

#### **Request for Decision**

Request to Waive Development Charge Fees - Northern Home Builders

Presented To: Hearing Committee

Presented: Monday, Jul 19, 2010

Report Date Friday, Jul 09, 2010

Type: Managers' Reports

#### **Recommendation**

THAT Council deny the request by Northern Home Builders Inc. to waive Development Charge fees for the 13 townhouse units at 291 St. Agnes Street, Azilda.

#### Signed By

#### **Report Prepared By**

Guido Mazza Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official Digitally Signed Jul 9, 10

#### **Division Review**

Guido Mazza Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official Digitally Signed Jul 9, 10

#### **Recommended by the Department**

Bill Lautenbach General Manager of Growth and Development Digitally Signed Jul 15, 10

#### Recommended by the C.A.O.

Doug Nadorozny Chief Administrative Officer Digitally Signed Jul 15, 10

#### BACKGROUND

The property in question went before Council's Planning Committee on November 3, 2009, for a rezoning from "RU" Rural to R-3 to allow 13 townhouse Units in addition to the 12 units previously approved (see attached Appendix 'A' report and minutes of meeting).

The following was the chronological sequence of events that transpired on this project as it proceeded through the rezoning:

- Notice of Complete Application September 21, 2009
- Notice of Public Hearing October 15, 2009
- Planning Committee Hearing November 3, 2009
- Council Ratification November 12, 2009
  - o Resolution #2009-221
  - Condition #1 required the submission of a plan of survey for the passing of the amending by-law
- Letter from Clerk to Peter Nault outlining the resolution and conditions November 17, 2009
- Plan 53R-19169 recorded at Land Registry Office December 1, 2009
- Recorded survey plan provided to Planning Services December 15, 2009 (confirmed – Plan date stamped on receipt) – See Appendix 'B'
- Instructions to Legal Department for preparation of by-law January 5, 2010
- By-law #2010-20Z passed January 27, 2010 20 day appeal period lapsed on February 17, 2010

The only meeting of Council in December was held on December 9, 2009, and the deadline for the receipt of by-laws for the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The research we have undertaken on this file indicates that Planning Services staff was not negligent in processing this rezoning to its completion. The obligation for providing documentation including a copy of the recorded survey plan, to comply to Planning Committee conditions rests with the applicant and/or their agents.

Further, Building Services and its Chief Building Official cannot collect Development Charges prior to the building permit application having met all "Applicable Law". The rezoning and thus Zoning By-law compliance was the item preventing Building Services from issuing a building permit prior to January 1, 2010, and the increase in Development Charges.

Therefore, the increased charges became applicable to Mr. Nault's project.

Based on the research undertaken and documentation provided herein, we can find no fault with the conduct of the City of Greater Sudbury staff in their processing of either the rezoning or building permit applications.

#### Recommendation

That Council deny the request by Northern Home Builders Inc. to waive Development Charge fees for the 13 townhouse units at 291 St. Agnes Street, Azilda.

Attachments

# APPENDIX 'A' Planning Committee Report Dated October 14, 2009 & Excerpt from Planning Committee Minutes Dated November 3, 2009

### APPLICATION FOR REZONING IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF 13 ROW DWELLINGS, ST. AGNES STREET, AZILDA – JASON BERGERON AND SHERI TOMCHIK

The Planning Committee meeting was adjourned and the Public Hearing was opened to deal with the following application.

Report dated October 14, 2009 was received from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding an application for rezoning in order to permit the construction of 13 row dwellings, St. Agnes Street, Azilda – Jason Bergeron and Sheri Tomchik.

Peter Nault, the applicant, was present.

The General Manager of Growth & Development outlined the application to the Committee.

Councillor Dutrisac, Ward Councillor, stated she has received no phone calls or emails and is in support of this application.

The Chair asked whether there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favour or against this application and seeing none:

The Public Hearing concerning this matter was closed and the Planning Committee resumed in order to discuss and vote on the application.

The following recommendation was presented:

#### Recommendation #2009-221:

Dutrisac – Berthiaume: That the application by Jason Bergeron & Sheri Tomchik to amend By-law 83-302 being the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law for the (former) Town of Rayside Balfour as it applies to PINs 73347-1539 & 73347-1537, Part of Parcels 10690 'A' & 13885 'A' S.W.S., Lot 6, Concession 1, Township of Rayside, Azilda, City of Greater Sudbury, by changing the zoning classification from "RU", Rural Zone to "R3", Medium Density Residential zone be approved subject to the following:

- 1) That the applicant provide the Development Services Section with a registered plan of survey in order to enable the preparation of the amending by-law.
- 2) That the amending by-law specify that a privacy yard of 6 metres shall be provided.

YEAS: Councillors Berthiaume, Dutrisac, Rivest, Caldarelli

**CARRIED** 

Appendix 2/15

Meeting of Planning Committee held Nous / 09

### Request for Recommendation Planning Committee



|                                |                  |                |    | Type o   | of Decision     |                  |      |        |     |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----|----------|-----------------|------------------|------|--------|-----|
| Meeting Date                   | November 3, 2009 |                |    |          | Report Date     | October 14, 2009 |      |        | 144 |
| Recommendation Requested X Yes |                  |                | No | Priority | X               | High             | Low  |        |     |
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#### Report Title

Application for Rezoning in order to permit the construction of 13 row dwellings, St. Agnes Street, Azilda - Jason Bergeron & Sheri Tomchick

| Section Review                               | Division Review | Department Review   |
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| A.J. Potvin Manager of Development Approvals | W. S. Lantuhal  | W.E. Lautenbach, General Manager,<br>Growth & Development |

| Policy Implication + Budget I  | mpact            | Recommendation  |  |  |  |  |
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| This report has been reviewed by the Finar the funding source has been identified. | nce Division and |   |  |  |  |  |
|  |                  | That the application by Jason Bergeron & Sheri Tomchick to amend By-law 83-302 being the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law for the former Town of Rayside Balfour as it applies to PINs 73347-1539 & 73347-1537, Part of Parcels 10690 'A' & 13885 'A' S.W.S, Lot 6, Concession 1, Township of Rayside, Azilda, City of Greater Sudbury, by changing the zoning classification from "RU", Rural Zone to "R3", Medium Density Residential zone be approved subject to the following: |  |  |  |  |
|  |                  | 1) That the applicant provide the Development Services Section with a registered plan of survey in order to enable the preparation of the amending by-law.  |  |  |  |  |
| Background Attached  |                  | Recommendation Continued  |  |  |  |  |
| Planning Staff Report  |                  | Recommended by the C.A.O.   |  |  |  |  |
| Report Prepared by:  | File #:          |   |  |  |  |  |
| ppendix 3/15 Celia Teale<br>Senior Planner   | 751-5/09-7       | Doug Nadorozny Chief Administrative Officer   |  |  |  |  |

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Date: October 14, 2009

#### **Recommendation Cont'd**

2) That the amending by law specify that a privacy yard of 6 metres shall be provided.

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#### STAFF REPORT

#### Applicant:

Jason Bergeron & Sheri Tomchick

#### Location:

PINs 73347-1537 & 73347-1539, Part of Parcels 10690A and 13885A SWS, Lot 6, Concession 1, Township of Rayside, south side of St. Agnes Street, Azilda

#### Application:

To amend By-law 83-302 being the Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the former Town of Rayside Balfour by changing the zoning classification from "RU", Rural to "R3", Medium Density Residential Special.

#### Proposal:

The applicant wishes to develop the property with thirteen row house dwellings as shown on the attached sketch.

#### Official Plan Conformity:

The subject lands are designated Living Area One which allows for a mixture of dwelling types with medium density housing permitted where municipal services are available.

The new Official Plan places an emphasis on maintaining the existing physical character of established residential neighbourhoods with special consideration extended to the proposed built form and density. This is balanced with the need to expand the range of housing options throughout the community.

The following criteria under Section 3.2.1 of the Official Plan shall be considered:

- suitability of the site to accommodate the proposed density and building form;
- physical compatibility with the surrounding neighbourhood in terms of scale, massing, height, siting, and setbacks;
- adequate on-site parking; and,
- traffic impact on local streets.

Other matters under review include the availability of municipal sewer and water, and the proximity to community services, employment areas and public transit. Conformity with the Official Plan is based on a review of the above noted considerations.

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#### Site Description & Surrounding Land Uses:

The subject lands consist of an irregular parcel of lands with 16 metres (52 feet) of frontage along St. Agnes Street. The lands have an area of 5,518 square metres (48,642 square feet). These lands will be consolidated with lands directly to the north which have recently been approved for a similar development consisting of 12 row dwellings. The subject property is relatively flat and the vegetation on the site consists of mostly grass. The lands to the west consist of a 12 unit apartment building and parkland owned by the City of Greater Sudbury. Across the street to the north of the site there is a former school that has been converted into an apartment dwelling containing approximately 36 units. The area to the east of the site consists of single family dwellings.

#### **Departmental & Agency Comments:**

#### **Development Engineering**

Development Engineering has reviewed the above noted application. Based on the upcoming lot consolidation with the parcel of land to the north, municipal water and sanitary sewer services are available for this site. We currently have an approved site plan for the development of the northern portion of the site and have no objection to amend the "R1", Single Residential to "R3-S", Medium Density Residential Special to allow the construction of thirteen row house dwellings provided that the site plan be amended to suit this new development.

#### <u>Transportation Engineering Services</u>

No concerns provided development occurs under a Site Plan Control Agreement.

#### Background:

The subject lands were subject of applications for rezoning and official plan amendment in 2004 that proposed the development of a seniors building containing twenty guest rooms in addition to the uses permitted in the Medium Density zone. This proposal was never followed through and subsequently the land has been sold. Lands to the north of the subject lands were recently rezoned for 12 row dwellings. It is the applicant's intent to rezone the subject lands in order to permit the construction of an additional 13 row dwellings that will be added to the 12 row dwellings previously approved.

#### **Planning Considerations:**

The applicant was advised that the immediate neighbours should be contacted and updated as to the plans for development. At the time of this report, planning services had not received any calls regarding this proposal.

As indicated earlier, the Official Plan permits a variety of housing forms. Based on a review of the mixture of dwelling types in the area and the availability of municipal services, this proposal would be deemed to conform with the Official Plan.

The subject land is currently zoned "RU", Rural. Since the applicant wishes to construct thirteen Appendix of Wellings on the subject property a rezoning is required.

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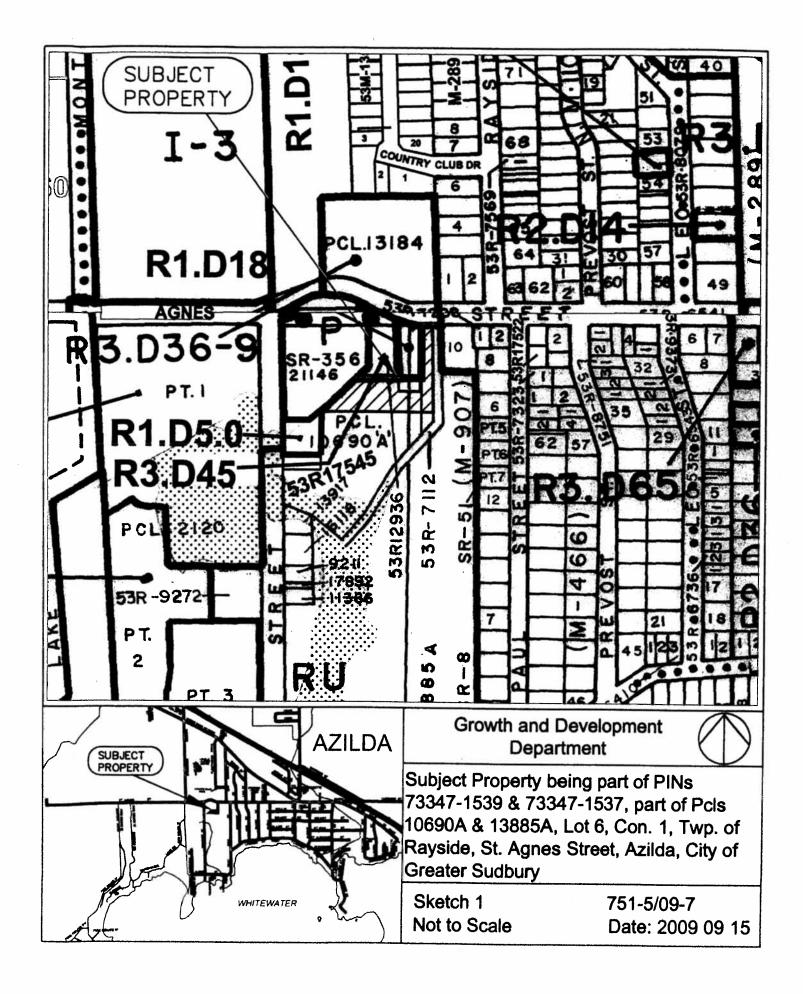
As outlined in the comments from Development Engineering sewer and water services are available on St. Agnes Street.

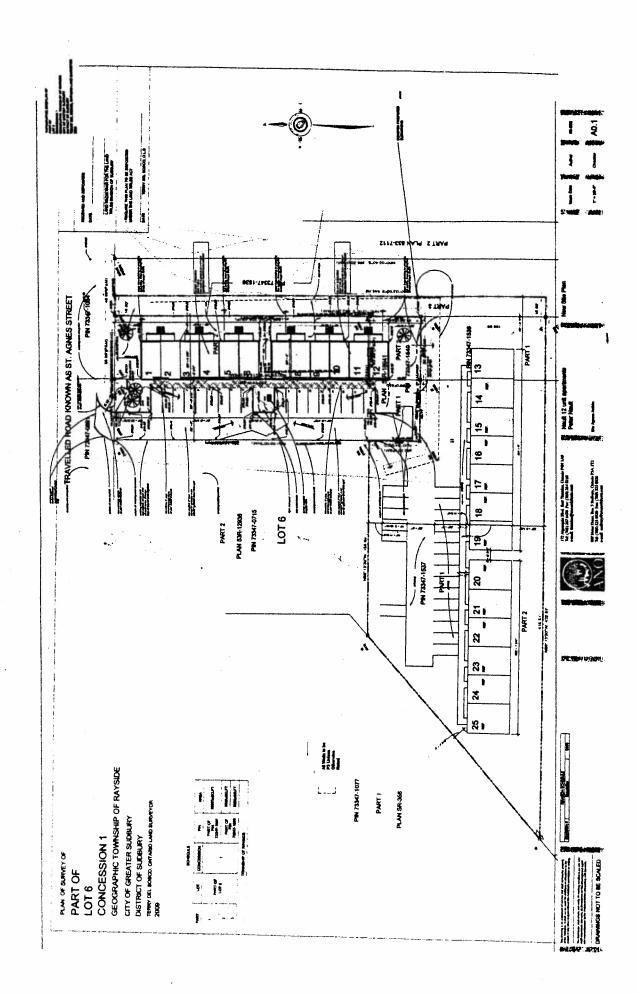
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From a land use perspective the prevailing character of the area will be maintained with the development of the lands for row dwellings.

The concern that arises with this application is the lack of frontage on St. Agnes Street and in order to address this concern the lands will be consolidated with the abutting lands to the north as a condition of the severance that will be required.

We do not anticipate any land use conflicts arising from this application, and therefore it is recommended for approval subject to the conditions outlined.





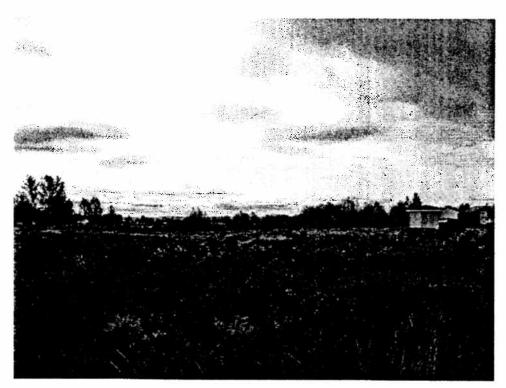


Photo 1 SUBJECT PROPERTY LOOKING SOUTH FROM ST. AGNES STREET

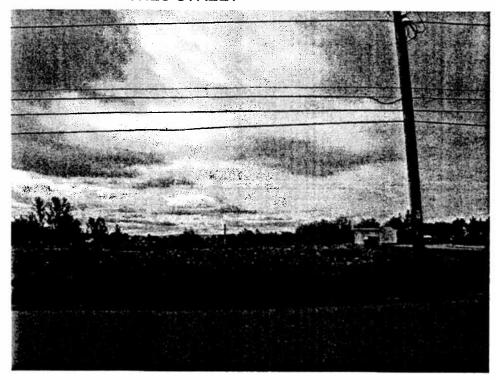


Photo 2 SUBJECT PROPERTY LOOKING SOUTH FROM ST. AGNES

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Photo 3 12 UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING LOCATED TO THE WEST OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY



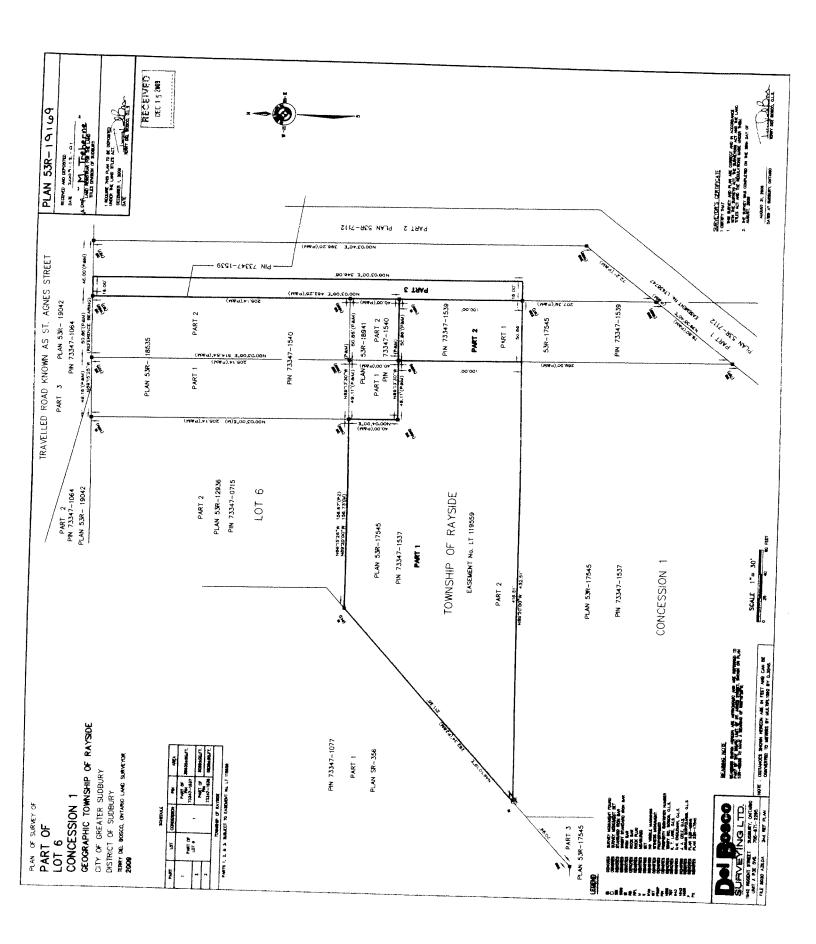
Photo 4 LOOKING EAST DOWN ST. AGNES STREET

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Photo 5 APARTMENT BUILDING LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET TO THE NORTH OF THE SUBJECT LANDS

APPENDIX 'B'
Plan 53R-19169
Dated December 1, 2009



## APPENDIX 'C' Letter dated May 10, 2010 From Northern Home Builders Inc.



"Every Home Built as Our Own"

May 10 2010

To: Angie Hache

Re: Appeal Development Charge St-Agnes Development Phase 2

I'm writing this letter to appeal the Development Charge increase on my 2<sup>nd</sup> phase development on the above noted project. My appeal is based on my attempts to fulfill all required information required in order to avoid a large increase of development charge that would impact the cost of the proposed project.

An application for Re-Zoning was submitted Sept 21 2009 and I had emphasized the need for the completion of zoning to beat the development charge as did many other Builders and Developers who succeeded. It was expected to be completed by Dec 29 2009 which would of allowed me to obtain my building permit and pay current development charge levy. This would of saved me \$42,133.00

The process of Re-Zoning went as planned apart from a confusion in the submission or registered plan which was deposited at land registry on Dec 01 2009. The plan in question was assumed to be delivered to the planning department well in advance although it did not have the Plan's 53R-19169 number on the above right hand corner. The plan was deposited in sufficient time to be presented at the Dec 09 meeting.

Therefore I am pleading that you assume the 2009 development charge fee for this project as it is still a sufficient contribution.

Thank you,

Peter Nault (President)





