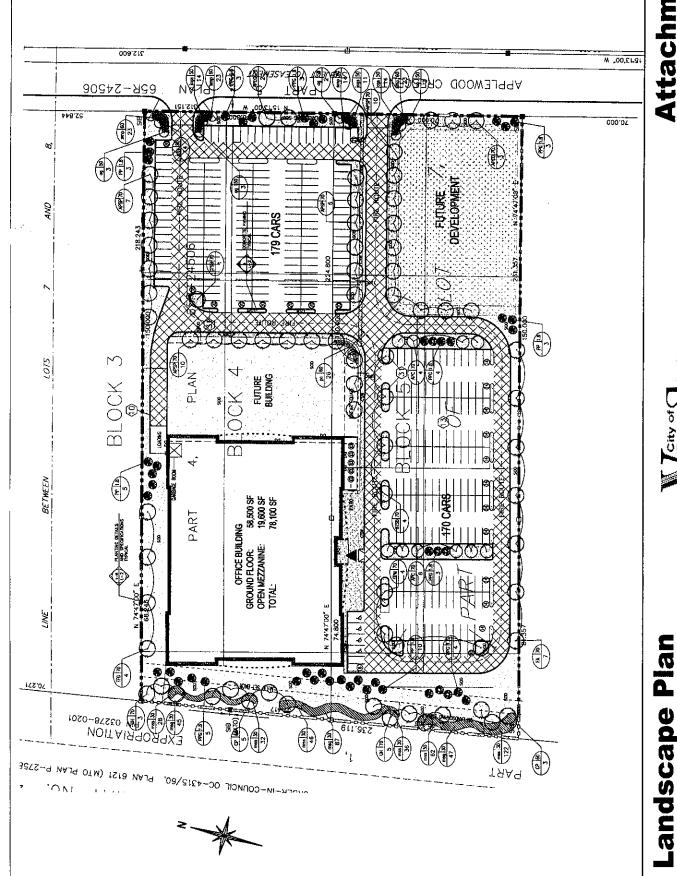
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Site Plan

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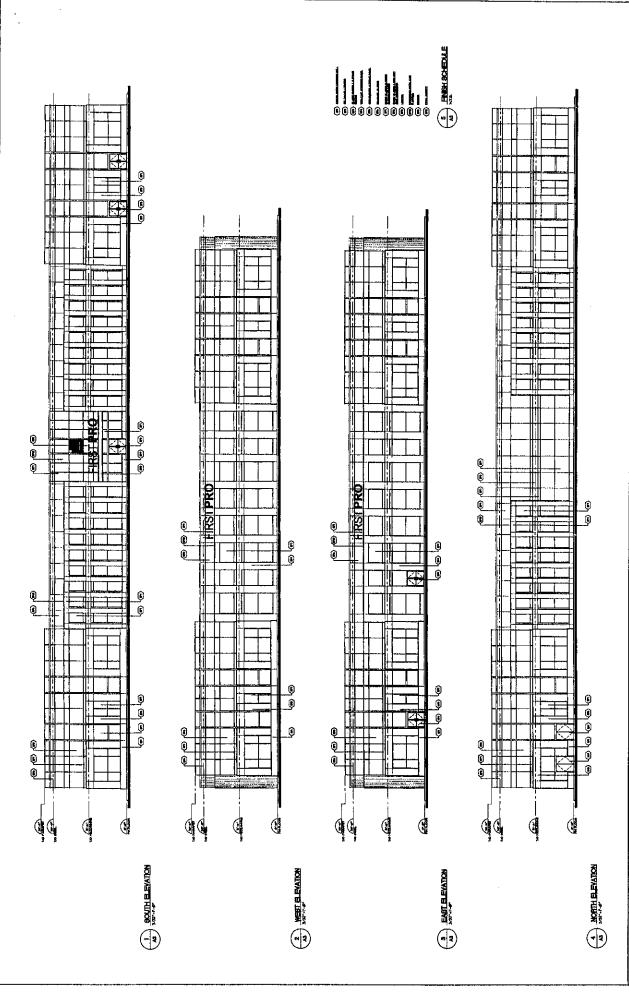
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Elevations

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