

# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBMITTED BY: Matt Faucher Current Planner COUNCIL MEETING: REG ⊠ COW □ I/C □ COUNCIL MEETING DATE: December 12, 2022 REPORT DATE: November 22, 2022 FILE: 3090-20 (DVP00576)

# SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR 3708 25<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

# PURPOSE:

To review Development Variance Permit Application 00576 (DVP00576) to vary the maximum building height as measured in storeys in Zoning Bylaw 5000 in order to support the construction of a six unit multi family development at 3708 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council support Development Variance Permit application 00576 (DVP00576) to vary the following section of Zoning Bylaw 5000 to permit the construction of a multi family development on LT 1 DL 71 ODYD PL 20017 (3708 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue) as outlined in the report titled "Development Variance Permit Application for 3708 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue" dated November 22, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Current Planner:

a) Section 9.10.6 maximum height from the lesser of 10m or 2.5 storeys to 10m or 3 storeys;

AND FURTHER, that Council's support of DVP00576 is subject to the following:

- a) the site plan, floor plan and building elevations (Attachment 1) illustrating the general siting, layout and dimensions of the proposed development be attached to and form part of DVP00576; and
- b) that prior to issuance of DVP00576 a Development Permit is ready for issuance.

# **ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:**

THAT Council not support Development Variance Permit application 00576 (DVP00576) to vary the following section of Zoning Bylaw 5000 to permit the construction of a multi family development on LT 1 DL 71 ODYD PL 20017 (3708 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue) as outlined in the report titled "Development Variance Permit Application for 3708 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue" dated November 22, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Current Planner:

a) Section 9.10.6 maximum height from the lesser of 10m or 2.5 storeys to 10m or 3 storeys.

Note: Denial of the Development Variance Permit application would restrict the height of the proposed structure to meet the existing provisions of Zoning Bylaw 5000. The applicant would be required to revise the proposal and future development on the subject property to meet the prevailing zoning provisions.

# ANALYSIS:

# A. Committee Recommendations:

At its meeting of November 15, 2022, the Advisory Planning Committee passed the following resolution:

"THAT Council support Development Variance Permit application 00576 (DVP00576) to vary the following sections of Zoning Bylaw 5000 to permit the construction of a multi family development on LT 1 DL 71 ODYD PL 20017 (3708 25th Avenue) as outlined in the report titled "Development Variance Permit Application for 3708 25th Avenue" dated November 7, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Current Planner:

a) Section 9.10.6 maximum height from the lesser of 10m or 2.5 storeys to 10m or 3 storeys;

AND FURTHER, that Council's support of DVP00576 is subject to the following:

- a) the site plan, floor plan and building elevations (Attachment 1) illustrating the general siting, layout and dimensions of the proposed development be attached to and form part of DVP00576; and
- b) that prior to issuance of DVP00576 a Development Permit is ready for issuance."

# B. Rationale:

- The subject property is located at 3708 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Figures 1 and 2) and is approximately 1,180m<sup>2</sup> (0.29 ac) in size.
- 2. The subject application pertains to development regulations within Section 9.10.6 of Zoning Bylaw 5000 (Attachment The 2). application proposes to increase the maximum number of storeys for principal structures from 2.5 to 3 in order to reduce grading and retaining requirements needed to achieve the maximum height of 2.5 storeys.
- 3. The subject property is designated as Residential Medium Density in the Official Community Plan (OCP). The site currently contains a single detached dwelling. The RM1 (Row Housing Residential) zone allows for a maximum of 24.5 units per gross acre. Given the size of the subject property, a maximum of seven units is permitted. The application proposes to construct a six unit multi family development. The RM1 zone allows for a maximum of six dwelling units in a building.
- 4. The application proposes to vary the number of storeys (2.5 to 3.0) while maintaining the maximum building height (10m). The proposed development meets the maximum



Figure 1 - Property Location Map



Figure 2: Aerial Photo of Property

height of 10m for principal structures. The subject property has minimal amounts of slope over 12%. For the proposed development to meet the 2.5 storey height measurement, retaining walls and additional fill would be required which would not align with the general character of the area or the grade of neighbouring properties.

- 5. Administration supports the requested variances for the following reasons:
  - a) The proposed structure meets the maximum height as measured in metres.
  - b) Approval of the variance would reduce the amount of grading and retaining walls required on the site, solely to meet the 2.5 storey maximum height requirement.
  - c) Given the grade of the subject property, adding additional fill and retaining walls to meet the 2.5 storey maximum height regulation would not be aligned with the character of the area or grade of neighbouring properties.
  - d) The application is otherwise compliant with Zoning Bylaw 5000 and the OCP.

# C. Attachments

Attachment 1 – Site Plan, Floor Plans and Elevations dated April 08, 2022 Attachment 2 - RM1 - Row Housing Residential Zone

## D. Council's Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022 Goals/Action Items:

The subject application involves the following goals/action items in Council's Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022:

- Increasing the number of new units in existing neighbourhoods with close proximity to services.
- > Increasing attainable housing by supporting multi-family developments with close proximity to services.

## E. Relevant Policy/Bylaws/Resolutions:

- 1. The following provisions of City of Vernon Bylaws are relevant to the subject application:
  - Zoning Bylaw 5000:

Section 9.10.6 Maximum height is the lesser of 10.0m or 2.5 storeys.

#### **BUDGET/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

N/A

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Approved for submission to Council:

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	A1.1	SITE PLAN			
	A2.1	FULL FLOOR PLANS			
	A2.2	UNIT 1 FLOOR PLANS			
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	A2.4	UNIT & FLOOR PLANS			
	A3.1	ELEVATIONS			
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# Attachment 1













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# 9.10 RM1 : Row Housing Residential



#### 9.10.1 Purpose

The purpose is to provide a **zone** for ground oriented medium **density row housing** on urban services.

#### 9.10.2 Primary Uses

- care centre, major
- duplex housing
- four-plex housing
- group home, major
- row housing
- semi-detached housing
- seniors housing
- single detached housing

#### 9.10.3 Secondary Uses

- boarding rooms (Bylaw 5440)
- care centres, minor
- home based businesses, minor
- secondary suites (in single detached housing only)
- seniors assisted housing
- seniors supportive housing

#### 9.10.4 Subdivision Regulations

- Minimum lot width is 26.0m, except it is 7.5m for fee simple row housing and semi-detached dwellings.
- Minimum lot area is 800m<sup>2</sup>, or 10,000m<sup>2</sup> if not serviced by a community sewer system.
- Maximum density is 48.0 units per gross hectare (19.5 units/gross acre).
- Maximum site coverage is 65% and together with driveways, parking areas and impermeable surfaces shall not exceed 85%.

#### 9.10.5 Party Wall Subdivision Regulations

Lot Type	Minimum Lot Area		Minimum Lot Width	
	interior	corner	interior	corner
Semi-Detached Housing	225m <sup>2</sup>	275m²	7.5m	9.0m
Row Housing	150m <sup>2</sup>	200m <sup>2</sup>	6.5m	7.8m

#### 9.10.6 Development Regulations

- With a housing agreement pursuant to Section 4.9, the maximum **density** shall be 60.0 units per gross hectare (24.5 units/gross acre).
- Where parking spaces are provided completely beneath habitable space of a primary building or beneath useable common amenity areas, providing that in all cases the parking spaces are screened from view, the maximum density shall be 60.0 units per gross hectare (24.5 units/gross acre). Where all the required parking is not accommodated completely beneath the habitable space of a primary building or useable common amenity areas, the additional density permitted shall be

determined through multiplying the additional 12.0 units per gross hectare (5 units/gross acre) by the percentage of parking proposed to be provided beneath habitable space of a primary **building** or useable common amenity areas.

- Maximum site coverage is 50% and together with driveways, parking areas and impermeable surfaces shall not exceed 55%.
- Maximum height is the lesser of 10.0m or 2.5 storeys, except it is 4.5m for secondary buildings and secondary structures.
- Minimum front yard is 4.0m, except it is 6.0m from a garage or carport to the back of curb or sidewalk for vehicular entry.
- Minimum side yard is 1.2m, or 0.0m for shared interior party walls except it is 4.5m from a flanking street. Where there is no direct vehicular access to the rear yard or to an attached garage or carport, one side yard shall be at least 3.0m. The side yard is 0.0m for fee simple row housing and semi-detached dwellings.
- Minimum rear yard is 6.0m, except it is 1.0m for secondary buildings.
- Maximum six dwelling units located in a building, with each row housing unit having a minimum width of 6.5m and 7.5m for semi-detached housing units.

#### 9.10.7 Other Regulations

- For multi-unit residential housing, one office may be operated for the sole purpose of the management and operation of the multi-unit residential development. (Bylaw 5540)
- In order for bareland strata development to be consistent with the character of the surrounding neighborhood, the strata plan shall be considered as one site for defining the overall use, density and site coverage.
- The above noted **subdivision** and **development** regulations shall be applied to each strata **lot** within the strata plan.
- For strata developments, common recreation buildings, facilities and amenities may be included in the strata plan. Recreational buildings shall be treated as secondary buildings for the purpose of determining the size, height and setbacks of the building as specified in each zone.
- A minimum area of 25m<sup>2</sup> of private open space shall be provided per dwelling.
- Vehicular access to the development is only permitted through either a driveway shared by at least 3 units or a rear lane.
- For seniors assisted housing, seniors housing and seniors supportive housing, a safe drop-off area for patrons shall be provided on the site.
- No more than 6 dwellings may be located in a row house building.
- In addition to the regulations listed above, other regulations may apply. These include the general development regulations of Section 4 (secondary development, yards, projections into yards, lighting, agricultural setbacks, etc.); the specific use regulations of Section 5; the landscaping and fencing provisions of Section 6; and, the parking and loading regulations of Section 7.
- As per Section 4.10.2 All buildings and structures, excluding perimeter fencing (garden walls and fences) on lots abutting City Roads as identified on Schedule "B" shall not be sited closer to the City Road than the setback as per the appropriate zone measured from the offset Rights of Way as illustrated on Schedule "B". (Bylaw 5440)