

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Sign Variance Report 400 Kipling Ave.

Date:	August 26, 2009		
То:	Chair and Members, The Etobicoke York Community Council		
From:	Mark Sraga, Director and Deputy Chief Building Official		
Wards:	Etobicoke-Lakeshore, Ward 6		
Reference Number:	2009EY033		

SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to review and make recommendations on a request by Mr. Kirk Morozov, of Kramer Design Associates, on behalf of Dan Arts of Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment Ltd., for an approval of variances from Chapter 215, Signs, of the former City of Etobicoke Municipal Code, to permit installation of four illuminated general identification signs "Master Card Centre for Hockey Excellence" located along east, west and north elevations of the building, and two illuminated logo fascia signs "Toronto Maple Leafs" and "Marlies" located along the north and south elevations of the building at 400 Kipling Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

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

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The property is located in the former municipality of Etobicoke which is subject to the Etobicoke Zoning Code. Based on the Etobicoke Zoning Code the property is zoned I.C1 Zone. The subject property is located on the west side of Kipling Avenue south of F. G. Gardiner Expressway. The north side of the property is bordering the Canadian National Railway and the south side of the property is bordering the Lakeshore Collegiate institute.

The property at 400 Kipling Ave is a 24,248 square meters new two storey recreational building, still under construction, that will include four ice rinks and it will be home "Hockey Hall of Fame" archive and resource center.

The applicant is proposing to erect a number of facia signs along all four elevations of the building. The front wall of the building along Kipling Ave will have two illuminated general identification signs with a display area of 22.87 sq. m. for each. These signs will display the following, "Master Card Centre for Hockey Excellence" but will not include a tenant directory as required by Chapter 215, Signs, of the former City of Etobicoke Municipal Code. Also the by-law allows only one general identification sign per street frontage. Two additional general identification signs the same as the general identification sign on the front wall are proposed to be erected on the west and north elevations of the building. The by-law does not permit any general identification signs to be erected where the general identification signs are not facing a street.

The applicants are proposing to erect a number of facia logo signs on the east, north and south elevations. Sidewall facia signs are permitted in an industrial zone provided they comply with the set back requirements and are a maximum of 4.0 sq. m. in display area. The two proposed sidewall illuminated facia signs: "Marllies" on the south elevation of the building will have 5.8 sq. m. in display area and "Toronto Maple Leaf" on the north elevation of the building will have 6.04 sq. m. in display area a total of 1.8 sq. m. and 2.04 sq.m. respectively greater than what the by-law will allow.

The signs do 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
By-law 215- 22.B.(4) One facia sign per street frontage for the general identification of the building, and such identification sign will	 To erect four illuminated identification signs along the east, west and north elevations that do not include a tenant directory 	 To allow the four identification signs to be erected without making any provisions for a tenant directory.
make provisions to include a tenant directory.	2. To erect two illuminated identification signs along the east elevation whereas a maximum of one such sign per street frontage is permitted.	2. To allow to two identification signs on the front east wall of the building in lieu of only one sign per street frontage.
	3. To erect two illuminated identification signs along the west and north elevations whereas such signs do not have street frontage.	3. To allow to erect two identification signs on the west and north walls of the building that are not facing any streets.
By-law 215- 22.B.(7) & 215-20B(3) One side wall sign may be permitted and have a maximum display area of 4.0 sq. m.	1. To erect one illuminated logo facia sign "Marlies" along the south elevation with a total 5.8 sq. m. in display area whereas a maximum of 4.0 sq. m. is permitted.	 To allow a logo facia sign on the south elevation to have a display area of 5.8 sq. m in lieu of a maximum of 4.0 sq. m. is permitted.
	2. To erect one illuminated logo facia sign "Toronto Maple Leafs" along the north elevation with a total 6.04 sq. m. in display area	2. To allow a logo facia sign on the north elevation to have a display area of 6.04 sq. m in lieu of a maximum of 4.0 sq. m. is permitted.

COMMENTS

The majority of the proposed illuminated first party signs will be orientated towards either commercial establishments or the high school just to the south of the arena. A few of the signs on the east elevation will be orientated indirectly at a few residential properties on the east side of Kipling Ave. These signs will be approximately 30 m (100 ft) away from the closest residential property therefore there should be minimal impact from the illumination coming off the signs located on the east and south elevation. Staff recommends approval of the application. The variances are minor and within the general intent and purpose of the Municipal Code.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

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Attachment 1 – Zoning Map



Attachment 2 – Area Photos



East elevation of arena looking north up Kipling Ave



East elevation of arena looking at the main entrance off Kipling Ave



Commercial establishments on east side of Kipling Ave



Residential buildings along Kipling Ave just across from the southern portion of the arena



The brown brick building to the south of the arena is an existing high school







Attachment 4 – Detail General Identification Sign



Attachment 5 – Detail of Logo Signs



Attachment 6 - East Building Elevation



Attachment 7 - West Building Elevation



Attachment 8 - North Building Elevation



Attachment 9 - South Building Elevation

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