## City of Maple Ridge

| TO: | His Worship Mayor Dan Ruimy | MEETING DATE: | October 17, 2023 |
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|  | and Members of Council | FILE NO: | 2018-489 DP/DVP |
| FROM: | Chief Administrative Officer | MEETING: | CoW |
| SUBJECT: | Development Permit and Development Variance Permit <br>  |  |  |

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A Development Permit application has been submitted for the subject properties, located at 20278 and 20292 Patterson Avenue. The development proposal is for the consturction of an 88 unit, fourstorey apartment building. This application is subject to the Hammond Development Permit Area Guildelines, which establish the form and character of multi-family development in the North Hammond Precinct area of the Hammond Area Plan.

In addition, to the Hammond Development Permit, the applicant has requested several variances to accommodate the proposed development. A summary of the requested variances is provided below.

Maple Ridge Zoning Bylaw No. 7600-2019:

- To reduce the the front yard setback to 203 Street from 7.5 m ( 24.6 ft .) to 4.0 m ( 13.1 ft .) to
$\because$ the building face and 2.75 m ( 9.0 ft .) to the roof overhang;
- To reduce the exterior side yard setback to Paterson Avenue from $7.5 \mathrm{~m}(24.6 \mathrm{ft}$.) to 4.0 m ( 13.1 ft .) to the building face and 2.75 m ( 9.0 ft .) to the roof overhang;

It is recommended that Development Permit 2018-489-DP and Development Variance Permit 2018-489-DVP be approved.

Council will be considering final reading for rezoning application 2018-489-RZ on October 24, 2023.

## RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Corporate Officer be authorized to sign and seal 2018-489-DVP respecting property located at 20278 and 20292 Patterson Avenue; and further
2. That the Corporate Officer be authorized to sign and seal 2018-489-DP respecting property located at 20278 and 20292 Patterson Avenue.

DISCUSSION:
a) Background Context

Applicant: W. Bissky, Bissky Architecture and Urban Design Inc.
Legal Description: Lot 55 Except Part Dedicated Road on Plan 78633 District Lot 222 Group 1 New Westminster District Plan 35806; and Lot 56 District Lot 222 Group 1 New Westminster District Plan 35806

| OCP: |  |
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| Existing: | Medium Density Multi-Family |
| Proposed: | Medium Density Multi-Family |
| Within Urban Area | Yes |
| Boundary: |  |
| OCP Major Corridor: | Yes |
| Area Plan: | Hammond Area Plan |
| Zoning: |  |
| Existing: | RS-1 (Single Detached Residential) |
| Proposed: | RM-2 (Medium Density Apartment Residential) |
| Surrounding Uses: |  |
| North: | Use: Single Family Residential |
|  | Zone: RS-1 (Single Detached Residential) |
|  | Designation: $\quad$ Low Density Multi-Family and Medium Density Multi-Family |
| South: | Use: Single Family Residential |
|  | Zone: RS-1 (Single Detached Residential), RS-1b <br>  (Single Detached (Medium Density) <br>  Residential) |
|  | Designation: Medium Density Multi-Family, Single-Family and Compact Residential |
| East: | Use: Single Family Residential |
|  | Zone: RS-1 (Single Detached Residential) |
|  | Designation: Medium Density Multi-Family |
| West: | Use: Single Family Residential |
|  | Zone: RS-1 (Single Detached Residential) |
|  | Designation: Low Density Multi-Family |
| Existing Use of Property: | Single Family Residential |
| Proposed Use of Property: | Multi-Family Residential |
| Site Area: | 0.37 ha (0.91 acres) |
| Access: | Patterson Avenue |
| Servicing Requirement: | Urban Standard |
| Flood Plain: | No |
| Fraser Sewer Area: | Yes |
| Concurrent Applications: | 2018-489-RZ |

## b) Project Description:

The proposal is for a four storey apartment building with 88 units and two levels of underground parking. The development consists of a variety of one and two-bedroom units ranging from approximately $500 \mathrm{ft}^{2}$ to $875 \mathrm{ft}^{2}$.

## c) Planning Analysis:

The subject site is located within the Hammond Area Plan and is subject to the Hammond Development Permit (DP) guidelines to shape the design of new buildings so that they integrate with
the character of each Hammond neighbourhood. The proposed development is subject to the MultiFamily Residential Medium Density multi-family guidelines as outlined below.

The following North Hammond DP Guideline Key Concepts have been addressed by the Architect of record with each response below.

## 1. Street and Block Pattern

- Increase residential density with a housing style complimentary to existing; and
- Increase pedestrian connectivity of the neighbourhood by connecting to local destinations and public sidewalks.

We are applying to change this zone to a higher density using the RM-2 zone. We have deliberately designed a quiet building that complements the existing neighourhood and respects Hammond's heritage. The main floor units will have individual entries to the street.

## 2. Typical Lot Size and Layout

- Maintain the current lot pattern and coverage, look and feel with larger duplex, triplex homes and fourplexes (on corner lots). Use similar massing to other homes in the area, mimicking the same block pattern;
- Increase ground-oriented and street-fronting townhomes; and
- Siting to take best advantage of sunlight and/or shading in order to plan for future use of solar technology.

This corner lot is conducive to transitioning from the lower density on adjacent properties to a higher density. The main floor units have pedestrian access to the sidewalks and the north-south main orientation permits the greatest number of units to enjoy daytime sunlight most times of the year.
3. Greenspace and Landscaping

- Increase the number of trees planted on lots and within new development; and,
- Ensure high quality and climate change resilient landscaping and common greenspace areas.

There will be a greatly increased number of trees and other plants on this site post-construction. Most of the plants selected by the landscape architect are drought resistant.

## 4. Housing \& Heritage Features

- Enhance the neighbourhood look and feel with front façade orientation of new development facing towards the street and parking and driveways that are incorporated in a subtle manner;
- Enhance the character and identity of the area with architectural details, themes and materials that speak to Hammond's history and area and/or increase the social and community feel of the neighbourhood. This may include:
- the use of wood, horizontal wood siding, wood shingles;
- entrances with porches that overlook the street; and,
- symmetrical front elevation and second storey with articulated units.

The materials, colours, and detailing are chosen to reflect Hammond's heritage influence. Elements on the building are repeated and slightly varied for interest and to harmonize as a whole.

The applicant was encouraged to step back the building on the south-western corner; however, the applicant wanted to proceed with the attached plans, preferring to weigh the advantages of housing affordability over the DP guidelines. The proposal does address most of these policies by breaking up the building with an internal courtyard fronting Patterson Avenue. Units front onto the streets and
courtyard, providing "eyes on the street". Although setback variances are being sought for the street frontages, the required setbacks to the west and south are being met and significant landscaping is being provided.

## d) Variance Analysis:

The Zoning Bylaw establishes general minimum and maximum regulations for single family development. A Development Variance Permit allows Council some flexibility in the approval process.

The requested variances are described below:

1. Maple Ridge Zoning Bylaw No. 7600-2019, Part 4 - Residential Zones, Section 618 RM-2 Medium Density Apartment Residential as follows:

- Section 618.7 (1)(a) - Reduce the minimum setback for all Principal Buildings and Structures shall be not less than $7.5 \mathrm{~m}(24.6 \mathrm{ft}$.) to 4 m ( 13.1 ft .) from a Front Lot line to the building face (to 203 Street).
- Section 618.7 (1)(d) - Reduce the minimum setback for all Principal Buildings and Structures shall be not less than $7.5 \mathrm{~m}(24.6 \mathrm{ft}$.) to 4 m ( 13.1 ft .) from an Exterior Lot line to the building face (to Patterson Avenue).
- Section 618.7 (1)(a) - Reduce the minimum setback for all Principal Buildings and Structures shall be not less than 7.5 m ( 24.6 ft .) to $2.75 \mathrm{~m}(9.0 \mathrm{ft}$.) from a Front Lot line to the roof overhang (to 203 Street).
- Section 618.7 (1)(d) - Reduce the minimum setback for all Principal Buildings and Structures shall be not less than $7.5 \mathrm{~m}(24.6 \mathrm{ft}$.) to 2.75 m ( 9.0 ft .) from an Exterior Lot line to the roof overhang (to Patterson Avenue).

The above varied setbacks are typical of those provided for other low-rise apartment buildings proposed in the City. The articulated building facades and landscaping within the setback areas provides for a good transition to the adjacent streetscapes.
e) Citizen/Customer Implications:

In accordance with the Development Procedures Bylaw No. 5879-1999, notice of Council consideration of a resolution to issue a Development Variance Permit was mailed to all owners or tenants in occupation of all parcels, any parts of which are adjacent to the property that is subject to the permit.

## CONCLUSION:

The proposed variances can be supported as they are minor in nature and enhance the overall design of the proposed development. It is therefore recommended that this application be favourably considered and the Corporate Officer be authorized to sign and seal Development Variance Permit 2018-489-DVP.

This Hammond Development Permit is for a 88 unit, four storey apartment building. Staff have reviewed the proposal and are satisfied that it complies with the Hammond Development Permit Guidelines of the OCP for form and character. It is recommended that the Coporate Officer be authorized to sign and seal 2018-489-DP respecting the subject properties.
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The following appendices are attached hereto:
Appendix A - Subject Map
Appendix B - Ortho Map
Appendix C - Proposed Building Elevations
Appendix D - Proposed Landscaping Plans
Appendix E - Site Plan showing variances

## APPENDIX A






East Elevation


West Elevation




PATTERSON AVENUE

