41 Ossington Avenue - Zoning Amendment Application – Supplementary Request for Direction Report

Date: November 28, 2011
To: City Council
From: Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division
Wards: Ward 19 – Trinity-Spadina
Reference Number: Cc11052 (10-266103 STE 19 OZ)

SUMMARY

This report provides updated information following Toronto and East York Community Council’s request that City Planning staff, together with the Ward Councillor, continue negotiations with the applicant to achieve further stepbacks to the upper levels of the 6-storey condominium building at 41 Ossington Avenue along Rebecca Street, and at its easterly end (within the Mixed Use Area) at its meeting on November 2, 2011. The report recommends a revised settlement to implement the changes resulting from the recent negotiations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the City Solicitor, together with City Planning staff and any other appropriate staff, to attend any Ontario Municipal Board Hearings and not to oppose the Official Plan Amendment and the revised zoning by-law amendment, provided they are in accordance with the revised setbacks/stepbacks and terms of settlement for 41 Ossington Avenue described in the report dated
November 1, 2011, from the Director, Community Planning, Toronto and East York District, subject to an additional 1 metre setback/stepback on the easterly 5th and 6th floors of the 6-storey condominium building at 41 Ossington Avenue, along Rebecca Street, as shown on (attachment 2 and 3) to the report dated November 25, 2011 from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division.

2. City Council deem that the minor encroachment of the 6-storey mixed use building into the Neighbourhoods Designation complies with the intent of the Official Plan under policies 5.6.5 interpretation chapter 5.

3. City Council request the owner to participate in a community construction consulting liaison group to be overseen by the Ward Councillor, to develop a strategy to minimize any impact of construction of the proposed development on the adjacent neighbourhood.

4. City Council authorize the City Solicitor and other City staff to take any necessary steps to implement the foregoing.

DECISION HISTORY

A full background on the this application, context, planning framework and further revisions following negotiations involving the Ward Councillor, City staff and the applicant are in the August 17, 2011 and November 1, 2011 reports that can be found at (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2011/te/bgrd/backgroundfile-40018.pdf), (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2011/te/bgrd/backgroundfile-41865.pdf) and (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2011/te/bgrd/backgroundfile-42128.pdf)

Revised Proposal

On November 21, 2011, the applicant submitted a revised proposal with the following changes:

- An additional 1 metre stepback of the 5th floor of the most easterly 13 metres of the condominium building along Rebecca Street;

- An additional 1 metre stepback on the 6th floor carried through from the 5th floor, along Rebecca Street, resulting in a reduction of the mechanical penthouse;

- Provision of privacy screens on the north and south sides of the most easterly 5th floor terrace;

- The residential and total gross floor area for the project has decreased by 13 m² (140 sq.ft), from 3,345m² (35,990 sq.ft.) to 3,336 (35,892 sq.ft.), of which 242m² (2,604 sq.ft.) is proposed for commercial/retail uses; and,
The applicant has submitted an Acoustical Engineering letter which concludes that appropriate noise control measures have been integrated in the design of the parking stackers, and that noise impacts on the surrounding residential area will not be excessive.

COMMENTS
The additional 1 metre setback/stepback on the 5th and 6th floors of the condominium building along Rebecca Street provides additional buffer space that mitigates impacts on the abutting residential area, addressing concerns raised by area residents and the Ward Councillor. In addition, the provision of privacy screens on the north and south sides of the most easterly 5th floor terrace and acoustical engineering letter addresses concerns noted in the November 1, 2011 report from the Director, Community Planning, Toronto and East York District.

Planning staff acknowledge that the 4-storey component of the 6-storey mixed use building extends into the Neighbourhoods portion of the site, and are of the view that a site specific Official Plan amendment application is not required in the circumstances. The mixed use component of the proposal is located principally in the Mixed Use Area of the site and only a small portion of the building containing residential units extends into the Neighbourhoods portion of the site. Only the 4-storey portion of the building extends into the Neighbourhoods designation, the 6-storey portion of the building is contained entirely within the Mixed Use designation. As such, the intent of the Toronto Official Plan as interpreted pursuant to the Implementation section (chapter five) is maintained.

Conclusion
Negotiations have resulted in changes to the proposal which address the concerns identified in the report from the Director, Community Planning, Toronto and East York District, dated November 1, 2011 and a motion from the Ward Councillor at the November 2, 2011 Toronto and East York, Community Council meeting.
In view of the satisfactory settlement reached, this report recommends that City Council direct the City Solicitor and appropriate staff to support the revised settlement proposal as described in this report and the November 1, 2011 report, at the Ontario Municipal Board.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Site Plan
Attachment 2: North & South Elevation
Attachment 3: East & West Elevation
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Applicant: Armstrong Hunter & Associates
Agent: Raw Design
Architect: Jolage Limited
Owner: Jolage Limited

Planning Controls
Official Plan Designation: Neighbourhoods  Site Specific Provision:
Zoning: R4 Z1.0 CR T2.5 C2.0 R1.5  Historical Status:
Height Limit (m): 14, 10  Site Plan Control Area: Y

Project Information
Site Area (sq. m): 1098  Height: Storeys: 6
Frontage (m): 17.13  Metres: 21.5
Depth (m): 64.56
Total Ground Floor Area (sq. m): 0  Total
Total Residential GFA (sq. m): 3093.8  Parking Spaces: 21
Total Non-Residential GFA (sq. m): 242.2  Loading Docks 0
Total GFA (sq. m): 3,336
Lot Coverage Ratio (%): 0
Floor Space Index: 3.0

Floor Area Breakdown (upon project completion)

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