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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Director of Current Planning

SUBJECT: Form of Development: 1139 West Cordova Street

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the form of development for this portion of the CD-1 zoned site known as 501 Bute Street (1139 West Cordova Street being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE408870, prepared by James K.M. Cheng, Architects and stamped "Received, Community Service Group, Development Services", May 17, 2005, provided that the Director of Planning may approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of this site or adjacent properties.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of Community Services RECOMMENDS approval of the foregoing.

COUNCIL POLICY

There is no applicable Council policy except that Council did approve in principle the form of development for this site when the rezoning was approved, following a Public Hearing.

PURPOSE

In accordance with *Charter* requirements, this report seeks Council's approval for the form of development for this portion of the above-noted CD-1 zoned site.

SITE DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

At a Public Hearing on June 29, 1995, City Council approved a rezoning of this site from Central Waterfront District (CWD) to CD-1 Comprehensive Development District. Council also approved in principle the form of development for these lands. CD-1 By-law Number 7681 was enacted on November 26, 1996. Companion Guidelines (Harbour Green Neighbourhood 501 Bute Street) CD-1 Guidelines were also adopted by Council at that time.

At a Public Hearing on May 28, 1998, Council approved amendments to increase the floor area permitted for Retail and Service Uses, and exclude accessory uses customarily ancillary to Park uses from floor area calculations. These amendments (By-laws Numbered 7922 and 7923) were enacted on July 21,1998.

A further amendment (By-law No. 8011) to various CD-1 By-laws, including 501 Bute Street, to include a loading relaxation clause, was enacted on April 13, 1999, following a Public Hearing on February 23, 1999.

Further amendments to provide floor space ratio exclusions for construction incentives to control building envelope leaks (By-law No. 8169, enacted March 14, 2000), to reduce the number of non-market housing units and increase the maximum residential floor area permitted (By-law No. 8312, enacted March 13, 2001), clarifying floor area exclusions for parking purposes (By-law No. 8566, enacted October 22, 2002), clarifying floor area exclusions for heating and mechanical equipment (By-law No. 8700, enacted July 8, 2003) and clarifying residential storage exclusions (By-law No. 8760, enacted December 9, 2003) have also been approved by Council.

The site is located on the north side of West Cordova Street, east of Bute Street and west of Thurlow Street. The site and surrounding zoning are shown on the attached Appendix 'A'.

Subsequent to Council's approval of the CD-1 rezoning, the Development Permit Board approved Development Application Number DE408870. This approval was subject to various conditions, including Council's approval of the form of development. The latter condition is one of the few outstanding prior to permit issuance.

DISCUSSION

The CD-1 consists of five Sub-Areas. The proposal involves construction of a 31-storey residential tower in Sub-Area 3, having nine townhouses at grade level (total of 75 dwelling units), over three levels of underground parking providing 195 off-street parking spaces and 156 bicycle parking spaces.

The proposed development has been assessed against the CD-1 By-law and Council-approved guidelines and responds to the stated objectives.

Simplified plans, including a site plan and elevations of the proposal, have been included in Appendix 'B'.

CONCLUSION

The Development Permit Board has approved Development Application Number DE408870, subject to various conditions to be met prior to the issuance of the development permit. One of these conditions is that the form of development first be approved by Council.

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