

PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES MEMORANDUM

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RE: PUBLIC MEETING - SEAN MASON HOMES (ESSA ROAD) INC.

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT AND DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION

405 ESSA ROAD

DATE: APRIL 9. 2018

The purpose of this Memorandum is to advise members of Council of a Public Meeting regarding applications for a Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision submitted by Innovative Planning Solutions on behalf of Sean Mason Homes (Essa Road) Inc., for lands known municipally as 405 Essa Road.

The subject property consists of 0.27 hectares (0.66 acres) of land, located on the west side of Essa Road, north of Ferndale Drive South and east of Cityview Circle. The applicant is proposing to rezone the property from Agricultural (A) to Multiple-Family Dwelling Second Density with Special Provisions (RM2)(SP) to permit the development of 16 residential units in accordance with the following breakdown:

- 4 Back to Back Townhouse units, 4 storeys in height;
- 8 Stacked Townhouse units, 4 storeys in height; and
- 4 Block/Cluster Townhouse units, 3 storeys in height.

The development proposes an onsite amenity space and would utilize an existing stormwater management facility (Cityview SWM Pond) located immediately north of the site. The development is considered to be Phase III of the Sean Mason Homes project and as such, site access would be accommodated via the existing developed access on Essa Road.

The subject lands are designated Residential Area in the City of Barrie Official Plan and are currently zoned Agricultural (A) pursuant to Zoning By-law 2009-141. The subject applications were submitted in October 2017, and deemed complete in November 2017. A single block draft plan of subdivision has been applied for which would enable the property to be further subdivided and registered as a plan of condominium should Council approve the proposed rezoning.

To accommodate this proposal, the applicant is seeking to amend the Zoning By-law to Multiple-Family Dwelling Second Density with Special Provisions (RM2)(SP). The Special Provisions relate to the following:

- a reduced front yard setback of 2.5 metres, whereas 7 metres would be required;
- an increase to the permitted maximum building height of 14.5 metres, whereas 10 metres would be required;
- an increase to the permitted density of 59.3 units per hectare, whereas 53 units per hectare (stacked) and 40 units per hectare (block/cluster) would be required;
- a reduction to the minimum dwelling unit floor area per bedroom of 9.7 square metres, whereas 10 square metres would be required;



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- an increase to the maximum permitted gross floor area of 118%, whereas 60% would be required;
- a reduction to the minimum permitted driveway length for Block/Cluster Townhouse units to 1.5 metres, whereas 6 metres would be required; and
- permit tandem parking within a garage structure.

Neighborhood Meeting

A neighborhood meeting was held on February 6, 2018. Approximately <u>30</u> members of the public were in attendance. Primary comments from the public included:

- Existing tree removals/preservation and required compensation plantings;
- Proposed building setbacks and the form of development;
- Proposed increase in height and density;
- Gradation between existing and proposed development;
- Transition and buffering between existing and proposed development;
- Loss of privacy to adjacent residential property to the south;
- Increased traffic generated by the proposed development and its impact on surrounding roadways;
- Impact of construction (noise, vibration, weekend construction) on existing development;
- Available visitor parking; and,
- Reduction in property values.

Planning and Land Use Matters Under Review

The subject applications are currently undergoing a detailed technical review. The primary planning and land use matters being considered include:

- Conformity with the City's Intensification Policies;
- The density of the proposed development;
- The site specific zoning provisions being requested;
- Boundary and mature tree preservation;
- The impact of the form of development on adjacent properties, particularly the adjacent single detached residential lot to the south; and
- The incorporation of an acceptable urban design treatment along the Essa Road frontage.

Next Steps

A staff report is targeted for General Committee's consideration in late May of 2018 for the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. Should Council approve the subject rezoning, Draft Plan of Subdivision approval could be issued shortly thereafter.

For more information, please contact the Carlissa McLaren, Planner ext. 4719.



APPENDIX "A" Proposed Concept Plan

