F.1.a.b540 Dallas Road: Development Variance Permit Application No. 00251 (James Bay)

Moved By Councillor Andrew Seconded By Councillor Alto

That, Council, after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, consider the following motion:

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council (to follow COTW) Minutes March 18, 2021

G.3 <u>540 Dallas Road: Development Variance Permit Application No. 00251</u> (James Bay)

Committee received a report dated February 26, 2021 from the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development regarding the proposed Development Variance Permit Application for 540 Dallas Road is order to add a small addition to the rear of the existing seniors residential building for an enclosed walkway and recommending that is move forward to an opportunity for public comment.

Moved By Councillor Alto Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

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Committee of the Whole Report

For the Meeting of March 11, 2021

То:	Committee of the Whole	Date:	February 26, 2021	
From:	Karen Hoese, Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development			
Subject:	Development Variance Permit Application N	lo. 00251 fo	r 540 Dallas Road	

RECOMMENDATION

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LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

In accordance with Section 498 of the *Local Government Act*, Council may issue a Development Variance Permit that varies a *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* provided the permit does not vary the use or density of land from that specified in the *Zoning Regulation Bylaw*.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present Council with information, analysis and recommendations for a Development Variance Permit Application for the property located at 540 Dallas Road. The proposal is to add a small addition to the rear of the existing seniors residential building in order to create an enclosed walkway. The variances are related to increasing the site coverage and reducing the open site space.

The following points were considered in assessing this application:

• The new enclosed walkway would facilitate a more efficient and logical use of the adjoining activity and common areas of the building by both residents and staff.

- The addition is minor in nature, located at the rear and not visible from the street and it would not have privacy or shading impacts on neighbouring properties.
- The site currently is non-conforming in terms of open site space and site coverage. While the addition requires further variances to these aspects of the *Zoning Regulation Bylaw*, the actual change is minor and would have minimal impacts to the greenspace on site.

BACKGROUND

Description of Proposal

The proposal is for a small addition to the rear of the existing seniors residential building in order to create an enclosed walkway. The addition is part of a larger interior renovation intended to reconfigure the amenity and common areas; the walkway will allow more direct access between spaces. The addition requires variances to slightly increase the site coverage and reduce the amount of open site space.

Sustainability

The applicant has not identified any sustainability features associated with this proposal.

Active Transportation

The applicant has not identified any active transportation impacts associated with this proposal.

Public Realm

No public realm improvements beyond City standard requirements are proposed in association with this Development Variance Permit Application.

Accessibility

The British Columbia Building Code regulates accessibility as it pertains to buildings. The applicant has stated that this new enclosed connection would reduce the need for residents to walk through busy common areas and would greatly decrease the distance required to travel between activity areas.

Existing Site Development and Development Potential

The site is presently a residential facility for seniors.

Tree Preservation Bylaw and Urban Forest Master Plan

There are no *Tree Preservation Bylaw* impacts or impacts to public trees associated with this application.

Data Table

The following data table compares the proposal with the existing R3-2 Zone, Multiple Dwelling District. An asterisk is used to identify where the proposal does not meet the requirements of the existing Zone. A double asterisk is used to identify existing non-conformities.

Zoning Criteria	Proposal	R3-2 Zone	Comments
Site area (m²) – minimum	6664.0	920.0	
Density (Floor Space Ratio) – maximum	1.57:1	1.60:1	
Total floor area (m²) – maximum	10,446.41	N/A	
Height (m) – maximum	13.20	18.50	
Storeys – maximum	4	N/A	
Site coverage (%) – maximum	44.15*	40.00	Existing on site: 43.45**
Open site space (%) – minimum	46.70*	60.00	Existing on site: 47.40**
Setbacks (m) – minimum			
Street Boundary / Front	5.30**	10.50	
Rear	6.50** (23.50 for proposed addition)	6.60	
Side (East)	5.30**	6.60	
Side (South)	9.90**	6.60	

Community Consultation

Consistent with the Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) Procedures for Processing Rezoning and Variance Applications, on October 1, 2020 the application was referred for a 30-day comment period to the James Bay Neighbourhood Association CALUC. At the time of writing this report, a letter from the CALUC had not been received.

ANALYSIS

Development Permit Area and Design Guidelines

The Official Community Plan, 2012 (OCP) identifies this property with in DPA 16, General Form and Character. This Development Permit Area encourages multi-family residential development that provides a sensitive transition to neighbouring properties and includes considerations of accessibility in the building design. The proposed addition occupies a small area, tucked into stepped back portion of the existing building and does not create additional shading or privacy impacts on neighbouring properties. The purpose of the addition is to create a more separated and direct route for residents and staff within the building to move between activity and common areas, which is consistent with DPA 16 and associated guidelines to include considerations of accessibility in building designs.

Variances

The site is currently non-conforming in terms of open site space and site coverage. While the addition requires further variances to the open site space and site coverage, the actual change is minor. The site coverage is increasing from 43.45% to 44.15%. The open site space is decreasing from 47.40% to 46.70%. The subject property is relatively large with multiple landscaped areas and the addition would not impact any significant portions of landscaped space. Given the minor nature of the variances and minimal impacts on the site and surrounding properties, staff consider the variances to be supportable.

CONCLUSIONS

The proposal to create an enclosed corridor at the rear of the existing building is consistent with applicable OCP policies to include considerations of accessibility within building design. The associated variances to reduce the open site space and increase the site coverage are minimal and do not adversely impact the landscaping across the site.

ALTERNATE MOTION

That Council decline Development Variance Permit Application No. 00251 for the property located at 540 Dallas Road.

Respectfully submitted,

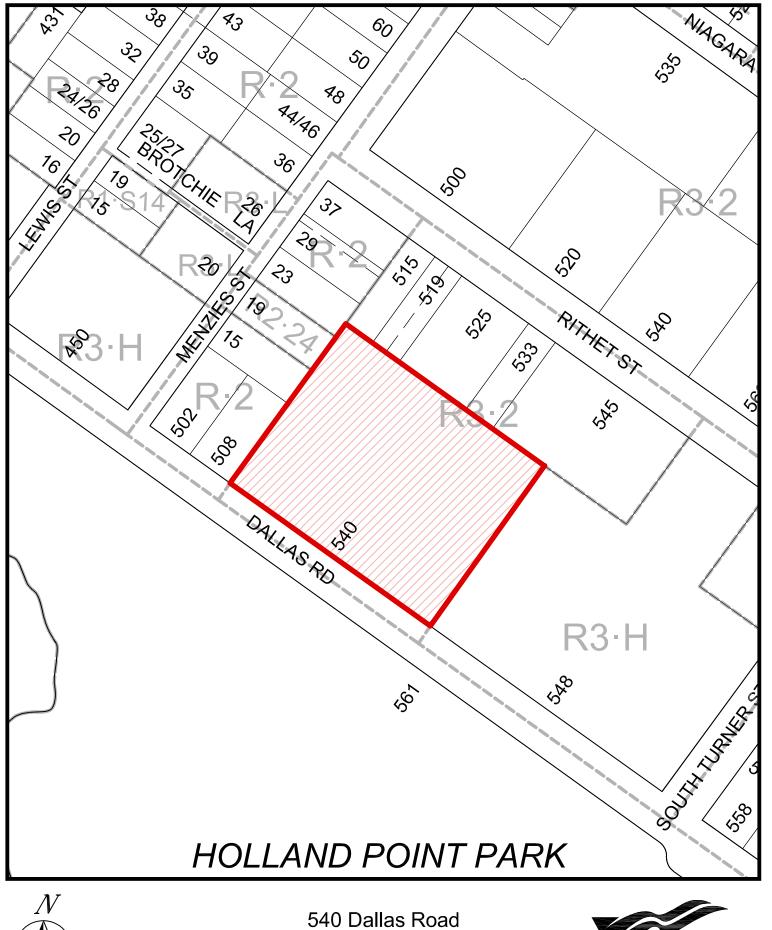
Chloe Tunis Planner Development Services Karen Hoese, Director Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager.

List of Attachments

- Attachment A: Subject Map
- Attachment B: Aerial Map
- Attachment C: Plans date stamped November 12, 2020
- Attachment D: Letter from applicant to Mayor and Council dated September 25, 2020.

ATTACHMENT A





540 Dallas Road Development Variance Permit No.00251



ATTACHMENT B

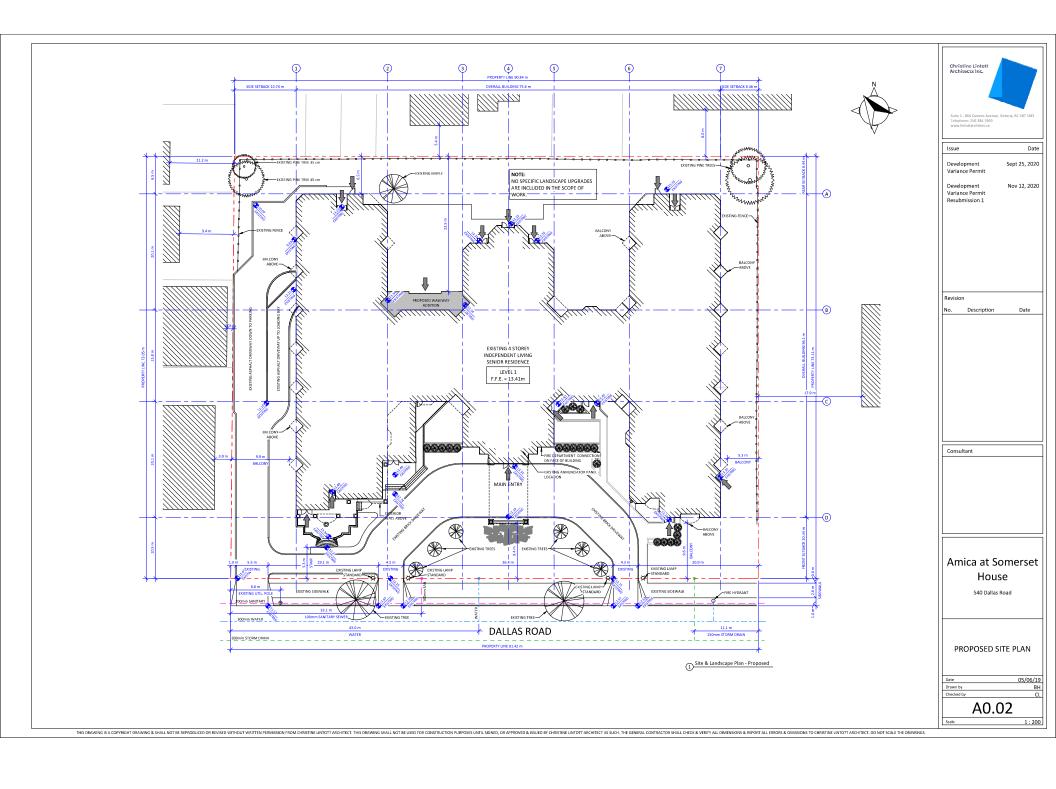


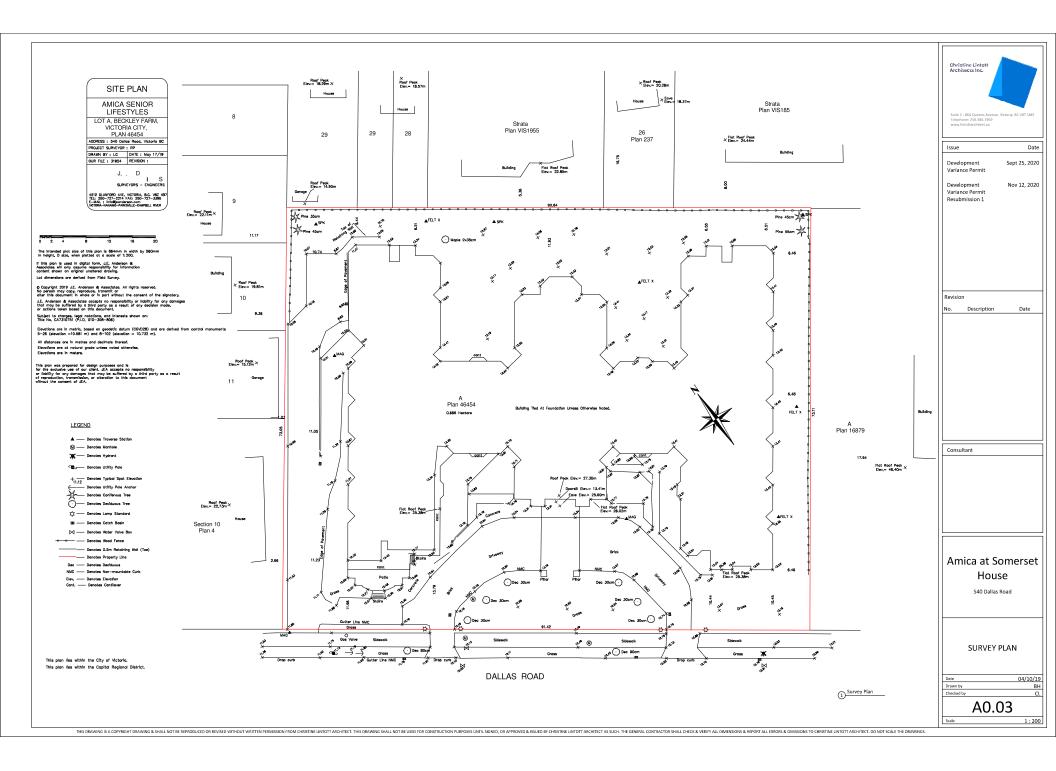


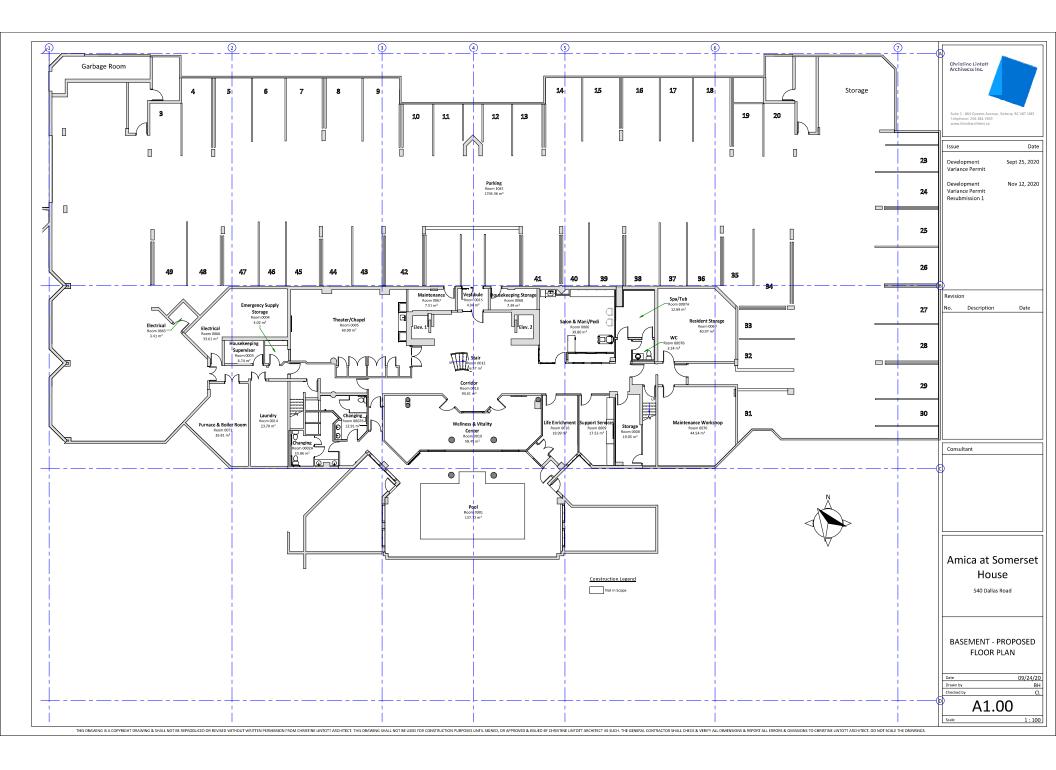
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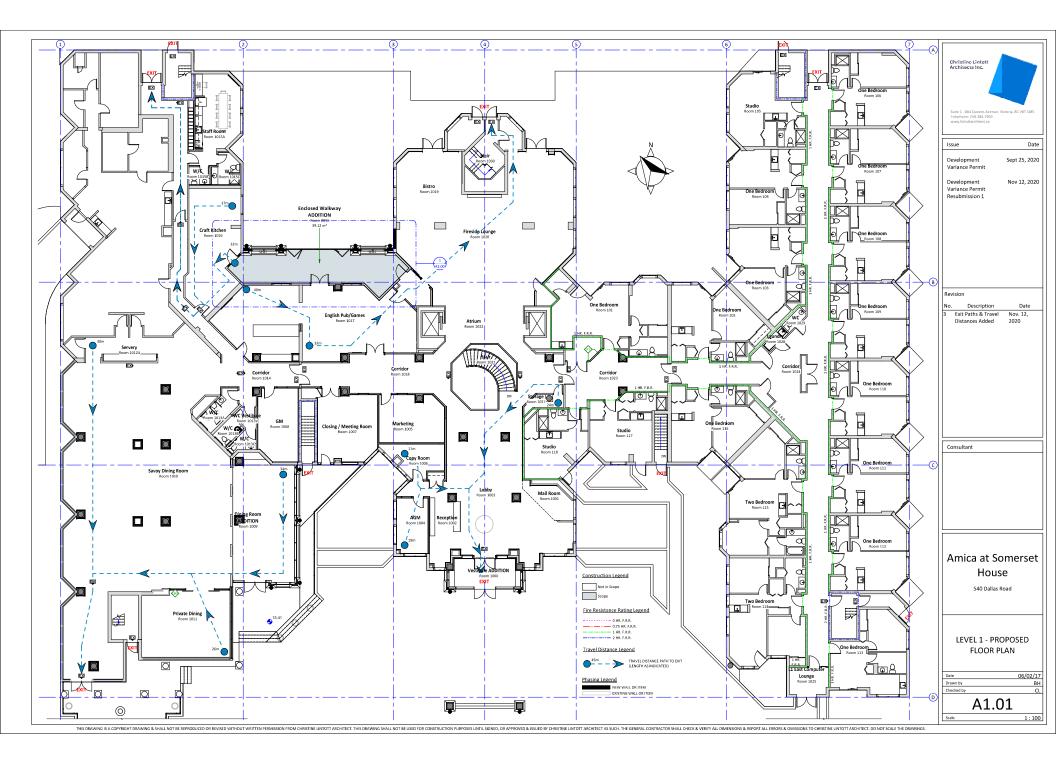


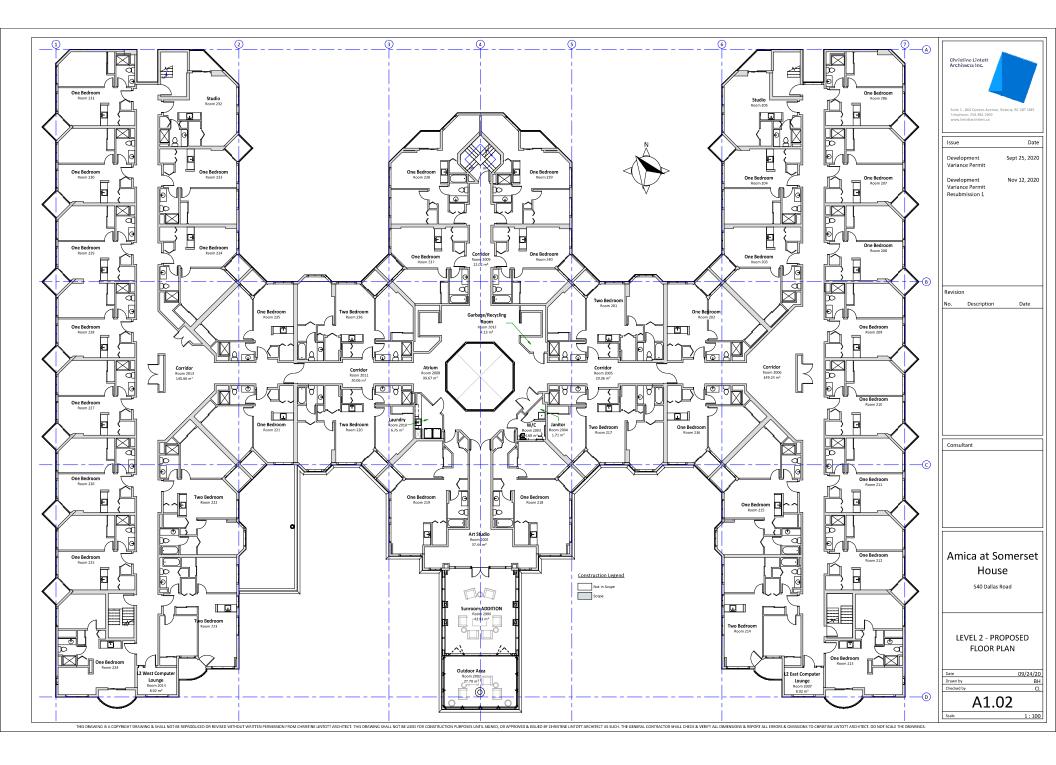
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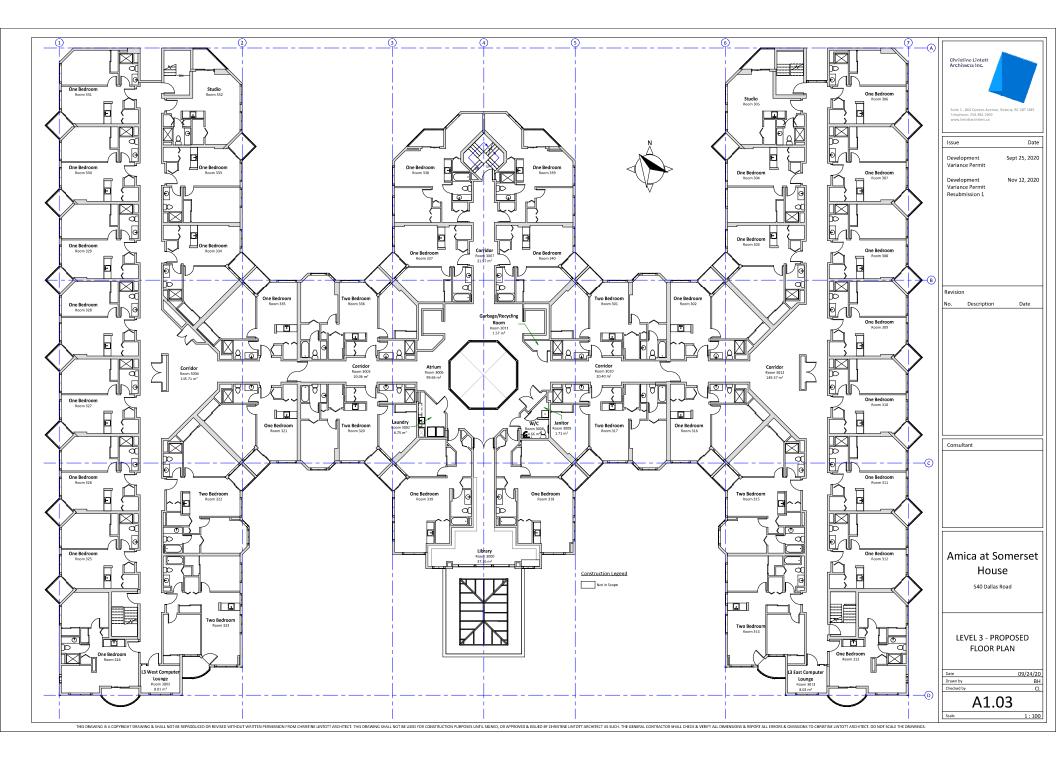


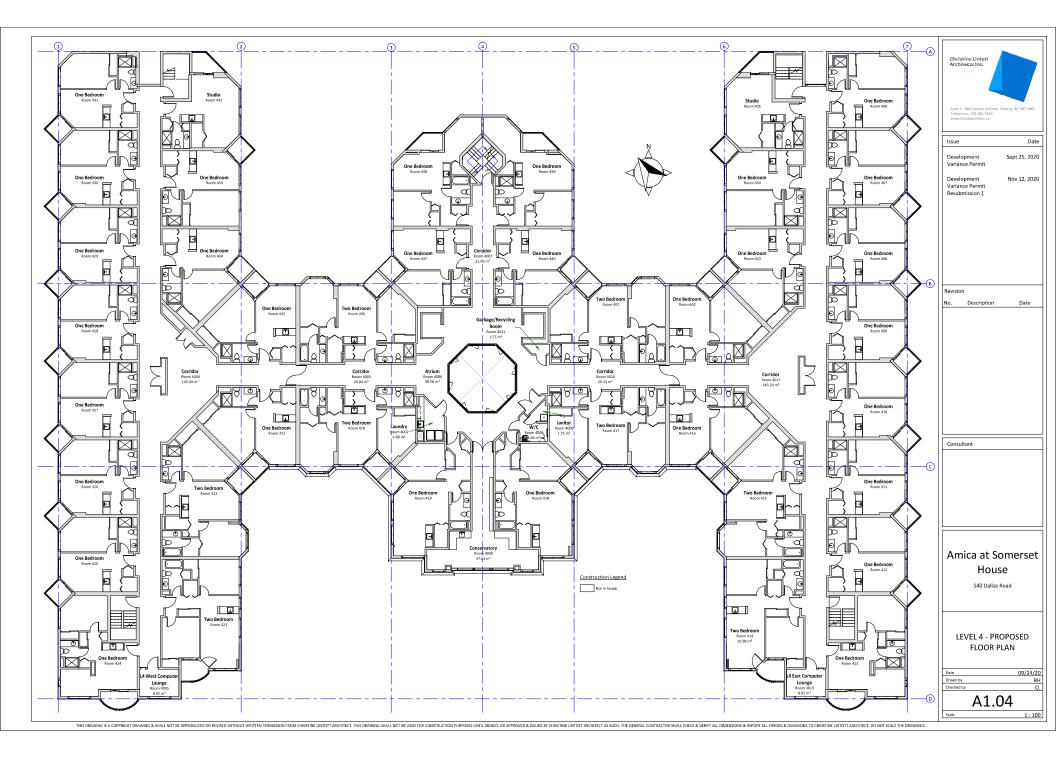


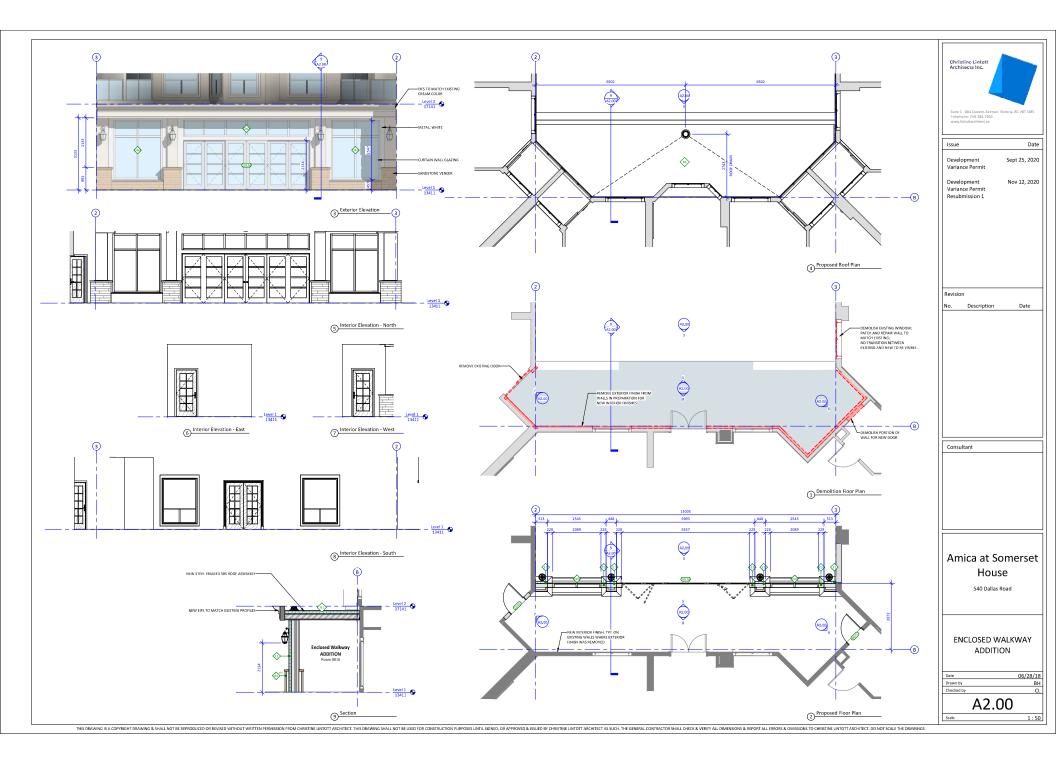


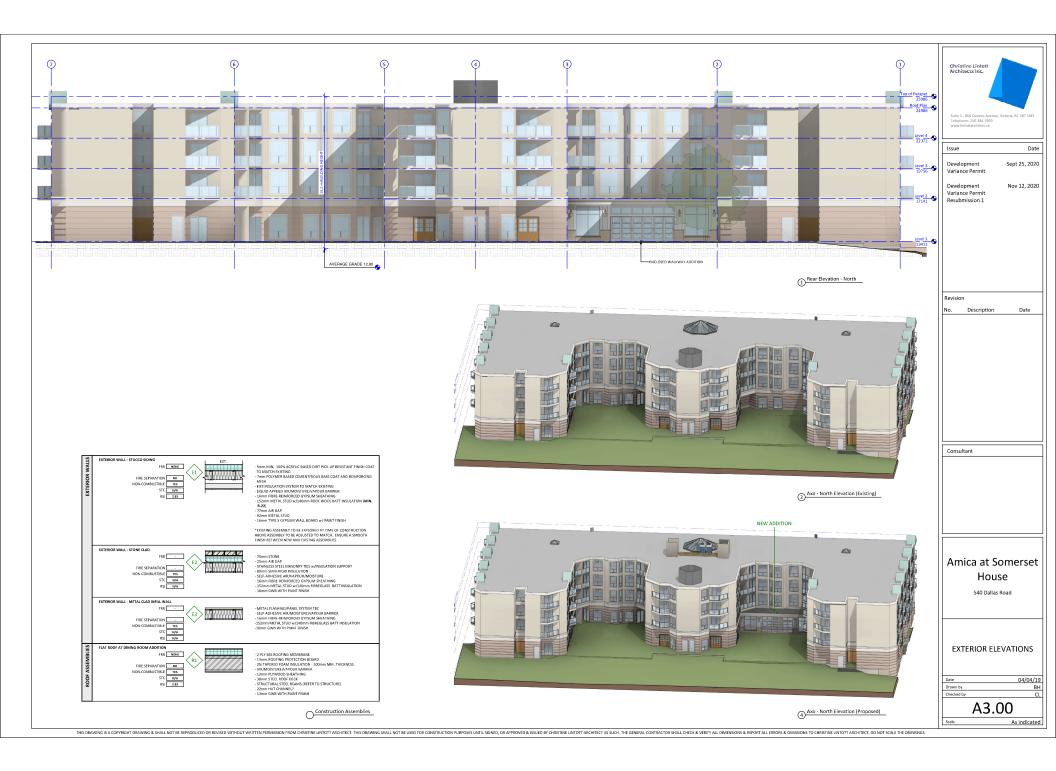














September 25, 2020

Mayor Helps and Council City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square Victoria, BC V8W 1P6



Re: Amica at Somerset, 540 Dallas Road, Development Variance Permit

Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

The proposed variance for the above noted property seeks to add a small addition to the rear, west courtyard in order to provide a heated, convenience walkway between three adjacent amenity spaces. The referenced property is currently under construction to update the resident amenity spaces to provide opportunities for activities more in line with the interests of the population that resides there.

Included in these changes are the addition of a Craft Kitchen on the West wing looking onto the courtyard. This room is used for cooking demonstrations and to allow for residents to cook or bake with supervision. The front area of the courtyard will now host an English Pub where residents can socialize and play games. The existing Fireside Lounge and Bistro is located on the east of the courtyard.

The existing corridor in the center of the building connecting these spaces is a long route circumnavigating around these spaces, rather than tying them together. Providing a direct, enclosed connection through the present courtyard drastically decreases the distance that the residents would be required to travel. The resident's heath and comfort are the foremost priority for Amica Senior Lifestyles, and this direct, convenient, enclosed connection aligns with that objective. The proposed enclosure to accomplish this connection triggers a variance to the lot coverage and open site space to account for the new walkway. While these zoning requirements were already above the maximum and minimum allowed in these categories, the walkway itself is a minimal increase of 0.7% to lot coverage. This would bring the overall lot coverage to 4.2% (124sqm.) over the allowable 40%.

The proposed addition is screened from all properties by the existing building, except for the property directly north of the site. The addition is a single storey so does not add to the overall building height and is discreet and consistent in character to the existing building architecture. It is our opinion that the impact on the surrounding properties is insignificant while the benefit to the residents of the building is substantial.

Sincerely,

Christine Lintott, Architect AIBC, FRAIC Christine Lintott Architects Inc.

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Development Variance Permit Application for 540 Dallas Road



Subject Property





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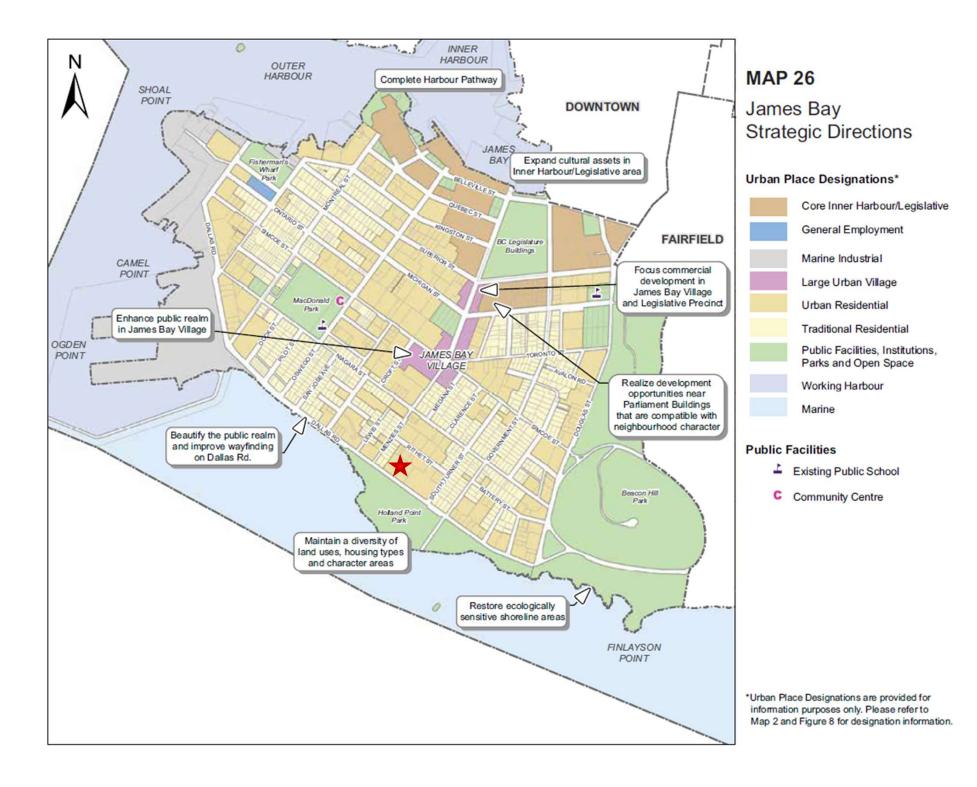




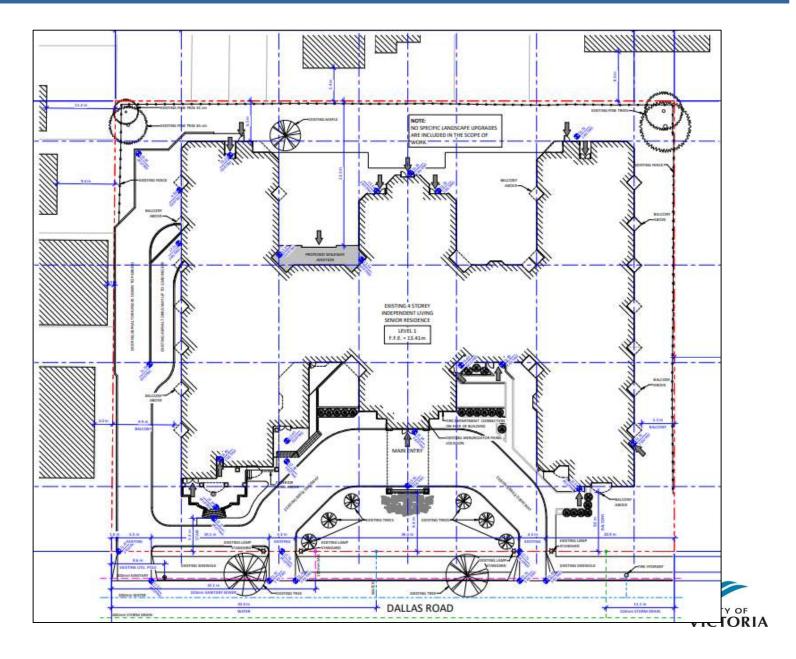
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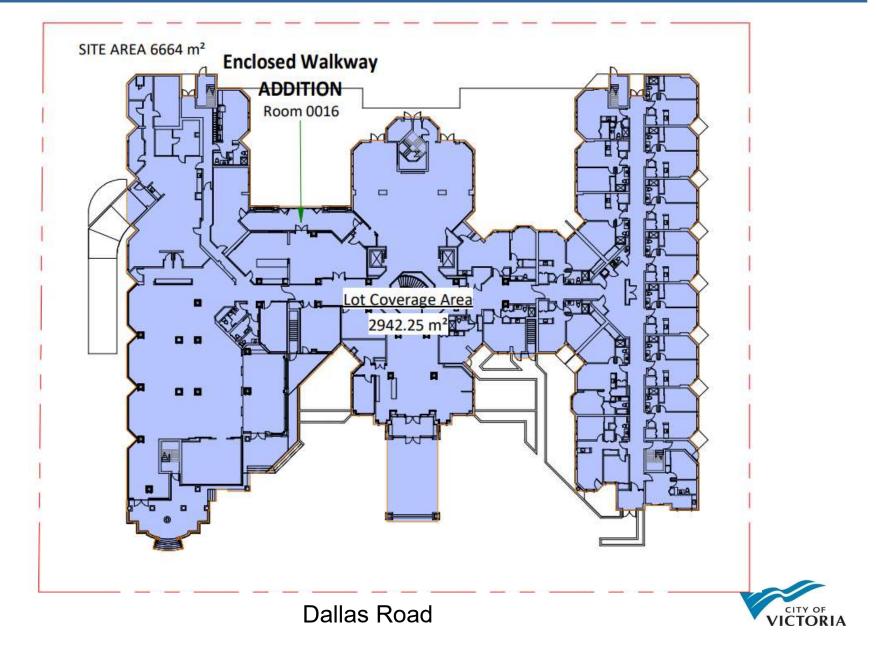




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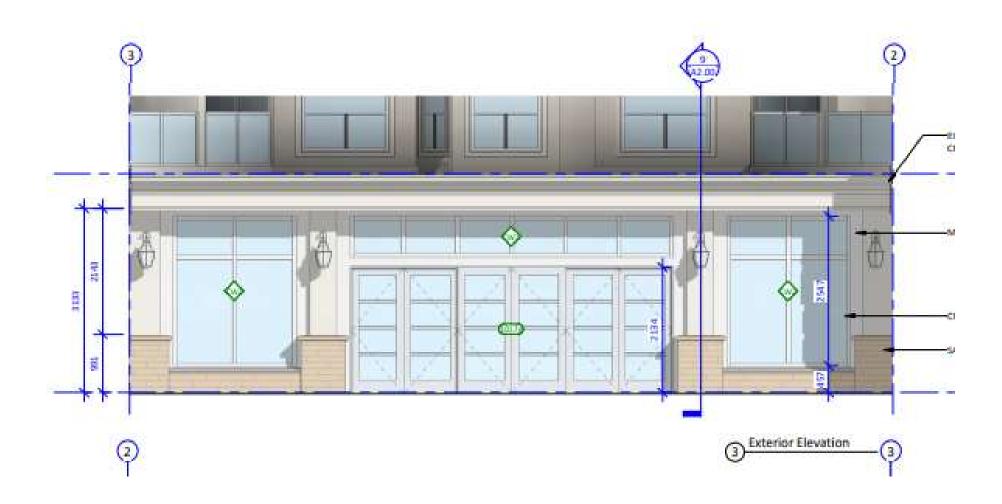
Proposed Addition – Rear Elevation Plan



Area of addition



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Rendering of Rear Addition



2 Axo - North Elevation (Existing)



