



May 8th, 2023

Memo to: Sarah Mowder, Planner II – Subdivisions
From: Taylor Posey, Planner I – Parks
File Number(s): ZBLA-23-0006
Location: 94 and 96 Church Street
Owner: Marina Scholyar

Materials reviewed:

- Tree Inventory and Preservation Plan Report, prepared by Kuntz Forestry Consulting Inc., dated February 2, 2023
- Tree Inventory and Preservation Plan, prepared by Kuntz Forestry Consulting Inc., dated February 2, 2023
- Site Servicing Plan, prepared by Sprouts Engineering, dated December 23, 2022
- Site Grading Plan, prepared by Sprouts Engineering, dated December 23, 2022
- Site Plan, prepared by Keith Loffler McAplaine Architects, dated March 15, 2023

Comments:

Parkland Dedication

1. The parkland area generated for this development does not create a viable park that can be programmed or contributed to the overall park system. Park staff will recommend to Council to accept cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication for this property in line with parkland dedication policies at the time of building permit issuance for this development application.

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2. The proposal does not provide for any opportunity for meaningful landscaping or tree plantings. The zoning by-law amendment should seek to increase the available space within the site for tree planting and other landscaping. The zoning by-law amendment should include a requirement for a minimum of 2 square metres of private outdoor amenity space per unit, similar to other recent zoning by-laws prepared for apartment developments within the City. Providing private outdoor amenity space, a green roof, or other landscaping on the rooftop or podium of an apartment building functions as a means of mitigating urban heat island effect.
3. The zoning by-law amendment should seek to increase the available space within the site for tree planting and other landscaping. Provide a 3 metre setback to the municipal road allowance and provide soft landscaping in this setback which offsets the urban heat island and improves the pedestrian realm. The proposed setbacks should take into account the future road widening.
4. Please provide increased setback along property boundaries including a setback at rear and sides to provide room for landscaping and screening between the adjacent properties. There is opportunity to provide landscaping and additional trees through an increased setback.
5. Remove all proposed works and landscaping (trees, interlocking, stairs, etc.) from City lands which will be conveyed for the road widening.
6. The applicant is proposing injury and removal of trees located on several adjacent properties (tree E, F, 80, 81, 291). Written consent from all adjacent property owners will be required for tree removal. A copy of this consent must be provided to PNHP staff.

7. The applicant is proposing removal of a City owned tree (tree 280). As such they are required to obtain approval from Urban Forestry for this removal. A request should be entered through Access Richmond Hill. Proof of approval and payment of fees should be provided to PNHP staff.

Advisory comments to be addressed through the review of a future Site Plan Application

8. Ensure landscaping and tree planting is coordinated with the Site Servicing Plan and Grading Plan with regards to grading, swales, manholes, and servicing and utilities connection locations.
9. Provide a detailed Landscape Plan that clearly identifies the location of plantings and include a species list. The proposed plantings should include a mix of native, non-invasive species, and should provide for a net ecological gain. The Landscape Plan should be clear to understand and should be prepared as per the requirements noted on page 25 of the City's Site Plan and Site Plan Amendment Application Guide (available on the City's website). Tree replacements should be shown on the plan.
10. The proposed development will result in a loss of 18 native and non-native trees. Any trees that cannot be replaced on site are subject to a replacement fee based on the Tariff of Fees By-law at the time of approval of the associated site plan.
11. Provide pictures of the trees in the Arborist Report.
12. Ensure tree protection fencing is shown consistently on all plans.

I trust this is of assistance. Should you require any further information regarding our comments, please contact the undersigned at taylor.posey@richmondhill.ca.

Sincerely,

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