# ATTACHMENT 3: STAFF REPORT – APPEAL – SIGNAGE MASTER PLAN – 380 FRONT STREET EAST



# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# Appeal – Signage Master Plan - 380 Front Street East

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Ward:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale (28)
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## SUMMARY

Downtown Acura (the "Appellant") is appealing the decision of the Chief Building Official's ("CBO") concerning an application for the variances required to allow for the issuance of permits to allow for the erection of multiple illuminated first party wall signs to implement a Signage Master Plan for the purpose-built media tower-type addition to the building (the "Media Tower") located on the premises municipally known as 380 Front Street East (the "Premises").

The CBO decided to grant the variances required to allow the issuance of permits for the erection and display of three illuminated first party wall signs on the first and second storeys of the Media Tower required to implement the specific Signage Master Plan for the Media Tower described in Attachment 2 (the "Approved Signage Master Plan").

The Appellant had requested the CBO approve 19 variances to allow the issuance of permits for the erection and display of seven illuminated first party wall signs required to implement the specific Signage Master Plan covering the entirety of the Media Tower, which extends past the roofline of the four storey building on the premises as described in Attachment 1 (the "Proposed Signage Master Plan"). During the previous proceedings, the Appellant provided an alternative proposal, and requested that the CBO approve 16 variances, with certain conditions, to allow the issuance of permits for the erection and display of six illuminated first party wall signs required to implement the specific Signage Master Plan for a modified portion of the Media Tower, as described in Attachment 4 (the "Alternative Signage Master Plan").

It was the CBO's opinion that it had not been established that either the Proposed Signage Master Plan, or the Alternative Signage Master Plan, met all of the established criteria provided for in §694-30A of the Sign By-law. A review of the planning framework applicable to the subject premises and the surrounding area identified a variety of planned buildings and uses in the area that envision a significant change in the built form and character of the area. As such, it was the CBO's opinion that it had not been established that the Proposed Signage Master Plan (and the similar, Alternative Signage Master Plan,) were

compatible with the development of, and would support the Official Plan objectives for, the premises and surrounding area. Also the CBO is of the opinion that it has not been established that either of the Proposed Signage Master Plan or Alternative Signage Master Plan, would not alter the character of the premises and surrounding area or would not have a negative impact on adjacent properties.

However, the CBO determined that the particulars of the signs, variances and associated conditions contained in the Approved Signage Master Plan, would result in a collection of signs that could be determined to have met all of the nine established criteria in §694-30A. The CBO issued a decision granting the variances required for the Approved Signage Master Plan.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

# The Chief Building Official and Executive Director, Toronto Building, recommends that:

The Sign Variance Committee grant the six variances to §§ 694-20A, 694-21D(5)(a) and 694-21D(5)(d), with conditions, required to allow the issuance of permits for the erection and display of three illuminated wall signs required to implement the Signage Master Plan for the portions of the premises municipally known as 380 Front Street East, as described in Attachment 2 to this report.

## REQUIRED VARIANCES

Table 1: Requested Variances for "Proposed Signage Master Plan"		
Section	Requirement	Proposal
694-20A	First party signs may advertise, promote, or direct attention to goods available at the premises where the sign is located provided the portion of the sign copy which advertises, promotes, or directs attention to goods available at the premises does not exceed 30 percent of the total area of the sign copy.	Sign A is to have 100 percent of the total area of the sign copy dedicated to advertising or promoting goods available at the premises, rather than the mandated 30 percent.  Sign B is to have 100 percent of the total area of the sign copy dedicated to advertising or promoting goods available at the premises, rather than the mandated 30 percent  Sign C is to have 100 percent of the total area of the sign copy dedicated to advertising or promoting goods available at the premises, rather than the mandated 30 percent  Sign D is to have 100 percent of the total area of the sign copy dedicated to advertising or promoting goods available at the premises, rather than the mandated 30 percent  Sign E is to have 100 percent of the total area of the sign copy dedicated to advertising or promoting goods available at the premises, rather than the mandated 30 percent  Sign F is to have 100 percent of the total area of the sign copy dedicated to advertising or promoting goods available at the premises, rather than the mandated 30 percent  Sign F is to have 100 percent of the total area of

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		the sign copy dedicated to advertising or
		promoting goods available at the premises,
		rather than the mandated 30 percent
		7. Sign G is to have 100 percent of the total area of
		the sign copy dedicated to advertising or
		promoting goods available at the premises,
		rather than the mandated 30 percent
		Sign C is to be erected above the second storey
		of the purpose-built feature wall where the sign is
		to be erected, specifically on the 3rd floor of the
		building.
		Sign D is to be erected above the second storey
		of the purpose-built feature wall where the sign is to be erected, specifically on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor of the
	A wall sign is	building.
	permitted in a CR	10. Sign E is to be erected above the second storey
694-	sign district provided	of the purpose-built feature wall where the sign is
21D(5)(a)	the sign is not	to be erected, specifically on the 4th floor of the
210(3)(4)	erected above the	building.
	second storey.	11. Sign F is to be erected above the second storey
	accord atorcy.	of the purpose-built feature wall where the sign is
		to be erected, specifically on portions of the 4th
		floor of the building.
		12. Sign G is to be erected above the second storey
		of the purpose-built feature wall where the sign is
		to be erected, specifically above the fourth floor
		and extending above the roof life of the building.
		13. Sign A is to occupy 100 percent of the storey of
		the purpose-built feature wall where the sign is to
		be erected, rather than the mandated 10 percent
		of this storey of the Media Tower
		14. Sign B is to occupy 100 percent of the storey of
	A wall sign is	the purpose-built feature wall where the sign is to
	permitted in a CR	be erected, rather than the mandated 10 percent
	sign district provided	of this storey of the Media Tower
	the total sign face	<ol><li>Sign C is to occupy 100 percent of the storey of</li></ol>
	area of all wall signs	the purpose-built feature wall where the sign is to
694-	erected at the	be erected, rather than the mandated 10 percent
21D(5)(d)	second storey shall	of this storey of the Media Tower
2.2(0)(0)	not exceed 10	<ol><li>Sign D is to occupy 100 percent of the storey of</li></ol>
	percent of the area	the purpose-built feature wall where the sign is to
	of the wall at the	be erected, rather than the mandated 10 percent
	second storey on	of this storey of the Media Tower
	which the signs are	17. Sign E is to occupy 100 percent of the storey of
	erected.	the purpose-built feature wall where the sign is to
		be erected, rather than the mandated 10 percent
		of this storey of the Media Tower
		18. Sign F is to occupy 100 percent of the storey of
		the purpose-built feature wall where the sign is to
1	I	be erected, rather than the mandated 10 percent

	of this storey of the Media Tower
	<ol><li>Sign G is to occupy 100 percent of the storey of</li></ol>
	the purpose-built feature wall where the sign is to
	be erected, rather than the mandated 10 percent
	of this storey of the Media Tower

Table	Table 2: Variances Required to Implement "Approved Signage Master Plan"		
Section	Requirement	Proposed Variances	
694-20A	First party signs may advertise, promote, or direct attention to goods available at the premises where the sign is located provided the portion of the sign copy which advertises, promotes, or directs	Sign A is to have 100 percent of the total area of the sign copy dedicated to advertising or promoting goods available at the premises, rather than the mandated 30 percent.      Sign B is to have 100 percent of the total area of the sign copy dedicated to advertising or promoting goods available at the premises, rather than the mandated 30 percent	
	attention to goods available at the premises does not exceed 30 percent of the total area of the sign copy.	<ol> <li>Sign C is to have 100 percent of the total area of the sign copy dedicated to advertising or promoting goods available at the premises, rather than the mandated 30 percent</li> </ol>	
	A wall sign is permitted in a CR sign district provided the total sign face	<ol> <li>Sign A is to occupy 100 percent of the storey of the purpose-built feature wall where the sign is to be erected, rather than the mandated 10 percent of this storey of the Media Tower</li> </ol>	
area of all wall signs erected at the second storey shall not exceed 10 percent of the area of the wall at the second storey on which the signs are erected.	<ol> <li>Sign B is to occupy 100 percent of the storey of the purpose-built feature wall where the sign is to be erected, rather than the mandated 10 percent of this storey of the Media Tower</li> </ol>		
	of the wall at the second storey on which the signs are	<ol> <li>Sign C is to occupy 100 percent of the storey of the purpose-built feature wall where the sign is to be erected, rather than the mandated 10 percent of this storey of the Media Tower</li> </ol>	

# COMMENTS

# Site Context and Sign District Designation

The Proposed Signs are located in Ward 28 (Toronto Centre-Rosedale), on the north side of Front Street East and west of Cherry Street. The subject premises contains an automotive dealership and showroom with a newly built three and four storey addition.

To the north of the subject premises on the north side of Eastern Avenue are two and three storey commercial buildings with a variety of uses, including office and professional services, auto repair and leasing and personal services. On the east side of Cherry Street is a new branch of the YMCA and a new George Brown College student residence. South of the subject premises is a temporary paved parking lot, most recently used as a temporary expansion of the Pan Am Athletes Village. The building to the immediate west of the property previously contained an automotive dealership and showroom, however the building appears to be vacant.

Figure 2: Key Map - 380 Front Street East

As shown in Figure 2, the subject premises is designated as a CR-Commercial Residential sign district. The area to the north of the subject premises is designated as an E-Employment sign district, while properties to the immediate east, south and west are designated as CR-Commercial Residential sign districts.

## Sign Attributes

The Proposed Signage Master Plan includes the erection and display of seven illuminated wall signs displaying static copy on seven sections of a purpose-built media tower-type structure. The signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan were erected at the first, second, third and fourth storey levels of the building, with a portion of the media tower and one of the proposed signs being erected above the roof line. Each sign contains branding images intended to advertise specific car models associated with the business on the premises, and is designed to occupy 100 percent of the area of the wall of the media tower where each sign is located.

An Alternative Signage Master Plan was submitted by the applicant for the erection and display of six illuminated wall signs displaying static copy on six sections of the media tower structure. The Alternative Signage Master Plan indicated that the building on the premises consists of three storeys as opposed to four as indicated in the original application. The signs contained in the Alternative Signage Master Plan are erected at the first, second, and third storey levels of the building. The sign erected above the roof line was removed from the application. The sign copy was modified to depict portions of automobiles related to goods available on the premises, however reference to specific automotive brands or models was removed. The signs occupied 100 percent of the area of the wall of the media tower where each sign is located.

The Approved Signage Master Plan includes the erection and display of three illuminated wall signs displaying static copy on three sections of the media tower structure, erected at the first and second storey levels of the building. The proposed signs depict portions of automobiles which are related to goods available on the premises, but reference to specific automotive brands or models has been removed. The conditions attached to the Approved Signage Master Plan restrict signage from being erected above the second storey of the building, and restrict the signs from being illuminated between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

## Application of Criteria Established by §694-30A of Chapter 694

The Sign By-law contains specific criteria to be used in evaluating an application for a variance. Specifically, §694-30A states that an application for variances to implement a Signage Master Plan may only be granted where it is established that all of the signs which are the subject of the Signage Master Plan, evaluated collectively meet all nine of the established criteria.

## Application of Criteria to Proposed Signage Master Plan

694-30A(1): The Signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan belong to a sign class permitted in the sign district	YES - Staff are of the opinion that this criteria has been established.

#### Rationale:

The subject premises is designated as a CR-Commercial Residential sign district. The Proposed Signage Master Plan includes seven first party signs. The signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan are of a sign class permitted in a CR-Commercial Residential sign district.

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
694-30A(2): If a third party sign, Signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan are of a sign type permitted in the sign district	YES - Staff are of the opinion that this criteria has been established.

#### Rationale:

The subject premises is designated as a CR-Commercial Residential sign district. The Proposed Signage Master Plan includes seven first party wall signs. The criteria contained in §694-30A(2) is not applicable to the Proposed Signage Master Plan .

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
694-30A(3): The Signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan are compatible with the development of the premises and surrounding area	NO - Staff are of the opinion, that this criteria, has not been established.

The area surrounding the subject premises has historically been composed of employment type and light industrial uses. In the context of the existing development on adjacent properties, it was the opinion of staff that the Proposed Signs did not present issues of compatibility.

Following a more detailed review of the planning framework applicable to the subject premises, it was determined that the property is located within the boundaries of the West Don Lands Precinct Plan (http://www1.toronto.ca/city\_of\_toronto/waterfront\_secretariat/files/pdf/wdl\_precinct\_plan.pdf).

The Precinct Plan provides guidelines for the implementation of public infrastructure (e.g. streets, parks, community facilities, etc.) as well as the built form of new development. The subject premises is part of the Front Street Neighbourhood, as provided for in the Precinct Plan, a new mixed-use area with an emphasis on urban living. This neighbourhood is to be similar in scale and texture to the St. Lawrence neighbourhood, and is to contain a mix of shops, restaurants, offices and residences. Residential development is planned to the south of the site, as well as with the expected future development of the car dealership to the west. A public space is also planned at the southwest corner of Trinity and Front Street. This portion of Front Street is to be the primary entrance to the West Don lands and will form the primary retail core of the community.

Generally CR-Commercial Residential sign districts are composed of a mix of uses consistent with those contemplated by the Precinct Plan for this portion of Front Street. In these areas wall signs are most commonly located on the ground floor of a building, and connected to the main commercial occupancy and use of a building. This corresponds to the side of the building that is most visible to the public and those passing by on the street. Where a wall sign is permitted above the ground floor, the Sign By-law generally restricts the maximum area of such additional wall signs and the location on the upper floors where the sign can be erected.

It was the opinion of staff that the signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan are of a number and height that is not compatible with a CR-Commercial Residential sign district, and the planned residential and commercial development on adjacent properties contemplated by the Precinct Plan. Furthermore the signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan are to be used exclusively for advertising purposes (i.e. more akin to Third Party Signs) and may present further issues of compatibility as the area continues to evolve.

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
§694-30A(4): The Signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan supports the Official Plan objectives for the property and surrounding area	NO - Staff are of the opinion that this criteria has <u>not</u> been established.

In adopting the Central Waterfront Secondary Plan, Toronto City Council outlined a Precinct Planning process intended to further articulate the policies of the Plan for specific areas of the waterfront. These Precinct Plans are intended to outline development principles and guidelines at a level of detail not possible within the broader Secondary Plan. The principles contained in the West Don Lands Precinct Plan provide the context to move from Official Plan policies to Zoning By-law provisions.

The Precinct Plan envisions this portion of Front Street as a mixed-use community composed of retail, offices and residences. It was the opinion of staff that the signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan, are not compatible with the planned uses in the area and the vision provided in the Precinct Plan. Consequently it is the opinion of staff that the Proposed Signage Master Plan does not support Official Plan objectives for the property and surrounding area.

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
694-30 A(5): The Signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan <u>Do Not</u> adversely affect adjacent premises?	NO - Staff are of the opinion, that this criteria, <u>has not</u> been established.

#### Rationale:

The Proposed Signage Master Plan contemplates five illuminated signs that are erected above the second storey of the main building, and the media tower. Illuminated signs at such a height have the potential to negatively impact adjacent properties.

The possibility that the Proposed Signage Master Plan will have a potential adverse impact on adjacent properties, particularly due to the evolving character of the area cannot be eliminated.

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
694-30 A(6): The Signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan <u>Do Not</u> adversely affect public safety	YES - Staff are of the opinion that this criteria has been established.

#### Rationale:

The Signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan are to display static copy, are erected on a wall that does not face a street and are of a size that is consistent with the overall façade of the building. It is the opinion of staff that the Proposed Signage Master Plan will not adversely affect public safety.

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
694-30A(7): The Signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan <u>Are Not</u> a sign prohibited by §694-15B	YES - Staff are of the opinion that this criteria has been established.

The Proposed Signage Master Plan contains seven first party wall signs. First party wall signs are not prohibited by §694-15B.

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
694-30A(8): The Signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan <u>Do Not</u> alter the character of the premises or surrounding area	NO - Staff are of the oninion that this

#### Rationale:

The West Don Lands Precinct Plan envisions the area becoming a vibrant mixed-use precinct. In addition to the existing automobile use on the premises, this portion of Front Street is to contain a range of office, retail and residential uses, utilizing a pedestrian-friendly street network that enhances the public realm.

It is the opinion of staff that signage in the area should complement the scale and nature of uses of existing and planned uses. Staff believe that the display of commercial products over an extended area of the building, compounded by the height at which the signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan are to be displayed, is not consistent with the proposed mixed use neighbourhood contemplated by the Precinct Plan. As such it is the opinion of staff that the Proposed Signage Master Plan will alter the character of the premises or surrounding area.

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
694-30 A(9): The Signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan <u>Are not</u> contrary to the public interest	YES - Staff are of the opinion that this criteria has been established.

#### Rationale:

A notice of the application was posted on the premises for 30 days, and staff did not receive any comments or letters of opposition from adjacent property owners. It is the opinion of staff that the Signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan are not contrary to the public interest.

## Application of Criteria to Approved Signage Master Plan

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
694-30A(1): The Signs contained in the Approved Signage Master Plan belong to a sign class permitted in the sign district	YES - Staff are of the opinion that this criteria has been established.

#### Rationale:

The signs contained in the Approved Signage Master Plan are first party signs. The subject premises is designated as a CR-Commercial Residential sign district. First party signs are permitted in a CR-Commercial Residential sign district.

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
694-30A(2): If a third party sign, Signs contained in the Approved Signage Master Plan are of a sign type permitted in the sign district	YES - Staff are of the opinion that this criteria has been established.

#### Rationale:

The subject premises is designated as a CR-Commercial Residential sign district. The Approved Signage Master Plan includes seven first party wall signs. The criteria contained in §694-30A(2) is not applicable to the Approved Signage Master Plan.

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
694-30A(3): The Signs contained in the Approved Signage Master Plan are compatible with the development of the premises and surrounding area	YES - Staff are of the opinion that this criteria has been established.

#### Rationale:

New development should consider the existing as well as planned built form of the area. While it was the opinion of staff that the signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan were compatible with the existing built form on the premises and surrounding area, the Proposed Signage Master Plan was inconsistent with the planned character identified in the West Don Lands Precinct Plan.

It was the opinion of staff that the number and height of the signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan would not be compatible with future residential and commercial development on adjacent properties. The conditions imposed by staff as part of the Approved Signage Master Plan limit the height of the signs and restrict the hours of illumination help to minimize potential issues of incompatibility as the surrounding area continues to evolve. As such it is the opinion of staff that the Approved Signage Master Plan is compatible with the development of the premises and surrounding area.

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
§694-30A(4): The Signs contained in the Approved Signage Master Plan supports the Official Plan objectives for the property and surrounding area	YES - Staff are of the opinion that this criteria has been established.

The Precinct Plan envisions this portion of Front Street as a mixed-use community composed of retail, offices and residences. Generally this includes retail uses at grade and residential and office uses on uppers storeys. CR-Commercial Residential sign districts often encompass mixed uses areas, and generally limit signage to business identification signs located at the first and second storey wall where the business is located. Signs in these areas are generally designed to attract pedestrians and identify the business on the premises. In a CR-Commercial Residential sign district, a subsidiary portion of a wall sign is permitted may display copy for the purpose of advertising or promoting goods or services available at the premises.

It was the opinion of staff that the signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan, are of a scale and magnitude that is inconsistent with the planned uses in the area. The conditions attached to the Approved Signage Master Plan reduce the number and height of the signs helping to ensure the signs are of a scale that is more appropriate for a mixed-use area. The conditions attached to the approval also remove reference to reference to specific automotive brands or models helping to distinguish the signs from traditional third party signs. As such it is the opinion of staff that the Approved Signage Master plan supports the vision of the Precinct Plan, and consequently Official Plan objectives for the property and surrounding area.

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
694-30 A(5): The Signs contained in the Approved Signage Master Plan <u>Do Not</u> adversely affect adjacent premises?	YES - Staff are of the opinion that this criteria has been established.

#### Rationale:

The Proposed Signage Master Plan contemplates five illuminated signs that are erected above the second storey of the main building, and the media tower. Illuminated signs at such a height have the potential to negatively impact adjacent properties.

The Approved Signage Master Plan reduces the height and overall number of signs, and restricts the hours of illumination in effort to ensure the signs are compatible with the changing nature of area. It is the opinion of staff that the Approved Signage Master Plan will not have an adverse impact on the planned uses contemplated in the Precinct Plan.

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
694-30 A(6): The Signs contained in the Approved Signage Master Plan <u>Do Not</u> adversely affect public safety	YES - Staff are of the opinion that this criteria has been established.

The Signs contained in the Approved Signage Master Plan are to display static copy, are erected on a wall that does not face a street and are of a size that is consistent with the overall façade of the building. It is the opinion of staff that the Approved Signage Master Plan will not adversely affect public safety.

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
694-30A(7): The Signs contained in the Approved Signage Master Plan Are Not signs prohibited by §694-15B	YES - Staff are of the opinion that this criteria has been established.

#### Rationale:

The Sign By-law prohibits roof signs, except where included as part of a Signage Master Plan. The Proposed Signage Master Plan includes a wall sign erected above the roof of the building. While not erected on the roof of the building, the sign has a similar visual impact to a roof sign. The signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan are also more akin to third party signs, which are generally restricted to specific areas of the city.

While the signs contained in the Approved and Proposed Signage Master Plan are not prohibited by §694-15B, the signs contained in the Approved Signage Master Plan are more consistent with other first party identification signs, and are erected at a height that is more appropriate with the building on the premises and the planned built form on adjacent properties.

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
694-30A(8): The Signs contained in the Approved Signage Master Plan Do not alter the character of the premises or surrounding area	YES - Staff are of the opinion that this

#### Rationale:

The Precinct Plan envisions this area as a mixed-use community composed of retail, offices and residences. CR-Commercial Residential sign districts, which often encompass mixed-use area such as that contemplated by the Precinct Plan, generally limit signage to business identification signs located at the first and second storey wall where the business is located. Signs in these areas are typically used for identification purposes, and are of a scale that allows them to be visible to pedestrians passing by on the street.

It was the opinion of staff that the signs contained in the Proposed Signage Master Plan, are of a scale and magnitude that is inconsistent with planned uses in the area, and the provisions of a CR-Commercial Residential sign district which provides for pedestrian scale signage.

The Approved Signage Master Plan, contains a fewer number of signs and ensures the signs are erected at a height that is consistent with the neighbourhood character envisioned by the Precinct Plan. Furthermore the restrictions on illumination help support the residential character of the area established by the Precinct Plan and avoid potential issues of incompatibility.

Section/Criteria Description	Has Criteria Been Established?
694-30 A(9): The Signs contained in the Approved Signage Master Plan <u>Are Not</u> contrary to the public interest	YES - Staff are of the opinion that this criteria has been established.

#### Rationale:

A notice of the application was posted on the premises for 30 days, and staff did not receive any comments or letters of opposition from adjacent property owners. It is the opinion of staff that the Signs contained in the Approved Signage Master Plan are not contrary to the public interest.

#### CONCLUSION

Based on the rationale and materials submitted, it is the CBO's opinion that it has not been established that either the Proposed Signage Master Plan, or the Alternative Signage Master Plan meet all nine of the established criteria required to allow the necessary variances to be granted.

However, it is the CBO's opinion that the signs subject to the specific conditions imposed under the Approved Signage Master Plan would meet all nine of the established criteria for the variance to be granted. As such, it is recommended that the Sign Variance Committee grant the variances required to permit the erection and display of three illuminated first party wall signs on the first, second and third storey of the Media Tower required to implement the Approved Signage Master Plan as described in Attachment 2.

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## ATTACHMENTS

- Description of Signs and Required Variances Proposed Signage Master Plan
- Description of Signs and Required Variances Approved Signage Master Plan