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SUBJECT DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. DVP353 –
5414 BAYSHORE DRIVE

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To present for Council's consideration, a development variance permit application to allow a heat pump on the west side of the principal dwelling at 5414 Bayshore Drive.

Recommendation

That Council issue Development Variance Permit No. DVP353 at 5414 Bayshore Drive with the following variances:

- allow a heat pump to be located on the west side of the principal dwelling; and
- reduce the required side yard setback for a heat pump from 4.5m to 3.3m.

BACKGROUND

A development variance permit application, DVP353, was received from George Hrabowych to vary the provisions of City of Nanaimo "Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500" to install a heat pump on the west side of the single residential dwelling at 5414 Bayshore Drive.

Subject Property

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| <i>Zoning</i> | R1 – Single Dwelling Residential |
| <i>Location</i> | The subject property is located on the north side of Bayshore Drive adjacent to the ocean. |
| <i>Total Lot Area</i> | 2300m ² |
| <i>Official Community Plan</i> | Map 1 – Future Land Use - Neighbourhood |

The subject property is a large waterfront lot with a single residential dwelling located at the south end of the property; and is adjacent to single residential zoned lots.

Statutory Notification has taken place prior to Council's consideration of the variances.

DISCUSSION

Proposed Development

The Zoning Bylaw requires heat pumps to be located to the rear of the principal building with a minimum 4.5m side yard setback. The applicant is seeking variances to locate a heat pump on the west side of the single residential dwelling with a 3.3m side yard setback.

The heat pump is proposed to be sited in the side yard adjacent to 5418 Bayshore Drive. The proposed heat pump location is beside a less active area of the neighbouring property (adjacent to the garage), and there is an existing hedge between the two properties that will provide a buffer for the heat pump. The location of the proposed heat pump would be approximately 15m from the street of the subject property, and approximately 1.5m below street level, so it will not be visible from Bayshore Drive.

A letter of support for the proposed heat pump location has been received from the adjacent property owners at 5418 Bayshore Drive.

Proposed Variances

Location and Minimum Side Yard Setback for Heat Pump

Heat pumps are required to be located to the rear of a principal building and to have a minimum 4.5m side yard setback. The heat pump is proposed to be located on the west side of the principal building with a side yard setback of 3.3m, a proposed variance of 1.2m.

The proposed heat pump location is not anticipated to negatively impact the neighbouring property and the unit will be screened from the neighbour and the street.

See Attachments for more information.

SUMMARY POINTS

- Development Variance Permit No. DVP353 proposes variances to allow a heat pump to be located to the side of the principal building with a reduced side yard setback.
- The proposed heat pump will be located 1.5m below the elevation of the street and in an area that will not negatively impact the neighbouring property.

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A: Permit Terms and Conditions

ATTACHMENT B: Location Plan

ATTACHMENT C: Site Plan

ATTACHMENT D: Aerial Photo

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