

# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

## Sign Variance Report – 144 Norseman Street

Request for Approval of Variances from Chapter 215, Signs, of the former City of Etobicoke Municipal Code for an Illuminated First Party Side Wall Sign at 144 Norseman Street.

Date:	November 15, 2006
То:	Chair and Members, The Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Edward Tipping, Director of Building and Deputy Chief Building Official
Wards:	Lakeshore-Queensway, Ward 5
Reference Number:	

#### SUMMARY

To review and make recommendations on a request by Mr. Steven Gibson, Gibson Signs, for Storage Now Holdings Ltd., for approval of variances from Chapter 215, Signs, of the former City of Etobicoke Municipal Code to permit an Illuminated First Party Fascia Sign on the east elevation at the above noted location.

The applicant is proposing an illuminated sidewall fascia sign with a display area of 13.94 square metres in lieu of non-illuminated fascia sign with a maximum display area of 4 square metres permitted by the Sign Code.

It is recommended that the request for variances be refused.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. the request for variances be refused for the reason outlined in this report.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

#### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

A permit to construct a 4-storey self storage building was issued on November 2005. The building is facing Norseman Street, and on the east elevation where the proposed sign is to be erected, it abuts properties facing Islington Avenue.

#### **COMMENTS**

The sign does not comply with Chapter 215, Signs, of the former City of Etobicoke Municipal Code in the following ways:

Sign By-law Section & Requirements	Applicant's Proposal	Required Variance
215-20.B(3) permits one non- illuminated side wall sign with a display area not more than 4 metres square, when the wall is set back 3 metres or more, and the sign is	The applicant is requesting an illuminated side wall sign with a display area of 13.94 square metres, and approximately 3.6 metres from a residential zone.	The display area of the sign is 3.5 times larger than the permitted requirement. The sign is illuminated and is only 3.6 metres from a residential zone in lieu of the 50 metres required.
within 50 metres of a residential zone.		

The proposed sign has a display area of 13.94 square metres. It is approximately 3.6 metres from the property line and from a residential zone. The Sign Code permits only 4 square metres of side wall sign and allows illumination only if the sign is more than 50 metres from a residential zone. The proposed side wall sign is too large and too close to the residential zone.

#### **CONTACT**

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#### **SIGNATURE**

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## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Site Plan and/or Zoning Map

Attachment 2: Elevations

Attachment 3: Picture





