

## Committee of the Whole (Public Meeting) Report

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**DATE:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021

**WARD:** 5

**TITLE:** 300 ATKINSON INC.

**ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.19.028**

**300 ATKINSON AVENUE**

**VICINITY OF ATKINSON AVENUE AND CENTRE STREET**

**FROM:**

Haiqing Xu, Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management

**ACTION:** DECISION

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### **Purpose**

To receive comments from the public and the Committee of the Whole for an application to rezone the subject lands to permit one block of townhouses with 4 units and 8 underground parking spaces, as shown on Attachments 2 to 3.

### **Report Highlights**

- The Owner proposes to rezone the subject lands to permit one block of townhouses with 4 units
- A Zoning By-law Amendment is required to permit the Development
- This report identifies preliminary issues to be considered in a comprehensive report to be prepared by the Development Planning Department at a future Committee of the Whole meeting

### **Recommendations**

1. THAT the Public Meeting report for Zoning By-law Amendment Z.19.028 (300 Atkinson Inc.) BE RECEIVED, and that any issues identified be addressed by the Development Planning Department in a comprehensive report to the Committee of the Whole

## **Background**

Location: 300 Atkinson Avenue and located on the west side of Atkinson Avenue and north of Rosedale Heights Drive (the 'Subject Lands'). The Subject Lands and the existing surrounding land uses, as well as the proposed development are shown in Attachments 1 and 4.

Date of Pre-Application Consultation Meeting: January 23, 2019

Date Application was deemed complete: January 15, 2020

### **Original Development Proposal:**

300 Atkinson Inc. (the 'Owner') on November 29, 2019, submitted Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.19.028 to permit the development of a two-storey Place of Worship with a total gross floor area of 999 m<sup>2</sup> and 5 on-site parking spaces. The Committee of the Whole (Public Meeting) on March 3, 2020, considered Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.12.028. The Owner has since revised the original proposal to delete the proposed Place of Worship on the subject lands and is now proposing a 4-unit townhouse block consistent with the adjacent development proposal, as shown on Attachment 4.

### **Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Development Files OP.19.001, Z.19.002 and DA.19.083:**

The Subject Lands and the proposed Development are located adjacent to and would form part of a larger townhouse development, as shown on Attachment 4. Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Development Files OP.19.001, Z.19.002 and DA.19.083 were submitted to seek permission for 46 townhouse units and 68 back-to-back townhouse units on the remaining portion of 300 Atkinson Avenue.

### ***A revised Zoning By-law Amendment Application has been submitted to permit the proposed development***

The Owner, on March 31, 2021, revised the original application (the 'Application') to rezone the Subject Lands from "R3 Residential Zone" to "RM2 Multiple Residential Zone" in the manner shown on Attachment 2, together with the site-specific zoning exceptions identified in Table 1 of this report, to permit one townhouse block containing 4 dwelling units on the Subject Lands (the 'Development'), as shown on Attachments 2 to 3.

### ***Public Notice was provided in accordance with the Planning Act and Council's Notification Protocol***

a) Date the Notice of Public Meeting was circulated: May 7, 2021

The Notice of Public Meeting was also posted on the City's website at [www.vaughan.ca](http://www.vaughan.ca) and a Notice Sign was installed along Atkinson Avenue in accordance with the City Notice Signs Procedures and Protocols.

b) Circulation Area: To all property owners within 150 m radius from the Subject Lands and to anyone on file with the Office of the City Clerk having requested notice.

- c) No comments have been received by the Development Planning Department as of May 11, 2021.

Any written comments received will be forwarded to the Office of the City Clerk to be distributed to the Committee of the Whole as a Communication and be reviewed and addressed by the Development Planning Department in a future comprehensive report to the Committee of the Whole.

**Previous Reports/Authority**

A previous report related to the Application can be found at the following link: [March 3, 2020, Committee of the Whole Public Meeting, \(Item 3, Report 10\)](#)

Reports related to the townhouse development, adjacent to the Subject Lands on the remaining portion of 300 Atkinson Avenue, can be found at the following links: [June 4, 2019, Committee of the Whole Public Meeting, \(Item 3, Report 22\)](#)  
[May 4, 2021, Committee of the Whole Public Meeting](#)

**Analysis and Options**

***The proposed development conforms with Vaughan Official Plan 2010***

Official Plan Designation

- “Community Area” on Schedule 1 - Urban Structure by Vaughan Official Plan 2010 (‘VOP 2010’)
- “Low-Rise Residential” on Schedule 13 - Land Use by VOP 2010
- The “Low-Rise Residential” designation permits detached, semi-detached and townhouse dwelling units

***Amendments to Zoning By-law 1-88 are required to permit the development***

Zoning:

- The Subject Lands are zoned “R3 Residential Zone” by Zoning By-law 1-88
- This Zone does not permit the proposed townhouse units
- The Owner proposes to rezone the Subject Lands to “RM2 Multiple Residential Zone” together with the following site-specific zoning exceptions:

Table 1:

|    | <b>Zoning By-law 1-88 Standards</b> | <b>RM2 Multiple Residential Zone Requirements</b>   | <b>Proposed Exceptions to the RM2 Multiple Residential Zone Requirements</b>  |
|----|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| a. | Definition of a “Amenity Area”      | Means space outside a dwelling unit within or outside the building designed for the passive enjoyment or active recreational needs of the residents | Means space outside a dwelling unit within or outside the building designed for the passive enjoyment of active recreational needs of the residents including patios, hard and soft landscaping areas on-site, balconies, roof terraces |

|    | Zoning By-law 1-88 Standards        | RM2 Multiple Residential Zone Requirements                         | Proposed Exceptions to the RM2 Multiple Residential Zone Requirements |
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|    |                                     |  | and other areas suitable for recreational uses                        |
| b. | Minimum Lot Area Per Unit           | 230 m <sup>2</sup> /unit   | 186 m <sup>2</sup> /unit  |
| c. | Maximum Building Height             | 11 m   | 12.91 m   |
| d. | Minimum Landscape Strip Requirement | 6 m (Atkinson Avenue)  | 4.5 m (Atkinson Avenue)   |
| e. | Minimum Visitor Parking Requirement | 0.25 spaces/unit x 4 units = 1-space                               | No visitor parking space  |
| f. | Minimum Amenity Area                | 4 - 3 Bedroom units @ 90 m <sup>2</sup> /unit = 360 m <sup>2</sup> | 4 – 3 Bedroom units @ 72.5 m <sup>2</sup> /unit = 290 m <sup>2</sup>  |

Additional zoning exceptions may be identified through the detailed review of the Applications and will be considered in a comprehensive report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

***Following a preliminary review of the Application, the Development Planning Department has identified the following matters to be reviewed in greater detail***

|    | MATTERS TO BE REVIEWED  | COMMENT(S)  |
|----|---|---|
| a. | Conformity and Consistency with Provincial Policies, and Regional and City Official Plan Policies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Application will be reviewed for consistency and conformity with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (the 'PPS'), A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019, as amended (the 'Growth Plan'), the policies of the York Region Official Plan, 2010 ('YROP') and VOP 2010</li> <li>▪ The Application will also be reviewed in consideration of the VOP 2010 compatibility criteria for new development in established community areas (Official Plan Amendment 15)</li> </ul> |
| b. | Appropriateness of the Proposed Rezoning and Amendments to Zoning By-law 1-88                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The appropriateness of the proposed rezoning of the Subject Lands and site-specific zoning exceptions identified in Table 1 will be reviewed in consideration of, but not limited to, compatibility with the existing lots and uses in the surrounding area</li> </ul>   |
| c. | Studies and Reports   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Owner submitted studies and reports in support of the Application which are available on the city's website at <a href="https://maps.v Vaughan.ca/planit/">https://maps.v Vaughan.ca/planit/</a> (PLANit Viewer) and must be</li> </ul>  |

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|    |  | approved to the satisfaction of the City or respective approval authority. Additional studies and/or reports may be required as part of the application review process   |
| d. | Water and Servicing Allocation                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The availability of water and sanitary servicing capacity for the Development must be identified and allocated by Vaughan Council, if the Application is approved. If servicing allocation is unavailable, the Subject Lands will be zoned with a Holding Symbol “(H)”, which will be removed once Vaughan Council identifies and allocates servicing capacity</li> </ul> |
| e. | Urban Design and Architectural Control Guidelines      | <p>The Development will be reviewed in consideration of the City-Wide Urban Design Guidelines and the Urban Design Guidelines for Infill Development for Established Low-Rise Residential Neighbourhood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The treatment of the east elevation will be reviewed to provide a front building elevation facing Atkinson Avenue, instead of a side elevation</li> </ul>     |
| f. | Public Agency/Municipal Review                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Application must be reviewed by external public agencies and utilities and the Public, Separate, and French School Boards</li> </ul>  |
| g. | Sustainable Development                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Application will be reviewed in consideration of the VOP 2010 sustainable development policies and the Sustainability Metrics Program</li> </ul>  |
| h. | Parkland   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Application will be reviewed in consideration of the requirements of the <i>Planning Act</i> and the City of Vaughan’s Parkland Dedication Policy</li> </ul>  |
| i. | Related Site Development File and Required Application | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Owner is required to amend related Site Development Application (File DA.19.081)</li> <li>▪ The Owner is required to submit a Part Lot Control Exemption Application to create the individual POTLs (parcels of tied land)</li> </ul>   |

### **Financial Impact**

There are no financial requirements for new funding associated with this report.

## **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

The Application will be circulated to the York Region Community Planning and Development Services Department for review and comment. Any issues will be addressed when the comprehensive report is considered.

## **Conclusion**

The preliminary issues identified in this report and any other issues identified through the processing of the Application will be considered in the technical review of the Applications. Comments from the public and Vaughan Council expressed at the Public Meeting or in writing will be addressed in a comprehensive report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

**For more information**, please contact Daniela DeGasperis, Planner, Development Planning Department, ext. 8382.

## **Attachments**

1. Context and Location Map
2. Site Plan and Proposed Zoning
3. Building Elevations - North and East
4. Site Plan For Adjacent Development (Files OP.19.001, Z.19.002, DA.19.083)

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