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349-351 Kipling St. and 1400 Fairfield Rd., Victoria

Construction Impact Assessment & Tree Preservation Plan

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Jobsite Property: 349-351 Kipling St. and 1400 Fairfield Rd., Victoria, BC

Date of Site Visits: March 7 and July 26, 2019

Site Conditions: Residential lots. No ongoing construction activity.

Summary: Fourteen trees will have to be removed as a result of the proposed development, including two bylaw protected trees on the subject property (Big Leaf Maple #912 and Western Red Cedar #915) and four municipal trees (Cherry NT1 and NT2, Ash NT4, and Maple NT5). The applicant has indicated that the City of Victoria will remove municipal Red Maple NT5 at the applicant's expense, heel it at their nursery, and replant it elsewhere if it recovers well enough.

Roots from municipal trees NT7-9 may be encountered during construction of the proposed 6-unit building, landscape features, and driveway off Thurlow Road, though we do not anticipate the health of any will be significantly impacted. We recommend any construction activity that occurs within the critical root zones of these trees be supervised by the project arborist, and any roots encountered be pruned back to sound tissue at the edge of excavation.

Scope of Assignment:

- Inventory the existing bylaw protected trees and any trees on municipal or neighbouring properties that could potentially be impacted by construction or that are within three metres of the property line
- Review the proposal to demolish two existing houses and construct two new multi-unit buildings (6 and 2 units) and new driveways off Kipling Street and Thurlow Road
- Comment on how construction activity may impact existing trees
- Prepare a tree retention and construction damage mitigation plan for those trees deemed suitable to retain given the proposed impacts

Methodology:

- We visually examined the trees on the property and prepared an inventory in the attached Tree Resource Spreadsheet.
- Each by-law protected tree was identified using a numeric metal tag attached to its lower trunk. Municipal trees and neighbours' trees were not tagged.
- Information such as tree species, DBH (1.4m), crown spread, critical root zone (CRZ), health, structure, and relative tolerance to construction impacts were included in the inventory.

• The conclusions reached were based on the information provided within the attached site plan from Sebastien Garon Architecture and Design (dated October 16, 2019) and landscape plans from Biophilia Design Collective (dated October 8, 2019).

Limitations:

 No exploratory excavations have been conducted and thus the conclusions reached are based solely on critical root zone calculations and our best judgement using our experience and expertise. The location, size and density of roots are often difficult to predict without exploratory excavations and therefore the impacts to the trees may be more or less severe than we anticipate.

Summary of Tree Resource: 19 trees were included in the inventory, including two bylaw protected trees on the subject property. Several trees have been recently planted on the Kipling St boulevard.

Trees to be Removed:

- All ten trees on the subject property will have to be removed: #695, 799, 800, 898, 903, and 912-916. Big Leaf Maple #912 and Western Red Cedar #915 are the only two bylaw protected trees.
- Municipal Cherry NT1 (48cm DBH, ID: 16970): Based on discussions with the applicant, it is our understanding that a new sidewalk will be constructed on Fairfield Rd in the location of this tree. It should be noted that there is a large wound at the base of this tree and dieback in its crown. In our opinion, it would be reasonable to remove and replace this tree even if it weren't within the new sidewalk footprint.
- Municipal Plum NT2 (28cm DBH, ID: 16623): This tree is located on the Kipling St boulevard. It is in fair/poor health condition it has a basal injury and cavity with decay at the site of an old pruning wound. There is also some dieback in its crown. In our opinion, it would be a reasonable option to remove and replace it with a young, well-structured tree.
- Municipal Ash NT4 (3cm DBH): This tree is growing between the sidewalk and fence near the Kipling St property boundary it is likely under the ownership of the municipality. In our opinion, it is in an unsuitable location for long-term retention.
- Municipal Red Maple NT5 (8cm DBH, ID: 34935): This tree is located in the envelope of the proposed driveway off Kipling St. It was recently planted and is in good health. In our opinion, there is a reasonable chance it can be transplanted successfully. Victoria Parks has indicated that they will remove the tree at the applicant's expense, heel it at their nursery, and replant it elsewhere if it recovers well enough.

Potential Impacts on Trees to be Retained and Mitigation Measures

• Municipal Red Maple NT7 (47cm DBH, ID: 16620): This tree is approximately 3.5m from the property line, where we anticipate excavation will occur for construction of the proposed 6-unit building. Large roots (3cm or greater) may be encountered at this distance, but we do not anticipate the health of the tree will be impacted. We recommend the project arborist prune back any roots encountered to sound tissue at the edge of excavation. Minor clearance pruning may be required.

The project arborist should also supervise removal of the existing driveway north of this tree to 349 and 351 Kipling St, as roots may be encountered underneath. If this driveway is removed early in the construction phase, the barrier fencing around this tree should be extended to the edge of its CRZ. The attached plans indicate sod will be installed in this area, which will increase surface permeability.

- Municipal Red Maple NT8 (49cm DBH, ID: 16618): Depending on the depth of excavation required for the bike parking area, paving stones, or "community node" proposed to be constructed at the northwest corner of the property, roots from this tree may be encountered. These features are located as near as 3.5m away. We do not anticipate the health of the tree will be significantly impacted but recommend the project arborist be on site to supervise the excavations, as they will be constructed within this tree's CRZ. If any large roots are encountered, we recommend they be retained and these features constructed over them. The project arborist should prune back any non-critical roots encountered to sound tissue at the edge of excavation.
- Municipal Cherry NT9 (30cm DBH, ID: 16656): The proposed driveway off Thurlow Rd is approximately 3m from this tree, near the edge of its CRZ. Based on our experience excavating around Cherry trees, there is a chance that large roots will be encountered at this distance. We recommend the project arborist supervise the excavation. If large roots are encountered, we recommend the driveway be constructed overtop this tree's root system. Excavation should not occur more than 30cm outside the driveway footprint.
- Service Connections: The attached servicing plan shows storm and sewer connections will be made underneath the driveway off Thurlow Rd. All excavation should occur outside the CRZ of Cherry NT9. An underground water connection will be installed off Kipling Street, outside the CRZ of all trees to be retained.

The existing storm and sewer connections will be capped. We recommend they be capped as far from the base of trees to be retained as possible to avoid impacting roots. If excavation is required within the CRZs of trees NT3 or NT7, we recommend the project arborist be on site to supervise and alternative excavation methods will likely be required (e.g. hydro-vac, air-spade, or hand-digging).

• **Arborist Supervision**: All excavation occurring within the critical root zones of protected trees should be completed under supervision by the project arborist. In particular, the following activities should be completed under the direction of the project arborist:

- Any excavation within the CRZs of municipal trees NT7-9 for construction of the new 6-unit building, landscape features, or driveway off Thurlow Road
- Any excavation for the abandoning of existing underground within the CRZs of trees to be retained.
- **Pruning Roots:** Any severed roots must be pruned back to sound tissue to reduce wound surface area and encourage rapid compartmentalization of the wound. Backfilling the excavated area around the roots should be done as soon as possible to keep the roots moist and aid in root regeneration. Exposed roots should be kept moist until the area is backfilled, especially if excavation occurs during a period of drought. This can be accomplished in a number of ways, including wrapping the roots in burlap or installing a root curtain of wire mesh lined with burlap, and keeping the area moist throughout the construction process.
- **Barrier fencing:** The areas surrounding the trees to be retained should be isolated from the construction activity by erecting protective barrier fencing. Where possible, the fencing should be erected at the perimeter of the critical root zones.

The barrier fencing must be a minimum of 4 feet in height, of solid frame construction that is attached to wooden or metal posts. A solid board or rail must run between the posts at the top and the bottom of the fencing. This solid frame can then be covered with plywood, or flexible snow fencing. The fencing must be erected prior to the start of any construction activity on site (i.e. demolition, excavation, construction), and remain in place through completion of the project. Signs should be posted around the protection zone to declare it off limits to all construction related activity. The project arborist must be consulted before this fencing is removed or moved for any purpose.

- **Minimizing Soil Compaction:** In areas where construction traffic must encroach into the critical root zones of trees to be retained, efforts must be made to reduce soil compaction where possible by displacing the weight of machinery and foot traffic. This can be achieved by one of the following methods:
 - Installing a layer of hog fuel or coarse wood chips at least 20 cm in depth and maintaining it in good condition until construction is complete.
 - Placing medium weight geotextile cloth over the area to be used and installing a layer of crushed rock to a depth of 15 cm over top.
 - Placing two layers of 19mm plywood.
 - Placing steel plates.
- **Demolition of the existing buildings:** The demolition of the existing house and any services that must be removed or abandoned, must take the critical root zone of the trees to be retained into account. If any excavation or machine access is required within the critical root zones of trees to be retained, it must be completed under the supervision and direction of the project arborist. If temporarily removed for demolition, barrier fencing must be erected immediately after the supervised demolition.

- Mulching: Mulching can be an important proactive step in maintaining the health of trees and
 mitigating construction related impacts and overall stress. Mulch should be made from a
 natural material such as wood chips or bark pieces and be 5-8cm deep. No mulch should be
 touching the trunk of the tree. See "methods to avoid soil compaction" if the area is to have
 heavy traffic.
- Blasting: Care must be taken to ensure that the area of blasting does not extend beyond the
 necessary footprints and into the critical root zones of surrounding trees. The use of small lowconcussion charges and multiple small charges designed to pre-shear the rock face will reduce
 fracturing, ground vibration, and overall impact on the surrounding environment. Only
 explosives of low phytotoxicity and techniques that minimize tree damage should be used.
 Provisions must be made to ensure that blasted rock and debris are stored away from the critical
 root zones of trees.
- Scaffolding: This assessment has not included impacts from potential scaffolding including canopy clearance pruning requirements. If scaffolding is necessary and this will require clearance pruning of retained trees, the project arborist should be consulted. Depending on the extent of pruning required, the project arborist may recommend that alternatives to full scaffolding be considered such as hydraulic lifts, ladders or platforms. Methods to avoid soil compaction may also be recommended (see "Minimizing Soil Compaction" section).
- Landscaping and Irrigation Systems: The planting of new trees and shrubs should not damage the roots of retained trees. The installation of any in-ground irrigation system must take into account the critical root zones of the trees to be retained. Prior to installation, we recommend the irrigation technician consult with the project arborist about the most suitable locations for the irrigation lines and how best to mitigate the impacts on the trees to be retained. This may require the project arborist supervise the excavations associated with installing the irrigation system. Excessive frequent irrigation and irrigation which wets the trunks of trees can have a detrimental impact on tree health and can lead to root and trunk decay.
- **Arborist Role:** It is the responsibility of the client or his/her representative to contact the project arborist for the purpose of:
 - Locating the barrier fencing
 - Reviewing the report with the project foreman or site supervisor
 - Locating work zones, where required
 - Supervising any excavation within the critical root zones of trees to be retained
 - Reviewing and advising of any pruning requirements for machine clearances
- Review and Site Meeting: Once the project receives approval, it is important that the project arborist meet with the principals involved in the project to review the information contained herein. It is also important that the arborist meet with the site foreman or supervisor before any site clearing, tree removal, demolition, or other construction activity occurs and to confirm the locations of the tree protection barrier fencing.

Please do not hesitate to call us at (250) 479-8733 should you have any further questions.

Thank you,

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Encl. 1-page tree resource spreadsheet, 1-page site survey, 1-page site plan, 5-page landscape plans, 1-page site servicing plan, 1-page barrier fencing specifications, 2-page tree resource spreadsheet methodology and definitions

Disclosure Statement

The tree inventory attached to the Tree Preservation Plan can be characterized as a limited visual assessment from the ground and should not be interpreted as a "risk assessment" of the trees included.

Arborists are professionals who examine trees and use their training, knowledge and experience to recommend techniques and procedures that will improve their health and structure or to mitigate associated risks.

Trees are living organisms, whose health and structure change, and are influenced by age, continued growth, climate, weather conditions, and insect and disease pathogens. Indicators of structural weakness and disease are often hidden within the tree structure or beneath the ground. It is not possible for an Arborist to identify every flaw or condition that could result in failure or can he/she guarantee that the tree will remain healthy and free of risk.

Remedial care and mitigation measures recommended are based on the visible and detectable indicators present at the time of the examination and cannot be guaranteed to alleviate all symptoms or to mitigate all risk posed.

1400 Fairfield Rd and 349 Kipling St Tree Resource Spreadsheet

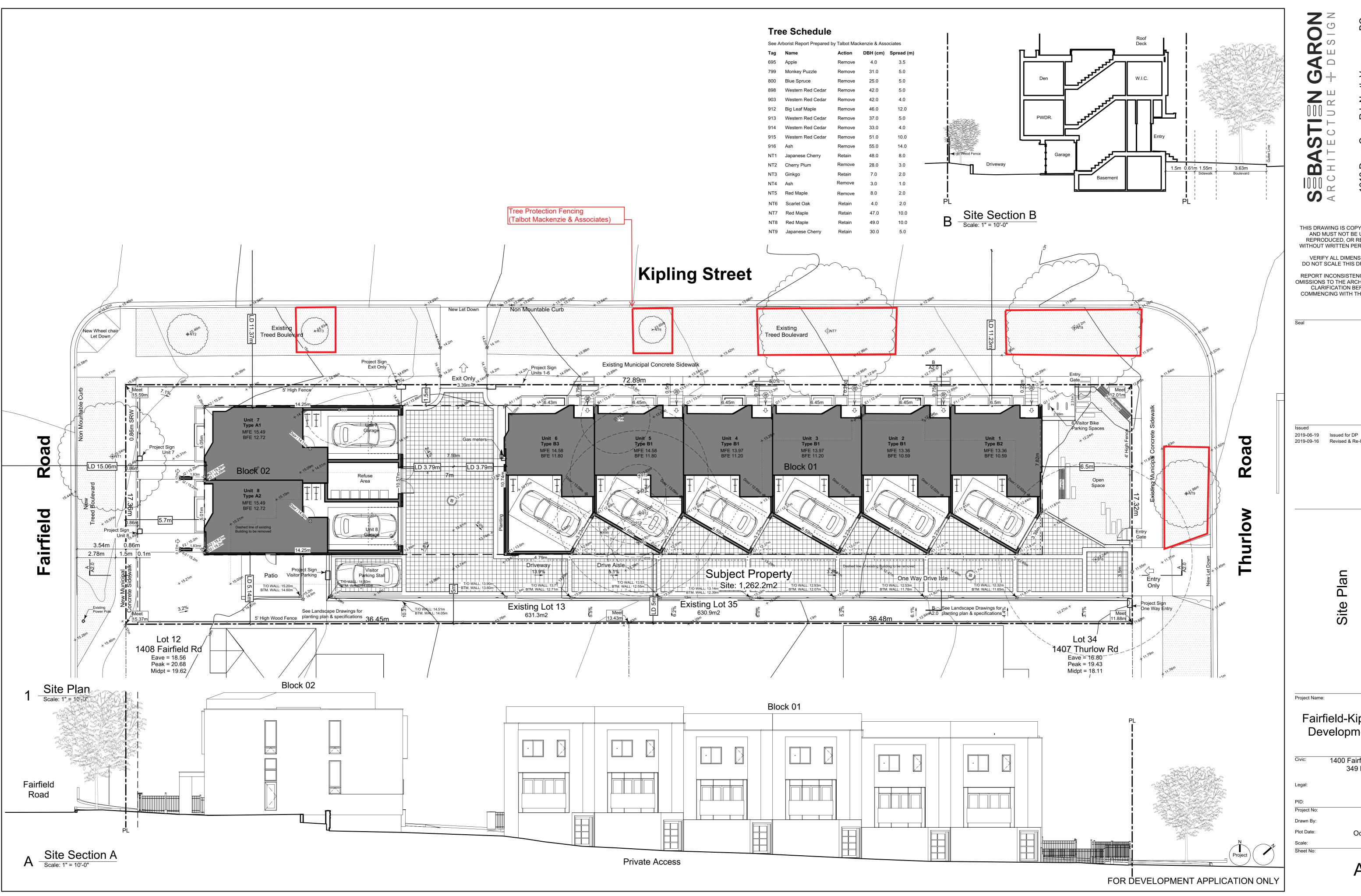
Tree ID	Common Name	Latin Name	DBH (cm) ~ approximate	Crown Spread (m)	CRZ (m)	Relative Tolerance	Health	Structure	Remarks and Recommendations	By-Law Protected	Retention Status
695	Apple	Malus spp.	20, 12	4	3.5	Moderate	Fair	Fair/poor	12cm stem resting on shed, decay on limbs	N	X
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799	Monkey Puzzle	Araucaria araucana	31	5	4.5	Poor	Good	Good		N	X
800	Colorado Blue Spruce	Picea pungens	~25	5	4.0	Poor	Good	Good	Leaning	N	X
898	Western Red Cedar	Thuja plicata	42	5	6.5	Poor	Fair	Fair	Raised, asymmetric crown	N	X
903	Western Red Cedar	Thuja plicata	42	4	6.5	Poor	Fair	Fair	Raised crown	N	X
912	Big Leaf Maple	Acer macrophyllum	46, 24	12	7.0	Moderate	Fair	Fair	Ganoderma fruiting bodies at base, deadwood, asymmetric crown	Y	X
913	Western Red Cedar	Thuja plicata	37, 26	5	8.0	Poor	Fair	Fair/poor	Raised crown, narrow codominant union at base	N	X
914	Western Red Cedar	Thuja plicata	33	4	5.0	Poor	Fair	Fair	Raised crown	N	X
915	Western Red Cedar	Thuja plicata	51, 51	10	12.0	Poor	Fair	Fair/poor	Raised, asymmetric crown, narrow codominant union at base	Y	X
916	Ash	Fraxinus spp.	55	14	6.5	Moderate	Good	Good	Next to stump of removed tree, epicormic growth	N	X
NT1	Japanese Flowering Cherry	Prunus serrulata	48	8	6.0	Moderate	Fair	Fair/poor	Municipal (ID: 16970), basal wound	N (Muncipal)	X
NT2	Cherry Plum	Prunus subhirtella	28	3	3.5	Moderate	Fair	Fair/poor	Municipal (ID: 16623), basal wound and cavity at pruning wound	N (Muncipal)	X
NT3	Ginkgo	Ginkgo biloba	7	2	0.5	Good	Good	Good	Municipal (ID: 16967)	N (Muncipal)	Retain
NT4	Ash	Fraxinus spp.	3	1	0.5	Moderate	Good	Good	Municipal, growing between sidewalk and fence	N (Muncipal)	X
NT5	Red Maple	Acer rubrum	8	2	1.0	Moderate	Good	Good	Municipal (ID: 34935)	N (Muncipal)	
NT6	Scarlet Oak	Quercus coccinea	4	2	0.5	Moderate	Good	Good	Municipal (ID: 16622)	N (Muncipal)	
NT7	Red Maple	Acer rubrum	47	10	5.5	Moderate	Good	Good	Municipal (ID: 16620)	N (Muncipal)	
	Red Maple		49	10	6.0		Good		Municipal (ID: 16618)	N (Muncipal)	
NT8 NT9	Japanese Flowering Cherry	Acer rubrum Prunus serrulata	30	5	3.5	Moderate Moderate	Good	Good	Municipal (ID: 16656)	N (Muncipal)	

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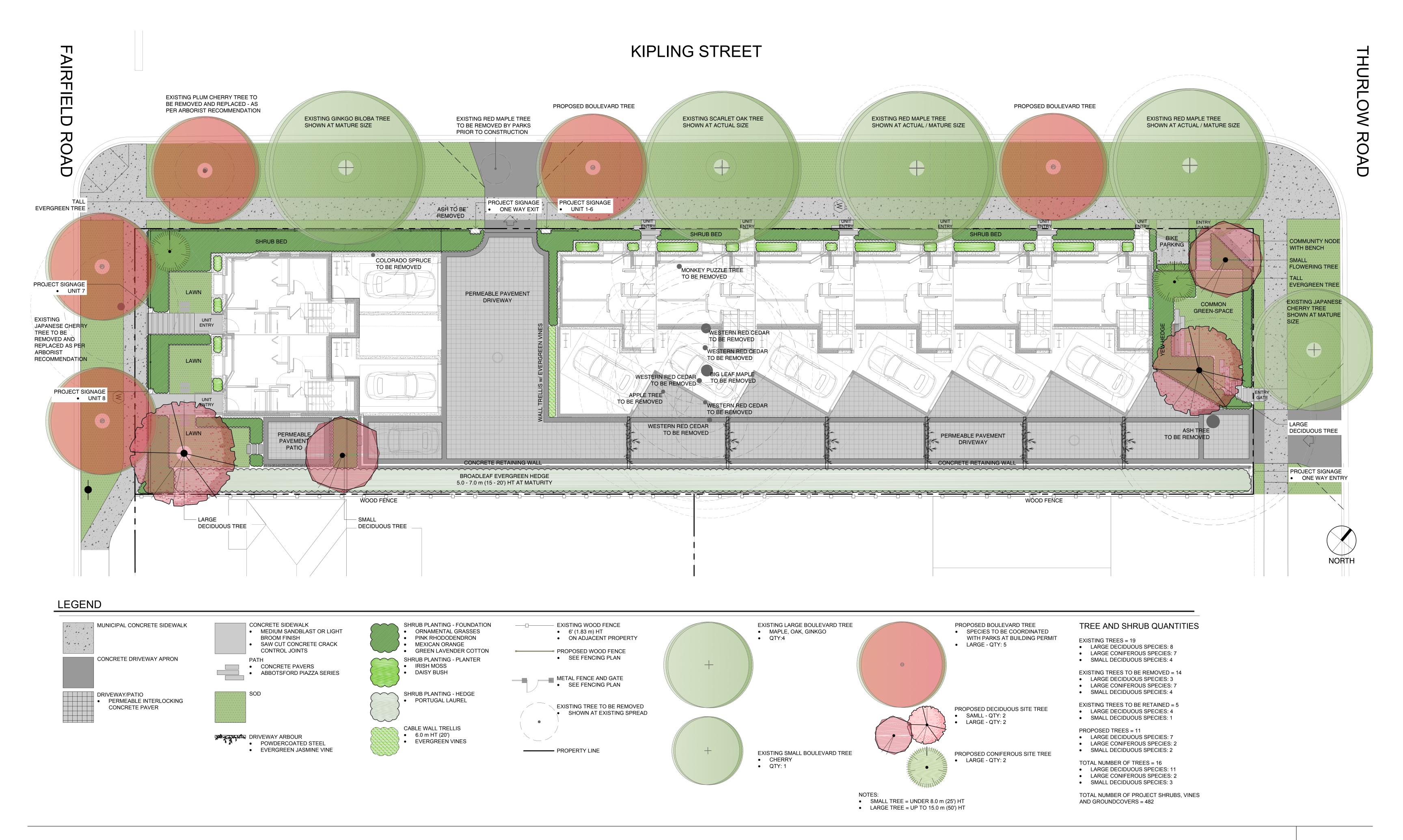
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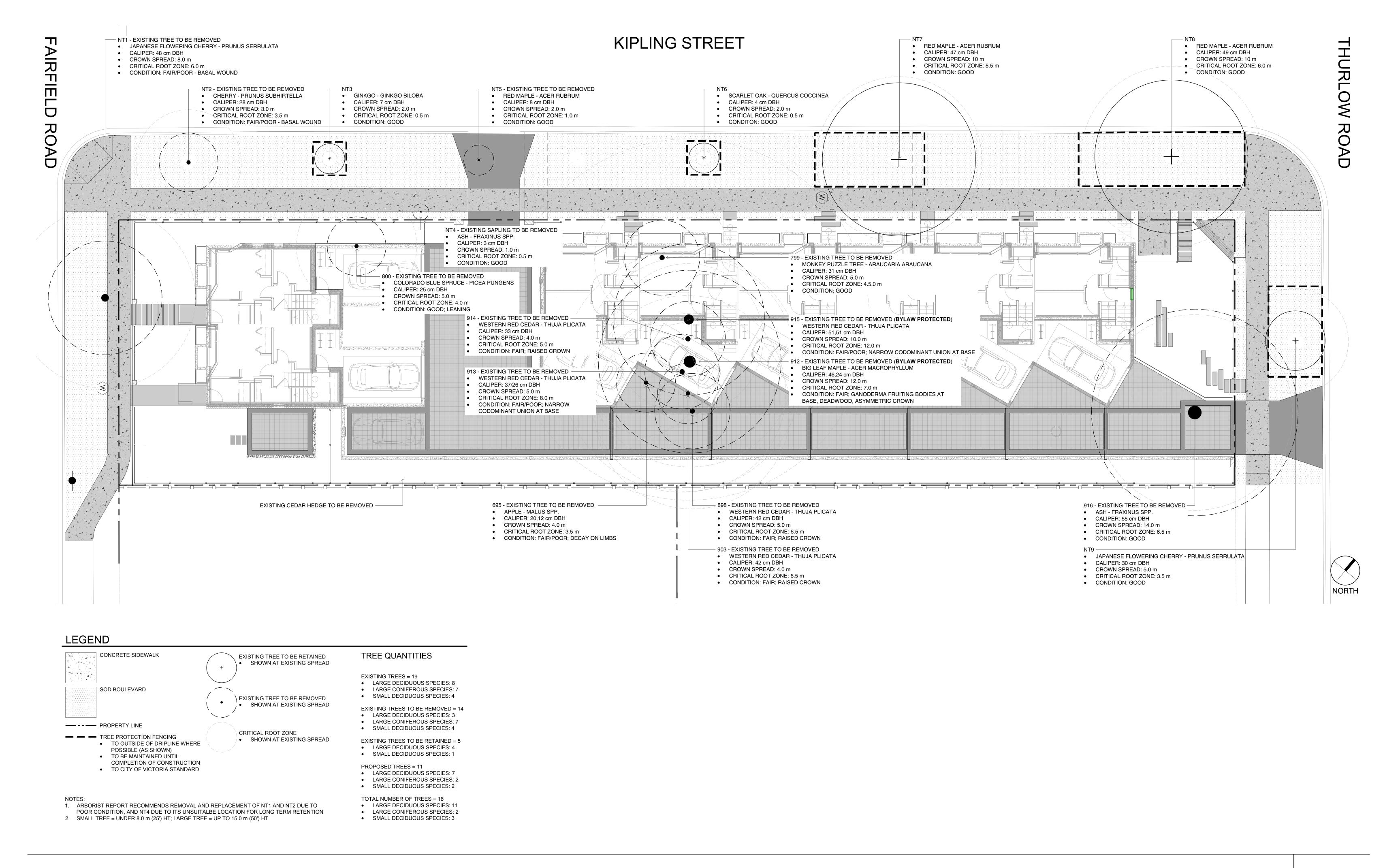
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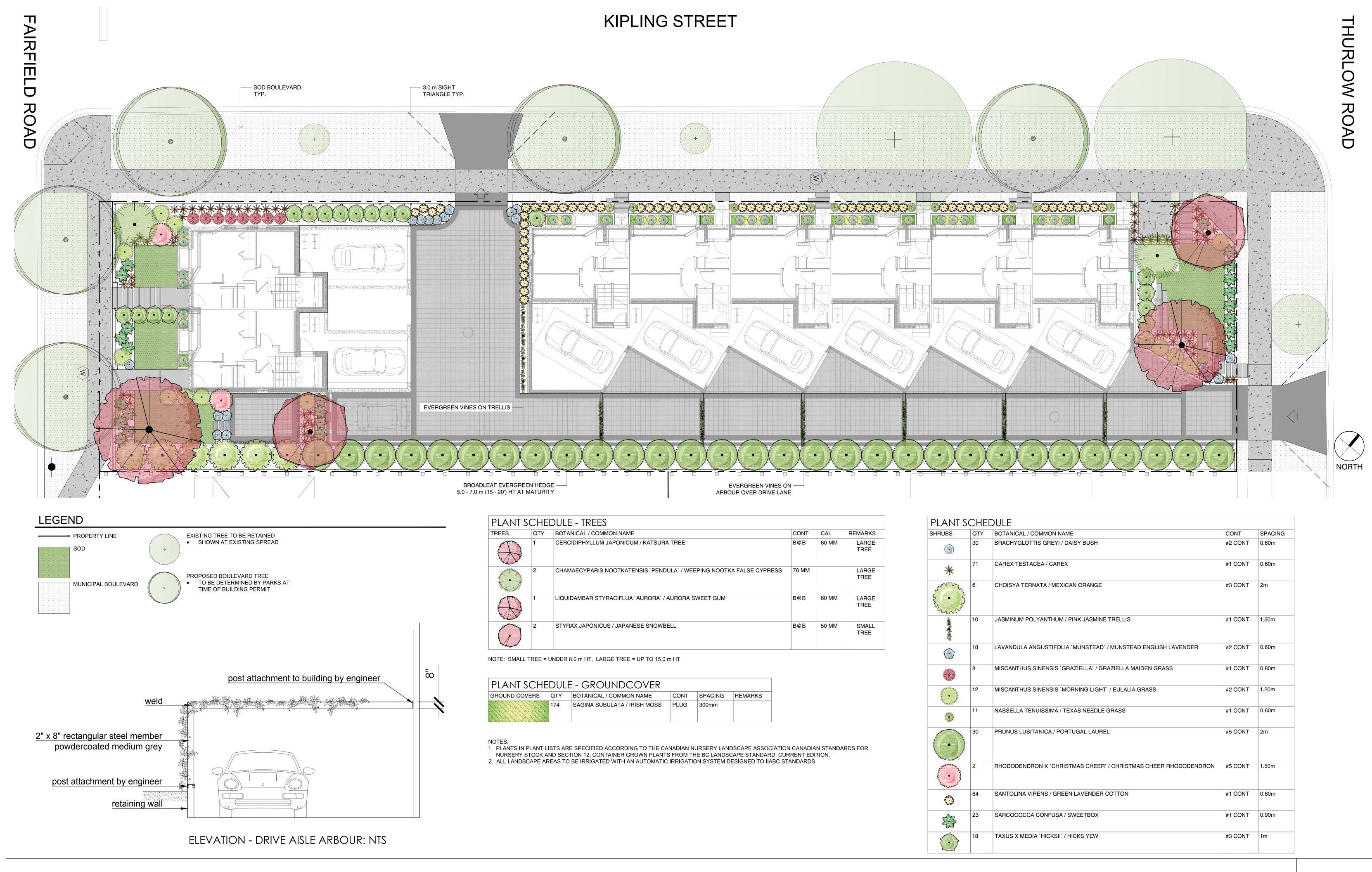
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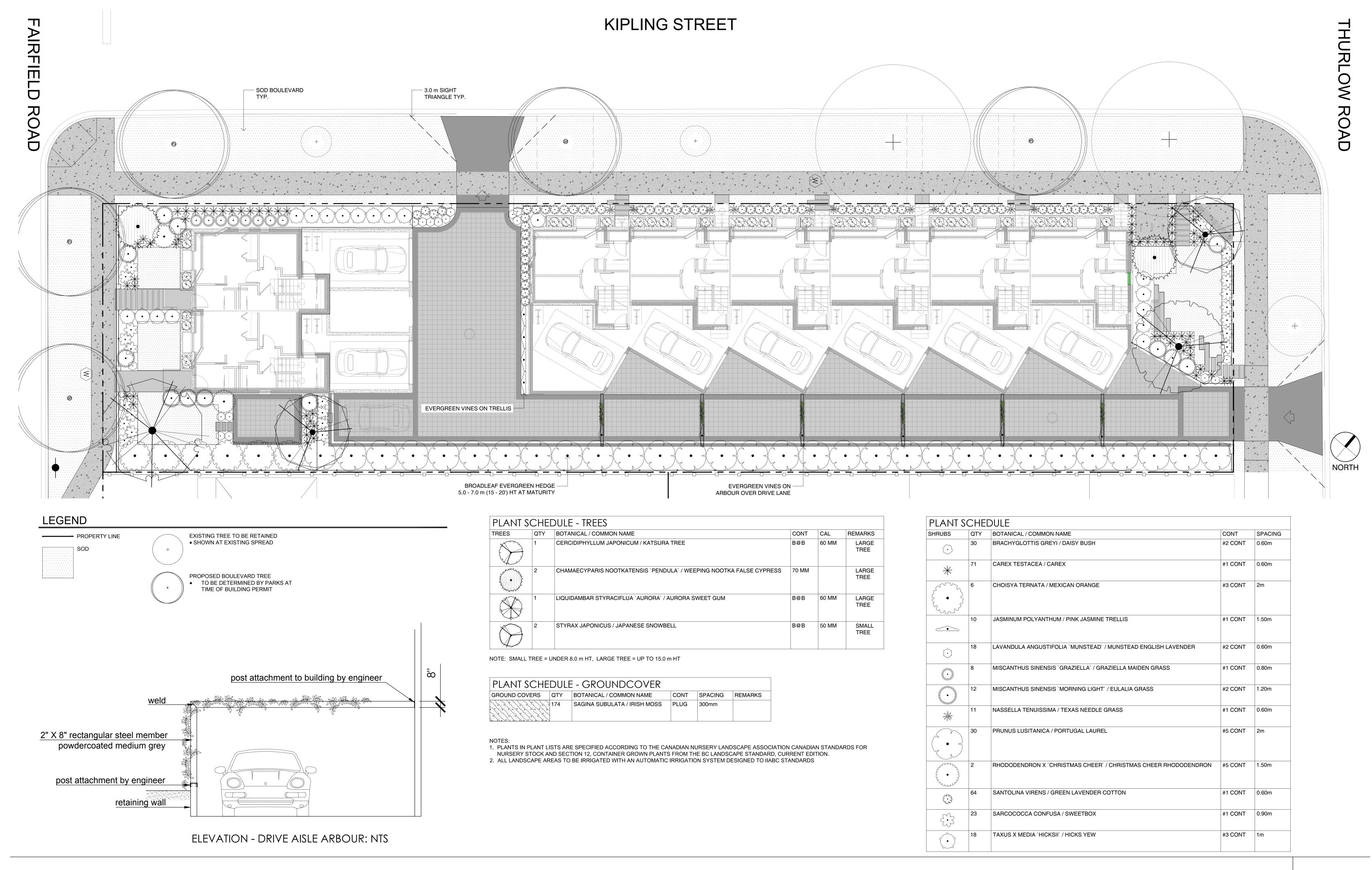


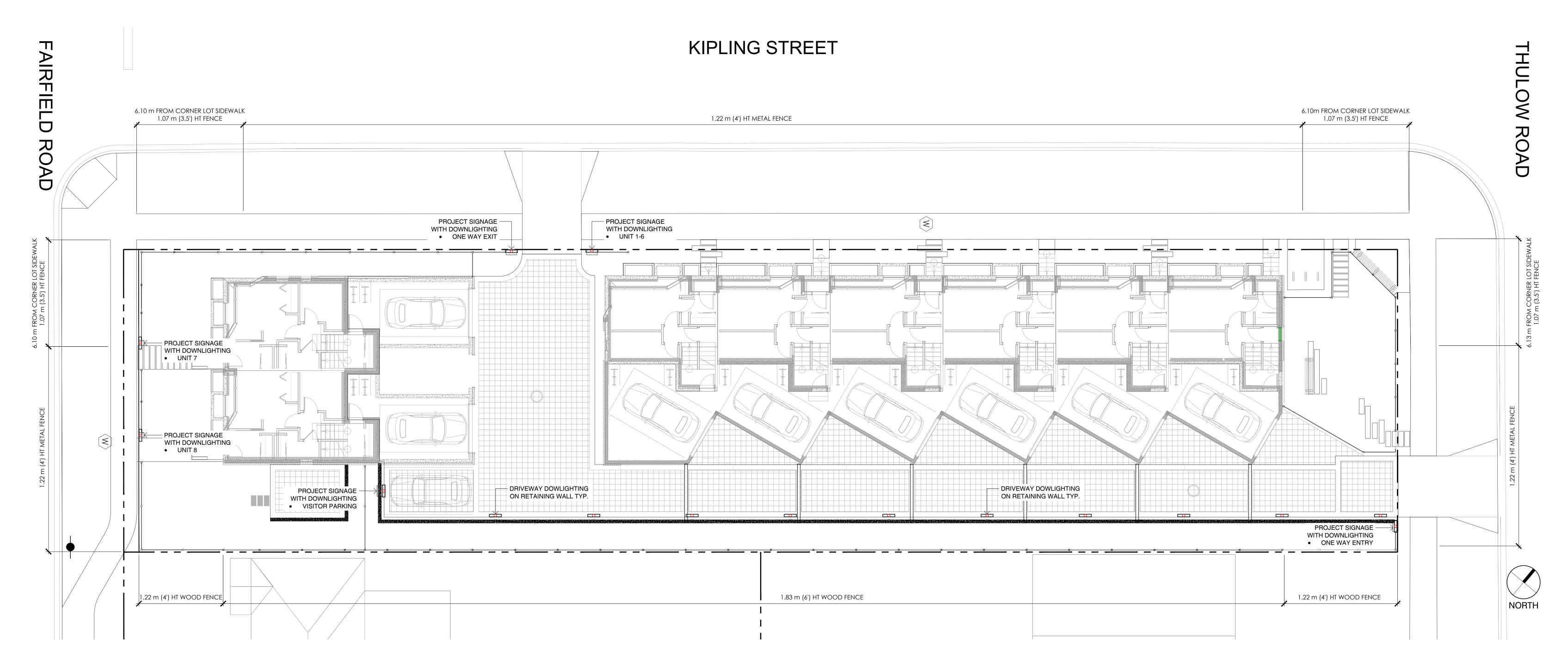






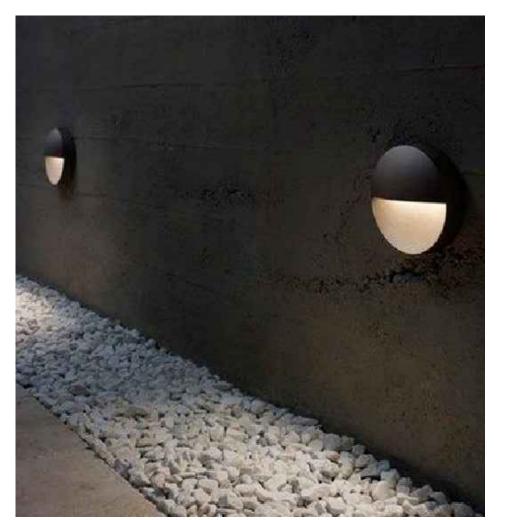












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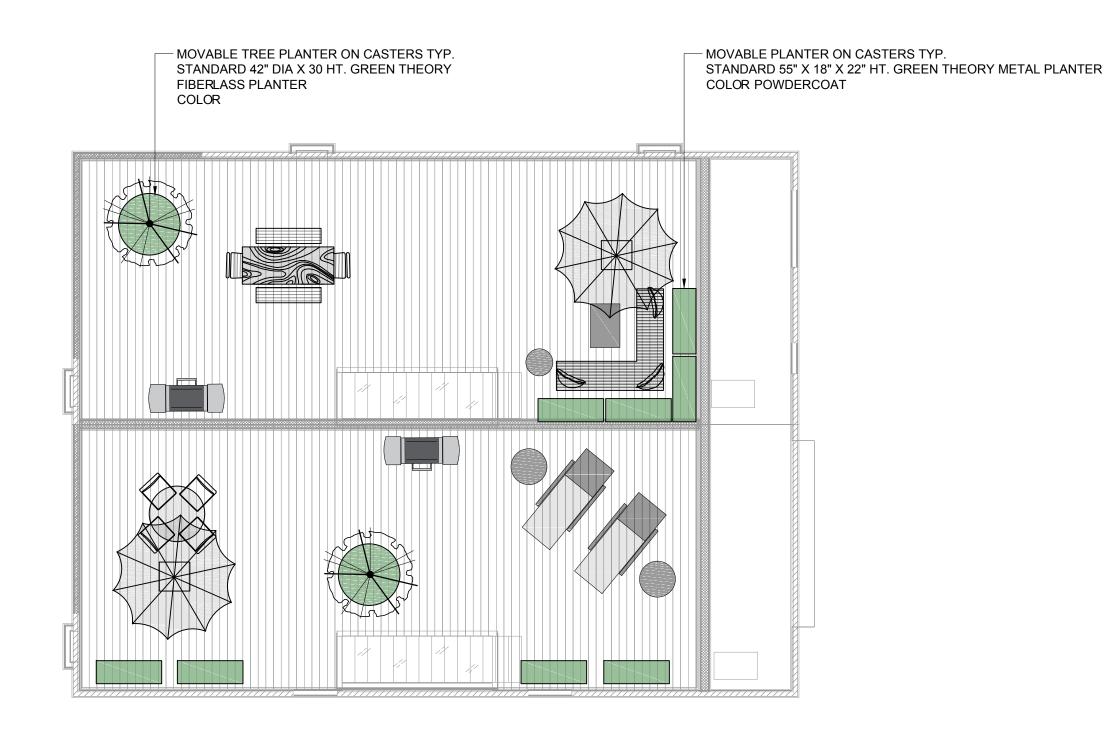


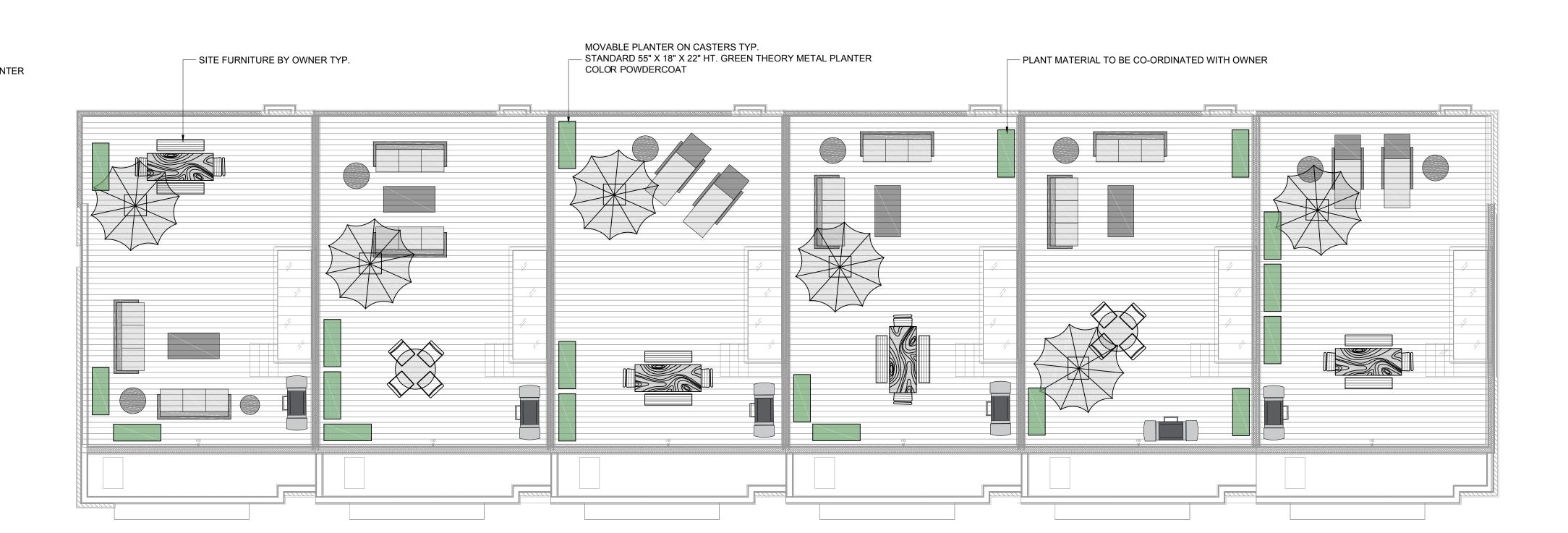




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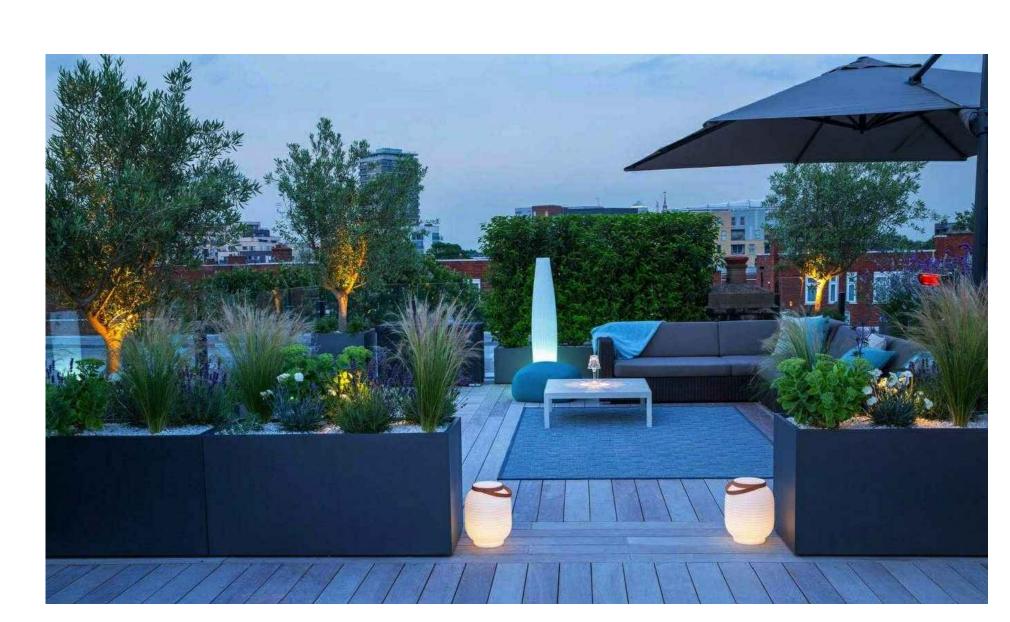






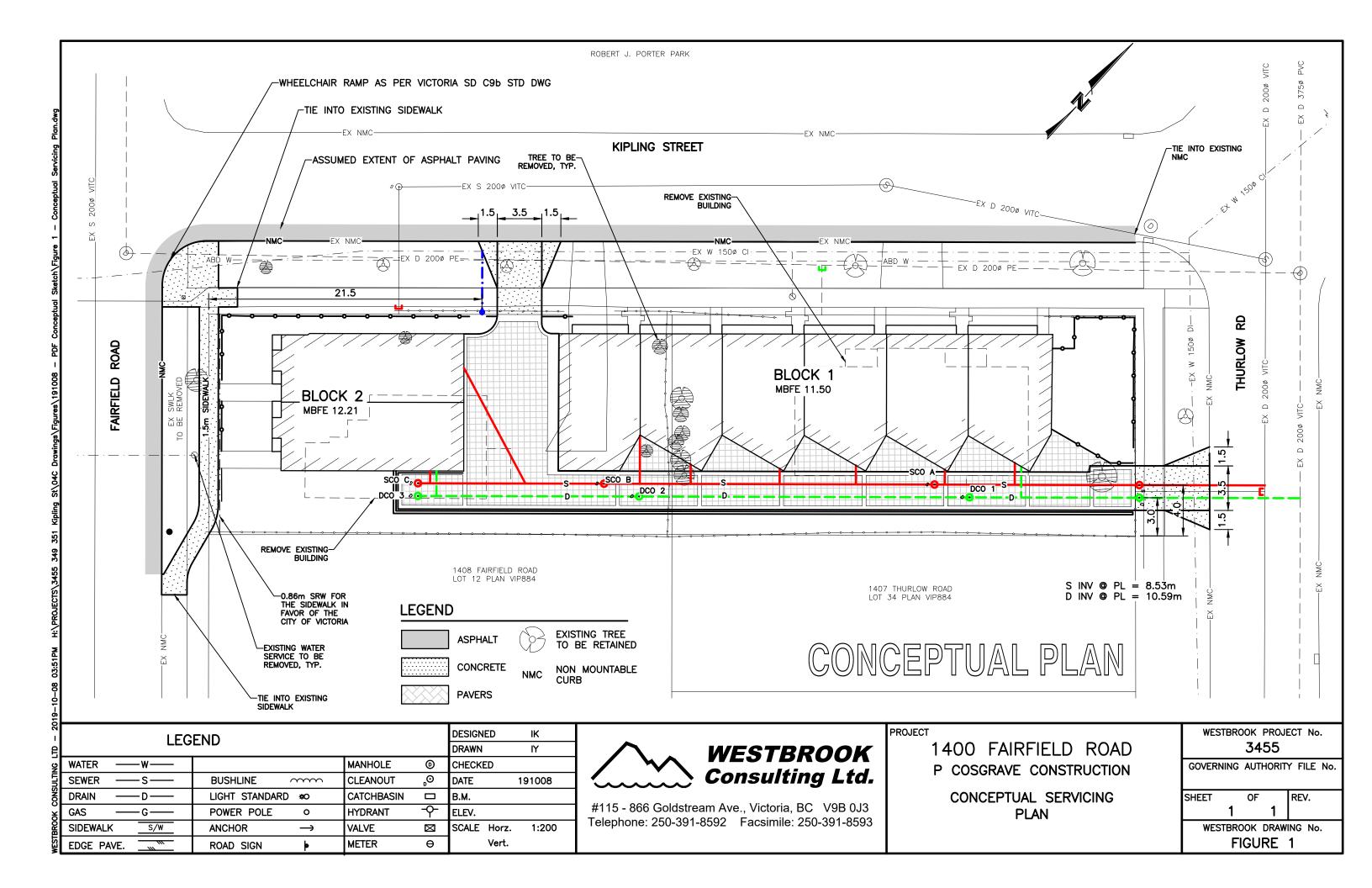


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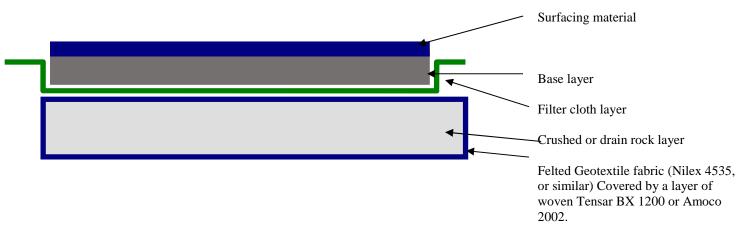




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<u>Diagram - Site Specific Driveway, Parking and Walkway</u>

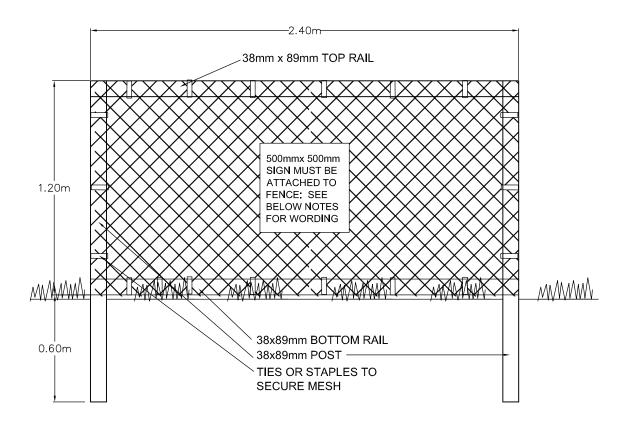


Specifications for Paved Surfaces Above Tree Roots (Driveway, Parking and Walkway Areas)

- 1. Excavation for construction of the driveway/parking/walkway areas must remove only the top layer of sod and not result in root loss
- 2. A layer of medium weight felted Geotextile fabric (Nilex 4535, or similar) is to be installed over the entire area of the critical root zone that is to be covered by the paved surface. Cover this Geotextile fabric with a layer of woven Amoco 2002 or Tensar BX 1200. Each piece of fabric must overlap the adjoining piece by approximately 30-cm.
- 3. A 10cm layer of torpedo rock or 20-mm clean crushed drain rock, is to be used to cover the Geotextile fabric (depth dependent on desired finished grade).
- 4. A layer of felted filter fabric is to be installed over the crushed rock layer to prevent fine particles of sand and soil from infiltrating this layer.
- 5. The bedding or base layer and permeable surfacing can be installed directly on top of the Geotextile fabric.
- 6. Two-dimensional (such as CombiGrid 30/30 or similar) or three-dimensional geo-grid reinforcements can be installed in combination with, or instead of, the geotextile fabric specified in the attached diagram.
- 7. Ultimately, a geotechnical engineer should be consulted and in consultation with the project arborist may specify their own materials and methods that are specific to the site's soil conditions and requirements, while also avoiding root loss and reducing compaction to the sub-grade.



SUPPLEMENTARY STANDARD **DETAIL DRAWINGS**



TREE PROTECTION FENCING

- 1. FENCE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED USING 38 mm X 89mm WOOD FRAME: TOP, BOTTOM AND POSTS * USE ORANGE SNOW-FENCING MESH AND SECURE THE WOOD FRAME WITH "ZIP" TIES OR GALVANIZED STAPLES.
- 2. ATTACH A 500mm X 500mm SIGN WITH THE FOLLOWING WORDING: WARNING- TREE PROTECTION AREA. THIS SIGN MUST BE AFFIXED ON EVERY FENCE OR AT LEAST EVERY 10 LINEAR METERS.
- IN ROCKY AREAS, METAL POSTS (T-BAR OR REBAR) DRILLED INTO ROCK WILL BE **ACCEPTED**

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Tree Resource Spreadsheet Methodology and Definitions

<u>Tag</u>: Tree identification number on a metal tag attached to tree with nail or wire, generally at eye level. Trees on municipal or neighboring properties are not tagged.

NT: No tag due to inaccessibility or ownership by municipality or neighbour.

<u>**DBH**</u>: Diameter at breast height – diameter of trunk, measured in centimetres at 1.4m above ground level. For trees on a slope, it is taken at the average point between the high and low side of the slope.

- * Measured over ivy
- ~ Approximate due to inaccessibility or on neighbouring property

<u>Crown Spread</u>: Indicates the diameter of the crown spread measured in metres to the dripline of the longest limbs.

Relative Tolerance Rating: Relative tolerance of the tree species to construction related impacts such as root pruning, crown pruning, soil compaction, hydrology changes, grade changes, and other soil disturbance. This rating does not take into account individual tree characteristics, such as health and vigour. Three ratings are assigned based on our knowledge and experience with the tree species: Poor (P), Moderate (M) or Good (G).

<u>Critical Root Zone</u>: A calculated radial measurement in metres from the trunk of the tree. It is the optimal size of tree protection zone and is calculated by multiplying the DBH of the tree by 10, 12 or 15 depending on the tree's Relative Tolerance Rating. This methodology is based on the methodology used by Nelda Matheny and James R. Clark in their book "Trees and Development: A Technical Guide to Preservation of Trees During Land Development."

- 15 x DBH = Poor Tolerance of Construction
- 12 x DBH = Moderate
- 10 x DBH = Good

To calculate the critical root zone, the DBH of multiple stems is considered the sum of 100% of the diameter of the largest stem and 60% of the diameter of the next two largest stems. It should be noted that these measures are solely mathematical calculations that do not consider factors such as restricted root growth, limited soil volumes, age, crown spread, health, or structure (such as a lean).

Health Condition:

- Poor significant signs of visible stress and/or decline that threaten the long-term survival of the specimen
- Fair signs of stress
- Good no visible signs of significant stress and/or only minor aesthetic issues

Structural Condition:

- Poor Structural defects that have been in place for a long period of time to the point that mitigation measures are limited
- Fair Structural concerns that are possible to mitigate through pruning
- Good No visible or only minor structural flaws that require no to very little pruning

Retention Status:

- X Not possible to retain given proposed construction plans
- Retain It is possible to retain this tree in the long-term given the proposed plans and information available. This is assuming our **recommended mitigation measures are followed**
- Retain * See report for more information regarding potential impacts
- TBD (To Be Determined) The impacts on the tree could be significant. However, in the absence of exploratory excavations and in an effort to retain as many trees as possible, we recommend that the final determination be made by the supervising project arborist at the time of excavation. The tree might be possible to retain depending on the location of roots and the resulting impacts, but concerned parties should be aware that the tree may require removal.
- NS Not suitable to retain due to health or structural concerns