F.2 Bylaw for 2740 and 2742 Fifth Street

Moved By Councillor Andrew Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the following bylaw be given first and second readings:

Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1216) No. 21-058

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Andrew Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the following bylaw be given first, second, and third readings:

Housing Agreement (2740 and 2742 Fifth Street) Bylaw (2021) No. 21-059

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Andrew Seconded By Councillor Alto

Development Variance Permit Application No. 00236

That Council, after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, and after the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00709, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of a Development Variance Permit Application for 2740 and 2742 Fifth Street, in accordance with:

- a. Plans date stamped May 4, 2020.
- b. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variance:
 - i. reduce the rear yard setback from 3.0m to 1.20m.
- c. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Council ReportFor the Meeting of June 10, 2021

To: Council Date: May 27, 2021

From: Karen Hoese, Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development

Subject: Update on Rezoning Application No. 00709 and Development Variance

Permit Application No. 00236 for 2740 & 2742 Fifth Street

RECOMMENDATION

Rezoning Application No. 00709

That Council give first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment No. 21-058 (Amendment No. 1216) and give first, second and third reading of Housing Agreement (2740 and 2742 Fifth Street) Bylaw No. 21-059.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present Council with an update on the Rezoning and Development Variance Permit Applications for the property located at 2740 and 2742 Fifth Street. The proposal is to rezone from the R-2 Zone, Two Family Dwelling District, to the R2-38 Zone, Fifth Duplex District to retain the existing two-family dwelling and construct a new single-family dwelling in the rear yard. The proposed variance is to reduce the rear yard setback. The application was considered by Council on December 12, 2019, where the following resolution was approved:

Rezoning Application No. 000709

That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00709 for 2740 & 2742 Fifth Street, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set once the following conditions are met:

- a. Preparation and execution of legal agreements secure the design of the existing and proposed buildings including the energy efficiency certifications, to the satisfaction of City Staff.
- b. Preparation and execution of a Housing Agreement to secure the proposed dwelling as rental for five years.
- c. Subject to refinements being made to the proposal with respect to the length of rental tenure and the passive house standard of the new building.

Development Variance Permit Application No. 00236

That Council, after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, and after the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00709, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of a Development Variance Permit Application for 2740 & 2742 Fifth Street, in accordance with:

- d. Plans date stamped October 10, 2019.
- e. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variance:
 - ii. reduce the rear yard setback from 3.0m to 1.20m.
- f. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

COMMENTS

In response to the Council motion of December 12, 2019, the applicant has revised the application with respect to the passive house standard of the new building and the length of rental tenure, as described below.

Energy Efficiency

The applicant revised the energy efficiency of the proposed single-family dwelling from Built Green certification to Passive House Institute Low Energy Building certification. A design covenant has been registered to secure the new building to be designed and constructed as a Passive House Institute Low Energy Building and Solar Electric Ready. The existing duplex building is already Passive House Certified.

Revised plans have been provided by the applicant to incorporate the new low energy aspects. As such, the Development Variance Permit motion has a new date noted in bold in the recommendation.

Housing Agreement

The applicant originally proposed to secure the new dwelling as rental for five years. However, in response to Council's request that the applicant consider a longer rental term be secured, a

Housing Agreement has been executed which would secure the proposed dwelling as rental for ten years.

The recommendation provided for Council's consideration contains the appropriate language to advance this application to a Public Hearing.

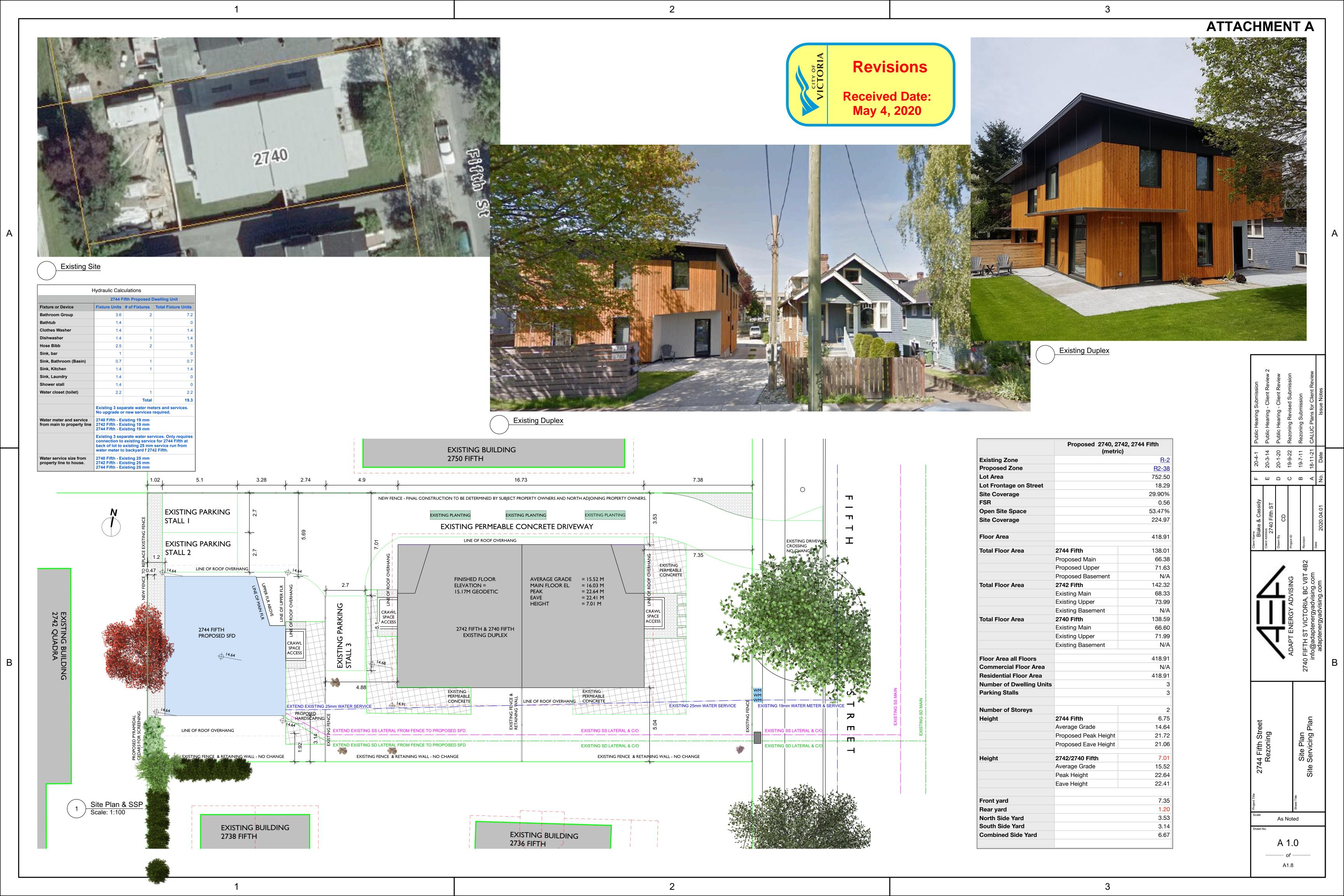
Respectfully submitted,

Mike Angrove Senior Planner Development Services Division Karen Hoese, Director Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department

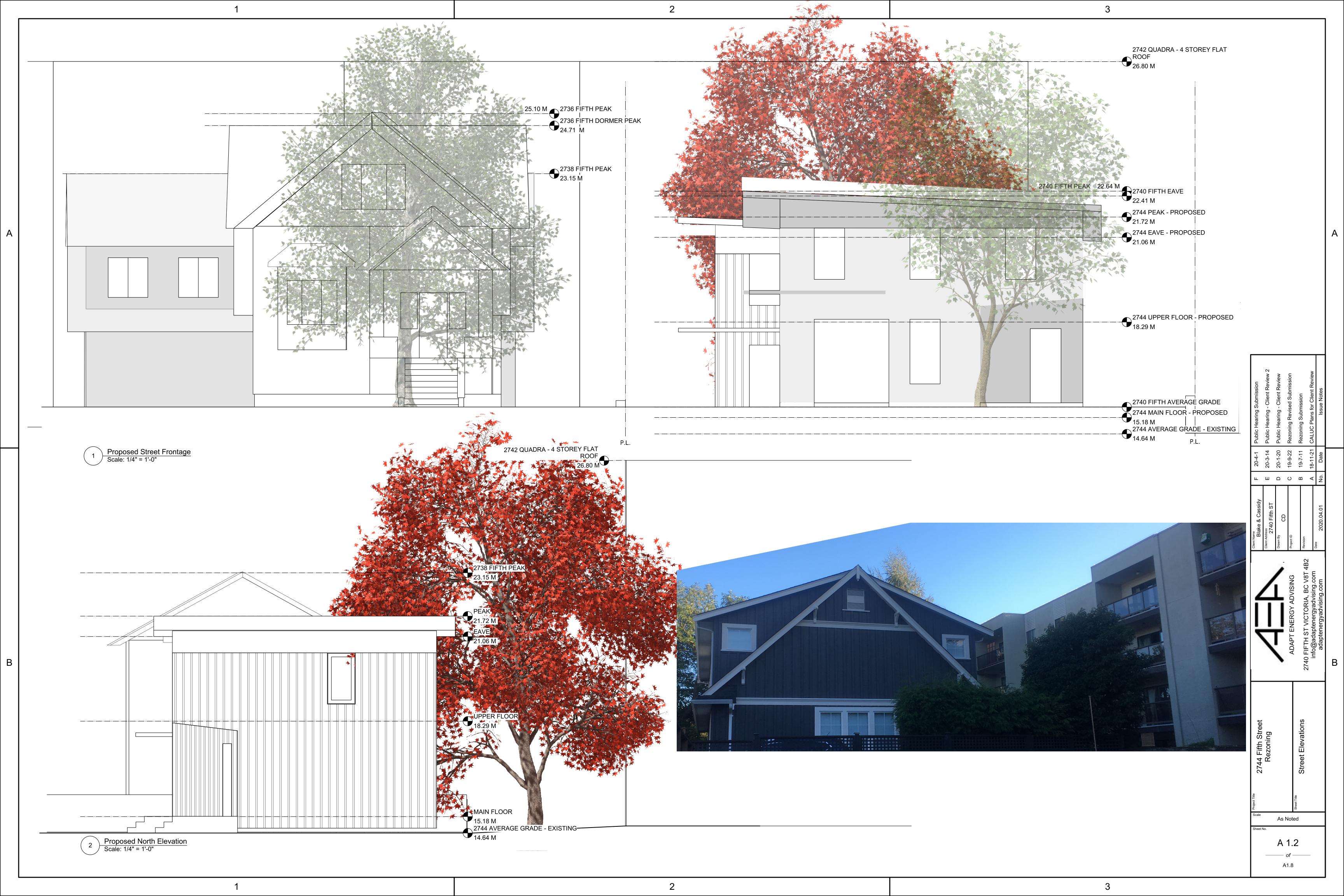
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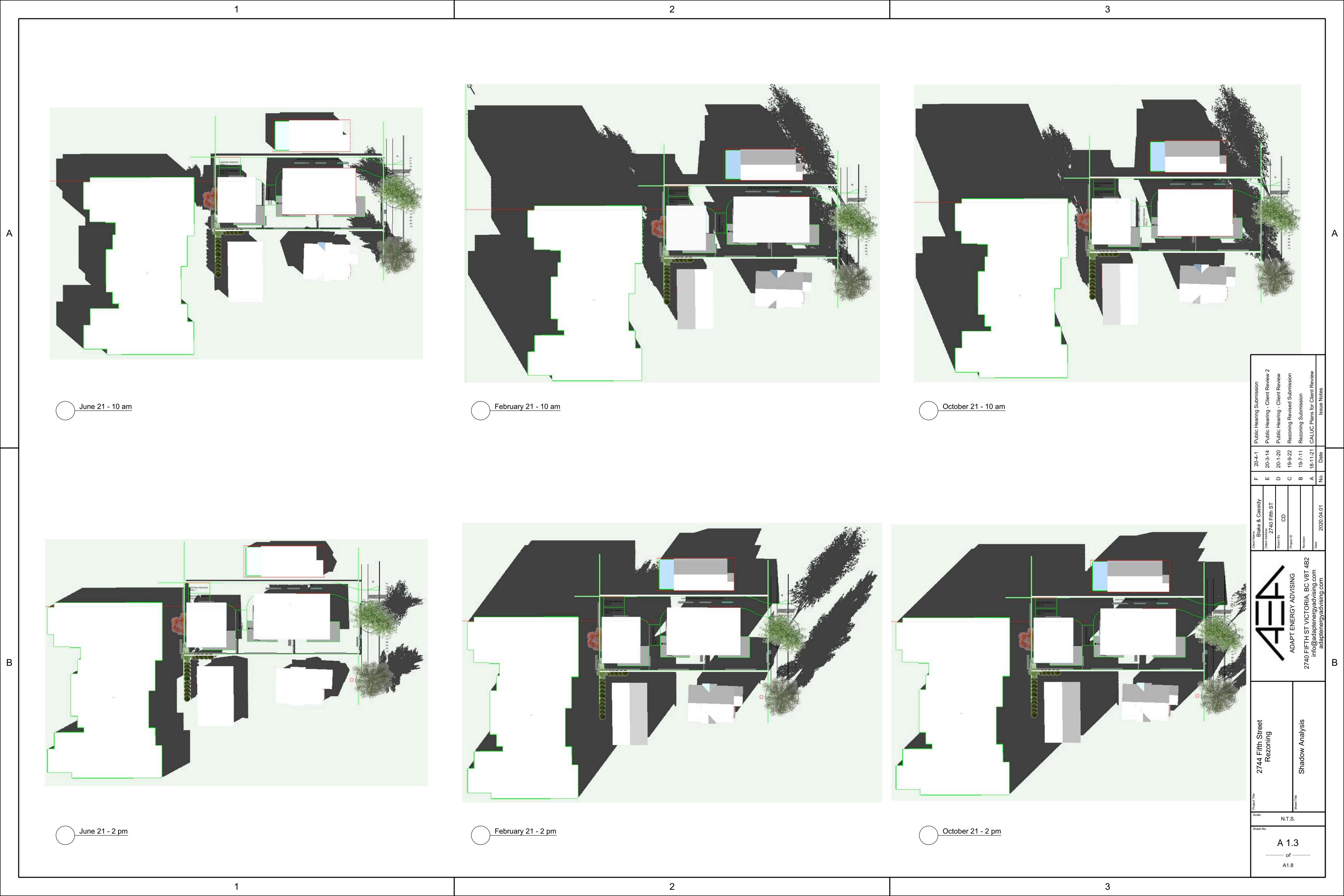
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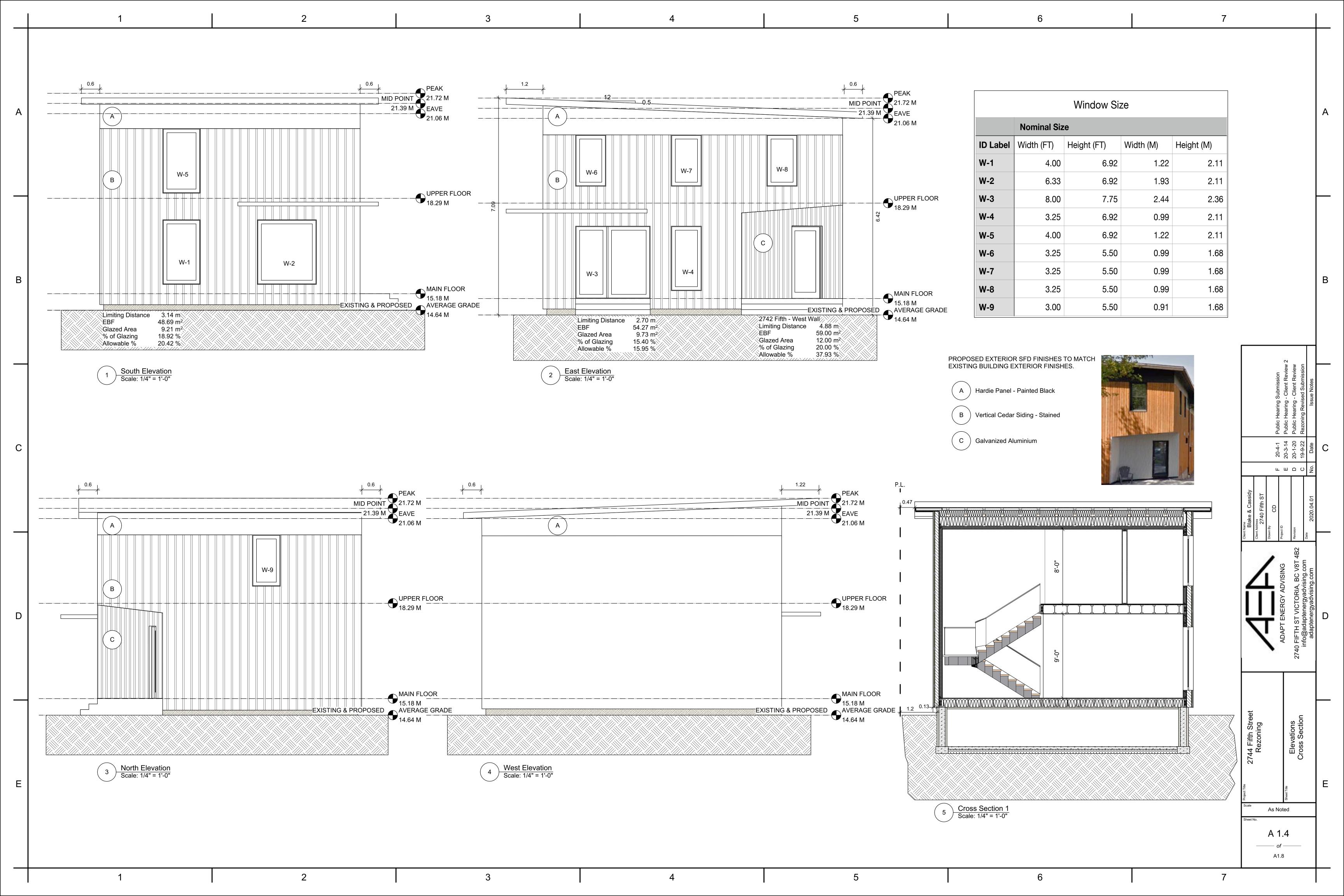
- Attachment A: Revised plans dated May 4, 2020
- Attachment B: Letter to Mayor & Council from the applicant received May 19, 2021.



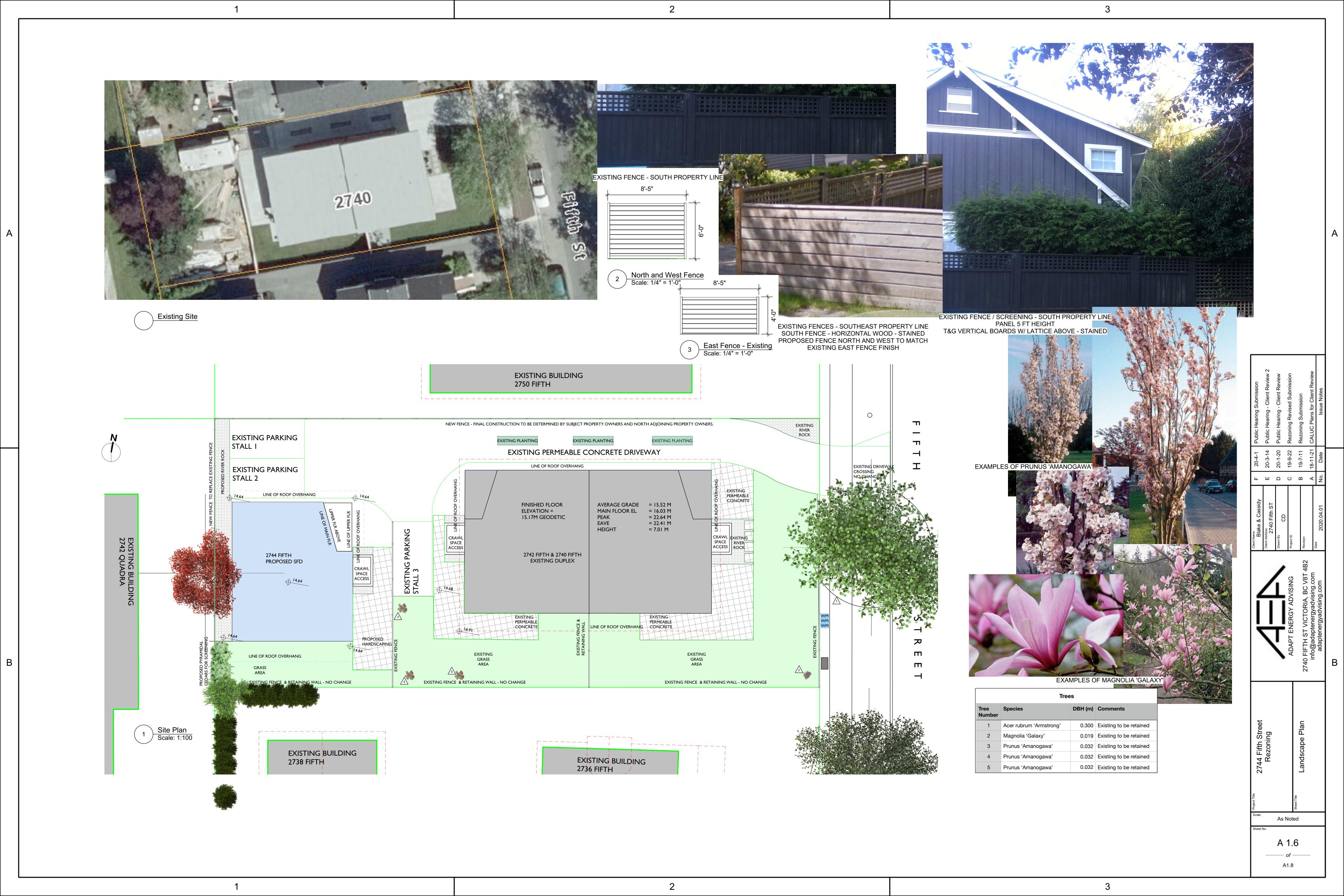


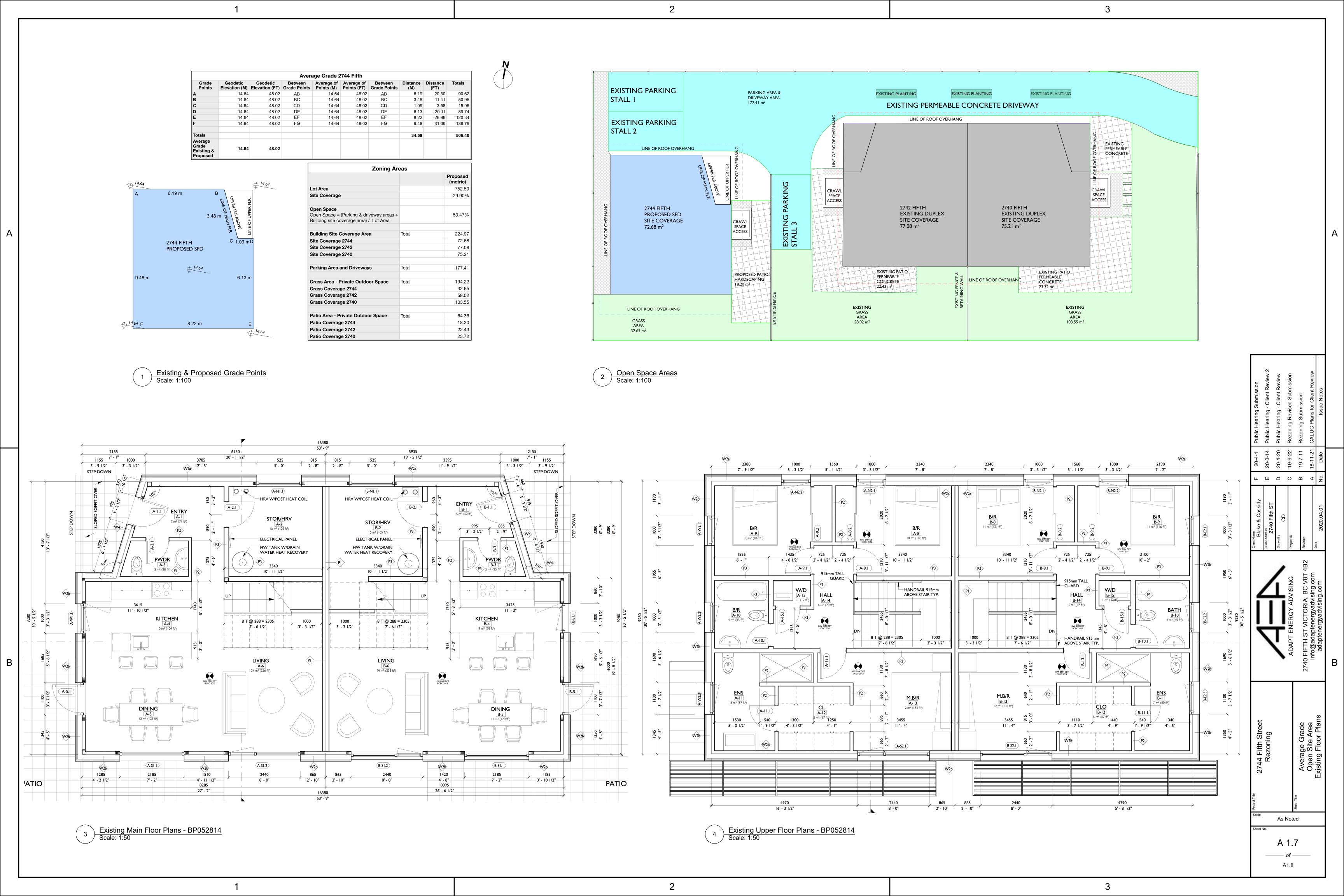














Aneesa Blake and Reed Cassidy 2740 Fifth Street Victoria BC V8T 4B2

Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: 2740 and 2742 Fifth Street: Rezoning Application No. 00709 and Development Variance Permit Application No. 00236 (Hillside/Quadra)

Response to Council Meeting Minutes dated December 12, 2019

The existing dwelling located at 2740 and 2742 Fifth St is a Passive House Certified duplex, built in 2017. The proposed rezoning is to add a two storey, 1481 sqft 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom single family dwelling in the rear yard of the property, with one proposed variance to reduce the rear yard setback from 3m to 1.2m. We are proposing to change the zoning of the property to R2-38, which matches that of the neighboring Southern property. The Southern property has a heritage home facing the street and a duplex in the rear yard. Our proposal encompasses 3 off-street parking spots.

The proposal aligns with the OCP in many ways and fits in with the density of the neighbourhood. Offering an energy efficient, single-family, ground-oriented home, with off-street parking and manageable yard space is perfect for the modern family and a bold idea that achieves new results.

We addressed council at the public hearing on December 12, 2019 to explain our proposal and request the proposal proceed. Council agreed to allow this to proceed to public hearing, granted conditions were met. Those conditions (in *bold italics*) and the actions we have taken to resolve them, are as follows:

- a. Preparation and execution of legal agreements to secure the design of the existing and proposed buildings including the energy efficiency certifications, to the satisfaction of City Staff. A covenant has been registered on title to secure that the building will be built as a Passive House Low Energy Building. The benefit is that future tenants will enjoy quiet, efficient and comfortable homes while the CoV further increases the number of Passive Houses in its jurisdiction.
- b. Preparation and execution of a Housing Agreement to secure the proposed dwelling as rental for five years. A housing agreement has been registered on title to secure the proposed dwelling as a rental for ten years. The addition of rental housing directly supports the Victoria Housing Strategy.
- c. That the motion be amended by adding a point c as follows: c. Subject to refinements being made to the proposal with respect to the length of rental tenure and the passive house standard of the new building. Rentals of this nature are currently in high demand and have exhibited a 0% vacancy rate over the last few years. In spite of this, we feel as though ten years of rental tenure is adequate because the rental issue is a current issue. The city's strategy is to provide adequate rental housing, therefore there is potential that in ten years, the market will have improved.

The proposed building has been energy modelled with the Passive House Planning Package software. Passive House Low Energy Building is the certification that has been selected due to the shady nature of the site; the apartment building to the West and the tall duplex to the South limit winter sunlight from reaching the proposed building. This certification best compliments the proposal, providing superior energy efficiency, the prestige of a Passive House certification, and is not cost prohibitive. The Passive House Low Energy Building standard is roughly equivalent to Step 5 of the BC Building Code Energy Step Code.

We have always been passionate about energy efficient rental housing, however having recently welcomed a new addition to our family (baby Ziggy), we're even more convinced that everyone deserves an opportunity to reduce their ecological footprint and preserve resources for future generations. We are excited at the opportunity to contribute to centrally located, low maintenance rentals, for families like ourselves to enjoy. We are equally thrilled to do so while helping Mayor and Council achieve the Housing Strategy and increasing the tax base.