COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PUBLIC HEARING) DECEMBER 5, 2005

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2. OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT FILE OP.05.002 ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.05.007 SPRINGSIDE GARDENS ESTATES CORP. <u>PRELIMINARY REPORT</u>

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

THAT the Public Hearing report for Files OP.05.002 and Z.05.007 (Springside Gardens Estates Corp.) BE RECEIVED; and that any issues identified be addressed by the Development Planning Department in a comprehensive report to the Committee of the Whole.

Economic Impact

This will be determined when the technical report is completed.

Purpose

The Owner has submitted the following applications:

- 1. An Official Plan Amendment Application to redesignate the subject lands shown on Attachment #1 from "General Commercial (Special Policy)" under site-specific OPA #607 (adopted by Council and before the Ontario Municipal Board) to "Medium Density Residential/Commercial" and "General Commercial" as shown on Attachment #2, with the required site-specific policies to implement the proposed plan.
- 2. A Zoning By-law Amendment Application to rezone the subject lands shown on Attachment #1 from A Agricultural Zone to C4 Neighbourhood Commercial Zone with site-specific zoning exceptions required to implement the final approved site plan, if approved.

The applications would facilitate the development of the 4.873 ha subject lands shown on Attachment #2 with six (6), two-storey, mixed-use buildings comprised of 6,846m² of ground floor commercial uses and 59 residential units on the second floor; and, one (1), three-storey, office/commercial building having a gross floor area of 10,110m².

Background - Analysis and Options

The 4.873 ha site shown on Attachment #1 is located at the southeast corner of Jane Street and Springside Road, in Lot 17, Concession 4, City of Vaughan. The site is relatively flat and is currently undeveloped.

The Committee of the Whole, at a Public Hearing held on May 16, 2005, considered applications to amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law to redesignate and rezone the subject lands to facilitate a development comprised of three (3), eight-storey condominium buildings with 450 residential units, and a three-storey mixed-use commercial/office building having a gross floor area of 13,500 m². The Owner has subsequently amended the applications to reflect the current proposal.

The subject lands are located within the Vaughan Centre Secondary Plan Area as defined by OPA #600, and as amended by OPA #607. The subject lands are designated "General Commercial (Special Policy)" by OPA #607, which was adopted by Vaughan Council and Region of York Council on June 28, 2004 and September 10, 2004, respectively. OPA #607 was appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) by the landowner on the south side of the CN

pullback track, and is currently before the Board for consideration. The property is zoned A Agricultural Zone by By-law 1-88.

The surrounding land uses are:

- North Springside Drive; stormwater management pond (OS1 Open Space Conservation Zone) and Maple High School (R4 Residential Zone)
- South CN pullback track (M3 Transportation Industrial Zone) and vacant and approved commercial and apartment residential (C1–H General Commercial Zone with the Holding Symbol "H" and RA3 Residential Apartment Dwelling Zone)
- East valleyland (OS1 Open Space Conservation Zone) and townhouses (RM2 Multiple Residential Zone)
- West Jane Street; automobile dealership (C1 Restricted Commercial Zone and C1(H) Restricted Commercial with Holding Symbol (H)), and Paramount Canada's Wonderland (TPC Theme Park Commercial Zone)

On November 11, 2005, a Notice of Public Hearing was circulated to all property owners within 120 metres of the subject lands, and to the Maple Landing Ratepayers Association, Paramount Canada's Wonderland, CN Rail and those individuals on file having expressed interest in the applications. To date, no responses have been received respecting the revised application. Any comments received will be addressed in the technical report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Preliminary Review

Following an initial review of the applications, the Development Planning Department has identified the following matters to be reviewed in greater detail:

- the applications will be reviewed in the context of the applicable Provincial, Regional and City policies;
- the subject property is one of three parcels at the northeast corner of Jane Street and Rutherford Road that are within the Vaughan Centre Secondary Plan Area; these parcels are subject to OPA #607, which is before the Ontario Municipal Board; the final disposition of OPA #607 should be determined, prior to preparing a technical report for consideration by the Committee of the Whole;
- the appropriateness of the proposed mixed-use residential-commercial and officecommercial uses will be assessed in the context of the site location, potential building form, and compatibility with the surrounding existing and permitted land uses;
- a planning justification, traffic, servicing, environmental, noise and vibration, and archaeological study must be submitted in support of the applications, to the satisfaction of the appropriate authorities;
- environmental matters with respect to the tributary abutting the east side of the site, noise from the CN pullback track and Paramount Canada's Wonderland, and the abutting arterial roads will be assessed;
- the Region of York must approve the proposed driveway access locations and design, and traffic report; and,
- the availability of water and sanitary servicing capacity for the proposal must be identified and allocated by Council, if approved.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

The applicability of this application to the Vaughan Vision will be determined when the technical report is completed.

Conclusion

The above issues, but not limited to, will be considered in the technical review of the applications, 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. In particular, the proposal will be reviewed in consideration of Provincial, Regional and City policies, the appropriateness of the proposed uses and mixed-use building form, compatibility with surrounding land uses, and the ability of the road network and municipal infrastructure to accommodate the development.

Attachments

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Conceptual Site Plan
- 3. Conceptual Elevations Mixed Use Residential/Commercial
- 4. Conceptual Elevations Office/Commercial Building

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