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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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VanRIMS No.: 13-2000-30 Meeting Date: June 13, 2006

TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: General Manager of Engineering Services

SUBJECT: 610 Granville Street - Proposed Closure of a Portion of the East Side of

Granville Street South of Dunsmuir Street

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to sign on behalf of the City a Reference Plan attested to by G.A. Hol, B.C.L.S., on the 29th day of May, 2006, marginally numbered FILE: 2112-06910-04, defining the horizontal limits of the encroachment onto the east side of Granville Street south of Dunsmuir Street (the "Road"), a reduced copy of which is attached as Appendix "A", by the building at 610 Granville Street, and apply to raise title to that portion of Road defined on the said Reference Plan in the name of the City of Vancouver.
- B. THAT all that volumetric portion of the Road included within the heavy outline and illustrated isometrically on a plan of survey certified correct on the on the 29th day of May, 2006 by G.A. Hol, B.C.L.S., and marginally numbered FILE: 2112-06910-05 REV1 (a reduced copy of which is attached as Appendix "B"), be closed, stopped-up and that an easement be granted to the owner of abutting Airspace Parcel 1 Block 43 District Lot 541 Group 1 New Westminster District Airspace Plan BCP _____ to contain the portions of the existing building which encroach onto the Road. The easement to be for the life of the encroaching portions of the existing building on said Airspace Parcel 1 and to be to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.
- C. THAT fees for the document preparation, registration and use of the easement referred to in Recommendation "B" are to be in accordance with those charged for in an agreement prepared pursuant to the Encroachment By-law.

If Council approves this report the Formal Resolution to close the portion of Road will be before Council later this day for approval.

COUNCIL POLICY

The authority for closing and disposing of street and lanes is set out in the Vancouver Charter.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council authority to grant an easement to contain the encroachment of the residential portions of the building located at 610 Granville Street.

BACKGROUND

The subject site, Parcel "A" Block 43 District Lot 541 Group 1 New Westminster District Plan BCP975 ("Parcel A"), presently has a 35 storey mixed-use retail/office/residential building under construction in accordance with Development Permit DE407219.

Section 219 Covenant BV282063, registered against the title of Parcel A, requires that the buildings located on the site cannot be occupied until agreements have been registered providing for all of the building encroachments onto City street.

The owner has indicated his intention to subdivide by way of an air space plan to create an air space parcel to contain the residential component of the building and then to further subdivide the air space parcel into residential strata lots. This report deals with the encroachments that are related to the residential component of the building.

The Registrar of Land Titles has taken the position that to satisfy the Strata Property Act, the strata corporation must have control over the portion of street or lane affected by the building encroachment for the life of the building. To accomplish this, the volumetric portion of Granville Street that contains the encroachment must be closed, stopped-up, and an easement granted.

The site is subject to a Heritage Revitalization Agreement registered on title as BT324468 which requires the owner to preserve and protect the heritage facades of the original 1928 B.C. Electric Showroom building (formerly 600 Granville Street) and an 1892 Italianate style building (formerly 648 Granville Street). The heritage facades are attached to the retail/office portion of the building and will be authorized by separate standard encroachment agreements that are not the subject of this report. The encroachment that is the subject of this report is a new eighth level eyebrow cornice that has been constructed in keeping with character of the neighbourhood and the heritage facades discussed above.

Granville Street was dedicated by the deposit of Plan 210 in 1894.

DISCUSSION

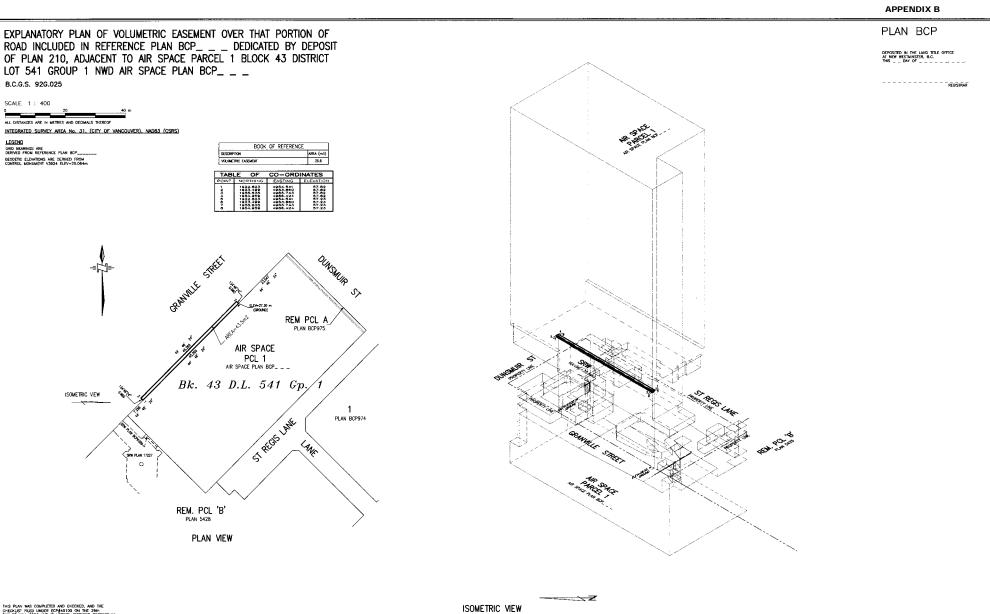
On the Granville Street side of Airspace Parcel 1 a new eighth level building overhang (eyebrow cornice) encroaches a maximum of 0.960 metres onto Granville Street.

It is necessary to seek Council approval to close, stop-up and authorize registration of a volumetric easement over the portion of the Road described above in Recommendation "B". Recommendation "A" seeks authority to raise title to the portion of Road encroached upon.

We are RECOMMENDING that fees be charged as per the Encroachment By-law. This is consistent with past Council direction.

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