# City of Nanaimo REPORT TO COUNCIL

## DATE OF MEETING: 2015-NOV-02

#### AUTHORED BY: DAVID STEWART, PLANNER, PLANNING & DESIGN SECTION

RE: DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT NO. DVP272 - 3985 APSLEY AVENUE

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council issue Development Variance Permit No. DVP272 at 3985 APSLEY AVENUE in order:

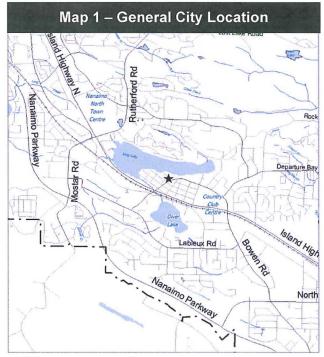
- to vary the required flanking side yard setback for an addition to a principal building from 4m to 2m and;
- to vary the required flanking side yard setback for the location of a heat pump from 4m to 2.6m.

#### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council authorization to vary the required flanking side yard setback for an addition to a single residential dwelling and to vary the required flanking side yard setback for the location of a heat pump.

#### BACKGROUND:

A development variance permit (DVP) application was received from DRIFTWOOD CARPENTRY INC. (Richard Ryall and Wesley Tonge), on behalf of VALERIE CAMPBELL, to vary the provisions of the City of Nanaimo "ZONING BYLAW 2011 NO. 4500" to permit the construction of an addition to a single residential dwelling within the flanking side yard setback and the location of a heat pump in the flanking side yard setback.



Committee..... Open Meeting In-Camera Meeting Meeting Date: 2015-Nov-02 The City of Nanaimo "ZONING BYLAW 2011 NO. 4500" requires a minimum flanking side yard setback of 4m for a principal building and for a heat pump. The applicant is requesting the following variances:

- to decrease the flanking side yard setback for an addition to a principal building from 4m to 2m, a proposed variance of 2m; and,
- to decrease the flanking side yard setback for a heat pump from 4m to 2.6m, a proposed variance of 1.4m.

Statutory Notification has taken place prior to Council's consideration of the variance.

Subject Property	Sub	iect	Pro	perty
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Zoning	Single Dwelling Residential – R1		
OCP Designation	Map 1 – Future Land Use – Neighbourhood; Map 3 – Development Permit Area No. 9 – Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Multi-family and Mixed Commercial/Residential development.		
Location	The subject property is located on Apsley Avenue between an undeveloped road right of way to the east and 103 <sup>rd</sup> Street to the west.		
Total Area	469.7m <sup>2</sup>		

The subject property is a 469.7m<sup>2</sup> triangular corner lot with an existing single residential dwelling. While there is no plan to complete the road right-of-way running along the east side of the property from Apsley Avenue south to Wellesley Avenue, the property is still considered a corner lot and, therefore has a flanking side yard.

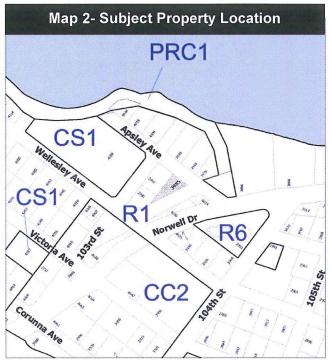
#### DISCUSSION:

## Site Context

Land uses in the immediate neighbourhood primarily include single residential dwellings. The property is buffered from Norwell Drive by an undeveloped road right-of-way running along the southeast side of the property, and two small undeveloped City-owned properties along Norwell Drive. Both the City-owned properties and the road right-of-way are covered with natural vegetation.

## Proposed Development

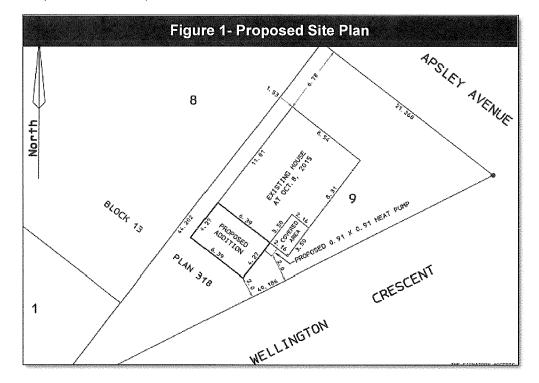
The applicant is seeking a flanking side yard variance for an addition at the rear of the principal dwelling. Because of the triangular shape of the property, the lot narrows to a point in the rear yard leaving little building envelope available for an addition. However,



if not for the presence of the undeveloped road right-of-way necessitating a 4m flanking side yard setback, the property would only require a 1.5m side yard setback; and a variance for the addition would not be necessary.

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The applicant is also seeking a variance to the flanking side yard setback in order to locate a heat pump in the flanking side yard. The proposed location of the heat pump is to the rear of the principal dwelling on the east side of the property. As the east side of the property borders on undeveloped road right-of-way and City property, it will lessen any potential noise disturbance to neighbouring properties. Both the undeveloped road right-of-way and City-owned properties are vegetated, providing a visual and sound screen for the heat pump from Norwell Drive (Figure 1 – Proposed Site Plan).



Staff is of the opinion that the addition and location of the heat pump will not have a negative impact on adjacent property owners.

## **Required Variances**

Section 7.5.1 – Siting of Buildings – requires a minimum flanking side yard setback of 4m. The proposed setback is 2m, a proposed variance of 2m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Concurrence by:

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DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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## **CITY MANAGER COMMENT:**

I concur with the staff recommendation.

Drafted: 2015-OCT-14 Prospero attachment: DVP00272 TR/ln (ds)

