COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OCTOBER 25, 2011

SIGN VARIANCE APPLICATION FILE NO: SV.11-002 OWNER: CP RAIL LOCATION: 55 RUTHERFORD ROAD SOUTH SIDE OF RUTHERFORD (460M WEST OF HWY 27) LOT 15, CONCESSION 9 WARD 2

Recommendation

The Sign Variance Committee recommends:

That Sign Variance Application SV.11-002, CP Rail, be REFUSED.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

None.

Communications Plan

The results of this application will be communicated to the applicant through the Secretary to the Sign Variance Committee.

Purpose

Request to install a Poster Panel (3rd Party Billboard) sign on the subject property, as shown on the attached drawings.

Background - Analysis and Options

Sign By-law Requirements (By-Law 203-92, as amended):

Section 15.1 a)	Poster Panel Signs shall be located within the limits of the Permitted
	Employment Areas as shown on Schedule "E".

Section 15.1 h) Poster Panel shall be setback 100 meters from lands zoned Residential and all buildings containing residential units.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

Region of York Engineering approval is required for the proposed sign.

Conclusion

The applicant has applied to the City to construct a 3rd Part Poster Panel Sign (Billboard) outside the prescribed area of the City. The proposed sign is located on the west side of the CPR Right-of way crossing on the south side of Rutherford Road just west of Simmons Street and Highway No.27.

Members of the Sign Variance Committee do not support the application. The proposed sign is located outside the prescribed area for Poster Panels on lands zoned Agricultural, as shown on the attached plan. The area is predominately zoned agricultural and open space with residentially zoned lands to the east. The proposed sign is setback approx. 20 meters for the residential zone and 60 meters from a building containing a residential unit.

Members of the Sign Variance Committee are concerned with the overall impact of the proposed 3rd party sign on the surrounding agricultural/residential area and do not support the application.

Accordingly, Members of the Committee are recommending that the application be refused.

If Council finds merit in the application, a Sign Permit issued by the Building Standards Department is required.

Attachments

- 1. Photo Sign Location
- 2. City Zoning Map Sign Location
- 3. Sketch of Sign

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Respectfully submitted,

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