# **TORONTO**

### REPORT FOR ACTION

# **Application by Outfront Media for One Third Party Electronic Ground Sign at 1400 The Queensway**

Date: October 1, 2018

To: Sign Variance Committee

From: Manager, Sign By-law Unit, Toronto Building

Wards: Etobicoke-Lakeshore (Ward 5)

#### **SUMMARY**

This report reviews a Sign Variance application made by Outfront Media (the "Applicant") to allow for a Sign Permit application to be made for one third party electronic ground sign with two sign faces, displaying electronic static copy (the "Proposed Sign"), as described in Attachment 1. The Proposed Sign would be located along the south frontage of the premises municipally known as 1400 The Queensway (the "Premises"), a privately-operated solid waste transfer and processing facility.

The Applicant is seeking a variance to allow for a height of 15 metres from grade, in order for the Proposed Sign to be viewed from the overpass directly south of the Premises. This variance is required because grade at the base of the Proposed Sign is significantly lower than the nearby roadway, and the overpass forms a physical barrier preventing the sign from being viewed by passing traffic.

There are also variances required due to the location of the Proposed Sign in proximity to: an existing third party sign; the F. G. Gardiner Expressway; and, a nearby Residential (R) Sign District. The Proposed Sign also requires a variance for being oriented in a "v-shaped" configuration. This application also includes a condition that an existing third party ground sign located in a railway corridor to the south-west of the Premises be removed prior to a Sign Permit application for the Proposed Sign being submitted.

The majority of properties surrounding the Premises are industrial and utility in nature, and therefore the Chief Building Official ("CBO") does not anticipate that the Proposed Sign would have any significant impacts on the surrounding properties. The Proposed Sign will also be comparable in size and height to other electronic ground signs located along The Queensway and the F.G. Gardiner Expressway. In addition, the removal of the existing third party ground sign from the railway corridor to the south-west will contribute to a reduction in sign clutter in the surrounding area.

The Premises is adjacent to a railway corridor which has been designated as a R Sign District, which requires a variance for a third party electronic ground sign being located too close to, and partially facing, a sensitive land use. However, no residential uses exist within this railway corridor, which more closely resembles a Utility (U) Sign District, and any impacts on this property would be minimal.

The Applicant has provided sufficient information to establish that all nine criteria required to grant a variance from the Sign By-law have all been met. As such, the CBO is supportive of the Sign Variance Committee granting the requested variances.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. The Sign Variance Committee grant the requested variances, subject to the specified conditions, required to allow the issuance of a permit for the erection and display of the Proposed Sign at 1400 The Queensway, as described in Attachment 1 to this report.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

#### **DECISION HISTORY**

Not applicable

#### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

#### **Required Variances**

Table 1: Summary of Requested Variances

Section	Requirement	Proposal
694-22E	A third party electronic ground sign shall not be erected within 150 metres of any other lawful third party sign.	The Proposed Sign would be erected within approximately 110 metres of an existing third party ground sign, within the adjacent railway corridor to the west.

694-24A(1)	A third party sign shall not be erected or displayed in whole or in part within 400 metres of any limit of the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, from Highway 427 to the Humber River.	The Proposed Sign would be erected approximately 332 metres from the northern limit of the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, from Highway 427 to the Humber River.
694-25C(2)(b)	A third party electronic ground sign is permitted provided the height shall not exceed 10 metres.	The Proposed Sign would have a maximum height of 15 metres.
694-25C(2)(k)	A third party electronic ground sign is permitted, provided where the sign has two faces, they shall be in a back-to-back configuration.	The Proposed Sign would have two faces configured in a "v-shaped" formation.
694-25C(2)(f)	A third party sign is permitted provided where located within 250 metres of an R, RA, CR, I or OS Sign District, the sign cannot face any premise in the R, RA, CR, I or OS Sign District.	The Proposed Sign would be located within 250 metres of an R Sign District, and face this R Sign District.
694-25C(2)(g)(2)	A third party electronic ground sign is permitted, provided the sign is located at least 500 metres from any other third party electronic sign located on a street which forms an intersection with the street on which the sign is located.	The Proposed Sign would be located approximately 325 metres from an existing electronic ground sign located at 10 Wickman Road.

### **Sign Attributes and Site Context**

The Proposed Sign is a third party electronic ground sign, containing two sign faces displayed in a "v-shaped" configuration. Each sign face would display electronic static copy, and would have a length of 2.28 metres and a width of 8.68 metres at a height of 15 metres. It is to be erected along the south frontage of the Premises, in the same location where another third party ground sign once stood. The Proposed Sign is intended to be viewed by traffic traveling both east and west along The Queensway.

The subject property is designated as an E Sign District, which allows third party electronic ground signs. Most of the surrounding properties are also designated as E Sign Districts, with the exception of the railway corridor immediately west of the

Premises, which is designated as an R Sign District. However, no residential uses occur within this railway corridor, and the property more closely resembles a U Sign District. (See Figure 1 below for the Sign District designations of the Premises and the surrounding area).



Figure 1: Sign District Map Excerpt - 1400 The Queensway and Surrounding Area

The surrounding properties are mostly designated as E Sign Districts, and utilized by occupants which operate businesses, economic activities and functions, such as a variety of employment and industrial uses including office, manufacturing, warehousing and distribution.

Figure 2 below provides an idea of what the Proposed Sign will look like once installed.



#### **COMMENTS**

#### Criteria Established by §694-30A of The Sign By-law

The Sign By-law contains criteria used to evaluate variance proposals. Specifically, §694-30A states that a variance may only be granted where the Proposed Sign(s) meets each of the nine established criteria.

The Sign Variance Committee is required to conduct an evaluation and determine that the party seeking the proposed variances therein meets all nine of the mandatory criteria, on the basis of the information presented by the Applicant. It is the CBO's opinion that the Applicant has provided sufficient information to establish that the Proposed Sign meets these nine criteria, and that the Sign Variance Committee should grant the six requested variances, subject to the proposed conditions, required to allow the issuance of a Sign Permit for the Proposed Sign.

#### **Applying the Established Criteria**

### Section/Criteria Description: §694-30A(1): The Proposed Sign belongs to a sign class permitted in the Sign District

The Premises is designated as an E Sign District, which permits third party electronic ground signs. The Proposed Sign is classified as a third party sign because it advertises, promotes, or directs attention to businesses, goods, services, matters, or activities that are not available at or related to the premises where the sign is located. Therefore, it appears that this criteria has been established.

## Section/Criteria Description: §694-30A(2): In the case of a third party sign, the Proposed Sign is of a sign type permitted in the Sign District

The Proposed Sign is defined as a third party electronic ground sign. Electronic ground signs are permitted in E Sign Districts, therefore it appears that this criteria has been established.

### Section/Criteria Description: §694-30A(3): The Proposed Sign is compatible with the development of the premises and surrounding area

The permitted sign face area for third party electronic ground signs in E Sign Districts is 20 square metres. With a sign face area of 19.8 square metres, the Proposed Sign is inline with the by-law requirements for size. However, the proposed height of 15 metres exceeds the maximum permitted height of 10 metres.

The applicant is requesting a variance to allow for the increased height due to a physical barrier preventing the Proposed Sign from being viewed from the adjacent overpass, where grade is considerably lower at the base of the sign than along this travelled portion of The Queensway. The CBO believes that the increased height will not result in the Proposed Sign having any greater impact on surrounding properties.

In addition, there was an existing third party ground sign at this location for a number of years, which never generated any complaints from the community. There are existing third party ground signs within 150 metres of the Premises, one of which will be removed by the Applicant as a condition of approval for the requested variances. As third party signs have existed the Premises, and are common to the surrounding area, the CBO is of the opinion that this criteria has been established.

### Section/Criteria Description: §694-30A(4): The Proposed Sign supports Official Plan objectives for the property and surrounding area

The Premises and surrounding area are designated as an *Employment Area* in the Official Plan. The Applicant has provided sufficient information to establish that the Proposed Sign would function to further the specific objectives for *Employment Areas* as places of business and economic activity established under the Official Plan. Therefore, it appears that this criteria has been established.

## Section/Criteria Description: 694-30 A(5): The Proposed Sign does not adversely affect adjacent premises

The land uses and built form of the surrounding properties is largely industrial and business-related, similar to that of the Premises. There are no sensitive land uses within 250 metres of the Premises, with the exception of the adjacent railway corridor to the west. While this property has been designated as an R Sign District, there are no residential uses at this property, where the use more closely resembles those which occur in a U Sign District.

As there are no R or Open Space (OS) Sign Districts located within 250 metres of the Premises, and because the Proposed Sign will be required to comply with the time-of-day operation and illumination levels prescribed by the Sign By-law, the CBO believes that the Proposed Sign will not adversely affect adjacent premises and that it appears this criteria has been established.

## Section/Criteria Description: 694-30 A(6): The Proposed Sign does not adversely affect public safety, including traffic and pedestrian safety

The Proposed Sign requires a variance because it will be located within 400 metres of the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, from Highway 427 to the Humber River. However, the Proposed Sign would be placed approximately 325 metres from the north limit of the Gardiner Expressway, and would not be visible from the Gardiner due to the distance separations, as well as physical obstructions.

The Sign By-law requires that any sign located within 30 metres of the intersection of two streets where the flow of traffic is controlled by traffic lights, be reviewed and receive approval from Transportation Services. The Proposed Sign is not within this minimum distance to a signalized intersection and would therefore have less impact on traffic and pedestrian safety.

Furthermore, the CBO does not foresee any other issues related to public safety, as the Proposed Sign has been designed and would be installed in accordance with the

requirements of the Ontario Building Code. Therefore, it appears that this criteria has been established.

### Section/Criteria Description: 694-30A(7): The Proposed Sign is not a sign prohibited by §694-15B

The Applicant's materials establish sufficient information to confirm that the Proposed Sign is not prohibited by §694-15B of the Sign By-law, and therefore it appears that this criteria has been established.

### Section/Criteria Description: 694-30A(8): The Proposed Sign does not alter the character of the premises or surrounding area

In 2017, The Sign Variance Committee adopted the recommendations of staff and granted variances for a third party electronic ground sign at a nearby property, 1548. The Queensway, with similar attributes as the Proposed Sign. There have been other third party ground signs located both at the Premises and within the surrounding area for decades, without generating any complaints. This shows that third party ground signs would not alter the character of the Premises or the surrounding area. As such, the CBO is of the opinion that the Proposed Sign does not alter the character of the premises or surrounding area, and it appears that this criteria has been established.

## Section/Criteria Description: 694-30 A(9): The Proposed Sign is not contrary to the public interest

In conformance with Sign By-law requirements, all residents and property owners within 250 metres of the Premises were notified of the proposal. In addition, a community consultation session was conducted at the Etobicoke Civic Centre on the evening of October 2, 2018, in order to obtain public feedback regarding the Proposed Sign.

Prior to the community consultation session, the CBO did not receive any communication from the public or from the local Councillor in regards to the Applicant's proposal. There was one representative from a car dealership located in close proximity to the Premises who attended the consultation session. They expressed concerns about the Proposed Sign impacting the visibility of drivers looking for their dealership, but was satisfied that there would be no impacts after reviewing the Applicant's materials.

As there have been existing third party ground signs at the Premise and in the surrounding area, including a third party electronic ground sign located further west along The Queensway, and taking into consideration that no comments or objections were received following the Notice and the community consultation, the CBO is of the opinion that the Proposed Sign is not contrary to the public interest and it appears this criteria has been met.

If the variances are granted and a Sign Permit is obtained, an existing third party ground sign would be removed from a railway corridor to the south-west of the Premises, which means that the Proposed Sign would not add to sign clutter, accomplishing one of the main objectives of the Sign By-law.

#### CONCLUSION

The Applicant has established that all nine criteria to grant an approval for the requested variances have been met. A height of 15 metres from grade would allow the Proposed Sign to be clearly viewed by the intended traffic on The Queensway, without creating any additional impacts on the surrounding area or sensitive land uses. As most of the other sign attributes are in line with the Sign By-law requirements for third party electronic ground signs in an E Sign District, the impacts on surrounding properties are further reduced.

Also, if the variances are granted with the specified conditions, an existing third party ground sign will be removed from the surrounding area, which will help maintain the Sign By-law objective of minimizing sign clutter.

#### CONTACT

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#### SIGNATURE

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#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Description of Sign and Required Variances Attachment 2 – Applicant's Submission Package

#### **Attachment 1: Description of Sign and Required Variances**

#### **Sign Description:**

Proposed Sign - One third party electronic ground sign to be located at the premises municipally known as 1400 The Queensway, described more fully as follows:

- (a) having a maximum height of 15.0 metres,
- (b) be illuminated in accordance with 694-18,
- (c) containing two sign faces in a "v-shaped" configuration,
- (d) one sign face to be oriented in an easterly facing direction;
- (e) one sign face to be oriented in a westerly facing direction; and,
- (f) each sign face to have the following attributes:
  - 1. Be in the shape of a rectangle;
  - 2. Have a sign face area of not more than 19.8 square metres;
  - 3. Have a maximum centre line of not more than 8.68 metres:
  - 4. Have a maximum bisecting line of not more than 2.28 metres; and,
  - 5. Only display electronic static copy.

#### **Required Variances:**

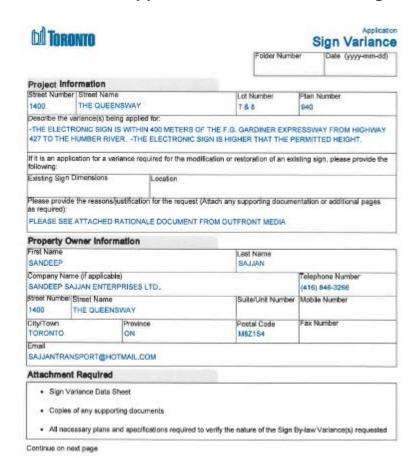
- 1. The requirement contained at §694-22E, which states that a third party electronic sign shall not be erected within 150 metres of any other lawful third party sign, be varied to allow the erection and display of the Proposed Sign within 110 metres of an existing third party ground sign at the adjacent railway corridor to the west, subject to Condition #1;
- 2. The requirement contained at §694-24A(1), which states that a third party sign shall not be erected or displayed within 400 metres of any limit of the F.G. Gardiner Expressway from Highway 427 to the Humber River, be varied to allow the erection and display of the Proposed Sign within 330 metres of the northern limit of the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, subject to Condition #1;
- 3. The requirement contained at §694-25C(2)(b), which states that an electronic ground sign is permitted in an E-Employment sign district, provided the sign shall not exceed a height of 10 metres, be varied to allow the erection and display of the Proposed Sign with a maximum height of 15 metres, subject to Condition #1;
- 4. The requirement contained at 694-25C(2)(f), which states that an electronic ground sign is permitted in an E-Employment District provided where a sign is located within 250 metres of an R, RA, CR, I or OS Sign District, the sign cannot face any premise in the R, RA, CR, I or OS Sign District, be varied to allow the erection and display of the Proposed Sign within approximately 100 metres of an R Sign District, subject to Condition #1:

- 5. The requirement contained at 694-25C(2)(f), which states that an electronic ground sign is permitted in an E-Employment District provided where a sign is located within 250 metres of an R, RA, CR, I or OS Sign District, the sign cannot face any premise in the R, RA, CR, I or OS Sign District, be varied to allow the erection and display of the Proposed Sign in a manner that faces an R Sign District, subject to Condition #1; and,
- 6. The requirement contained at 694-25C(2)(g), which states that an electronic ground sign is permitted in an E-Employment Sign District, provided the sign shall be located at least 500 metres from any other third party electronic sign located on a street which forms an intersection with the street on which the sign is located, be varied to allow the erection and display of the Proposed Sign within 325 metres from an existing electronic ground sign located at 10 Wickman Road.

#### **Condition:**

1. The third party ground sign currently located at 1525 The Queensway be removed, and all associated permits revoked prior to any application for a Sign Permit being submitted for the Proposed Sign.

#### **Attachment 2: Applicant's Submission Package**



### Sign Variance

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### Sign Variance

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#### Proposal

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Data Sheet

#### Sign Variance

#### Rationale

Decisions for all Sign Variance Applications are evaluated against criteria listed in Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 694-30 A. A Variance may be granted where it is demonstrated that the proposed sign(s):

- . Belong to a sign class permitted in the sign district where the premises is located
- In the case of a third party sign, be of a sign type that is permitted in the sign district, where the premises is located
- . Be compatible with the development of the premises and surrounding area
- . Support the Official Plan objectives for the subject premises and surrounding area
- · Not adversely affect adjacent premises
- Not adversely affect public safety, including traffic and pedestrian safety
- Not be a sign prohibited by Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 694-158.
- · Not after the character of the premises or surrounding area
- . Not be, in the opinion of the decision maker, contrary to the public interest

Please describe in detail how the proposal satisfies each of the criteria listed above (use additional pages if necessary)

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED RATIONALE DOCUMENT FROM OUTFRONT MEDIA

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The attached sketch dated October 23, 2017 was prepared by my office based on Registry records and field verification and is correct as of the date shown. This sketch is prepared to illustrate the locations as they relate to the regulations outlined in Chapter 694, Signs, General, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code.

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If further information is required, please contact the undersigned. ANTON KIKAS

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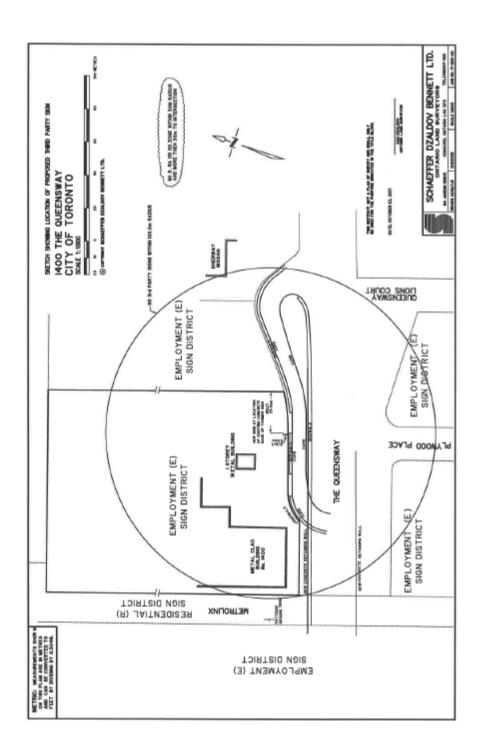
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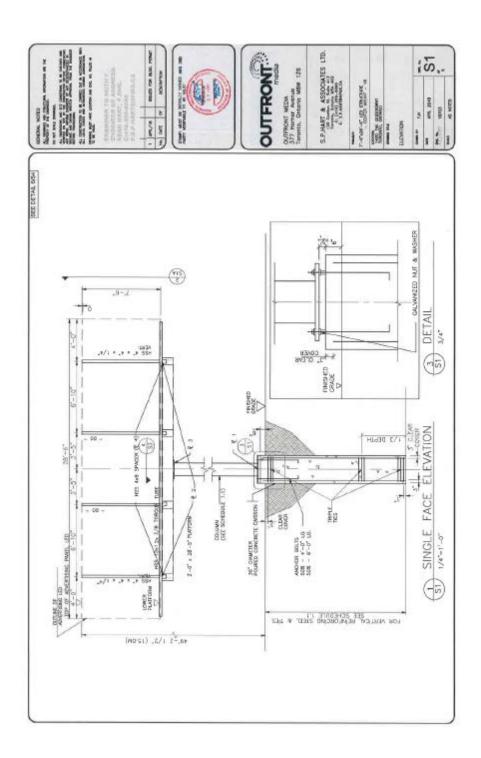
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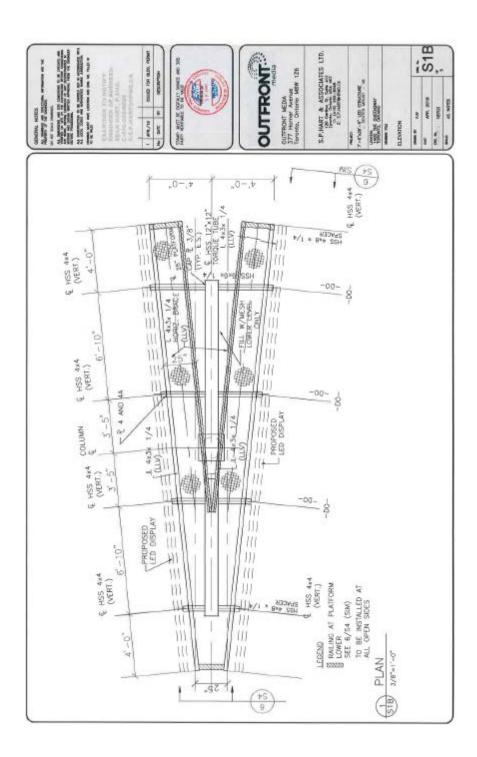
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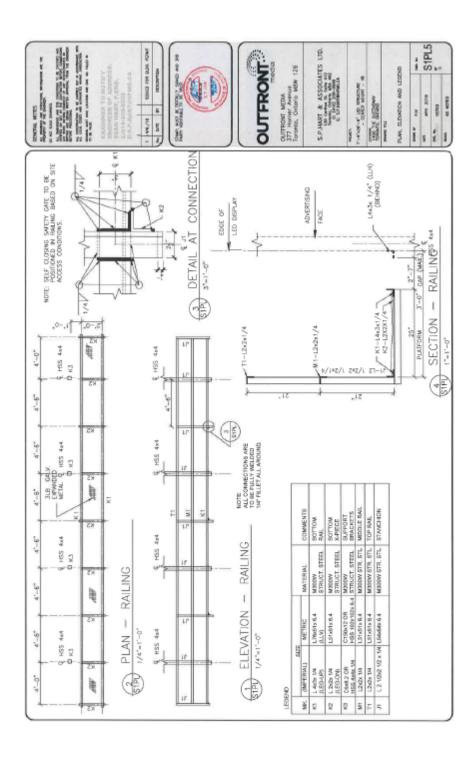
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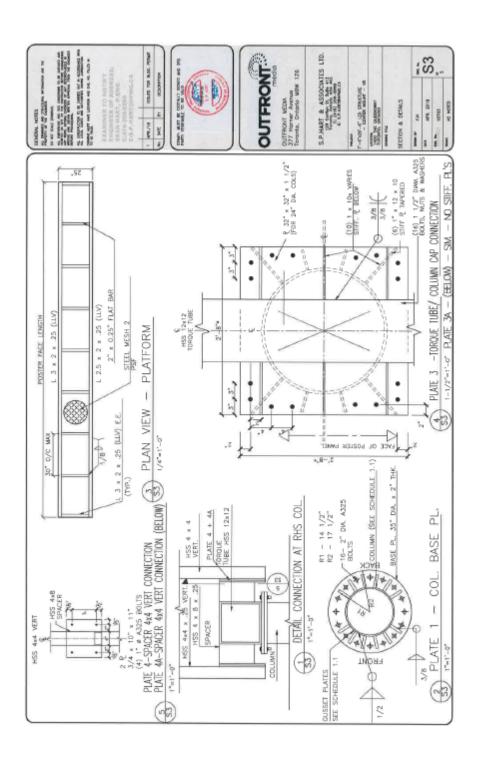
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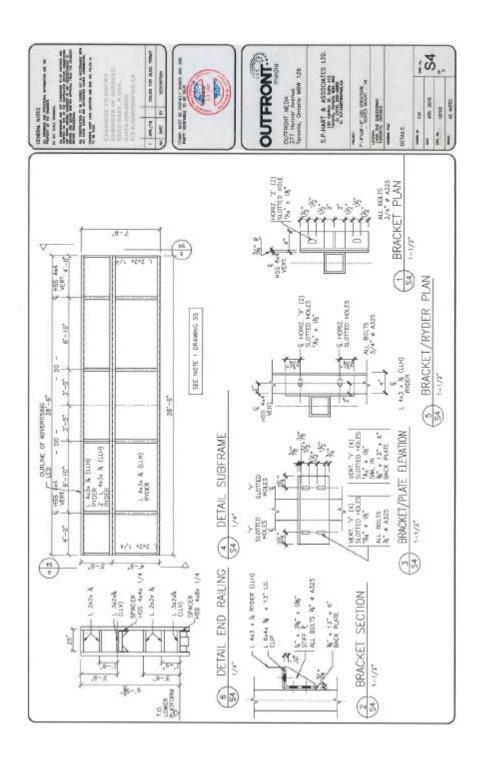


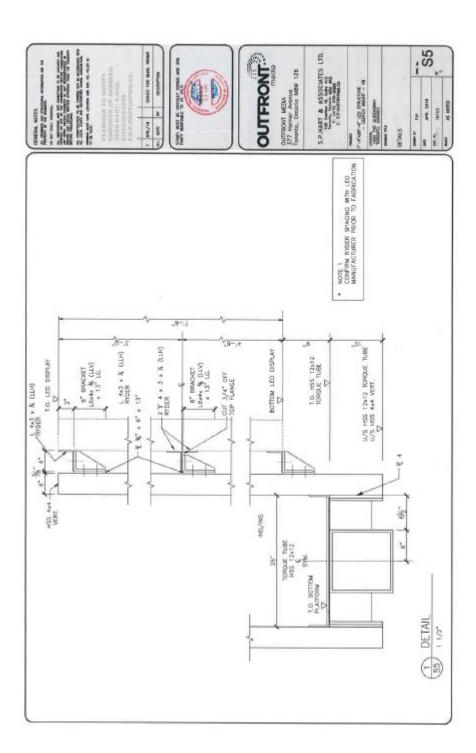












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June 28th, 2018

#### Mr. Robert Bader

City Of Toronto Sign Bylaw Unit 100 Queen Street West, Floor 1E Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: Sign By-Law Amendment, 1400 The Queensway, Toronto, ON

Mr. Bader,

OUTFRONT Media L.P. wishes to make application for a Sign Variance to the City's Sign Bylaw for the installation of an electronic LED third party sign at 1400 The Queensway located in Ward 5 (Etobicoke-Lakeshore).

The proposed sign is a third party electronic ground sign, containing a double sided sign, having rectangular shaped sign faces each measuring 2.28 meters vertically and 8.68 meters horizontally. The sign faces will face east and west (in a slight v-shape) and will be orientated perpendicular to The Queensway to be viewed by vehicular traffic travelling both eastbound and westbound. The proposed sign will have an overall height of 15.0 meters. It is to be located along the southerly frontage of the premises.

#### Rationale For Granting A Permit

The proposed sign belongs to a sign class permitted in the sign district where the premises is located:

1400 The Queensway is designated as an E-Employment Sign District, which is a zoning designation that permits third party signs under the City Sign Bylaw.

The proposed sign is compatible with the development of the premises and surrounding area:

Many of the buildings in the general vicinity are consistent to that of the subject site, measuring 1-2 stories and are light industrial commercial buildings, with a mix of big box stores like Ikea and Golf Town. The subject premises is not within close proximity to any residential dwellings.

With respect to signage on other premises in the surrounding area, there are a variety of ground and roof signs that are located along the Queensway. Most of the existing signage along The Queensway are setback approximately 300 meters or more from the Gardiner. Our proposed sign, like other signs along The Queensway, does not meet the 400 meter setback from the Gardiner required under the City Sign

Bylaw. However, these existing signs, along with our proposed sign, are not intended to be viewed from the Gardiner, but rather from The Queensway roadway. The 300 plus meter setback coupled with the taller building structures and mature vegetation located between the subject premises and the Gardiner would prohibit vehicular traffic travelling both eastbound or westbound along the Gardiner Expressway from seeing the proposed sign. As such, we feel this specific variance is truly minor in nature and the intent behind City Sign Bylaw on this matter is satisfied.

#### The proposed sign will not adversely affect adjacent properties:

Neighboring properties to the south, east, and north are also designated E-Employment Sign Districts, similar to the subject premises of this application. Although the neighboring property to the east is classified as a R-Residential District, it is currently used as a railway corridor with no residential dwellings located on site. We believe the R-Residential zoning for the railway may perhaps be incorrect and should be designated as U-Utility District. There would be no negative impact on any of the surrounding premises.

#### The proposed sign will not adversely affect public safety:

Per the designated location of the digital LED sign identified on the enclosed site map, the sign shall not interfere or obstruct the visibility of vehicular traffic along the Queensway. The location is not near a controlled intersection and the proposed sign does not obstruct a sight triangle for vehicular traffic.

### The proposed sign is of a sign class type that is permitted in the sign district where the premises is located:

The property at 1400 The Queensway is zoned E-Employment District, which permits the installation of third party ground signs with electronic copy. Moreover, the total sign face area of our sign does not exceed the 20 square meter surface area allowance dictated under the Toronto Sign By-Law. The proposed sign size is not out of character for the area as there are several other third party electronic ground signs on neighboring streets (i.e. Fordhouse Boulevard, Algie Avenue, The East Mall) all operating with sign face areas measuring a much greater size to what we are proposing in our application. In fact, there is a newer 10'x20 third party digital LED sign that was recently granted a permit down the street at 1544 The Queensway. Thus, the proposed sign is compatible with the development of the premises and the surrounding area and shall not alter the character of the premises or surrounding area. Please refer to the diagram below.



Pictures Of Electronic Signs in The Local Area That Have Larger Sized Sign Faces Relative To Proposed Sign:



It is not uncommon for permits to be granted for electronic signs, which have the same or greater sign face area as the proposed sign. The required variances have been granted throughout the municipality of Toronto so long as the proposed signs were located a respectable distance from residential dwellings and are compatible with the development of the surrounding area. Please refer to the diagram below, which depicts numerous examples of such sites throughout the City of Toronto.



Pictures Of Numerous Third Party Electronic Signs Throughout The City of Toronto That Have Faces Sizes That Equal Or Exceed The Size Of The Sign Face To Be Installed At The Proposed Site;



It is also important to note that the proposed sign will be higher than that permitted by the City Sign Bylaw, measuring an overall height of 15.0 meters. The required height is due to the fact that the portion of The Queensway adjacent to the sign location is an elevated overpass. The grade of the road overpass measures 7.01 meters in height, compared to the ground level of the premises situated at 1400 The Queensway where the foundation of the sign will be installed. The requested height would be required so that the sign can be physically visible to the vehicular traffic passing by on the The Queensway – the target traffic. The sign itself will be elevated only 7.99 meters above grade of The Queensway road overpass, which is in fact a lower elevation, relative to the grade of the road, than majority of the neighboring third party signs within the area. Thus, we also feel that this variance is minor in nature. Please reference the diagram below.



#### Height of proposed sign relative to adjacent The Queensway overpass:



Similar variances to height have been granted for other digital LED signs that have been installed along elevated roadway overpasses, where without such variances for height, the signs would not be visible to the vehicular traffic travelling along the adjacent roadway. These examples are depicted in the pictures below.



Picture Of Digital LED Sign At York Mills Rd 375M E/O Leslie St SS — Elevated To Be Seen From Adjacent Overpass:



Picture of Digital LED Sign at The Gardiner & Parklawn Rd NS — Elevated To Be Seen From Adjacent Overpass:





Picture Of Digital LED Sign At The Gardiner & Wickman Rd SS – Elevated To Be Seen From Adjacent Overpass:



Thank you for taking the time to review our application for a Sign By-Law Amendement to the City's Sign Bylaw for the installation of an electronic LED third party sign at 1400 The Queensway. We would like to reiterate that the proposed sign is appropriate for the area and is consistent with other signage development within the local proximity. The few requested variances/required amendments to the City Sign Bylaw are minor in nature and would have no adverse effect on the public.

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Colour rendering of 1400 The Queensway sign proposal, in a public realm context: The proposed sign shall have no negative impact.

OUTFRONT:

September 24th, 2018

Mr. Robert Bader City Of Toronto Sign Bylaw Unit 100 Queen Street West, Floor 1E Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: Sign Variance Application, 1400 The Queensway, Toronto, ON

Mr. Bader.

As you know, OUTFRONT Media L.P. has submitted an application for a Sign Variance to the City's Sign Bylaw for the installation of an electronic digital LED sign at 1400 The Queensway located in Ward 5 (Etobicoke-Lakeshore).

We would like to amend our application to include that we would be also be offering to take down our third party back-to-back 10'x20' static sign at The Queensway E/O Wickman Rd SS (our panel #1148 & #1149). The sign is located less than 150M from our proposed digital sign at 1400 The Queensway and would help to reduce third party sign density within the area. The erection of the new digital sign would be conditional upon the removal of the said sign structure. The sign permit(s) for this location are enclosed for your easy reference.



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