

# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

## Sign Variance – 16 - 22 John Street

Date:	August 12, 2009
To:	Chair and Members, The Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Mark Sraga, Director and Deputy Chief Building Official
Ward:	York South-Weston - Ward 11
Reference Number:	2009EY031

#### **SUMMARY**

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

This report reviews and makes recommendations on a request by Lorne Persiko on behalf of Toronto Parking Authority for approval of variances from By-law No. 1-83 and By-law 3369-79, of the former Municipality of York to replace, for third party advertising purposes, an existing four-sided illuminated pedestal sign located along the west side of the property with a newly designed two-sided illuminated ground sign at 16 John Street.

Staff recommends approval of the application. The variance is minor and within the general intent and purpose of the Municipal Code.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### The Toronto Building Division recommends that:

- (1) the request for variances be approved for the reasons outlined in this report; and
- (2) the applicant be advised, upon approval of variances, of the requirement to obtain the necessary sign permit.

#### Financial Impact

The recommendations in this report have no financial impact.

#### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The city owned property is located east of Weston Road, north of Lawrence Avenue West and the east side of the property is abating the Canadian National Railway. The property is in a "MCR" zone. The Toronto Parking Authority is operating a "Green P" public Parking lot on this property. As a part of their citywide drive to upgrade and beautify the parking lots, the Toronto Parking Authority intends to replace the existing pedestal signs throughout the City with newly designed two-sided illuminated ground signs and have worked very closely with planning and building staff in developing new landscape plans and plans to replace existing signs on most of the city owned parking lots in the city. The Toronto Parking Authority's intention is to update the overall aesthetics of the parking lots, replace the existing signs by reducing the overall square footage of the advertising space and make landscape improvements to the parking lots. With this application, the applicant is seeking permission to replace, an existing four-side illuminated pedestal sign with a newly designed two-sided illuminated ground sign which incorporates third party advertising at 16 John Street.

The sign does not comply with By-law #3369-79 of the former Municipality of York in the following way:

Sign By-law Section and Requirements	Applicant's Proposal	Required Variance
3369-79.16.2.1	Proposed new third party ground sign in access of the maximum permitted locations of 177.	To allow a third party ground sign in access of the maximum permitted off premises sign locations of 177
3369-79.16.2.11	Proposed new third party ground sign is located 1.0 meters from the south street property line	To allow a third party ground sign to be located 1.0 meters from the property line in lieu of the 7.5 meters setback requirement

#### COMMENTS

The variances are required because the proposed two sided illuminated ground sign, with third party advertising, exceeds the maximum cap of 177 third party advertising sign locations permitted under the by-law and the proposed sign will be located 1.0 meters from the south street property line in lieu of the minimum required setback of 7.5 meters.

The proposal is to replace an existing ground sign, which incorporates third party advertising, with a newly designed two-sided illuminated ground sign that incorporates third party advertising along John Street resulting in the overall advertising area on the sign being reduced from what currently exists.

Staff recommends approval of the application. The variances are minor and within the general intent and purpose of the Municipal Code.

#### **CONTACT**

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#### **SIGNATURE**

Mark Sraga, Deputy Chief Building Official and Director, Toronto Building Etobicoke York District

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

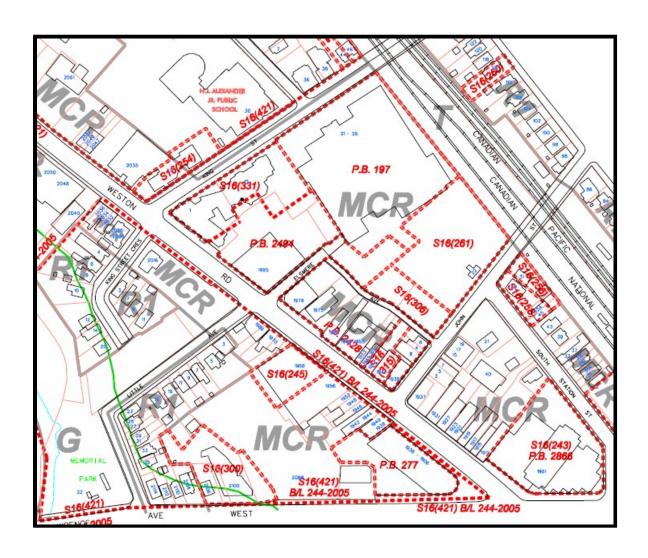
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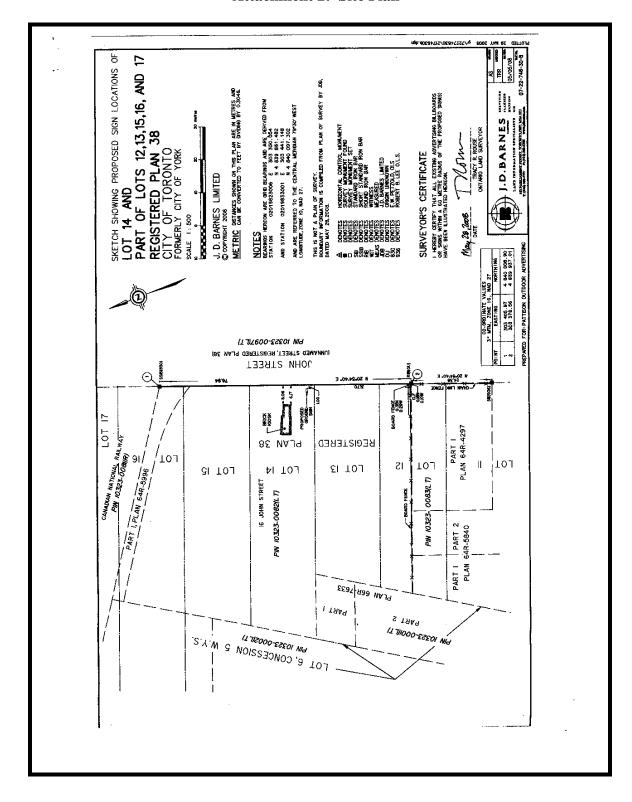
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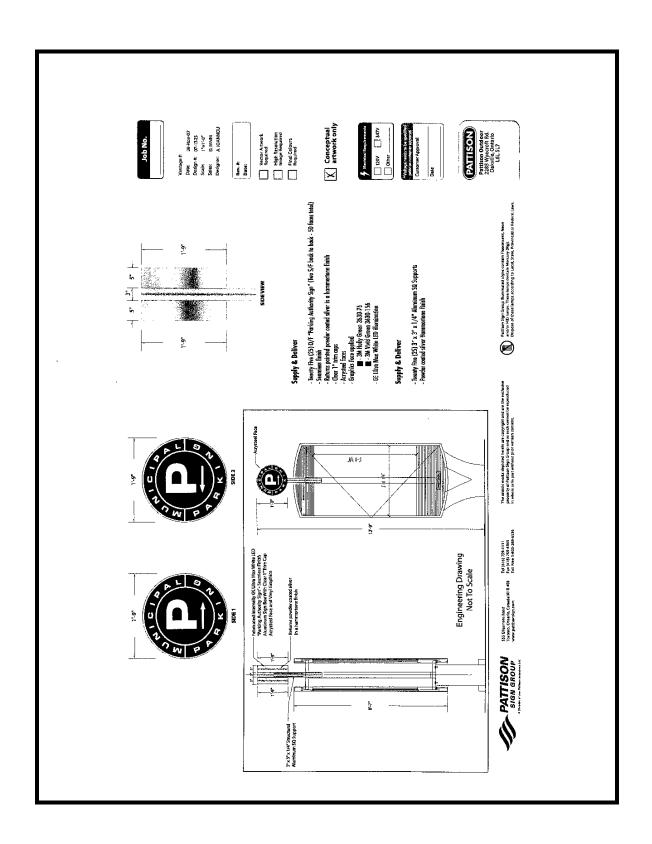
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