

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Sign Variance – 406 Oakwood Ave

Date:	March 25, 2009	
To:	Chairman and Members, North York Community Council	
From:	Director and Deputy Chief Building Official, Toronto Building, North York District	
Ward:	Ward 15 – Eglinton - Lawrence	
Reference Number:	2009NY007 08 200611 ZSV 00 ZR	

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 at the northwest corner of the property with a newly designed two-sided illuminated ground sign at 406 Oakwood Avenue.

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. North York Community Council approve the request for variances to replace, for third party advertising purposes, an existing four-sided illuminated pedestal sign located at the southwest corner of the property with a newly designed two-sided illuminated ground sign at 406 Oakwood Avenue.

2. North York Community Council direct the City Clerk's Office to advise the applicant, upon approval of a variance, of the requirement to obtain the necessary sign permits from the Chief Building Official.

Financial Impact

The recommendations in this report have no financial impact.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The city owned property is located north of St Clair Ave. West, on the west side of Oakwood Avenue in a "R2" zone. The Toronto Parking Authority is operating a "Green P" public Parking lot on this property. An existing four-sided illuminated pedestal sign, for third party advertising purposes, is located on the northwest corner of the property. The design of the existing sign is dated and bulky. 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 the 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 located at the northwest corner of the property with a newly designed two-sided illuminated ground sign for third party advertising purposes at 406 Oakwood Avenue.

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
By-law 3369-79. Section 17, Residential Districts. Off premise signs are not permitted in any residential zone.	To replace a third party ground sign in a "R2" zone.	A third party ground sign located in a "R2" zone.

COMMENTS

The variance is required because the proposed two sided illuminated ground sign, for third party advertising purposes, does not meet the sign by-law requirements for signs erected in residential zones. In this case, the proposal is to replace an existing third party sign with newly designed two-sided illuminated third party ground sign along Oakwood Avenue. This proposal is a replacement of the existing sign and no additional signage is proposed at this location. In fact the overall advertising area on the sign would be reduced.

In light of this being a replacement sign and not an additional sign, the maximum cap of 177 third party advertising sign locations is not being affected.

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

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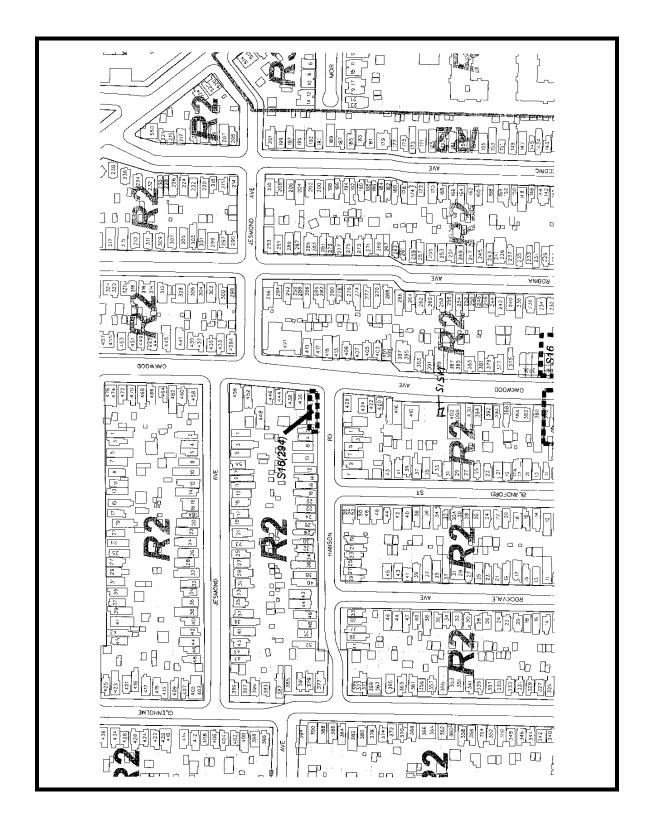
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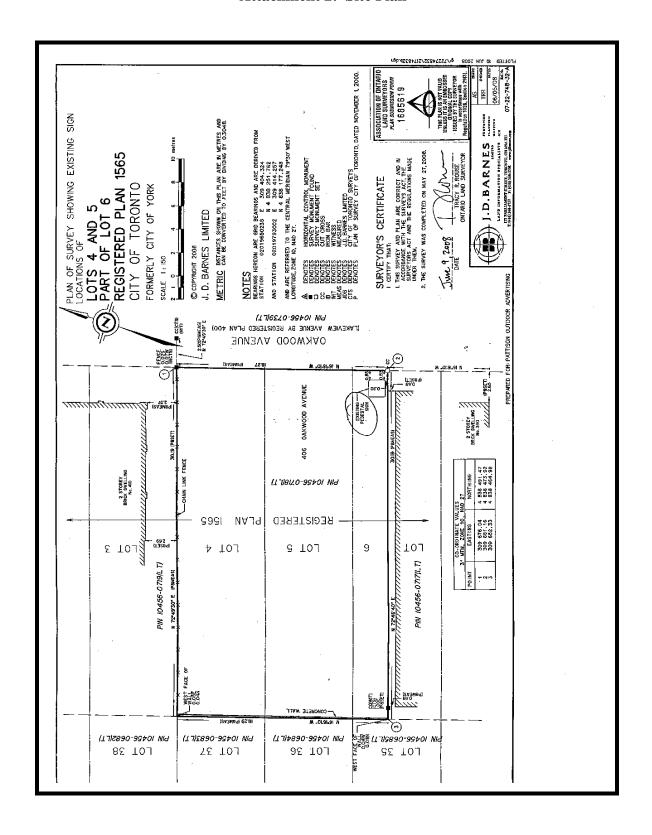
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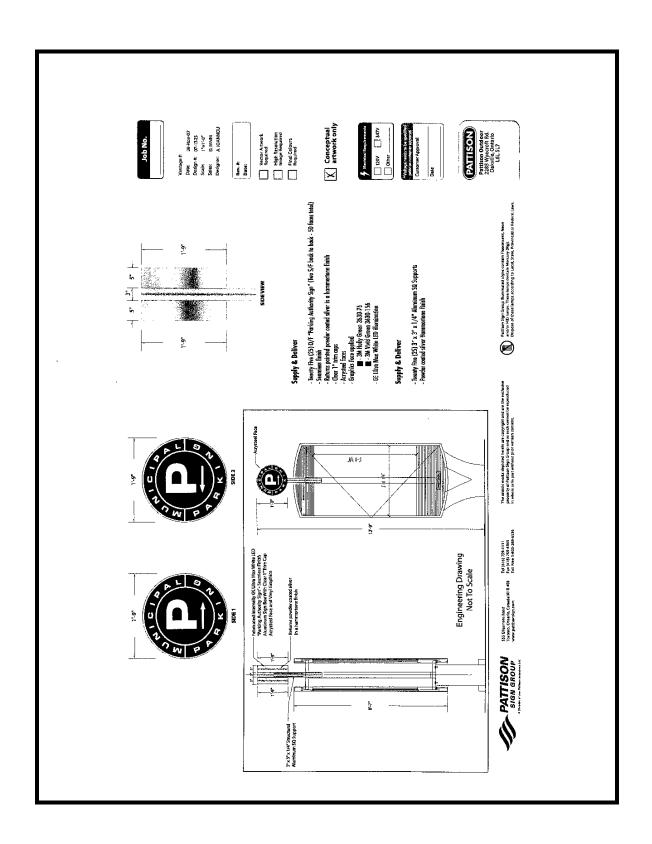
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