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DATE: March 27, 2012

TO: Chair and Members of Planning and Development Committee

Meeting Date: April 16, 2012

FROM: Edward R. Sajecki

Commissioner of Planning and Building

SUBJECT: Sign By-law 0054-2002, as amended

Sign Variance Applications

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Report dated March 27, 2012 from the Commissioner of

Planning and Building regarding Sign By-law 0054-2002, as amended, and the requested one (1) Sign Variance Application described in Appendix 1 of the Report, be adopted in accordance

with the following:

1. That the following Sign Variance **not be granted**:

(a) Sign Variance Application 03-11482

Ward 11

Village English

167 Queen St. S.

To permit the following:

(i) One (1) fascia sign located on the second storey of

the building.

BACKGROUND:

The Municipal Act states that Council may, upon the application of any person, authorize minor variances from the Sign By-law if in the opinion of Council the general intent and purpose of the By-law is maintained.

COMMENTS:

The Planning and Building Department has received one (1) Sign Variance Application (see Appendix 1) for approval by Council. The application is accompanied by a summary page prepared by the Planning and Building Department which includes information pertaining to the site location; the applicants proposal; the variance required; an assessment of the merits (or otherwise) of the application; and a recommendation on whether the variance should or should not be granted.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

CONCLUSION:

Council may authorize minor variances from Sign By-law 0054-2002, as amended, if in the opinion of Council, the general intent and purpose of the By-law is maintained. Sign By-law 0054-2002, as amended, was passed pursuant to the Municipal Act. In this respect, there is no process to appeal the decision of Council to the Ontario Municipal Board, as in a development application under the *Planning Act*.

ATTACHMENTS: Village English

Appendix 1-1 to 1-10

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Edward R. Sajecki

Commissioner of Planning and Building



SIGN VARIANCE APPLICATION REPORT Planning and Building Department

March 27, 2012

FILE: 03-11482

RE: Village English

167 Queen Street South - Ward 11

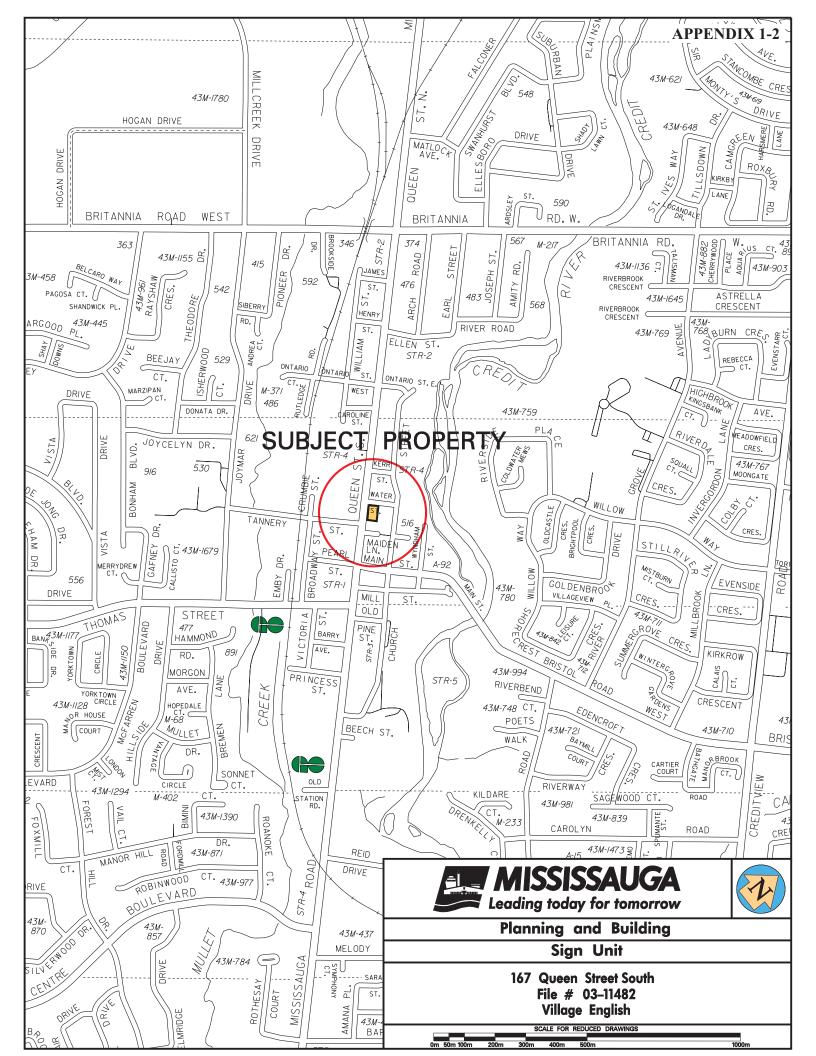
The applicant requests the following variance to section 13 of the Sign By-law 0054-2002, as amended.

Section 13	Proposed
Permits fascia signs to be located on the	One fascia sign located on the second storey of
building face of the first storey for each	the building.
occupancy.	

COMMENTS:

The proposed fascia sign is located above the first storey and is for a second storey tenant. There have been several Notices of Contravention issued for a number of illegal signs on the subject property.

Opportunities exist for the property owner to install a directory sign along the Queen Street frontage to list second floor tenants. The Planning and Building Department finds that the proposed variance does not have any design merit and would set precedence for other two storey commercial buildings. The variance therefore cannot be supported.





January 5, 2004

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Re: Letter of Rationale for 2nd Floor sign at 167 Queen St. South

Dear Mr. Pebesma,

Further to your request for a Letter of Rationale to accompany the application by Village English for a fascia sign permit, I am writing to address the issue of how permission to install such a sign would affect our business, the building, and the area.

When I first viewed the space we are now occupying, I discussed at length with the landlord the issue of what signage would be allowed and he informed me that, as far as he was concerned, any sign on the upper part of the building was fine with him as long as it didn't interfere with those of the first-floor tenants. Wanting to confirm this, I called and spoke to someone in your office who asked me for the address of my company's proposed new location and then proceeded to inform me that sign permits had already been obtained and it was not necessary for me to apply for one. It was only several months after we moved into the building that I was informed by your office that the sign we had erected required a permit, because the sign permissions for the building that the officer had referred to applied only to first-floor tenants. Needless to say, I was quite disappointed that a sign that I'd spent more than \$3000 making and installing might be disallowed.

The location and size of the unit we ended up taking, and the exposure from having a sign on the corner of that unit in my hometown of Streetsville, was the primary factor for choosing that particular space. I had an excellent standing offer from our previous landlord for another space, the only drawback of which was that there would be no chance of walk-in traffic. Based on this important shortcoming, I decided to expend \$1500 per month more for a space that would offer us this. When I learned through your office of the by-law setting strict limits on second-floor fascia signs, I was rather stunned, and wondered how any second floor businesses in the area were supposed to flourish. With no sign directory on 167 Queen St. South, I failed to see how any second-floor tenant could reasonably hope to establish even its existence in the building, let alone actually promote itself. In case there was a problem with the other tenants in our building, I made sure to speak personally to each of the first-floor tenants and found that there were no objections whatsoever to our sign as it was installed.

I realize that, in considering a variance to the by-law, the city must carefully consider how any permission in exception to the by-law might affect the application of the by-law



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in similar situations. Being a lifelong resident of Streetsville, and having looked around pretty extensively since this whole matter came to light, I find it difficult to pick out a building in the Streetsville area in anything like the same situation as 167 Queen St. South. With the exception of the building across the street (168 Queen), the two-story buildings along Queen Street that make up the Village of Streetsville and have retail operations on the first floor have residential units on the second story. In the case of 168 Queen, the building has no northern or southern exposure that would allow second-floor signs, whereas 167 Queen, our building, has both northern and southern exposure to traffic along Queen. In other words, I am quite sure that if our variance were permitted, no similar applications or challenges on the same grounds would be received.

I understand that another important consideration in weighing the possibility of a variance is public safety. With our application, I have provided a series of drawings that should leave no doubt that the Village English fascia sign has been fastened professionally, safely, and securely.

With the above factors in mind, I feel strongly that the City of Mississauga should approve a sign variance for the Village English sign at 167 Queen St. South. The business brings people and money into our community who would not otherwise be here, and its livelihood would suffer significantly if we were not able to benefit from the exposure that our current fascia sign gives us.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience if you have any questions about this correspondence.

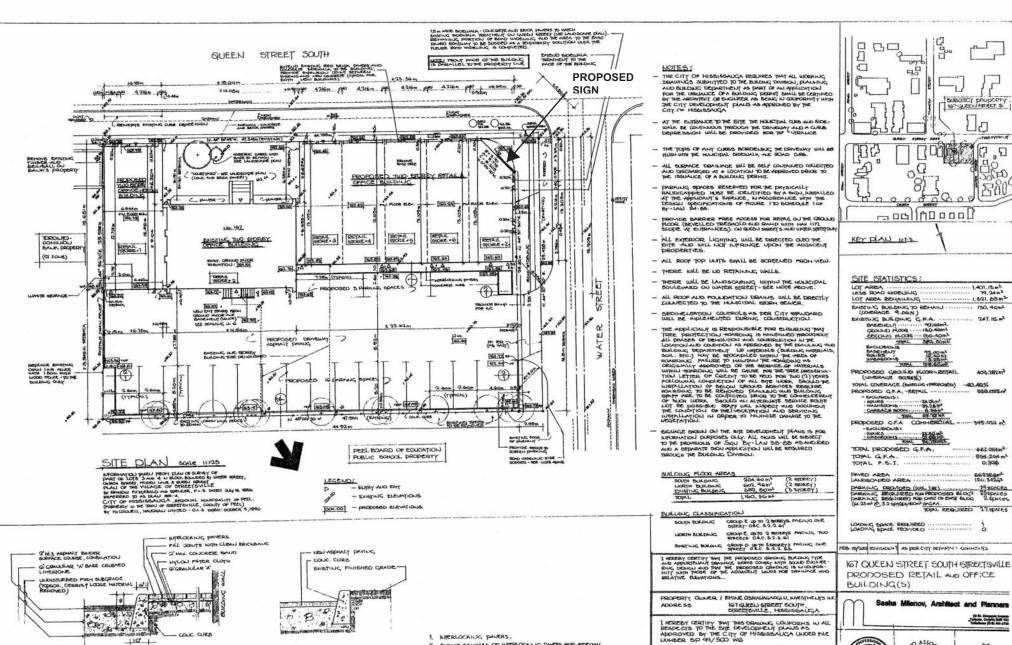
Yours truly,

Greg Nisbet President

Village English Ltd.







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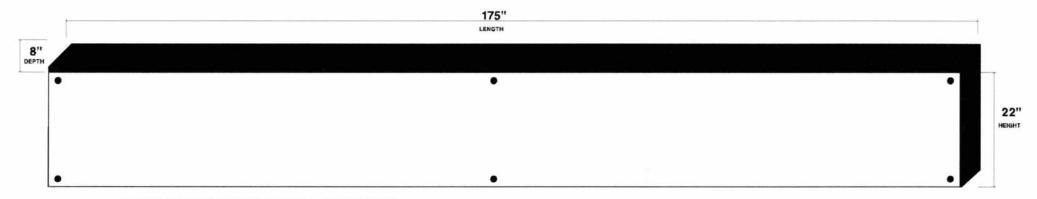
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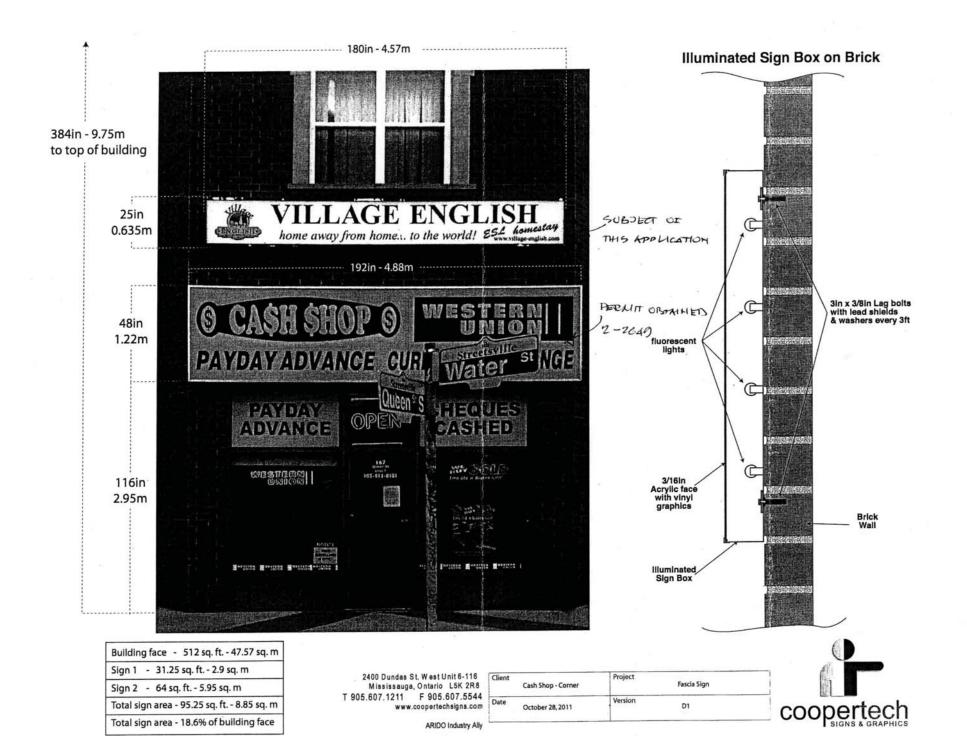




16 FT FROM THE GROUND ON A BRICK WALL Illuminated Sign Box will weigh 90lbs made of aluminum with plexi glass face EX12 extrusion to hold plexiglass face.

Qty (6) 3/8" lag bolts and lead shield
2 1/2' in length

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APPENDIX 1-7



