

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Sign Variance Report 3015 Bloor Street West

Date:	December 4, 2008	
То:	Etobicoke York Community Council	
From:	Edward Tipping, Director and Deputy Chief Building Official	
Wards:	Ward 5	
Reference Number:	2008EY032	

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 One Illuminated Business Identification Fascia Sign at the side elevation facing Royal York Road with a display area of 8.86 square metres.

The request comes from Mr. Dominic Rotundo, for Patison Sign Group, on behalf of the owner of the property, 1200711 Ontario Ltd., 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 variance for an Illuminated Business Identification Fascia Sign with a display area of 8.86 square metres be approved provided the illumination of the sign is turned off from10:30 p.m. at night to 8:00 a.m. in the morning.
- 2. The applicant be advised, upon decision of the Community Council, 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 building is located at the south west corner of Bloor Street West and Royal York Road. The proposed sign will be located on the east side elevation of an existing Rogers store.

In 1995 a fascia sign permit was issued for an illuminated "ROGERS VIDEO" sign with a display area of 5 square metres which is the maximum size permitted on Royal York Road, since it is a residential street. The applicant is now proposing to change the existing sign to a new illuminated "ROGERS Plus" sign with a display area of 8.86 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.	215-20 B (2) does not permit business identification fascia sign more than five square metres in display area for a building flanking a residential street when sign is within fifty metres to a residential zone.	Applicant is proposing a business identification fascia sign with a display area of 8.86 square metres where the sign surrounded with residential zones on all sides.	To have a fascia sign with display area of 8.86 square metres in lieu of 5 square metres is permitted.

The applicant is proposing to replace a Business Identification Fascia sign at the side elevation with a new larger sign. Since the street is a residential street the Sign Code limits this sign to 5 square metres, which the original sign was approved at. Although the applicant is claiming that the existing sign had a display area of 13.94 square metres, permit drawings approved in 1995 clearly indicate that the sign was approved with a display area of 5 square metres. During a recent inspection, staff found that the existing sign was already removed and no replacement sign was installed.

The sign will face a six storey condominium building right across the street. The applicant is requesting the new sign to be 8.86 square metres which is almost eighty percent more than allowed. This, in turn, will increase illumination levels from the sign for the residents across the street considerably. Therefore, staff is in the opinion that the sign should not be illuminated from 10:30 p.m. at night to 8:00 a.m. in the morning.

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Site Plan
- 2. Zoning Map
- 3. Elevation
- 4. Sign Details
- 5. Pictures



SITE PLAN



ZONING MAP





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ELEVATION AND SIGN DETAILS



ROYAL YORK ROAD - NORTH BOUND



BLOOR STREET WEST – EAST BOUND

APPLICANT'S INFO

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