

## **Staff Report for Decision**

File Number: DVP00339

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SUBJECT DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. DVP339 –

383 HILLCREST AVENUE

#### **OVERVIEW**

#### **Purpose of Report**

To present for Council's consideration, a development variance permit application to allow an accessory building with a secondary suite to be located within the side yard setback at 383 Hillcrest Avenue.

#### Recommendation

That Council issue Development Variance Permit No. DVP339 at 383 Hillcrest Avenue with the following variance:

 reduce the north side yard setback for an accessory building with a secondary suite from 1.5m to 1.44m.

#### **BACKGROUND**

A development variance permit application, DVP339, was received from Mr. Norm Maybin on behalf of Ms. Candice Gutierrez to vary the provisions of City of Nanaimo "Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500" to allow an accessory building with a secondary suite (carriage house) within the north side yard setback at 383 Hillcrest Avenue.

In May 2017, the applicant obtained a building permit (BP123104) to construct a carriage house on the subject property. While the site survey completed prior to the pouring of the foundation noted no setback variance requirement, the location survey provided at final inspection indicated a side yard setback variance was needed. Building occupancy cannot be granted until the projection into the side yard setback is resolved.

#### **Subject Property**

Zoning	R1 – Single Dwelling Residential
Location	The subject property is located on the west side of Hillcrest
	Avenue, three lots north of the Hillcrest/Fourth Street intersection.
Total Lot Area	668m <sup>2</sup>
Official Community Plan	Map 1 – Future Land Use - Corridor

The subject property is located within an existing single residential dwelling neighbourhood, one block east of Nanaimo District Secondary School. The carriage house is accessed by the lane.

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



#### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Proposed Development**

The proposed development is a one-storey, 72m<sup>2</sup> carriage house currently under construction. The carriage house is sited in the northwest corner of the property adjacent to the lane Based on the final location survey, the carriage house projects 0.06m into the north side yard setback.

For more information, see the Attachments.

#### **Proposed Variances**

Minimum Side Yard Setback

The minimum side yard setback is 1.5m. The proposed side yard setback is 1.44m, a proposed variance of 0.06m.

The location of the carriage house is adjacent the rear yard of the property to the north at 379 Hillcrest Avenue. The reduction to the side yard setback is not anticipated to negatively impact views or the use or privacy of the adjacent property. Staff support the proposed variance. A letter of support was also received from the property owner at 379 Hillcrest Avenue.

#### **SUMMARY POINTS**

- Development Variance Permit No. DVP339 proposes a variance to reduce the minimum side yard setback to legalize the siting of a carriage house, which is currently under construction.
- If the development variance permit is approved, building occupancy can be granted for the carriage house.
- The reduction to the side yard setback is not anticipated to negatively impact views or the privacy of the adjacent property.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

ATTACHMENT A: Permit Terms and Conditions

ATTACHMENT B: Location Plan ATTACHMENT C: Site Survey ATTACHMENT D: Aerial Photo

#### Submitted by: Concurrence by:

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# ATTACHMENT A PERMIT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

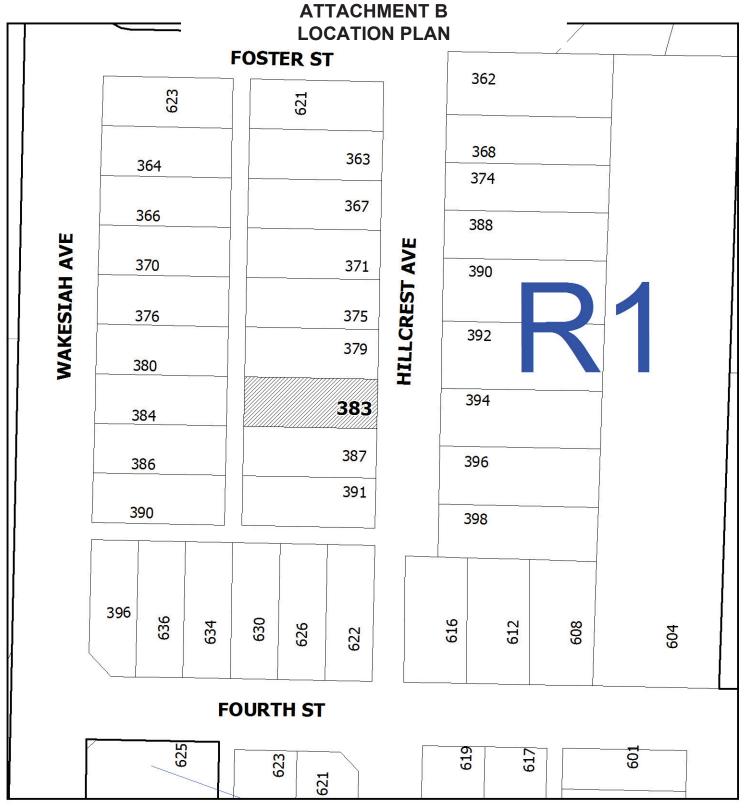
#### **TERMS OF PERMIT**

The City of Nanaimo "ZONING BYLAW 2011 NO. 4500" is varied as follows:

1. Section 7.5.1 Siting of Buildings – to reduce the minimum side yard setback (north) for an accessory building with a secondary suite from 1.5m to 1.44m.

#### **CONDITIONS OF PERMIT**

1. The subject property shall be developed in accordance with the Site Survey prepared by McElhanney Associates Land Surveying Ltd. dated 2018-FEB-08, as shown on Attachment C.



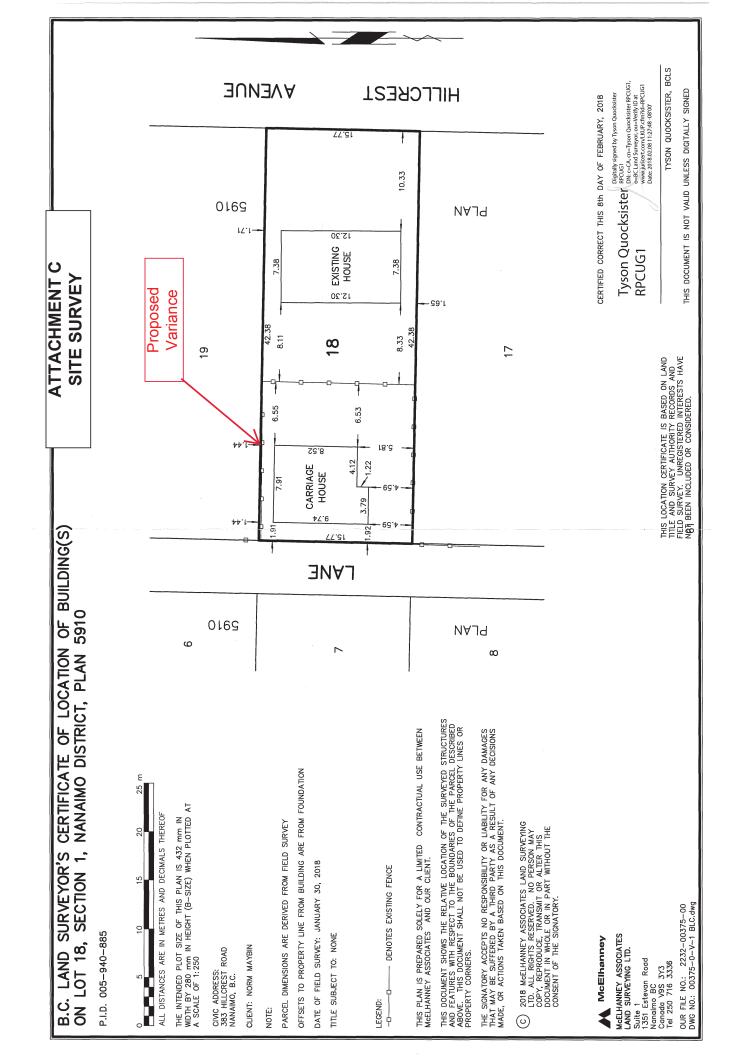


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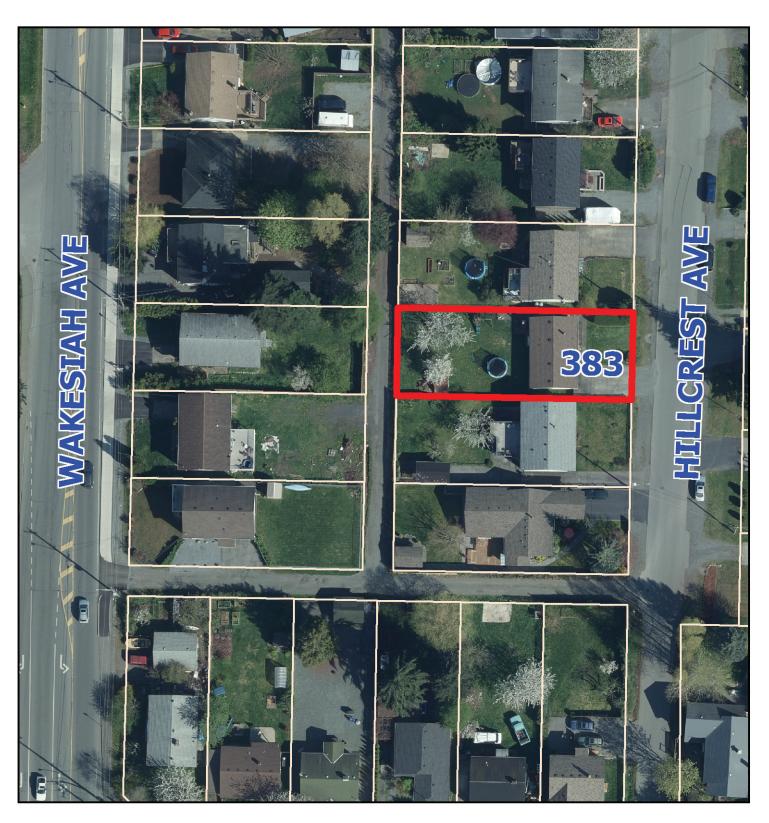
## **LOCATION PLAN**



Civic: 383 Hillcrest Avenue Lot 18, Section 1, Nanaimo District, Plan 5910



### ATTACHMENT D AERIAL PHOTO





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