

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Sign Variance Report 2595 St. Clair Ave. West

Date:	October 13, 2009
То:	Chair and Members, The Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Mark Sraga, Director and Deputy Chief Building Official
Wards:	York South-Weston, Ward 11
Reference Number:	2009EY040

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 Dominic Rotundo, of Pattison Sign Group, on behalf of Lou Vavacoutson, president of Ontario 1654316 LTD., for an approval of variances from sign By-law 3369-79, of the former City of York, to permit installation of the building at 2595 St. Clair Ave West.

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 York which is subject to the York Zoning Code 1-83. Based on the York Zoning By-law the property is zoned CE zone and is also subject to By-law 3369-79. The subject property is located on the south side of St Clair Ave. West east of Jane Street. The south side of the property is bordering the Canadian National Railway.

The property at 2595 St Clair Avenue West is a new two storey building, still under construction and it will be occupied by the OLD MILL car dealership. The applicant is proposing to erect two ground signs fronting St Clair Avenue West and a number of identification and incidental facia signs along all four elevations of the building as well as logos of different car model.

The two illuminated ground signs will be erected at the east and west sides of the property. Each sign will have a display area of approximately 12.0 sq. meters. The sign by-law allows only one ground sign for general identification purpose at the shopping or Business Park with a maximum height of a ground sign not exceeding 9.0 meters. The proposed ground sign at the east side of the property will have an overall height of 10.97 meters.

The front wall of the building (north elevation) along St Clair Avenue West will have one illuminated general identification facia signs "OLD MILL" and one incidental wall sign "Goodrewrench Service" the incidental sign will have a display area of 4.73sq.m. The east elevation of the building will have one illuminated general identification facia signs "OLD MILL" and one incidental wall sign "Optimum Used Vehicles" having a display area of 5.05 sq. meters. The by –law does not allows incidental signs to exceed 1.1 sq. m. of display area the proposed incidental signs will exceed the maximum permitted display area by more then 400%.

The applicant is proposing to erect a number of facia logo signs identifying the different car models: Cadillac, Buick, Chevrolet, GMC and GM. Since the sign by-law does not identify logos as signs allowed in CE zone therefore these signs are not permitted.

Sign By-law Section & Requirements	Applicant's Proposal	Required Variance
17.2.5(a) One ground sign may be erected for the general identification of shopping centre or business park	To erected two ground signs.	To allow to erect two ground signs.

The signs do not comply with Sign By-law 3369-79 in the following ways:

Sign By-law Section & Requirements	Applicant's Proposal	Required Variance
15.1.4 The maximum height of a ground sign measured from the average grade level at the base of the sign shall not exceed 9.0 meters	To erect a ground sign with an overall height of 10.97 meters.	To allow a ground sign to exceed the maximum permitted height by 1.97 meters.
17.2.5(c) & 17.2.2(a)(i) The maximum area of an incidental sign shall be 1.1 sq. meters	To erect two incidental signs having display areas of 4.7sq.m and 5.05sq.m	To allow two incidental signs to exceed the maximum display areas more then 400%
17.2.2(b) Permitted signs	To display logos of different car models	To allow display logos of different car models

COMMENTS

The majority of the proposed illuminated first party signs will be orientated towards commercial establishments, facing the east and westbound traffic along St. Clair Avenue West and north and southbound traffic along Jane Street.

Staff recommends approval of the application. The variances are minor and within the general intent and purpose of the sign by-law.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Zoning Map

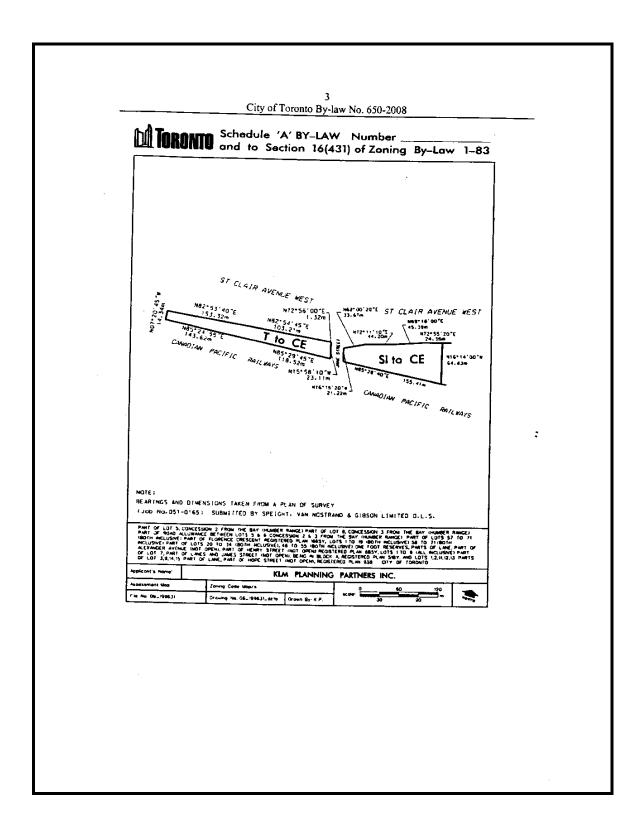
Attachment 2 – Aerial Map

Attachment 3 – Site Plan

Attachment 4– Building Elevations

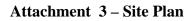
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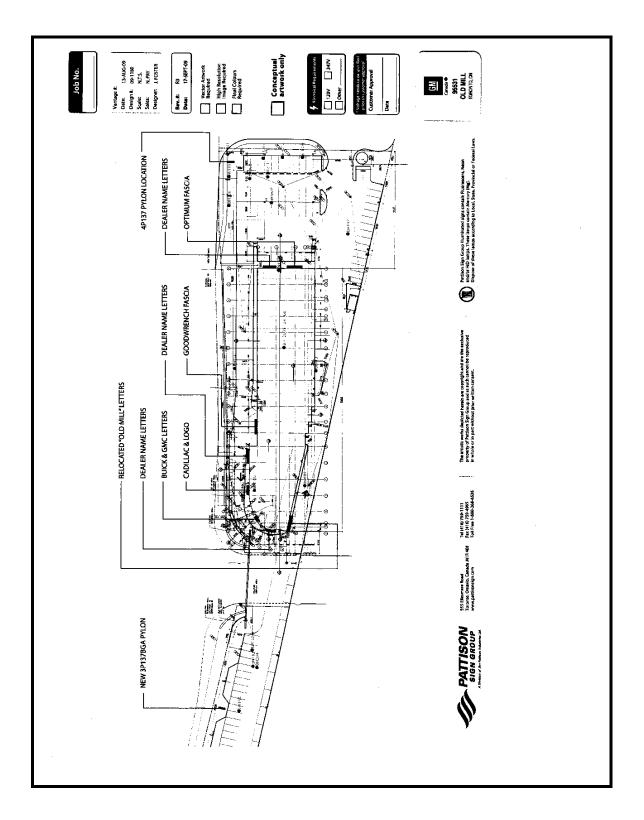
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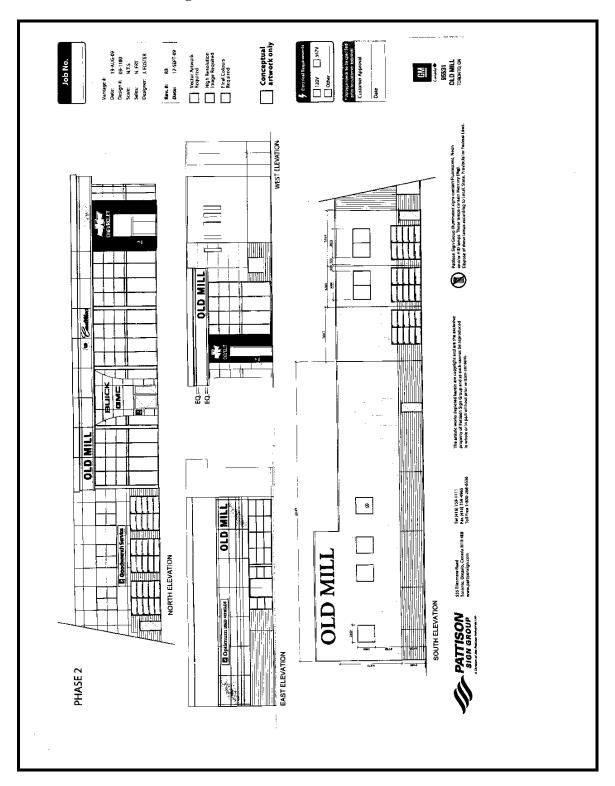


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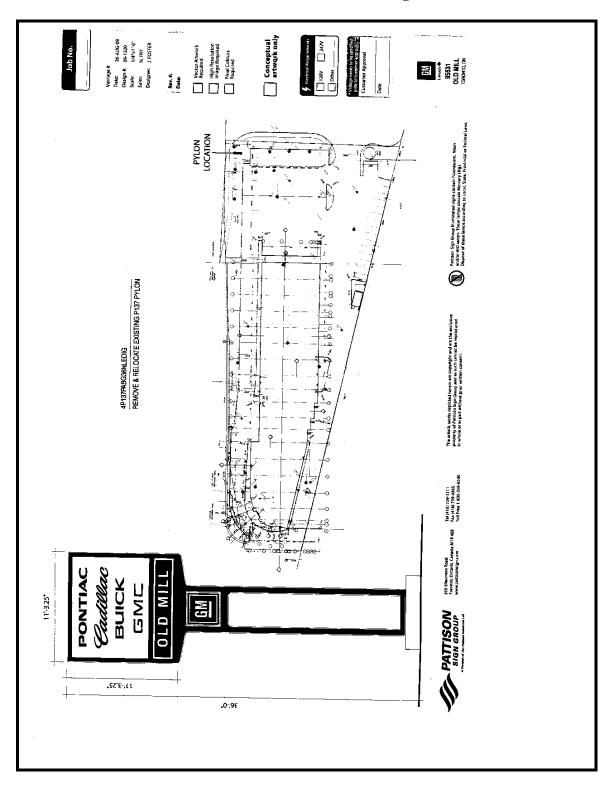




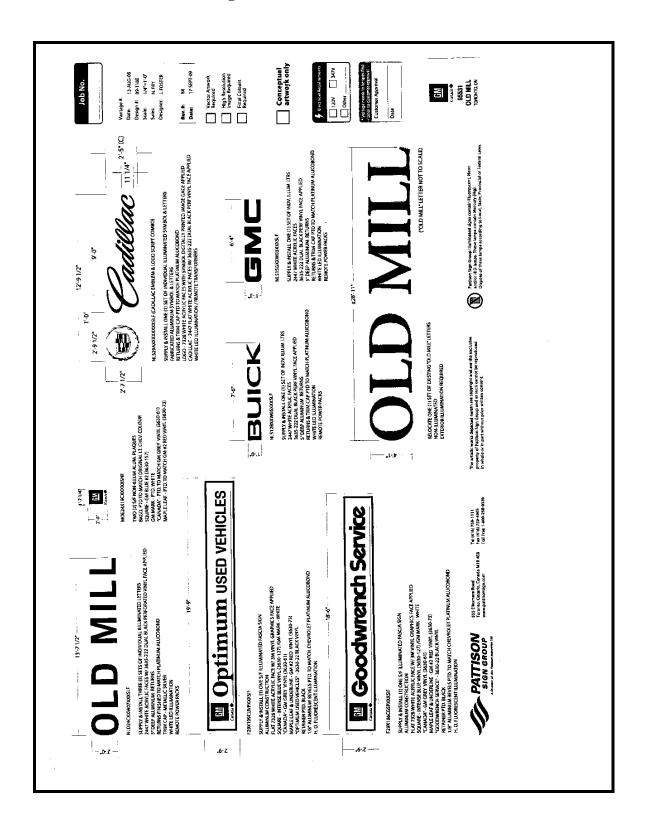




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