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SUBJECT DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. DVP440  
– 2592 DEPARTURE BAY ROAD



## Proposal:

Reduce flanking side yard setback for a proposed single residential dwelling.

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## Zoning:

R1-Single Dwelling Residential

## City Plan Land Use Designation:

Neighbourhood

## Lot Area:

4,242m<sup>2</sup>



## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To present for Council's consideration, a development variance permit application to reduce the minimum required flanking side yard setback for a proposed single residential dwelling.

### **Recommendation**

That Council issue Development Variance Permit No. DVP440 at 2592 Departure Bay Road to reduce the minimum flanking side yard setback from 4.0m to 2.0m for a proposed single residential dwelling.

## **BACKGROUND**

A development variance permit application, DVP440, was received from Jack Pagani to vary the provisions of the "City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500" (the "Zoning Bylaw"), in order to reduce the minimum flanking side yard setback for a proposed single residential dwelling at 2592 Departure Bay Road.

### **Subject Property and Site Context**

The subject property is a large vacant lot located immediately south of an existing unconstructed road right-of-way, on the eastern side of Departure Bay road, approximately 70m from the shoreline of Departure Bay. The right-of-way functions as a utility corridor and is not anticipated to be opened for vehicular traffic. With site constraints including a steep slope with a geotechnical setback and a sewer right-of-way, the eastern half of the property is not developable. The lot was previously developed with two single residential dwellings, which were demolished in 2021. Surrounding properties are predominantly developed with single residential dwellings.

Statutory notification has taken place prior to Council's consideration of the variance.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Proposed Development**

The applicant has proposed to construct two single detached dwellings within the western half of the property. R1-zoned lots larger than 0.4ha are permitted to have a second single residential dwelling. In order to maximize the yard area and separation between the two dwellings, one of the dwellings (House "A") requires a reduced flanking side yard setback. A new combined driveway access from Departure Bay Road will replace the two existing accesses for improved sightlines. The subject property is within the Hazardous Slopes DPA2 and with the provision of a geotechnical report at the time of building permit application, the development would be exempt from the Development Permit requirement.

## Proposed Variance

### *Minimum Flanking Side Yard Setback*

The minimum required flanking side yard setback in the R1 zone is 4.0m. The proposed setback is 2.0m for the northernmost of the two proposed single residential dwellings; a requested variance of 2.0m. Staff support the proposed flanking side yard setback, as the siting will not negatively impact adjacent properties or the existing right-of-way. With the right-of-way being unconstructed, the flanking side yard functions like a typical side yard and provides a separation distance between the proposed dwelling and the neighbour of approximately 12.0m. In addition the applicant has provided letters of support for the proposed variance from three neighbouring properties, at 2565, 2600, and 2605 Departure Bay Road.

### **SUMMARY POINTS**

- Development Variance Permit No. DVP440 proposes a variance to reduce the minimum flanking side yard setback from 4.0m to 2.0m for a proposed a single residential dwelling.
- Staff support the proposed variance as no negative impact to the adjacent properties or the existing right-of way is anticipated.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

ATTACHMENT A: Permit Terms and Conditions

ATTACHMENT B: Subject Property Map

ATTACHMENT C: Site Plan

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