

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Sign Variance Report 170 The West Mall

Date:	October 23, 2008	
То:	Etobicoke York Community Council	
From:	Edward Tipping, Director and Deputy Chief Building Official	
Wards:	Ward 5	
Reference Number:	2008EY029	

SUMMARY

This Staff Report is about a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Request for Approval of Variances from Chapter 215, Signs, of the former City of Etobicoke Municipal Code to install an Illuminated Business Identification Ground sign.

The request comes from Mr. Dominic Rotundo, for Pattison Sign Group, on behalf of the owner of the property, Metro Inc., for approval of the variance from Chapter 215, Signs, of the former City of Etobicoke Municipal Code.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Toronto Building recommends that

- 1. The request for variances be approved for the reasons outlined in this report.
- 2. The applicant be advised, upon approval of variances, of the requirement to obtain the necessary sign permits.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

COMMENTS

The proposed sign is replacing an existing Business Identification sign located at 170 The West Mall. The existing sign is being used for the identification of a warehouse facility for Dominion Supermarket. The applicant would like to change the sign to "Metro" which is the parent company for the "Dominion" stores. In a recent move, Metro Inc. has changed the name of all their Dominion and A&P stores to "Metro".

The existing sign is a four sided illuminated business identification ground sign which has the Dominion store logo "D" with changeable time and temperature underneath the logo. The sign is presently 35.66 metres (117 ft) in height, with each face having a display area of 58.06 square metres (625 sq ft) for business identification and a display area of 13.38 square metres (144 sq ft) for time and temperature.

The applicant is proposing the new sign to be "V" shaped with each face to have a display area of 157.37 square metres, and a time and temperature display of 9.47 square metres. The height of the proposed sign will be 35.66 metres, which is the same as the existing sign. Based on the frontage of the lot, the Sign Code permits a business identification ground sign 11 metres high, and with a display area of 238.32 square metres.

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
1. 215-12 permits a maximum height of ground sign to be 11 metres.	Applicant is proposing to replace existing ground sign's display area only and keep the height of the sign same as existing sign which was permitted by previous sign variances of former Borough of Etobicoke.	Permit 35.66 metres high business identification ground sign in lieu of 11 metres high sign permitted.

The applicant is proposing a new display and size for a ground sign due to a name change of the business. They would like to use the existing support system in order to keep the height of the new sign the same as the existing sign. The existing sign has been in place since the sixties, when a Sign Variance was approved by the former Borough of Etobicoke Council. Therefore, staff is of the opinion that the requested variance is reasonable and minor in nature, and recommends the approval of variances.

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1.) Site Plan
- 2.) Elevation
- 3.) Sign Details
- 4.) Existing Sign

APPLICANT'S INFO

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SITE PLAN

New V-shaped pylon



After

ELEVATIONS



SIGN DETAILS



EXISTING SIGN