

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

2885 Bayview Avenue (12 Wall Signs & One Projecting Sign) Sign Variance Request

Date:	February 16, 2010	
To:	Chairman and Members, North York Community Council	
From:	Director of Building and Deputy Chief Building Official	
Wards:	Willowdale – Ward 24	
Reference Number:	File No. 2010NY013 Folder No. 09 191204 ZSV 00 ZR	

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that the Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision provided that it is not amended to that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

The purpose of this report is to review and make recommendations on a request by Robert Manning of Sign Advice on behalf of the Daniels Corporation for a variance from the North York, Sign By-Law 30788, as amended, to permit the erection of twelve (12) first party wall signs and one first party projecting sign for a total of 13 signs on the commercial portion of the condominium residential building to advertise the tenant "TD Bank" at 2885 Bayview Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Toronto Building North York Division recommends that:

1. The request for the variances No. 1 and 2 for the 12 wall signs at 2885 Bayview Avenue, listed in the 3rd column of the table included in page 4 of this report be approved,

- 2. the request for the variance No. 3, for the projecting sign, listed in the 3rd column of the table included in page 3 of this report be refused,
- 3. the applicant be notified of the requirement to obtain a sign permit from the Chief Building Official, and to file the sign permit application related to this approval with Toronto Building prior to April 6, 2010; and
- 4. that as a condition of approval of the variance the illumination will be set on a timer to be switched off between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Financial Impact

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

COMMENTS

The property is located on the east side of Bayview Avenue, north of Sheppard Avenue East, in a Multiple Family Zone (RM6-97). Refer to Attachment #1.

The current use is a 15 storey condominium residence of which the first floor is used for commercial purposes.

The applicant proposes to erect 12 wall signs and one projecting sign on the main commercial floor. The signs will be erected on the different elevations around the building to accommodate the current major tenant a "TD Bank" branch; and for the need of future tenants as well. Refer to Attachment #2.

Under a separate sign variance application, the building owner is also seeking additional variances to erect four additional projecting signs on the main commercial floor.

The following table lists the information pertaining to all signage included in this report:

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Sign Identification	Sign Dimensions and Sign Areas			
Tenant Identification				
West Elevation facing Bayview Avenue				
Attachment	s #3A & #3B			
Sign #1:	5.38m x 0.79m for a sign area of 4.25m ²			
For future commercial tenant	17'- 8" x 2' - 7" for a sign area of 45.75ft ²			
Sign #2:	5.38m x 0.79m for a sign area of 4.25m ²			
For future commercial tenant	17'- 8" x 2' - 7" for a sign area of 45.75ft ²			
Sign #3:	5.38m x 0.79m for a sign area of 4.25m ²			
TD Bank	17'- 8" x 2' - 7" for a sign area of 45.75ft ²			
Sign #4:	5.35m x 0.79m for a sign area of 4.23m ²			
TD Bank (solid green panel-no graphics)	17'- 6" x 2' - 7" for a sign area of 45.53ft ²			
Sign #5:	5.35m x 0.79m for a sign area of 4.23m ²			
TD Bank	17'- 6" x 2' - 7" for a sign area of 45.53ft ²			
Sign #6:	1.60m x 0.79m for a sign area of 1.26m ²			
TD Bank(solid green panel-no graphics)	5'- 3" x 2' - 7" for a sign area of 13.6ft ²			
Sign #7:	4.50 x 0.79m for a sign area of 3.56m ²			
TD Bank	14'- 9" x 2'-7" for a sign area of 38.32ft ²			
East Elevation facing Bayview Village Mall Attachments #4A & #4B				
Sign #8:	5.37m x 0.79m for a sign area of 4.23m ²			
TD Bank	17'- 6" x 2' - 7" for a sign area of 45.53ft ²			
Sign #9:	3.15m x 0.79m for a sign area of 2.49m ²			
TD Bank (solid green panel-no graphics)	10'- 4" x 2' - 7" for a sign area of 26.80ft ²			
Sign #10:	5.41m x 0.79m for a sign area of 4.27m ²			
TD Bank (solid green panel-no graphics)	17'- 9" x 2' - 7" for a sign area of 45.96ft ²			
Sign #11:	5.36m x 0.79m for a sign area of 4.23m ²			
For TD Bank	17'- 7" x 2' - 7" for a sign area of 45.53ft ²			
South Elevation adjacent to the Subway Entrance				
Attachment #5				
Sign #12:	3.05m x 0.84m for a sign area of 2.56m ²			
For future commercial tenant	10'- 0" x 2' - 9" for a sign area of 27.5ft ²			
Sign #13: Projecting Sign	0.61m x 1.53m for a sign area of .95m ²			
For future commercial tenant	2'- 0" x 5'- 0" for a sign area of 10.0ft ²			

Surrounding land uses are as follows:

North: Multiple Family Rental Dwelling.

South: Commercial and Single Family Dwellings

East: Commercial Plaza (Bayview Village Shopping Mall). West: Commercial and Residential High-Rise Buildings.

For sign #12 and sign #13 details refer to Attachment #6 & Attachment #7 respectively.

It has been noted that signs #8 to #11 are currently erected without the benefit of a sign permit.

The proposed signs do not comply with the former City of North York, Sign By-law No. 30788, as amended in the following way:

Sign By-law Section & Requirements	Applicant's Proposal	Required Variance(s)
Residential Zones - Section 5.1.1		
One identification sign not exceeding 0.4m² (4.3ft²) in sign area indicating the name of a lawful business located therein.	The applicant proposes to erect 12 identification wall signs with different sign areas.	To permit 12 identification wall signs where only one identification sign is permitted.
	Sign #1: 4.25m ² Sign #2: 4.25m ² Sign #3: 4.25m ² Sign #4: 4.23m ² Sign #5: 4.23m ² Sign #6: 1.26m ² Sign #7: 3.56m ² Sign #8: 4.23m ² Sign #9: 2.49m ² Sign #10: 4.27m ² Sign #11: 4.23m ² Sign #12: 2.56m ²	To permit the 12 identification signs to have an area exceeding 0.4m² (4.3ft²) in sign area, as listed in column 2 of this table.
Section 2.9 - Prohibited Signs:		
2.9.13 A projecting sign	Sign #13 - a projecting sign.	To permit a prohibited projecting sign.

If this property was located in a commercial zone, under Section 5.2.3.1 of the former City of North York, Sign By-law No. 30788 as amended, the 12 wall signs would be permitted; and this is the reason for my recommendation to approve these 12 wall signs. However, the projecting sign is prohibited in that same sign by-law and my recommendation is not to approve the variance.

The new Harmonized Sign By-law was enacted by Council on December 6, 2009 and will come into effect on April 6, 2010. In the new sign by-law, a number of sign districts have been established and this property is located in a Residential Apartment District (RA). Refer to Attachment #9.

§ 694-18. Illumination

Where a sign is located in an RA sign district, the sign shall not be illuminated between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. except where the sign is a first party sign associated with a lawful business which operates during this period and only while the business is actually in operation.

The applicant, Robert Manning of Sign Advice, submitted a letter on behalf of the owner in justification of the request for these sign variances. He also stated that all signs will be internally lit and will not contain flashing or moving parts. The TD Bank branch and the vacant spaces signs' illumination will be set on a timer to be switched off between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in acknowledgment of the new City wide Sign By-law. Refer to Attachment #8.

The proposed signs do not comply with the new City of Toronto Sign By-Law in the following way:

Sign By-law Section & Requirements	Applicant's Proposal	Required Variance(s)
contain the following: (1) A wall sign identifying a home occupation permitted by the City's applicable Zoning By-law	The applicant proposes to erect 12 identification wall signs with different sign areas and one projecting sign advertising the tenant TD Bank".	To erect 12 identification wall signs with different sign areas and one projecting sign advertising the tenant "TD Bank" where only a sign identifying a home occupation or a sign identifying an apartment building are permitted.

Approval of this application for the sign variances request would result in North York Community Council permitting 13 signs which are not in compliance with the standards approved in the new City of Toronto Sign By-law for signs of this type.

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North York District

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Zoning Map
Attachment #2: Site Plan

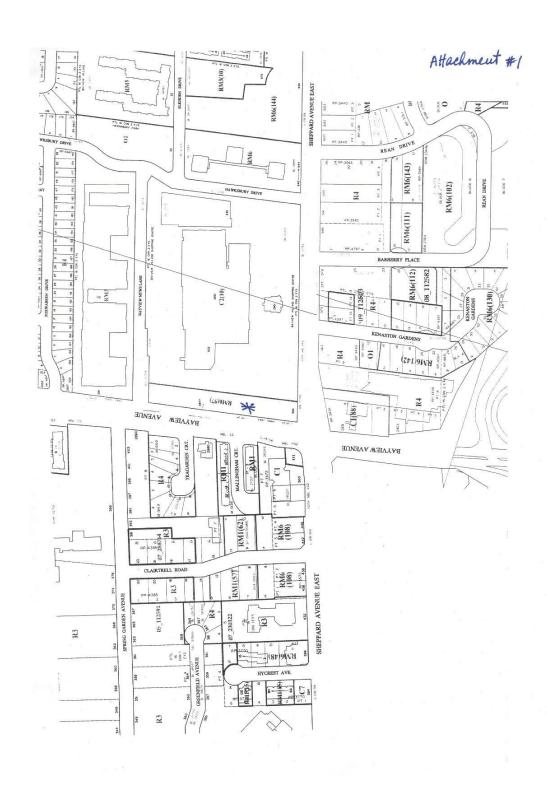
Attachments #3A & #3B: West Elevation showing wall signs #1 to #7
Attachment #4A & #4B: East Elevation showing wall signs #8 to #11

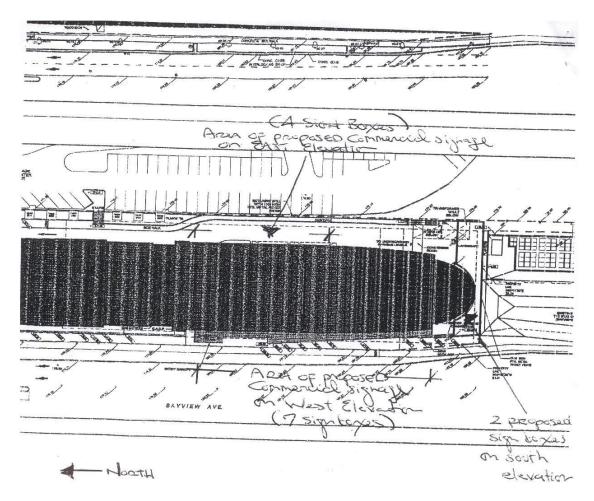
Attachment #5: South Elevation with wall sign #12 and projecting sign #13

Attachment #6: Details of sign #12

Attachment #7: Details of the projecting sign #13
Attachment #8: Applicant's Justification Letter

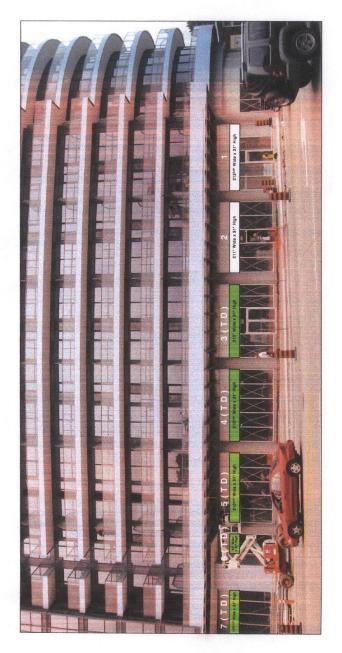
Attachment #9: Sign Districts in the City of Toronto new Sign By-law





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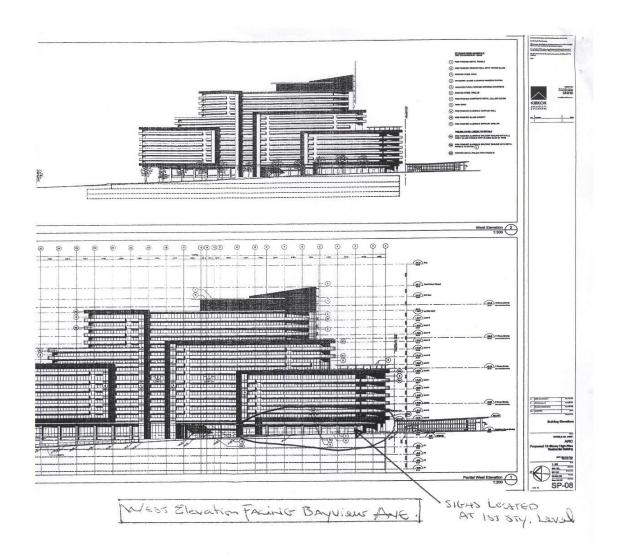
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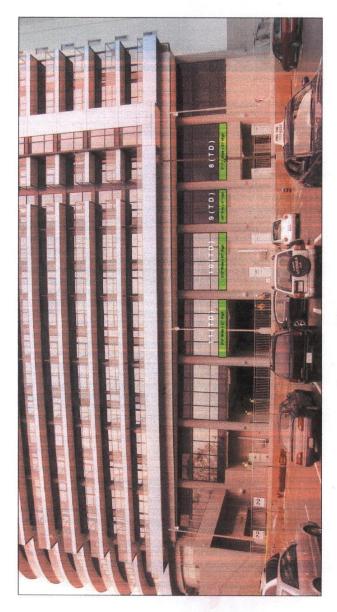
West Elevation



Attachment #3A



Attachment #3B

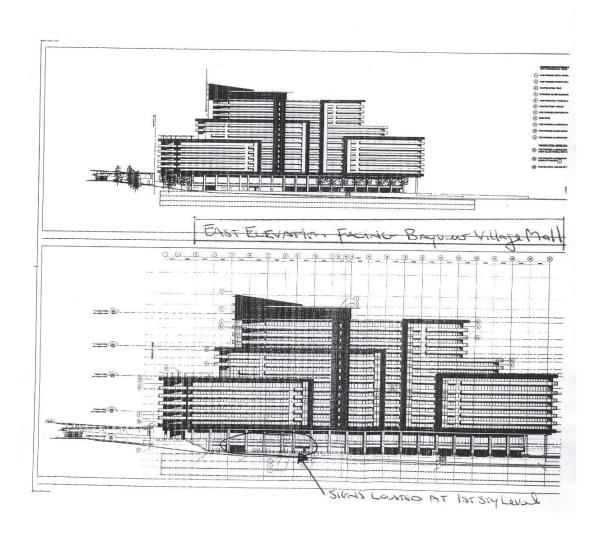


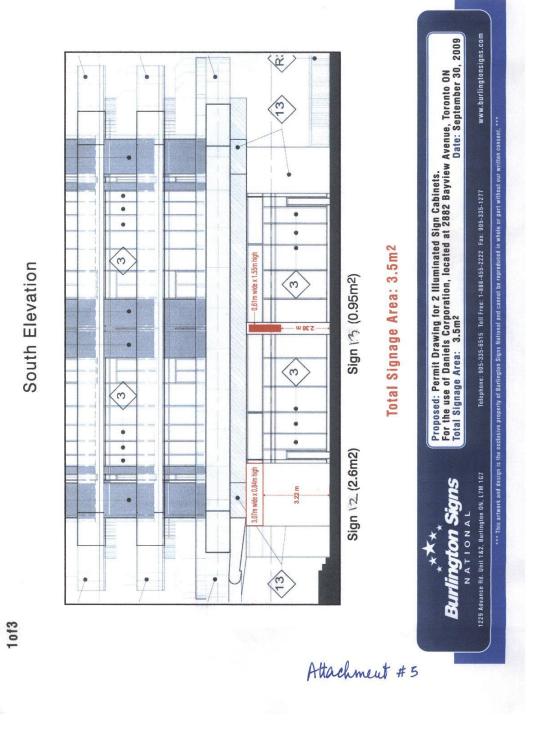
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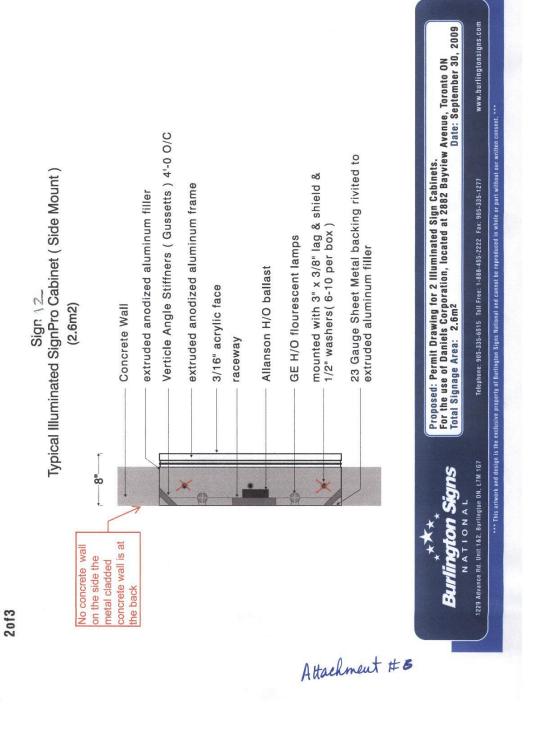


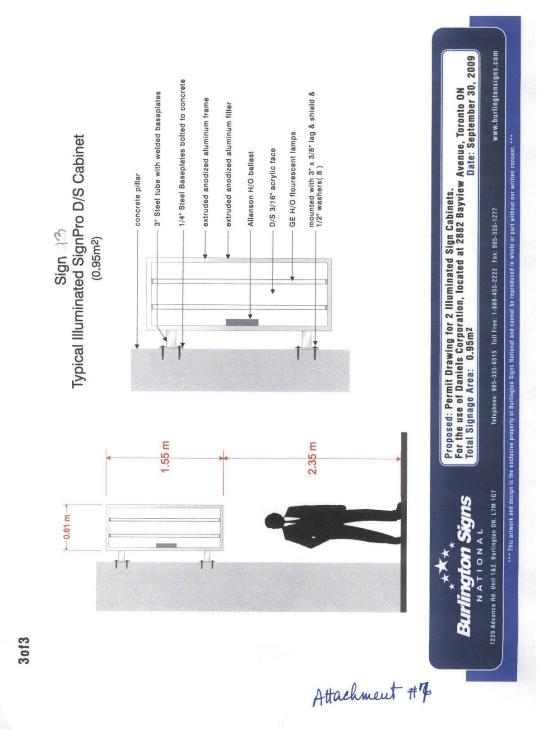
Attachment #4 A

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November 24, 2009

Attachment #8

To: City of Toronto - North Community Council Re: Sign Variance Application for 2885 Bayview Avenue Submitted on behalf of The Daniels Corporation

We are asking for your consideration in respect to our variance application for the installation of wallmounted signage for the first storey commercial tenants of the mixed use residential condominium/commercial complex at the above address.

The former City of North York By-law No. 30788- Sec. 5.1 only allows one identification sign for a property in a Residential zone. The By-law does not take into account a mixed commercial/residential building and the legally permitted commercial tenants that require signage.

Our proposal is as follows:

The major tenant, the TD Bank, will have 5 sign boxes on the west elevation facing Bayview Avenue, 3 of which will have graphics. Two will be solid green panels. On the east elevation facing Bayview Village Mall, there will be 4 sign boxes, 2 of which will contain graphics, 2 will be solid green panels.

On the west elevation, there will be an additional 2 sign boxes for a future commercial tenant.

On the south elevation, adjacent to the subway entrance, it is proposed that there will be a sign box and a projecting sign, approximately 2'-0" x 5'-0" for another future tenant.

The signs are in accordance with what would be permitted for a Commercially zoned property and have been designed to be low key and complimentary to the aesthetic look of the building. They will not have a negative impact on the streetscape.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Robert Manning Sign Advice

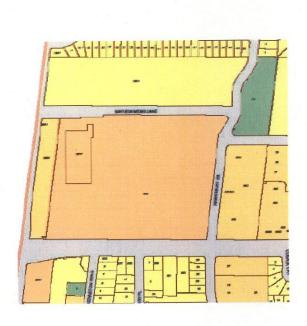
Yours truly

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Sign Districts Map - Ward 24 Attachment #9