

# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# Sign Variance - 134 Carlton St

Date:	March 5, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Toronto Building, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Ward 27 – Toronto Centre-Rosedale
Reference Number:	2010TE089 10 120200 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 Steve Wolowich of Astral Media Outdoor, L.P., on behalf of National Realty Management for approval of variances from Chapter 297, Signs, of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code to permit, for third party advertising purposes, replacement of an existing legal non-conforming illuminated fascia sign with a newly designed illuminated tri-panel fascia sign containing a horizontally rotating scroll copy attribute, on the west elevation of the building at 134 Carlton Street.

Staff recommends refusal of this application. The variances are major and not within the general intent and purpose of the Municipal Code.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

# The Toronto Building Division recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community
Council refuse the request for
variances permit, for third party
advertising purposes, replacement of
an existing legal non-conforming



illuminated fascia sign with a newly designed illuminated tri-panel fascia sign containing a horizontally rotating scroll copy attribute, on the west elevation of the building at 134 Carlton Street.

#### **Financial Impact**

The recommendations in this report have no financial impact.

#### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The property is located west of Jarvis Street, on the north side of Carlton Street in a CR zone. The property contains a three-storey residential apartment building. The applicant is seeking permission to replace, for third party advertising purposes, an existing illuminated fascia sign with a newly designed third party illuminated fascia sign containing a horizontally rotating scroll copy attribute, on the west elevation of building at 134 Carlton Street.

The sign does not comply with Chapter 297, Signs, of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code in the following ways:

Sign By-law Section and Requirements	Applicant's Proposal	Required Variance
1. Chapter 297-10.B.(2)	To install, for third party advertising purposes, an illuminated fascia sign containing a horizontally rotating scroll copy attribute on the west elevation of the building.	Unless specifically permitted by other provisions of this chapter, signs that rotate or which contain tri-vision panels, animated copy, changeable copy or electronic message display copy are not permitted.
2. Chapter 297-10E	The proposed illuminated roof sign is located less than 20.0m from a lot in R zone.	An illuminated third party sign located less than 20.0m from a lot in R zone is not permitted.
3. Chapter 297-10F (1)	The sign is located less than 60.0m from other third party signs located in the vicinity.	A third party sign is required to have a separation distance of minimum 60.0m from other third party sign in the vicinity.

#### **COMMENTS**

The variances are required because the proposed replacement third party fascia sign located on the west elevation of the building would contain rotating scroll copy attribute which is not specifically described as a sign type and therefore it is not permitted. Also,

the sign is not permitted because it would be located less than 20.0m from a lot in R zone. Also, the proposed third party sign would be located on the west elevation of a residential apartment building which is not permitted. The sign would be visible from many of the residences in the area. Also, the proposed sign does not meet the required 60.0m separation distance from other third party signs located in the vicinity.

In this instance, the proposal to replace the existing illuminated fascia sign with a newly designed illuminated fascia sign containing a horizontally rotating scroll copy attribute at 134 Carlton Street is not permitted under the current by-law. Also, the sign would be visible to the users of Alan Garden Park located on the south side of Carlton Street. Staff can not justify recommending approval of the proposed fascia sign at this location.

Staff recommends refusal of this application. The variance is major and not within the general intent and purpose of the Municipal Code.

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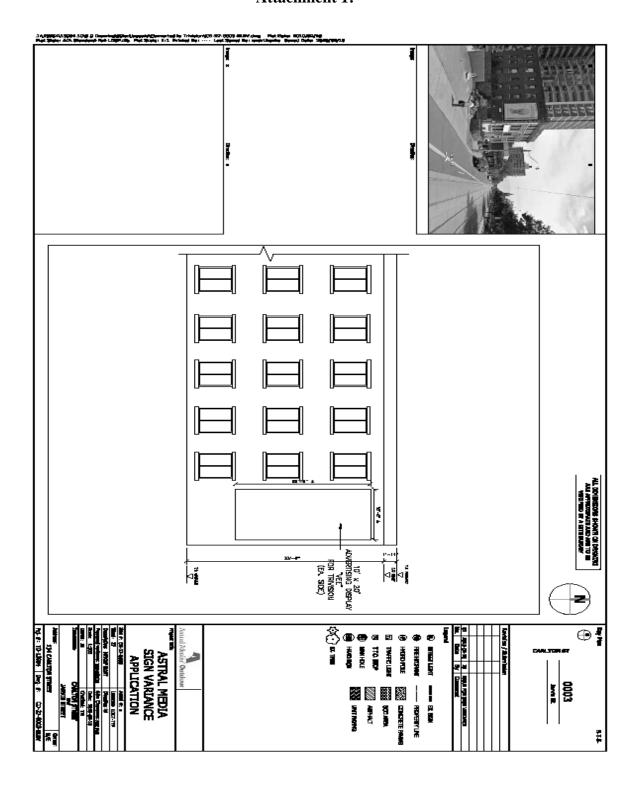
#### **SIGNATURE**

Jim Laughlin, Deputy Chief Building Official and Director, Toronto Building Toronto and East York District

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Sign Details Attachment 2: Sign Details

## **Attachment 1:**



### **Attachment 2:**

