DRAFT RESOLUTION

Re: Development Variance Permit Application No. DVP09-0064 - Wal-Mart Canada Corp.

(Dorothy Pearce) - 1555 Banks Road

THAT Council defers consideration of Development Variance Permit Application No. DVP09-0064 to the August 11, 2009 Regular Meeting.

BACKGROUND:

Staff have advised that the development signs that were posted on the subject property have been removed and therefore the Applicant did not meet the requirements of Development Application Procedure Bylaw No. 8140 with respect to signage. The Applicant is aware that Council's consideration of their application will have to be deferred.

Date: July 22, 2009

File: 0550-01

CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date:

July 3, 2009

To:

City Manager

From:

Community Sustainability Division

APPLICATION NO. DVP09-0064

OWNER:

Wal-Mart Canada Corp.

Inc. No. A54118

AT:

1555 Banks Road

APPLICANT: Dorothy Pearce.

Permit World

PURPOSE:

TO OBTAIN A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT TO

INCREASE THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF FASCIA SIGNS

FROM 2 PERMITTED TO 4 PROPOSED.

EXISTING ZONE:

C3 - Community Commercial

REPORT PREPARED BY: Birte Decloux

1.0 RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorize the issuance of Development Variance Permit No. DVP09-0064 for Lot A, District Lot 125, Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan KAP75635, located at Banks Road, Kelowna, B.C.

AND THAT variances to the following sections of Sign Bylaw No. 8235 be granted:

Section 6.1 Number of Signs

A variance to allow 4 awning, fascia, canopy, under canopy/awning signs when 2 signs are permitted per business.

2.0 SUMMARY

The applicant is seeking to vary the Sign Bylaw 8235 to permit two additional signs on the south side of the recently expanded Wal-Mart Building.

3.0 ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

The above noted application was reviewed by the Advisory Planning Commission at the meeting of June 23, 2009 and the following recommendation was passed:

THAT the Advisory Planning Commission support Development Variance Permit Application No. DVP09-0064, for 1555 Banks Rd; Lot A, District Lot 125, Plan 75635, Sec 21, Twp 26, ODYD; to increase the number of signs permitted from 2 to 4 proposed.

4.0 BACKGROUND

In 2003 when a new Wal-Mart store was built on the subject property, the original Development Permit allowed 2 fascia signs. A variance was requested to increase the number of signs to eight, which was denied by Council. Currently, there are 3 pylon signs on the corners of the site that advertise Wal-Mart as a destination shopping centre.

4.1 <u>The Proposal</u>

The store frontage was recently expanded to the east to accommodate a food superstore and the corporate branding was changed facilitating the need for new signage. The proposed signage is typical for a freestanding Wal-Mart building. Although, the building frontage exceeds 182m (599 ft) it is only occupied by two business entities. The City of Kelowna Sign Bylaw limits businesses in the C3-Community Commercial Zone to a maximum of 2 signs per business frontage.

For the Wal-Mart store, a total of four signs are being proposed including a sign over each of the three entrances (Garden Centre, Home & Pharmacy, and Food & Fashion) directing customers to the different areas of the store, and a central sign indicating the store name. There is a fifth sign on the front of the building for a separate business (McDonald's).

The proposal as compared to the C3 zone Sign Bylaw requirements are as follows:

Bylaw No. 8235		
CRITERIA	PROPOSAL	C3 Zone Sign requirements
Number of fascia signs	4 signs	2 per business frontage
Free-standing signs*	3 signs	Maximum of 4 signs

^{*}The free-standing signs are for the major businesses at the site and were approved with the original Development Permit.

4.2 Site Context

The subject property is located on the Northeast side of Banks Road, in the Central City area of Kelowna. More specifically, the adjacent land uses are as follows:

Northwest - I2 - General Industrial/Enterprise Way, Auto Dealerships

Northeast - C10 - Service Commercial

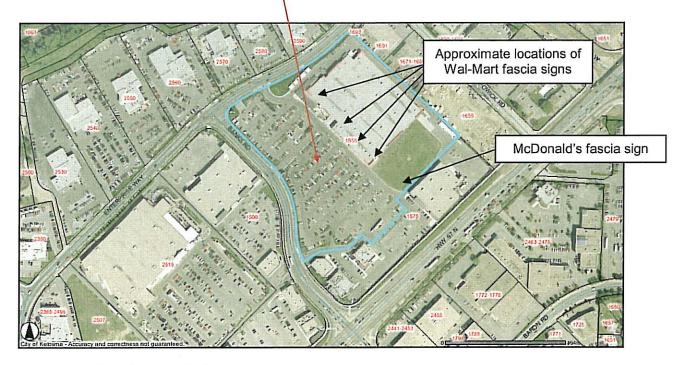
C4 - Town Centre Commercial/Highway

Southwest - C3R - Community Commercial

Southeast - C3 - Community Commercial

C4 - Town Centre Commercial/Highway

4.3 Subject Property: 1555 Banks Road,



4.4 Current Development Policy

4.4.2 Kelowna 2020 – Official Community Plan

Objectives for Commercial Development:

- All development should be an appropriate response to its physical context, or anticipated future context where an area is designated for increased density or land use transition in the OCP.
- All development should provide visual interest and human scale.
- All development should contribute to a sense of community identity and sense of place.
- Buildings, structures and additions should designed and sited in a manner compatible with adjacent buildings and open areas.

5.0 LAND USE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

The signage proposed is typical for a freestanding Wal-Mart store and is consistent with their corporate sign package used on all stores in various locations. While, the building frontage exceeds 182m (599 ft) it is only occupied by two business entities. The City of Kelowna Sign Bylaw limits businesses in the C3-Community Commercial Zone to a maximum of 2 signs per business frontage.

A total of four signs are proposed on the southwest elevation including a sign over each of the three entrances (Garden Centre, Home & Pharmacy, and Food & Fashion) directing customers to the different areas of the store, and a central sign indicating the store name. The department signs over the entrances provide information to the public for wayfinding into such a large retail space. A proposed fifth sign on the front of the store is for a separate business (McDonald's).

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The north side of the building has a large sign for the Tire & Lube department, as well as a small directional sign over each of the 4 individual bays. These signs are permitted as they are located on a different building frontage.

Shelley Sambacort

Director, Land Use Management

Approved for Inclusion

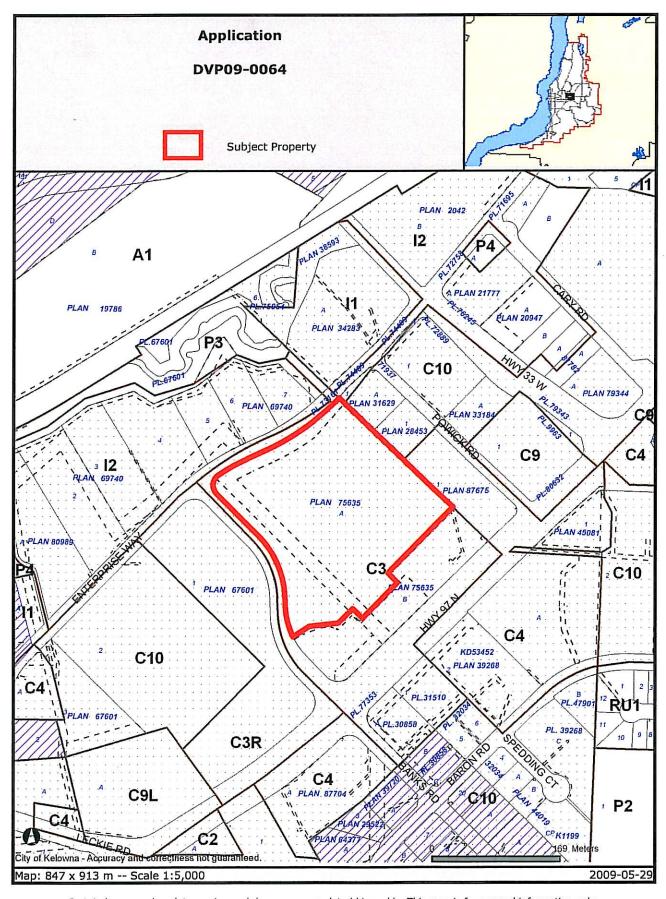
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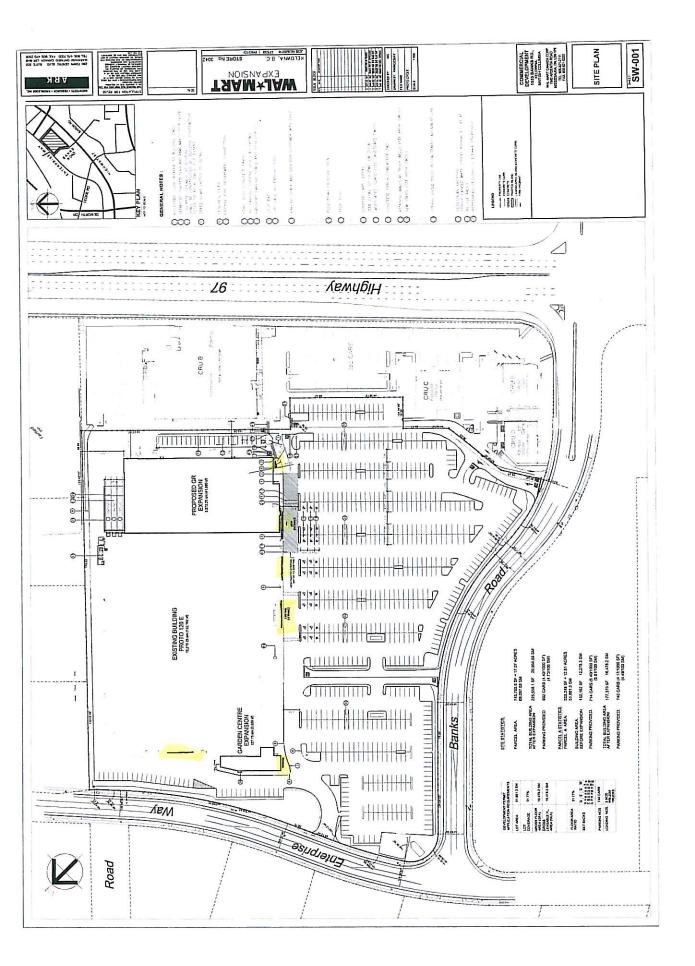
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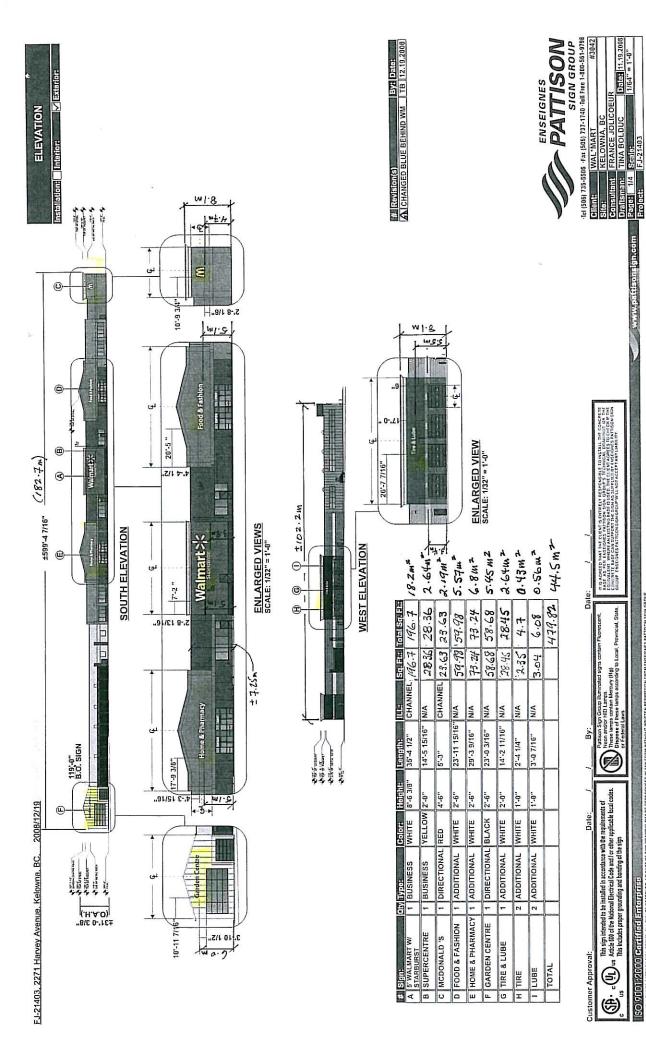
Location of Subject property Site plan Elevation of building



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