



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: January 8, 2020
Submitted by: Planning and Development Department – Development Planning Division
Subject: Rezoning Application – 148 Elgin Street

Purpose

To present for Council consideration a rezoning application to facilitate subdivision of the property at 148 Elgin Street into two lots.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT City of Port Moody Zoning Bylaw, 2018, No. 2937, Amendment Bylaw No. 29, 2020 No. 3231 (148 Elgin Street) (RS1-S) be read a first time as recommended in the report dated January 8, 2020 from Planning and Development Department – Development Planning Division regarding Rezoning Application – 148 Elgin Street.

THAT Bylaw No. 3231 be read a second time;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 3231 be referred to a Public Hearing.

Background

The City has received a rezoning application for 148 Elgin Street to rezone the existing single-family lot in order to subdivide it into two lots. Before the subdivision application can be considered by the Approving Officer, the current lot must be rezoned from the Single Detached Residential (RS1) Zone to the Single Detached Residential Small Lot (RS1-S) Zone, as set out in draft Bylaw No. 3231 (**Attachment 1**). The applicant is proposing to retain the existing house on the lot and is requesting a variance in order to do so as the house will not comply with the setbacks in the Zoning Bylaw. Accordingly, the applicant has applied for a Development Variance Permit, which will be presented to Council should this Bylaw be supported.

Discussion

Subject Site Description

The subject property is approximately 808m² (8,967ft²) in size and is located at the northeast corner of Elgin Street and St. George Street. The property is currently developed with a single-family dwelling, which is proposed to be retained as part of the subdivision. The subject property is located within a single-family residential neighbourhood composed mostly of single-family dwellings on similar lot sizes to the existing lot. A location map is provided as **Attachment 2**.

Official Community Plan (OCP)

The OCP designates the subject lot as Single Family Low Density (**Attachment 3**), which supports the proposed rezoning. Small lot subdivisions are supported in the OCP's Housing chapter; specifically, section 8.6 Demands for New Forms of Housing sets out the policies for new housing forms, such as "small lot houses" and "smaller houses on smaller lots" and recognizes that a "range of housing choices will continue to be provided for Port Moody's residents in both newly developing areas of the community and redeveloping neighbourhoods."

The property is also included in Development Permit Area 5 (DPA 5): Hazardous Conditions due to flood and moderate to high risk of earthquake soil liquefaction. A Minor Development Permit approved by staff would be required to address the potentially hazardous conditions should the rezoning be approved.

Design of form and character is not reviewed for principal dwellings which are beyond the boundary of the Moody Centre Heritage Character Area such as this property.

Due to the configuration of the proposed subdivision, it is unlikely that there will be any opportunities for Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (DADUs). At this time, the applicant has not proposed any DADUs.

Zoning

The subject lot is zoned RS1, as are surrounding properties to the east, west, and south. The properties to the north at the southeast corner of St. Johns Street and Elgin Street are zoned RM3 and permit three-storey multi-family development. It is noted that surrounding properties on the subject block and on the majority of surrounding blocks are identified as having RS1-S zoning and subdivision potential, with several RS1-S subdivisions having been approved in the surrounding area. A zoning map is included as **Attachment 4**.

Implementation and Proposed Subdivision

To facilitate the proposed subdivision, draft Bylaw No. 3231 (**Attachment 1**) would rezone the subject property from RS1 to RS1-S. If the rezoning bylaw is adopted, the Approving Officer will then consider the subdivision plan.

The proposal involves the subdivision of the existing property into two lots in a front-to-back configuration (**Attachment 5**). A front-to-back subdivision is feasible in this situation as the property is located on a corner lot and services are available along all three flanking roads (Elgin Street, St. George Street, and St. Andrews Street). Due to the front-to-back subdivision, the lots are configured in a relatively square arrangement. As shown on the following table, the proposed lots satisfies the minimum lot width and area requirements for subdivision under the RS1-S Zone.

Regulation	RS1-S	Proposed Lot 1	Proposed Lot 2
Width	9m (30ft)	20.11m (65.98ft)	20.11m (65.98t)
Area	325m ² (3,498ft ²)	404.7m ² (4,356ft ²)	404.7m ² (4,356ft ²)

Following the rezoning, development variance and subdivision approval, applications for a Development Permit (DPA 5) and Building Permits will be initiated for the construction of the new dwellings.

Development Variance Permit

To facilitate the retention of the existing dwelling on proposed Lot 1 and new development on proposed Lot 2, the applicant is requesting three variances to the setbacks of proposed Lot 1 and one variance to the setbacks of proposed Lot 2. A letter of rationale including building envelopes per the Zoning Bylaw and per the requested variances are shown in **Attachment 6**. The variances are summarized in the table below:

Setback (Principal Dwelling)	RS1-S Zone Minimum	Proposed Lot 1	Proposed Lot 2
Front Lot Line (Elgin St.)	6.0m (19.69ft)	3.4m (11.2ft)	6.18m (20.28ft)
Rear Lot Line (2306 St. George Street, Dwelling)	7.5m (24.6ft)	6.7m (22.0ft)	1.89m (6.2ft)
Exterior Side Lot Line (Lot 1 – St. Andrews St.; Lot 2 – St. George St.)	1.8m (5.9ft)	1.19m (3.9ft)	7.5m (24.6ft)

To retain the existing house, the applicant is requesting reduced front yard, rear yard, and exterior side yard setbacks. The proposed 3.4m still provides a functional front yard and is consistent with existing dwellings in the neighbourhood. The requested reduction of 0.8m (2.6ft) to the rear yard setback is minor and still provides sufficient depth (6.7m or 22.0ft) for functional yard space. In addition, the retained dwelling has an increased interior side yard setback of 9.0m, which provides significant functional yard space. Lastly, the reduction in the exterior side lot line of 0.61m (2ft) is minor and is measured from municipal right-of-way, with the actual distance from the house to the edge of pavement exceeding 3.0 metres, thereby eliminating any safety concerns.

For the proposed Lot 2, the applicant is proposing a reduced rear yard setback of 1.89m (6.2ft). Due to the lot configuration as well as the property being a corner lot, it is not possible to meet all setback requirements while providing a functional single-family dwelling. In order to compensate for the reduced rear yard setback, the applicant is providing a 7.5m (24.6ft) exterior side yard, which would provide the functional yard space typically contained in the rear yard. Should the rezoning application and subsequent variance be approved, this setback would be protected to ensure no buildings or structures are constructed within the setback.

The proposed lot configuration is consistent with the two adjacent single-family lots on the west side of Elgin Street.

Should the rezoning bylaw be granted first and second readings, a notice of the variances will be sent to surrounding property owners in conformance with the *Local Government Act* and the development variance permit will be presented to Council prior to adoption of the bylaw.

Community Amenity Contribution Program

In accordance with the City's Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) Program, the applicant has volunteered to provide a CAC of \$6,000. Payment of the CAC would be made to the City prior to Council consideration of final adoption of the Zoning Amendment Bylaw, No. 3231.

Other Option(s)

1. THAT the rezoning application, as presented in the report dated January 7, 2020 from the Planning and Development Department – Development Planning Division regarding Rezoning Application – 148 Elgin Street be revised.
2. THAT the rezoning application, as presented in the report dated January 7, 2020 from the Planning and Development Department – Development Planning Division regarding Rezoning Application – 148 Elgin Street be denied.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

The Development Approval Procedures Bylaw, No. 2918 exempts RS1-S (Small Lot) rezoning applications from the requirement to seek the Community Planning Advisory Committee's review and recommendation. Should the rezoning application be given first and second readings, the public will have an opportunity to comment at the Public Hearing, which will occur following a mail-out notification of the proposed bylaw and variance request to adjacent residents, an ad placed in the local newspaper, and the installation of a notification sign on the subject property.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

The proposal is consistent with the goals of Council's 2019-2022 Strategic Plan related to a Healthy City by planning for a variety of housing types to meet community needs.

Attachment(s)

1. Draft City of Port Moody Zoning Bylaw, 2018, No. 2937, Amendment Bylaw No. 29, 2020, No. 3231 (148 Elgin Street) (RS1-S).
2. Location Map.
3. OCP Map.
4. Zoning Map.
5. Proposed Subdivision Plan.
6. Applicant's Letter of Rationale and Building Envelopes.
7. Requested Variances.

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Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Attachment 1 - Draft Zoning Bylaw, 2018, No. 2937, Amendment Bylaw No. 29, 2020, No. 3231 (148 Elgin Street) (RS1-S).pdf- Attachment 2 - Location Map.pdf- Attachment 3 - OCP Map.pdf- Attachment 4 - Zoning Map.pdf- Attachment 5 - Proposed Subdivision Plan.PDF- Attachment 6 - Applicant's Letter of Rationale and Building Envelopes.pdf- Attachment 7 - Requested Variances.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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