



## Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of October 6, 2022

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** September 22, 2022

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

**Subject:** **Rezoning Application No. 00820 and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00207 for 722 and 726 Discovery Street**

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### RECOMMENDATION

#### Rezoning Application

1. That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00820 for 722 and 726 Discovery Street, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set.
2. The applicant provided the following items prior to a Public Hearing:
  - a. an updated Arborist Report and Tree Management Plan to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities
  - b. a revised site plan and landscape plan that comply with the Tree Protection Bylaw with respect to tree identification, soil volumes and tree replacement to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities
  - c. a revised site plan and landscape plan that comply with the City's Downtown Public Realm Plan and Streetscape Standards (DPRP), specifically, the 'New Town' District for the frontage, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works
  - d. a revised site plan and landscape plan showing nine short-term bicycle parking spaces on site in accordance with Schedule C: Off-street Parking to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
3. The applicant prepared and executed legal agreements to secure the following with the form and contents to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, Director of Engineering and Public Works, and the City Solicitor prior to final adoption of the bylaws:
  - a. all dwelling units would remain affordable or below-market rental for 60 years, or the life of the building, whichever is greater
  - b. all dwelling units are to be owned by a non-profit or government agency for 60 years,

- or the life of the building, whichever is greater, to guarantee that the development will continue to provide non-market housing
- c. a minimum of nine accessible and five adaptable dwelling units to be constructed in accordance with CAN/CSA-B651-95, the National Standard of Canada for barrier-free design
  - d. provide civil design drawings and construct a mid-block crosswalk adjacent to the development, which would include bulb outs, lighting, enhanced street furnishings and landscaping, and coordinate with the mid-block crosswalk requirements associated with the adjacent development proposal on the properties located at 710 Caledonia Ave and 1961 Douglas Street
  - e. the design, supply and installation of the City's Downtown Public Realm Plan and Streetscape Standards (DPRP), specifically, the 'New Town' District for the Discovery Street development frontage, including furnishings, materials, sidewalk scoring patterns and pedestrian lights
  - f. provide five (5) BC Transit's EcoPasses for employees, for a five-year duration; install a level 2 electric charger along the site's Discovery Street frontage for public use; and provide electric charging abilities for a minimum of 20% of the long-term bicycle parking spaces
  - g. install solar voltaic rooftop panels in accordance with the plans dated August 18, 2022
  - h. secure sewage attenuation should it be determined that sewage attenuation will be required for this development following the review of Sanitary Design Flow calculations prepared by Lawson Engineering Ltd., to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
4. Discharge the existing Easement (CA6123705 and CA6123706) from the title of 722 Discovery Street to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.

### **Development Permit with Variances Application**

That Council refer the application back to staff and give the applicant an opportunity to reconsider the siting of the building to allow for the retention and protection of the Garry oak trees to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development and the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities.

### **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

This report discusses a Rezoning Application and a concurrent Development Permit with Variances (DPV) Application. Relevant rezoning considerations include the proposal to increase the density and add multi-unit residential and office as new uses while the relevant DPV considerations relate to the application's consistency with design guidelines and the impact of variances.

### **Enabling Legislation**

In accordance with Section 479 of the *Local Government Act*, Council may regulate within a zone the use of land, buildings and other structures, the density of the use of the land, building and other structures, the siting, size and dimensions of buildings and other structures as well as the uses that are permitted on the land and the location of uses on the land and within buildings and

other structures.

In accordance with Section 482 of the *Local Government Act*, a zoning bylaw may establish different density regulations for a zone, one generally applicable for the zone and the others to apply if certain conditions are met.

In accordance with Section 483 of the *Local Government Act*, Council may enter into a Housing Agreement which may include terms agreed to by the owner regarding the occupancy of the housing units and provided such agreement does not vary the use of the density of the land from that permitted under the zoning bylaw.

In accordance with Section 489 of the *Local Government Act*, Council may issue a Development Permit in accordance with the applicable guidelines specified in the *Official Community Plan*. A Development Permit may vary or supplement the Zoning Regulation Bylaw but may not vary the use or density of the land from that specified in the Bylaw.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present Council with information, analysis and recommendations for a Rezoning Application and a Development Permit with Variances Application for the properties located at 722 and 726 Discovery Street. The proposal is to rezone from the M-1 Zone, Limited Light Industrial District, to a new residential rental tenure zone in order to increase the density and permit an eight-storey, multi-unit residential building consisting of approximately 90 supportive housing dwelling units. There is a concurrent Development Permit with Variances Application pertaining to the proposed form and character, exterior finishes and landscaping. The proposed variances are related to vehicle and bicycle parking.

The following points were considered in assessing the Rezoning Application:

- The *Official Community Plan* (OCP, 2012) Urban Place designation is Core Employment, which supports residential uses within the Rock Bay neighbourhood between Douglas Street and Blanshard Street
- The proposed density is 3:46:1 floor space ratio (FSR), which is above the maximum residential density of 3:1 FSR supported in Core Employment. However, the proposal is further advancing important OCP policies and objectives related to housing and homelessness, sustainability, food security and community well-being
- The subject properties are located within the Rock Bay District in the *Downtown Core Area Plan* (DCAP, 2011), which supports residential and residential mixed-use development between Douglas Street and Blanshard Street, and the development of non-market housing as the Downtown Core Area grows, in partnership with provincial, non-profit and industry partners
- The proposal is for approximately 90 fully self-contained (including a private washroom and a kitchenette) supportive housing units and support services for people who are at-risk-of-homelessness in the community
- The subject property is located in close proximity to rapid transit on Douglas Street. The DCAP encourages pedestrian connections to transit corridors and transit stops that are direct, safe, convenient, barrier-free, easily identifiable and navigable. The applicant would be installing a new mid-block crossing on Discovery Street to improve pedestrian infrastructure and support transit in the neighbourhood.

The following points were considered in assessing the Development Permit with Variances Application:

- The subject properties are within Development Permit Area (DPA) 7A: Douglas Street and Blanshard Street, which encourages the revitalization of commercial corridors, including Douglas and Blanshard streets through high quality architecture, landscape and urban design
- The application is proposing to remove three significant Garry oak trees, which significantly contribute to the urban forest and public realm, to accommodate the building, driveway and pad-mounted transformer (PMT), despite strong encouragement to adjust the site layout to retain the trees
- The proposal is replacing an underutilized surface parking lot with a multi-unit residential building, which will provide additional housing and enhance the neighbourhood
- To create a sense of community on-site, the applicant is proposing outdoor amenity space for residents, including a gazebo, outdoor seating, allotment garden boxes, and landscaping
- The proposal is providing no parking on-site. The DCAP supports parking variances for transit-supportive uses located adjacent to major transit stops. The subject site is less than a 100m from a transit stop on Douglas Street. To further support the lack on on-site parking the applicant is proposing additional transit demand management measures.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **Description of Proposal**

The rezoning proposal is to increase the density and permit a multiple dwelling building consisting of approximately 90 supportive housing units, a commercial kitchen, dining area and support staff offices.

The following differences from the M-1 Zone, Limited Light Industrial District, are being proposed and would be accommodated in the new residential rental tenure zone:

- increase the density from 3:1 to 3.46:1 FSR
- permit residential uses
- increase the maximum height from 15m to 30.05m.

The associated Development Permit with Variance application is for an eight-storey, multi-unit residential building and associated landscaping. Specific details include:

- a steel-framed, modular building
- exterior materials on the building include brick veneer, vertical metal panel, metal plate panel, metal plate spandrel panel, horizontal fibre cement plank, concrete composite metal cladding, heavy timber columns, and metal handrail and guardrail systems
- corrugated metal screening for rooftop mechanical equipment
- exterior finishes of the accessory building for bicycle parking and garbage/recycling enclosure include brick veneer and corrugated metal siding
- outdoor amenity space on the rooftop of the accessory building including allotment garden boxes and outdoor seating
- outdoor common area at grade including a gazebo, outdoor seating, allotment garden boxes, and landscaping
- three significant Garry oak trees to be removed and 12 new trees to be planted on site

- 30 long-term and 6 short-term bicycle parking spaces
- no residential or visitor parking spaces on site
- an accessible vehicle pick-up and drop-off area.

The proposed variances are related to:

- reducing the required number of residential parking spaces from 18 to nil, commercial parking spaces from one to nil, and visitor parking spaces from nine to nil
- reducing the required number of long-term bicycle parking spaces from 90 to 30
- reducing the required number of short-term bicycle parking spaces from nine to six.

### Land Use Context

The area is characterized by a mix of light industrial, commercial and residential uses.



Figure 1. Aerial photo of subject properties

### Existing Site Development and Development Potential

The site is presently used as a surface parking lot.

Under the current M-1 Zone, the property could be developed at a density of 3:1 FSR and include a five-storey commercial and/or light industrial building consisting of a mix of uses, such as manufacturing, processing and assembly, warehouses, financial institution, high-tech, office, restaurant, school, transient accommodation, or work-live.

## Data Table

The following data table compares the proposal with the existing M-1 Zone, Limited Light Industrial District. An asterisk is used to identify where the proposal is less stringent than the existing zone. Additionally, the key City policy that pertains to the area has been included in this table.

Zoning Criteria	Proposal	M-1 Zone	OCP Policy	DCAP
Site area (m <sup>2</sup> ) – minimum	1344.83	n/a		
Density (Floor Space Ratio) – maximum	<b>3.46:1*</b>	3	5:1 (max residential density up to 3:1)	5:1 (max residential density up to 3:1)
Height (m) – maximum	<b>30.05*</b>	15	n/a	60
Storeys – maximum	8	n/a	15	20
Site coverage (%) – maximum	46.60	n/a		
Open site space (%) – minimum	53.30	n/a		
<b>Setbacks (m) – minimum</b>				
Front (Discovery Street)	3.20	n/a		
Rear (North)	3	3 or 0		
Side yard (West)	14.50 (building) <b>1.20* (bicycle enclosure)</b>	3 or 0		
Side yard (East)	<b>2.5* (building)</b> <b>1.6* (heat pump)</b>	3 or 0		
Vehicle parking – minimum	<b>0*</b>	18 (residential) 1 (commercial)		
Visitor vehicle parking - minimum	<b>0*</b>	9		
<b>Loading Space (m) – minimum</b>				
Width	4	4		
Length	9	9		
Height	open	4.30		
Setback from street	<b>0*</b>	3		

Zoning Criteria	Proposal	M-1 Zone	OCP Policy	DCAP
Access from street	4*	5		
<b>Bicycle parking stalls – minimum</b>				
Long-term	30*	90		
Short-term	6*	9		
Percentage (%) of horizontal spaces	47*	50		

**Active Transportation**

The applicant is proposing to provide 30 long-term and six short-term bicycle parking spaces to support active transportation.

**Public Realm**

The following public realm improvements are proposed in association with this application:

- installation of a dual head level two vehicle charger on Discovery Street
- construction of a mid-block crosswalk adjacent to the development, which would include bulb outs, lighting, enhanced street furnishings and landscaping, and would be coordinated with the mid-block crosswalk requirements associated with the adjacent development proposal on the properties located at 710 Caledonia Avenue and 1961 Douglas Street.

The above would be secured with a Section 219 covenant and registered on the property’s title, prior to Council giving final consideration of the proposed Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment.

**Community Consultation**

Consistent with the *Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) Procedures for Processing Rezoning and Variance Applications*, prior to submission of the application, it was posted on the Development Tracker along with an invitation to complete a comment form regarding the proposal. Mailed notification was sent to owners and occupiers of property within 200m of the subject property advising that a consultation process was taking place and that information could be obtained and feedback provided through the Development Tracker. A sign was also posted on site, to notify those passing by of this consultative phase. Additionally, the applicant participated in an online community meeting with the CALUC on February 7, 2022. A letter dated February 11, 2022, along with the comment forms are attached to this report.

Only one comment form was received in the pre-application process and the response was in support of the proposal. However, the CALUC letter expressed concerns related to the lack of larger size (two- and three-bedroom) dwelling units and a shortfall in on-site parking for employees.

The associated application proposes variances, therefore, in accordance with the City's *Land Use Procedures Bylaw*, it requires notice, sign posting and a meeting of Council to consider the variances.

## **ANALYSIS**

### **Rezoning Application**

#### Official Community Plan

The subject properties are designated Core Employment in the OCP, which supports residential mixed-use, work/live and commercial, including office, hotels and other visitor accommodation, for the areas located between Douglas Street and Blanshard Street. The OCP supports building heights up to 15 storeys and a base density of 3:1 FSR up to a maximum of 5:1 FSR, of which the residential density does not exceed 3:1 FSR. The proposal complies with the use and height policies in the OCP; however, the proposed residential density is above the maximum density identified in the Core Employment Urban Place designation.

The proposal further advances several key policies and objectives in the OCP, which need to be taken into consideration when evaluating the proposed density and merits of this application. The key features of this proposal include:

- affordable and stable housing with support services for people in core housing need
- support services on site, such as life skills training and employment assistance to build individual capacity
- self-contained units with kitchenettes and access to regular meal services to support nutritional health
- indoor and outdoor amenities for residents to foster inclusivity and a sense of community on site
- gardens and other food production spaces for the use of residents
- partnerships with community organizations to reduce poverty in the city.

#### Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood Plan

The *Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood Plan* refers to the DCAP for land use policies related to use, height and density. DCAP identifies the subject properties within the Rock Bay District, which envisions the area as a key employment centre that attracts a range of commercial and light industrial businesses to provide a more diversified and resilient employment base. With respect to residential development, the Plan states that residential and residential mixed-use development are to be primarily located between Douglas Street and Blanshard Street. Furthermore, the Plan states that residential development is to be located, designed, and appropriately sited to mitigate any potentially negative effects on the general operation and function of adjacent employment activities. The building is situated 2.5m from the east property line and 3m from the rear property line. There are residential dwelling units with operable windows facing east. However, there are no residential units facing the rear yard, which would minimize any potential conflicts between residential and employment activities.

Building heights up to 60m (approximately 20 storeys) and a base density of 3:1 FSR up to a maximum of 5:1 FSR, of which the residential density does not exceed 3:1 FSR is supported in the Plan. The proposal complies with the use and height policies in the DCAP; however, the

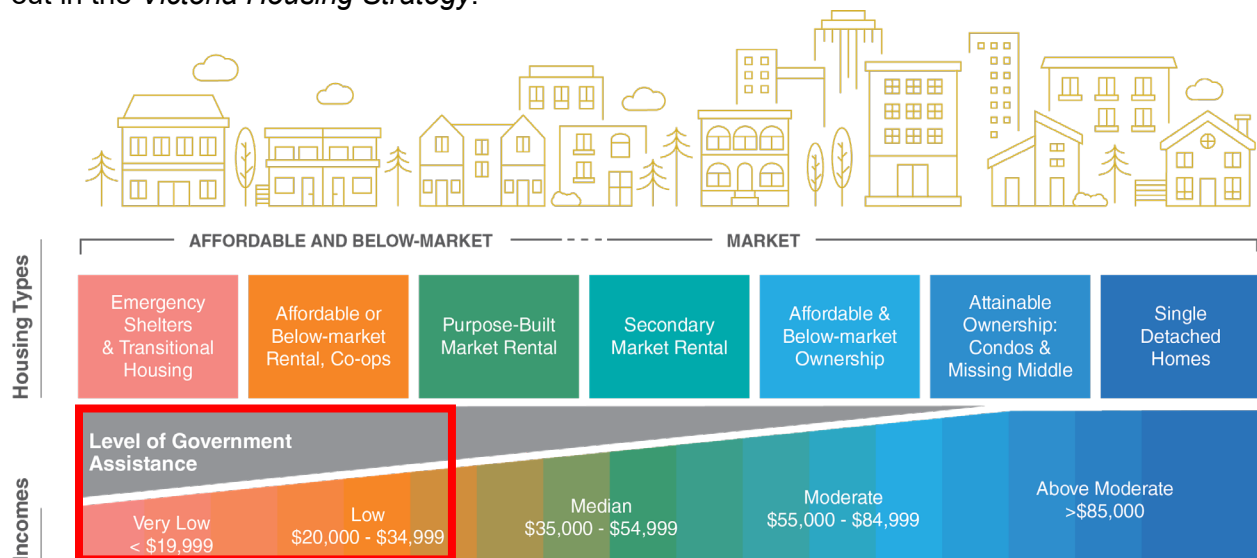


proposed residential density is above the maximum density identified in the Plan.

Further to the land use policies, the Plan includes policies pertaining to housing affordability. Specifically, it recognizes the importance of supporting the development of non-market housing in the Downtown Core Area as it continues to grow as well as fostering partnerships with provincial, regional, non-profit and industry partners to deliver affordable housing in the Urban Core.

## Housing

The application, if approved, would add approximately 90 new supportive housing dwelling units, which would increase the overall supply of housing in the area and contribute to the targets set out in the *Victoria Housing Strategy*.



**Figure 1. Housing Continuum**

### Affordability Targets

The application indicates that all 90 rental dwelling units would fall under the very low to low-income range of the City's housing continuum as shown in Figure 1. To secure this commitment of providing affordable rental housing, BC Housing is willing to enter into a Housing Agreement to ensure that all residential rental units would remain affordable or below-market for 60 years or the life of the building, whichever is greater. By securing the above, the proposal is further advancing several housing objectives in the OCP and BGNP.

### Housing Mix

At present there is no policy that provides targets regarding housing mix and unit type is not regulated or secured. However, the OCP identifies a mix of units as an objective and identifies the need for a diverse range of housing units including family housing. As submitted, this application proposes approximately 90 self-contained, studio units to fulfill current housing needs in the community. Current tenants living at the Capital City Centre Hotel, also owned by BC Housing, would be relocated to this new building once it is completed.

*Security of Tenure*

In addition to a proposed residential rental tenure zone, a Housing Agreement is being proposed which would ensure that all 90 dwelling units would remain rental and owned by a non-profit or government agency for 60 years, or the life of the building, whichever is greater.

**Development Permit with Variance Application**

Official Community Plan: Design Guidelines

The OCP identifies the subject properties within DPA 7A: Corridors, which envisions the revitalization of areas of commercial use along corridors through high-quality architecture, landscape and urban design to enhance their visual appearance, strengthen commercial viability and encourage pedestrian use. In March 2022, Council adopted new DCAP design guidelines, which apply to this application. Below is a summary of how the proposal addresses some of the key elements in the new design guidelines.

*Urban Forest*

The design guidelines emphasize the importance of designing buildings that provide street vitality and safety through the creation of active and interesting streets including an increased urban forest canopy.

Furthermore, the City’s Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP, 2013) speaks to the value of Biodiversity and Conservation of Victoria’s remnant ecosystems including Garry oaks. The Plan states, *“Victoria has many stately old trees that are ‘significant’ because of their heritage, wildlife, landmark, or historic values. While the Tree Protection Bylaw provides some measure of protection for these much-loved veterans, additional measures are required to encourage and optimize their conservation. In many cases, they are literally irreplaceable.”*

The Burnside Gorge area has traditionally low canopy cover for the size of the neighborhood at 14.6%. In addition, the UFMP recommends developing canopy cover targets for the City and recommends alignment with other municipalities in the Pacific Northwest in which the overall canopy cover goal is 40%, varied depending on neighbourhood type (i.e. residential 25%, street ROWs 25% and Central Business Districts at 15%).

Along the Discovery Street frontage, there are three large, healthy bylaw-protected Garry Oak trees and one bylaw-protected Garry Oak seedling. The applicant is proposing to remove all four trees to accommodate the building, driveway and pad-mounted transformer (PMT) despite staff strongly encouraging the applicant to adjust the site layout to retain the trees, which significantly contribute to the urban forest and public realm and is in accordance with City policies and design guidelines. The applicant has stated that due to the challenging site grades, modular construction practices, the size of building required to provide 90 supportive housing units, access to the garbage and recycling enclosure, loading service requirements and the need for suitable and attractive private amenity space, it is not a viable option to rotate the building 90 degrees to retain any of the trees.

It is strongly recommended that the applicant further explore design solutions to retain these significant Garry Oak trees. The retention and protection of these trees and the restoration of the remnant ecosystem through understory native plantings will help offset tree canopy loss elsewhere on the property, and in the neighbourhood and further advance several urban forest

and community well-being policies and design guidelines contained in the OCP, DCAP and UFMP.



Figure 2. Photos of the Garry oak trees

### *Building Composition and Site Layout*

The DCAP includes specific design guidelines to ensure that a tall building (defined as any building over 23m in height) is designed to protect sky views and access to sunlight through balanced street width to building height proportions, the overall massing, generous tower setbacks and separation distances. The proposed building is 30.05m tall, and the following table compares the proposal with key design guidelines in DCAP for mid-rise residential building (up to approximately 36m in height) to assess its impact on neighbouring lots and the public realm.

<b>Design Criteria for a Mid-Rise Residential Building</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Site area for an interior lot – minimum	1600m <sup>2</sup>	1344m <sup>2</sup>
Tower setback from the street – minimum	3m	3m
Tower setback from the side and rear property lines - minimum	10m	14.4m (west side) 2.5m (east side) 3m (rear – north side)
Tower floor plate size – maximum	900m <sup>2</sup>	559m <sup>2</sup>
Floor plate width - maximum	22m	19.34m
Building Orientation	North-South	North-South

To summarize, the proposal does not meet the minimum site area for an interior lot or the minimum tower setbacks from the side and rear property lines, which may impact access to sunlight and sky views if other tall buildings are constructed on the adjacent lots. However, from the west property line, the applicant is proposing a much larger side yard setback to minimize impacts on the adjacent heritage-designated building. The proposal does comply with the minimum tower setback from the street, floor plate width, and building orientation, and it is significantly below the maximum tower floor plate size. The building would have minimal shadow impacts on the public realm.

In terms of façade composition, the proposal includes a high proportion of transparent glazing at street level to support street vitality and safety. The application also proposes the use of high-quality and durable materials as well as a variety of textures and details in the exterior cladding

to achieve visual interest and compliment the façade composition of the proposed mixed-use development at 710 Caledonia Avenue and 1961 Douglas Street.

Lastly, the design guidelines encourage back-of-house uses, such as loading, garbage collection, utilities, and pad-mounted transformers (PMT) to be situated away from public view, where possible. In this proposal, the back-of-house uses would be visible from the street, especially the PMT station; however, the applicant has introduced landscaping and screening to soften the visual impact of these uses and located the garbage and recycling enclosure and accessory building as far away from the street as possible.

### *Outdoor common space*

Providing well-designed and attractive open space and landscaped areas that complement the overall building design, increasing tree canopy cover, mitigating heat island effects, and reducing stormwater runoff and greenhouse gas emissions are strongly encouraged in the design guidelines. In addition, providing a range of shared outdoor amenity spaces that are available for all building residents and that encourage social interaction, play and urban food production are strongly encouraged in the design guidelines. The shared outdoor amenity space in the rear yard has been designed to achieve the following:

- maximize access to sunlight while providing areas of shade in the summer
- accessible, usable, and well-integrated open space for residents with substantial outdoor seating
- clear access and visibility from circulation space
- soft landscaping areas with trees to reduce heat island effects
- raised planter boxes for urban agriculture opportunities for residents.

In addition, the outdoor amenity space on the rooftop of the accessory building will include additional raised planter boxes and outdoor seating for residents.

However, it is worth noting that the tree soil volumes and siting requirements outlined in the *Tree Protection Bylaw* have not been met on the plans. It is recommended for Council's consideration that the application meets the tree soil volumes and siting requirements as a condition of rezoning.

### Variances

#### *Vehicle Parking*

The applicant is proposing the following parking variances:

- reduce the required number of residential parking spaces from 18 to nil
- reduce the required number of commercial parking spaces from one to nil
- reduce the required number of visitor parking spaces from nine to nil.

The applicant is proposing to provide a loading space on-site for deliveries, garbage and recycling pick-up, and a pick-up and drop-off area for residents.

According to the Parking Study prepared by Bunt & Associates (see Attachment E), the supportive housing demographic typically have low vehicle ownership rates. The study analyzed parking data from 10 supportive housing buildings in the region, outside of Victoria's core area, and concluded that the average vehicle ownership rate is 0.05 vehicles per unit. This vehicle

ownership rate would equate to a parking demand of approximately five parking spaces for residents in this proposed development. According to the study, the ten other locations have little to no transportation demand management (TDM) initiatives to help reduce automobile dependency whereas this proposal includes TDM measures to offset the impacts of a parking shortfall on site, which is discussed further below.

With respect to visitor and employee parking demand, the study concluded that the average peak visitor parking demand would be 0.06 parking spaces per unit, which equates to approximately five parking spaces. The applicant anticipates up to approximately five employees to be working on site at any given time. Moreover, it is predicted that the parking demand would be approximately two to three parking spaces for employees and an additional two to three parking spaces for visitors. Due to the demand for on-street parking in the neighbourhood, the study concluded that Discovery Street has minimal excess parking; therefore, the need for appropriate TDM measures to minimize the impacts of no employee and visitor parking on-site is an important component of this application.

To off-set the impacts of no parking on-site, the applicant is proposing the following TDM measures, which are considered supportable:

- five BC Transit's EcoPasses to be provided for employees, for a five-year duration
- construction of a mid-block pedestrian crossing near the site's east edge
- installation of a level two electric charger along the site's Discovery Street frontage for public use
- approximately six (20%) electric charging outlets for the long-term bicycle parking spaces.

The subject site is also well-served by public transit. There are 14 transit routes accessible within 800m or an approximately 15min walk, including one transit stop located on Douglas Street, within 100m of the site. BC Housing confirms that all residents of supportive housing have free transit passes available to them through the Low-Income Transit Assistance Program, which is administered through the Social Planning Council. Furthermore, BC's Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Program also offers bus passes to individuals living in supportive housing.

In addition to public transit, the subject site is well connected to both walking and cycling networks, and is in close proximity to local shops, services and amenities in the neighbourhood. Given the proposed TDM measures and the site's ideal location from a sustainable transportation perspective, the proposed parking variances are supportable.

### *Bicycle Parking*

The applicant is proposing to reduce the long-term bicycle parking spaces from 90 to 30 and the short-term bicycle parking spaces from nine to six. BC Housing indicates that 30 long-term bicycle parking spaces will meet resident demand based on anecdotal data provided by operators of similar developments.

With respect to short-term bicycle parking, staff recommend that the applicant comply with the short-term bicycle parking requirements in Schedule C: Off-street Parking. There is enough space on-site to accommodate three more short-term bicycle parking spaces. Given that there is no vehicle parking, adding the bicycle parking may encourage visitors to use the bike facilities.

## Accessibility

The British Columbia Building Code regulates accessibility as it pertains to buildings. The applicant is proposing nine accessible and five adaptable studio dwelling units, which would be designed in accordance with CAN/CSA-B651-95, the National Standard of Canada, for barrier-free design. These standards either meet or exceed the accessibility requirements of both BC Housing and the British Columbia Building Code. The nine accessible units would be wheelchair accessible, and a safe useable environment for persons with physical, sensory or cognitive disabilities. The proposed outdoor areas and pathways surrounding the buildings are also designed to be accessible, except for the rooftop amenity space above the bike room.

## Sustainability

As indicated in the applicant's letter dated August 12, 2022, the following sustainability features are associated with this proposal:

- building meets BC Energy Step Code Level 3 (exceeds the City's Step 2 requirements)
- solar voltaic rooftop panels to offset power consumption.

## Advisory Design Panel Review

The application was reviewed by the Advisory Design Panel on June 22, 2022. At that meeting, the following motion was passed:

*That the Advisory Design Panel supports housing of this nature and scale with the number of units in this location and for this purpose recommend to Council that Development Permit Application No. 000207 for 722 and 726 Discovery Street does not sufficiently meet the applicable design guidelines and policies and should be declined and that the key areas that should be revised include:*

- *design of building and entry should be welcoming and offer a sense of home*
- *building should not read as nonmarket housing*
- *changing window formats and scale to read more residential instead of institutional*
- *increase bike parking*
- *consider preserving the Gary Oak trees along Discovery Street*
- *matching the exterior program to the needs of the future residents*
- *recycling enclosure concealed and covered*
- *further consideration of the termination of the building*
- *explore opportunities to enhance building performance.*

In response, the applicant has made the following design revisions to the proposal:

- added rooftop projections and breaks in the vertical proportions to soften the perceived building mass
- modified the exterior materials to be high quality and durable
- added more windows and incorporated a more playful approach to the window pattern and proportions
- added a wrap-around canopy along the street frontage
- provided additional hard and soft landscaping and adjustments to the layout of the outdoor amenity areas to enhance access and usability
- added a rooftop amenity space above the bike room.

Considering that this is a modular building, the revisions to the proposal are more aligned with the applicable design guidelines that focus on building composition and landscape design. However, staff continue to have concerns with the removal of the three significant Garry Oak trees at the front of the property.

Tree Preservation Bylaw and Urban Forest Master Plan

*Tree Inventory*

The goals of the *Urban Forest Master Plan* (UFMP, 2013) include protecting, enhancing, and expanding Victoria’s urban forest and optimizing community benefits from the urban forest in all neighborhoods. This application was received after July 1, 2021, therefore *Tree Protection Bylaw* No. 21-035 applies.

The inventory in the Arborist Report does not account for all the bylaw-protected trees on the subject properties. There is a total of eight bylaw-protected trees on the subject property as well as two smaller yew plants, which may be bylaw-protected Pacific yews. Confirmation of species will be required in accordance with the *Tree Protection Bylaw*.

The proposed plans currently show one municipal tree, a 38 cm DBH Field elm, as removed; however, the arborist report and staff recommend the retention of this tree. Along the Discovery frontage, there are three large bylaw-protected Garry oak trees (87cm, 87cm and 74cm DBH), and one small 100cm tall, bylaw-protected Garry oak seedling on the subject lot. The application proposes to remove all four Garry oaks and replace them with medium or small canopy trees at maturity. The proposed placement of the new trees does not meet the *Tree Protection Bylaw* soil volumes or siting, and therefore, they will not count towards replacement trees or the tree minimum.

Staff have undertaken a visual assessment of the existing Garry Oak trees and consider these trees to be in good to fair health and structural condition. Two of the trees have asphalt paved up to the base, and as a result, further exploration work is recommended to determine the extent of the protected root zone, and condition. These large trees are likely part of Victoria’s remnant Garry Oak ecosystem and are visible in 1928 air photo records.

Trees in urban environments live in challenging conditions, and space for productive root growth is challenged by underground services and compacted soils, and space above ground is often challenged by overhead wires or building faces. Trees of this size and condition are very uncommon in urban environments such as Burnside and Downtown and staff consider them to be significant based on their size, species and condition.

Tree impact Summary Table

<b>Tree Status</b>	<b>Total # of Trees</b>	<b>To be REMOVED</b>	<b>To be PLANTED</b>	<b>NET CHANGE</b>
On-site trees, bylaw protected	6	6	6	0
On-site trees, not bylaw protected	0	0	6	+6
Municipal trees	1	1	3	+2

Neighbouring trees, bylaw protected	0	0	0	0
Neighbouring trees, not bylaw protected	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>+8</b>

Financial impacts related to maintaining the newly proposed municipal trees is unknown at this time.

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In July 2017, an easement was registered on the title of 722 Discovery Street to secure one surface parking space for the use of Capital City Centre Motel located at 1961 Douglas Street as a condition of a parking variance that was triggered as a result of an approved addition of a penthouse unit in the motel. Since then, BC Housing purchased the property at 1961 Douglas Street and the site is currently being operated as transitional housing. Should Council approve this application, the existing easement (CA6123705 and CA6123706) would have to be discharged from title to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor since there is no parking proposed in this application.

## CONCLUSIONS

The proposal to increase the density and permit a multi-unit residential building consisting of approximately 90 supportive housing dwelling units further advances several policies and objectives in the OCP related to housing and community well-being. The proposed vehicle and long-term bicycle parking variances are supportable; however, it is recommended that the application provide the required nine short-term bicycle parking spaces on site.

While there were concerns raised by ADP with the proposed building composition and landscaping, the applicant has tried to address the issues through revisions to their proposal. More significantly, there are some outstanding challenges in terms of competing City priorities, namely the retention of three significant Garry Oak trees while providing supportive housing on the site. As the resolution to these could have impacts on the density, form and massing, a recommendation is provided to refer this application back to staff for further refinements in conjunction with the Development Permit with Variances application, specifically to retain the Garry Oak trees. Staff have provided alternate motions including support for the proposal as it stands.

## ALTERNATE MOTIONS

### Option 1 (Advance the application to a Public Hearing “as is”)

#### Rezoning Application

1. That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00820 for 722 and 726 Discovery Street, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set.



2. The applicant provide the following items prior to a Public Hearing:
  - a. provide an updated Arborist Report and Tree Management Plan to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities.
  - b. revise the site plan and landscape plan to comply with the tree identification, soil volume and tree replacement requirements in accordance with the Tree Protection Bylaw to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities.
  - c. revise the site plan and landscape plan to comply with the City's Downtown Public Realm Plan and Streetscape Standards (DPRP), specifically, the 'New Town' District for the frontage, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
3. The applicant prepare and execute legal agreements to secure the following with the form and contents to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, Director of Engineering and Public Works, and the City Solicitor prior to final adoption of the bylaws:
  - a. all dwelling units would remain affordable or below-market rental for 60 years, or the life of the building, whichever is greater.
  - b. all dwelling units are to be owned by a non-profit or government agency for 60 years, or the life of the building, whichever is greater, to guarantee that the development will continue to provide non-market housing.
  - c. a minimum of nine accessible and five adaptable dwelling units to be constructed in accordance with CAN/CSA-B651-95, the National Standard of Canada for barrier-free design.
  - d. provide civil design drawings and construct a mid-block crosswalk adjacent to the development, which would include bulb outs, lighting, enhanced street furnishings and landscaping, and coordinate with the mid-block crosswalk requirements associated with the adjacent development proposal on the properties located at 710 Caledonia Ave and 1961 Douglas Street.
  - e. the design, supply and installation of the City's Downtown Public Realm Plan and Streetscape Standards (DPRP), specifically, the 'New Town' District for the Discovery Street development frontage, including furnishings, materials, sidewalk scoring patterns and pedestrian lights.
  - f. provide five (5) BC Transit's EcoPasses for employees, for a five-year duration; install a level 2 electric charger along the site's Discovery Street frontage with for public use; and provide electric charging abilities for a minimum of 20% of the long-term bicycle parking spaces.
  - g. install solar voltaic rooftop panels in accordance with the plans dated August 18, 2022.
  - h. secure sewage attenuation should it be determined that sewage attenuation will be required for this development following the review of Sanitary Design Flow calculations prepared by Lawson Engineering Ltd., to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works.
4. Discharge the existing Easement (CA6123705 and CA6123706) from the title of 722 Discovery Street to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.

#### Development Permit with Variance Application

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. 00820, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

1. That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00207 for 722 and 726 Discovery Street in accordance with:
  - a. Plans date stamped August 19, 2022.
  - b. Development meeting all *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* requirements, except for the following variances:
    - i. reduce the required number of residential parking spaces from 18 to nil
    - ii. reduce the required number of commercial parking spaces from one to nil
    - iii. reduce the required number of visitor parking spaces from nine to nil
    - iv. reduce the required number of long-term bicycle parking spaces from 90 to 30
2. That the Development Permit, if issued, lapses in two years from the date of this resolution.

### **Option 2 (Decline)**

That Council decline Rezoning Application No. 00820 and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00207 for 722 and 726 Discovery Street.

Respectfully submitted,

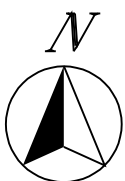
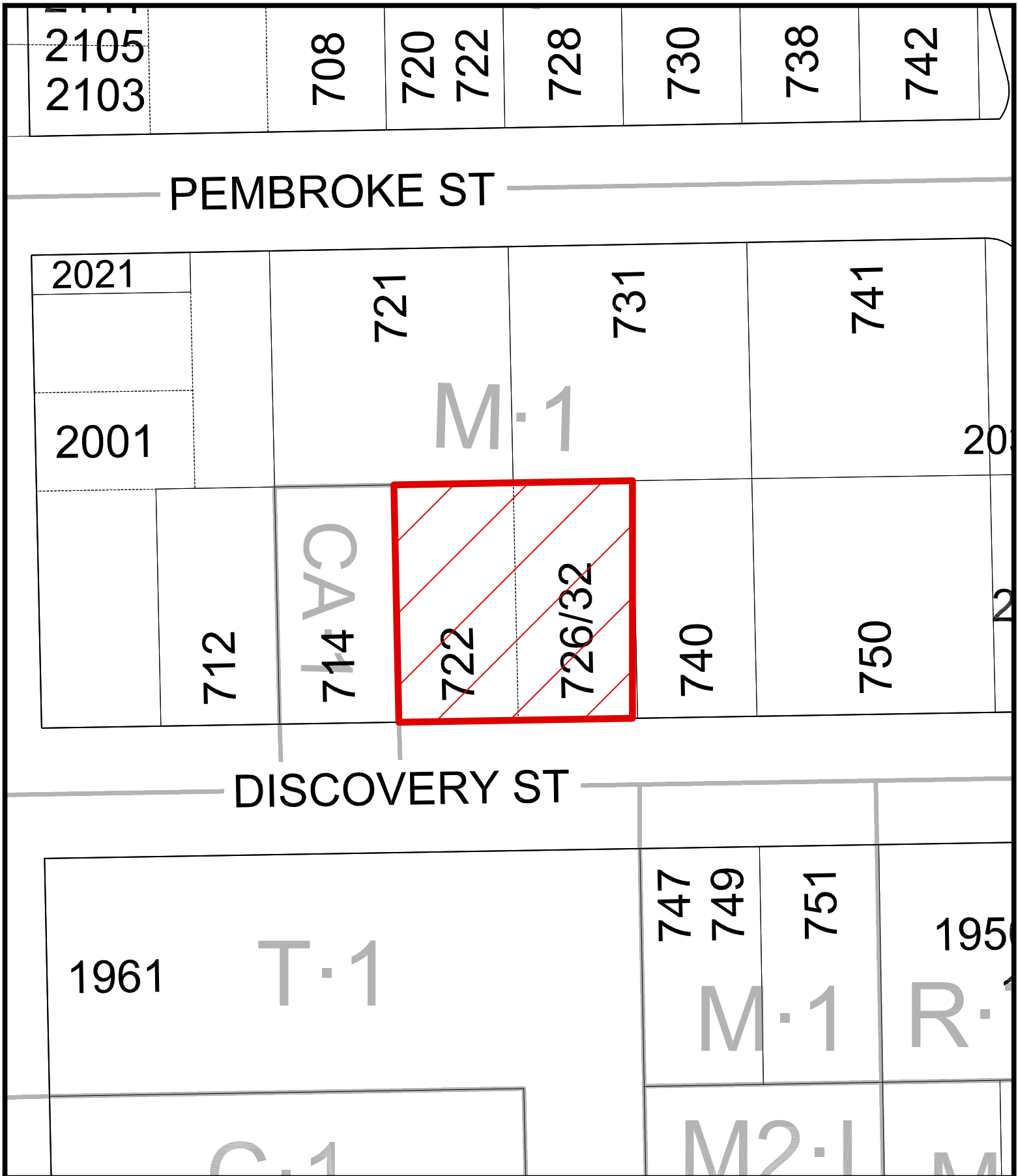
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**Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager.**

### **List of Attachments**

- Attachment A: Subject Map
- Attachment B: Plans date stamped August 19, 2022
- Attachment C: Letter from applicant to Mayor and Council dated September 14, 2022
- Attachment D: Community Benefits of Supportive Housing
- Attachment E: Parking Study prepared by Bunt & Associates dated August 11, 2022
- Attachment F: Arborist Report prepared by Capital Tree Service Inc., dated August 17, 2022
- Attachment G: Advisory Design Panel report dated June 22, 2022
- Attachment H: Minutes from the Advisory Design Panel
- Attachment I: Community Association Land Use Committee Comments dated February 11, 2022
- Attachment J: Pre-Application Consultation Comments from Online Feedback Form
- Attachment K: Correspondence (Letters received from residents).



722 & 726/32 Discovery Street  
Rezoning No.00820



# DISCOVERY STREET SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

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ATTACHMENT B



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**Municipal Address**  
722, 726/732 DISCOVERY STREET  
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**Legal Address**  
Lots 755 & 756, Victoria City; Parcel Identifiers: 009-382-151 & 009-382-232

**By-Law Zoning**  
CURRENT ZONING: M-1 LIMITED LIGHT INDUSTRIAL  
PROPOSED ZONING: SITE-SPECIFIC ZONE (RESIDENTIAL RENTAL TENURE)

**Site Summary**  
SITE AREA: +/-1,344.83m<sup>2</sup> (0.33 ac)  
PROPOSED BUILDING FOOTPRINT +/-562.00 m<sup>2</sup>  
PROPOSED BICYCLE ENCLOSURE +/-64.85 m<sup>2</sup>  
TOTAL FOOTPRINT +/-626.85m<sup>2</sup>

**Site Coverage**  
SITE AREA: +/-1,344.83m<sup>2</sup> (0.33 ac)  
SITE COVERAGE: +/-627.30m<sup>2</sup> (46.6%)  
OPEN SITE SPACE: +/-717.53m<sup>2</sup> (53.3%)

**By-Law Setback**  
PROPOSED BUILDING SETBACKS  
FRONT (DISCOVERY STREET): +/-3.0m  
REAR (NORTH): +/-3.0m  
SIDE (EAST): +/-2.5m  
SIDE (WEST): +/-14.5m  
PROPOSED ANCILLARY BUILDING SETBACKS  
FRONT (DISCOVERY STREET): +/-3.0m  
REAR (NORTH): +/-3.0m  
SIDE (EAST): +/-2.5m  
SIDE (WEST): +/-1.2m

**Proposed Development**  
REST HOME - CLASS C (SUPPORTIVE HOUSING)  
BUILDING CLASSIFICATION AS PER B.C. BUILDING CODE:  
BUILDING 'C': GROUP C, ANY HEIGHT, ANY AREA, SPRINKLERED

**Building Height**  
MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT: 37.0m  
PROPOSED BUILDING HEIGHT: +/-30.050m MEASURED FROM PROPOSED AVERAGE GRADE

**Floor Space Ratio**

MAXIMUM PERMITTED F.S.R.	PROPOSED F.S.R.
4.0	3.46

**Area Summary**

NOTE: BALCONY, PATIO, TERRACE, AND DECK AREAS; MECHANICAL PENTHOUSES; AND ABOVE GRADE PARKING AREAS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

GROSS FLOOR AREA	
Level 1	562 m <sup>2</sup>
Level 2	585 m <sup>2</sup>
Level 3	585 m <sup>2</sup>
Level 4	585 m <sup>2</sup>
Level 5	585 m <sup>2</sup>
Level 6	585 m <sup>2</sup>
Level 7	585 m <sup>2</sup>
Level 8	585 m <sup>2</sup>
TOTAL GFA	4657 m <sup>2</sup>

**Dwelling Unit Count**

UNIT SUMMARY				
UNIT NAME	UNIT TYPE	UNIT AREA	QUANTITY	% OF TOTAL
A1	STUDIO	34.5m <sup>2</sup>	76	84.4%
A2	ACCESSIBLE STUDIO	34.5m <sup>2</sup>	9	10.0%
A3	ADAPTABLE STUDIO	34.5m <sup>2</sup>	5	5.6%
TOTAL			90	100.0%

**Motor Vehicle Parking Requirements**

RESIDENTIAL - UNIT PARKING					
DESCRIPTION	UNIT COUNT	AREA (m <sup>2</sup> )	FACTOR	REQUIRED	PROVIDED
UNITS - RESIDENTIAL	90	N/A	0.2 STALLS PER UNIT	18	0
UNITS - VISITOR	90	N/A	0.1 STALLS PER UNIT	9	0
EMPLOYEE AREAS	N/A	86	1 STALL PER 80 m <sup>2</sup>	1	0
<b>TOTAL PARKING</b>				<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>

NOTE: PARKING CALCULATIONS PROVIDED BY CITY OF VICTORIA PLANNING ON JUNE 15, 2022.

NOTE: THE PURPOSE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT IS FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN WHICH THE RESIDENTS TYPICALLY DO NOT OWN VEHICLES OR DRIVE. BASED UPON PREVIOUS PROJECT EXPERIENCE AND SUBSEQUENT TRAFFIC AND PARKING ANALYSIS, NO PARKING IS TO BE REQUIRED OR PROVIDED ON SITE.

**Bicycle Parking Requirements**

RESIDENTIAL - LONG TERM PARKING					
DESCRIPTION	UNIT COUNT	FACTOR	REQUIRED	PROVIDED	
UNITS - RESIDENTIAL	90	1 PER 25 ROOMS	3.6	30	

RESIDENTIAL - SHORT TERM PARKING					
DESCRIPTION	UNIT COUNT	FACTOR	REQUIRED	PROVIDED	
UNITS - RESIDENTIAL	90	1 PER 40 ROOMS	2.25	6	

NOTE: "TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATION" CATEGORIZATION HAS BEEN USED TO DETERMINE BICYCLE PARKING REQUIREMENTS PER ZONING BYLAW NO. 80-159, SCHEDULE C: OFF-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS.

**Waste & Recycling Requirements**

SUFFICIENT SPACE HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR A MIN. OF ONE COLLECTION CONTAINER FOR GARBAGE, ONE COLLECTION CONTAINER FOR RECYCLABLE MATERIALS, AND TWO COLLECTION CONTAINERS FOR FOOD AND YARD WASTE MATERIALS TO ACCOMMODATE THE TOTAL WASTE VOLUME. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF CONTAINERS PROVIDED:

- 4yd<sup>3</sup> WASTE BIN
- 4yd<sup>3</sup> RECYCLE BIN
- TWO 189L ORGANICS BINS

NOTE: DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE DEVELOPMENT, BI-WEEKLY WASTE PICK-UP IS BEING PROPOSED.

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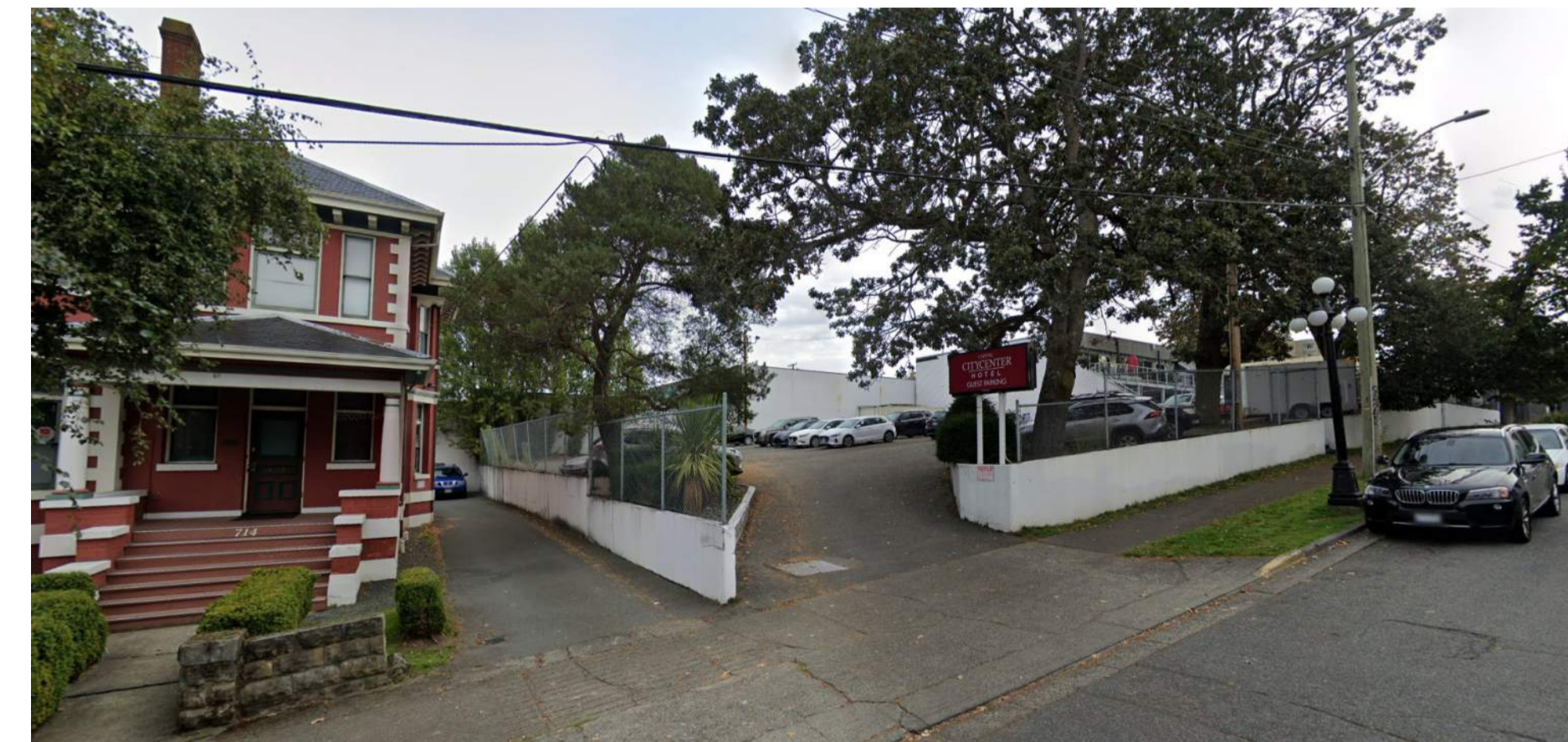
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- denotes hydro pole with light
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Certified Correct this 18th day of April, 2022

Geoffrey Hobbs  
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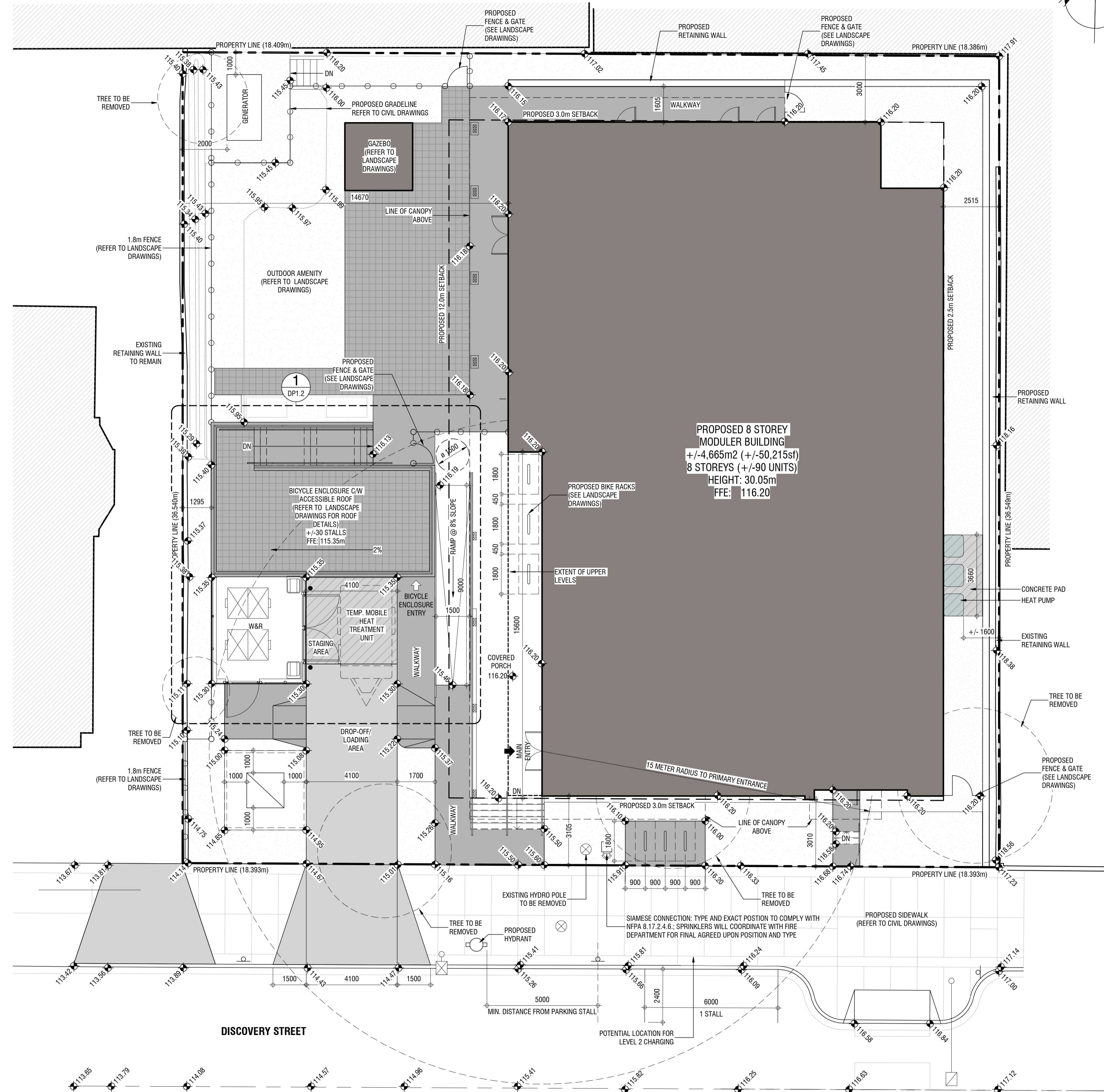
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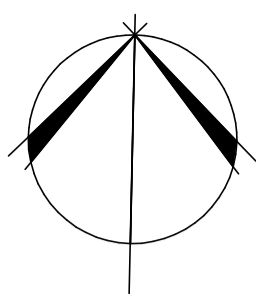
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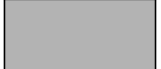
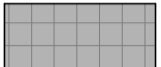




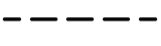
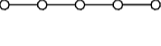




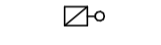






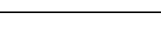
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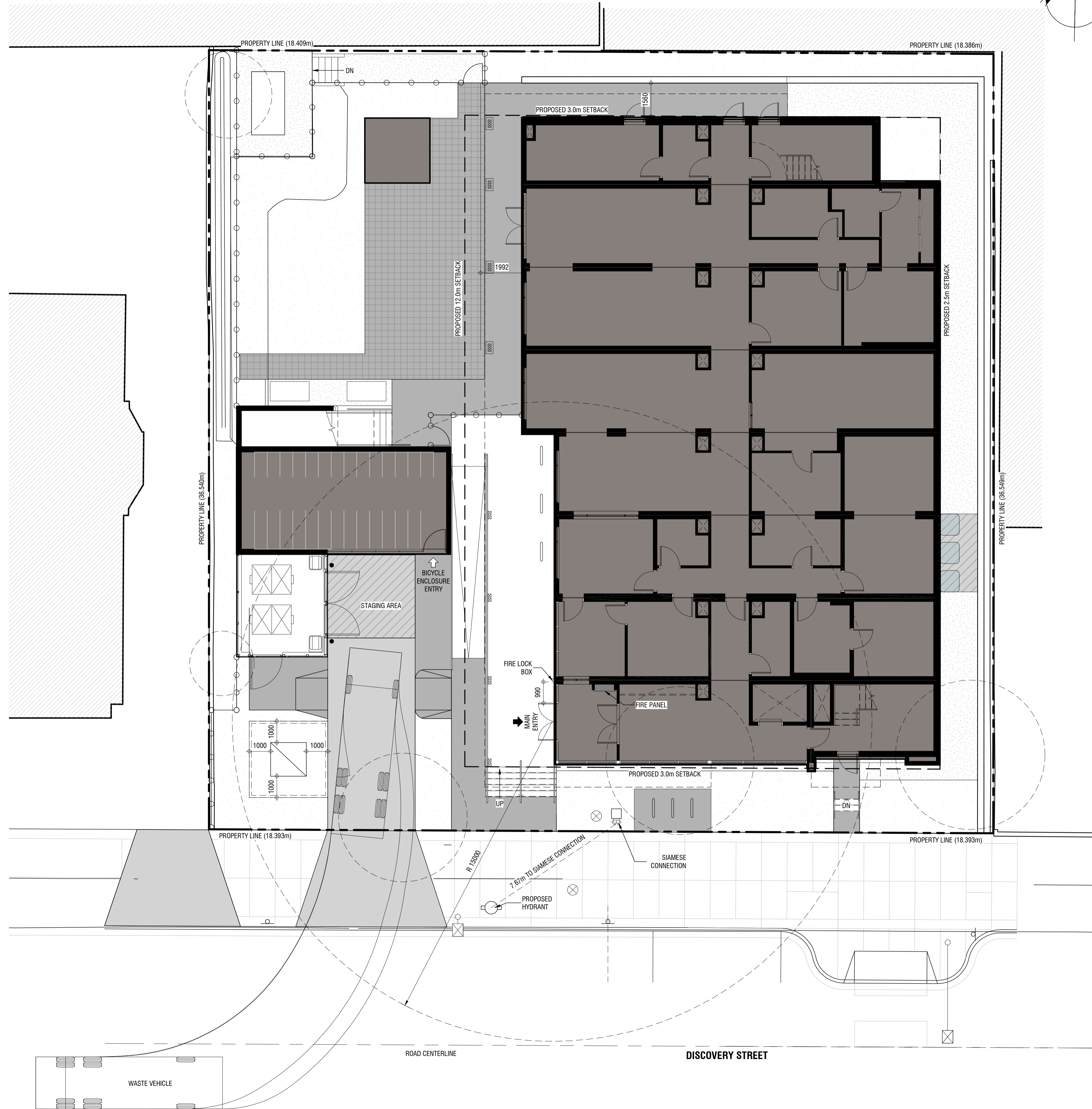
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**1 Site Access Plan**  
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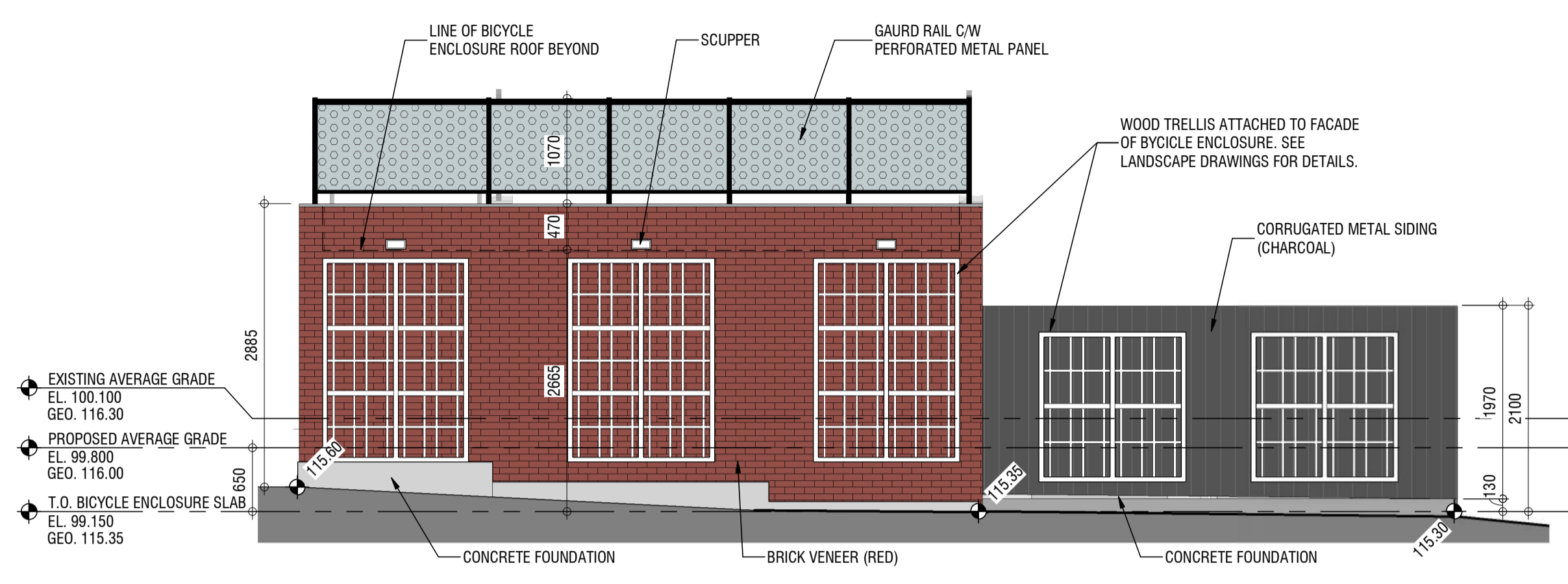
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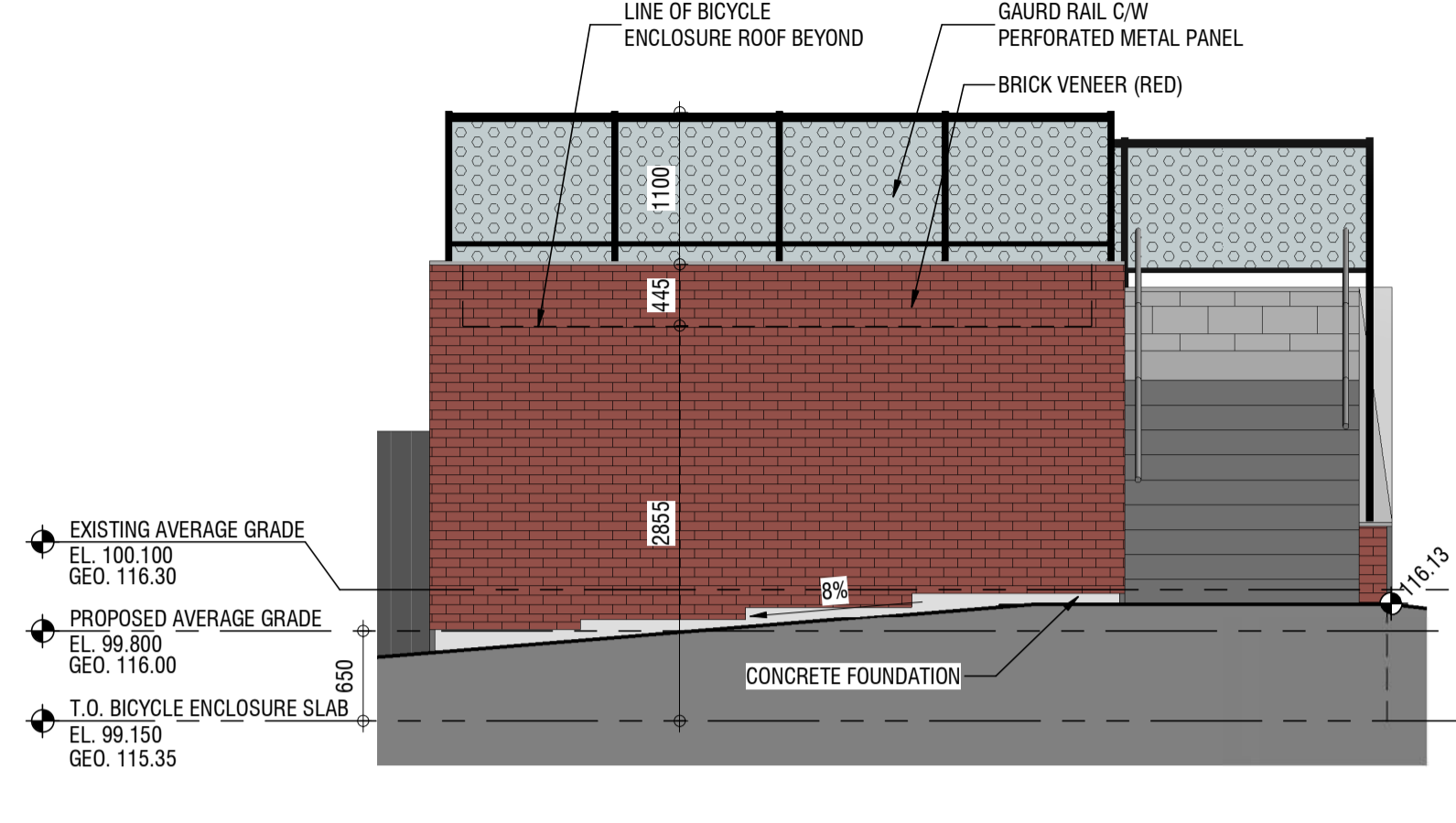
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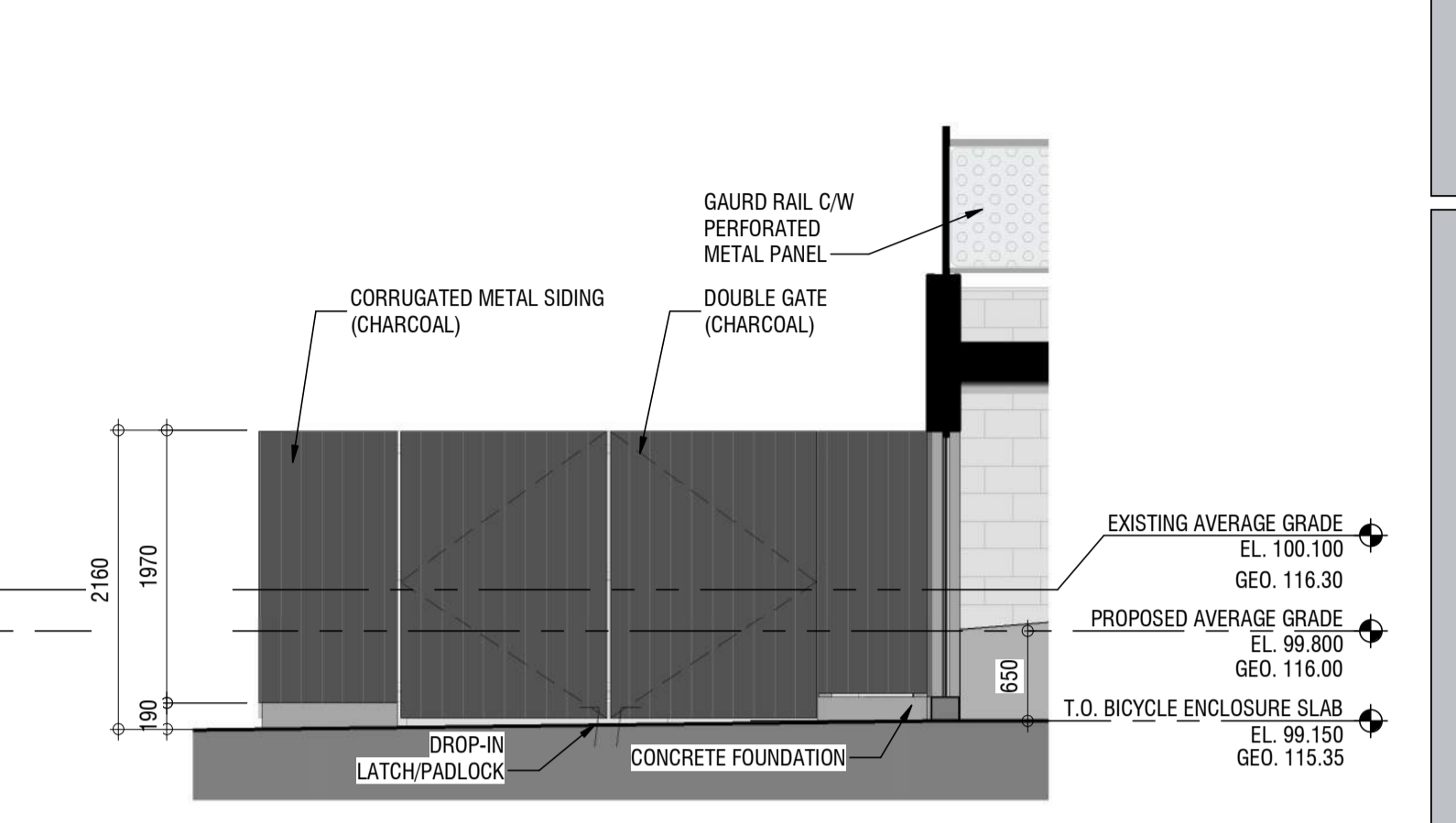
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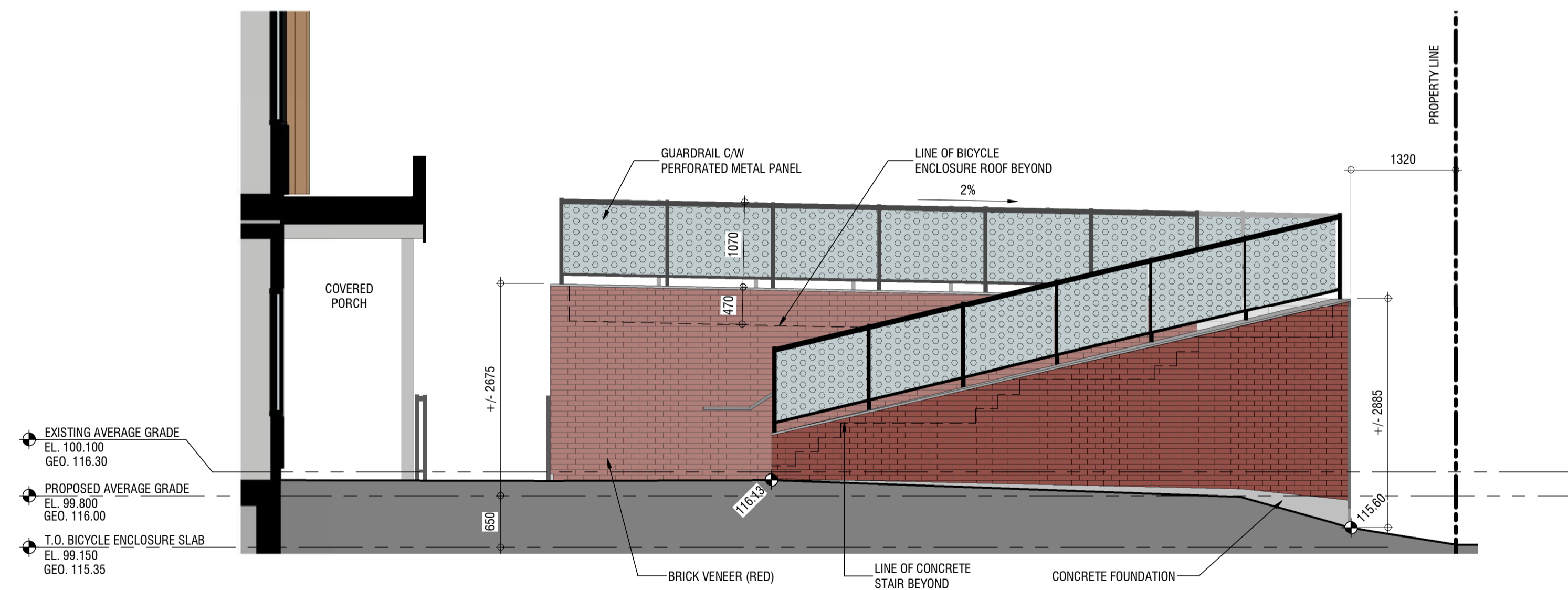
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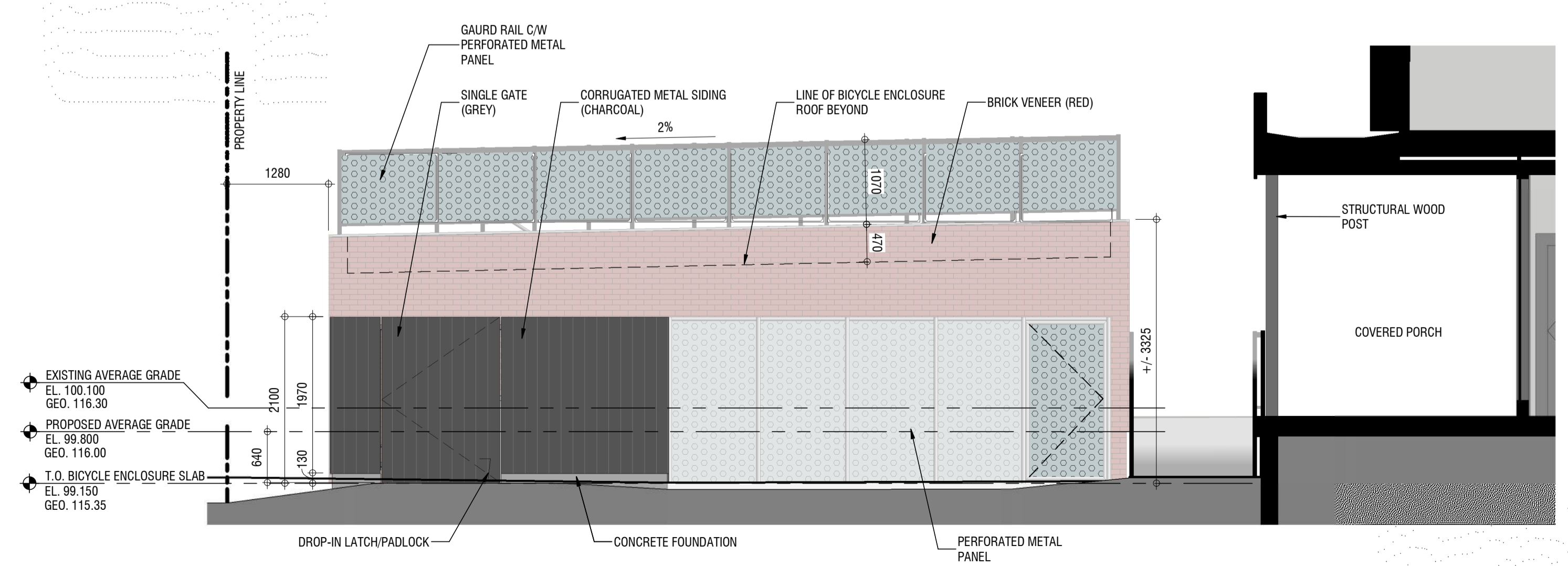
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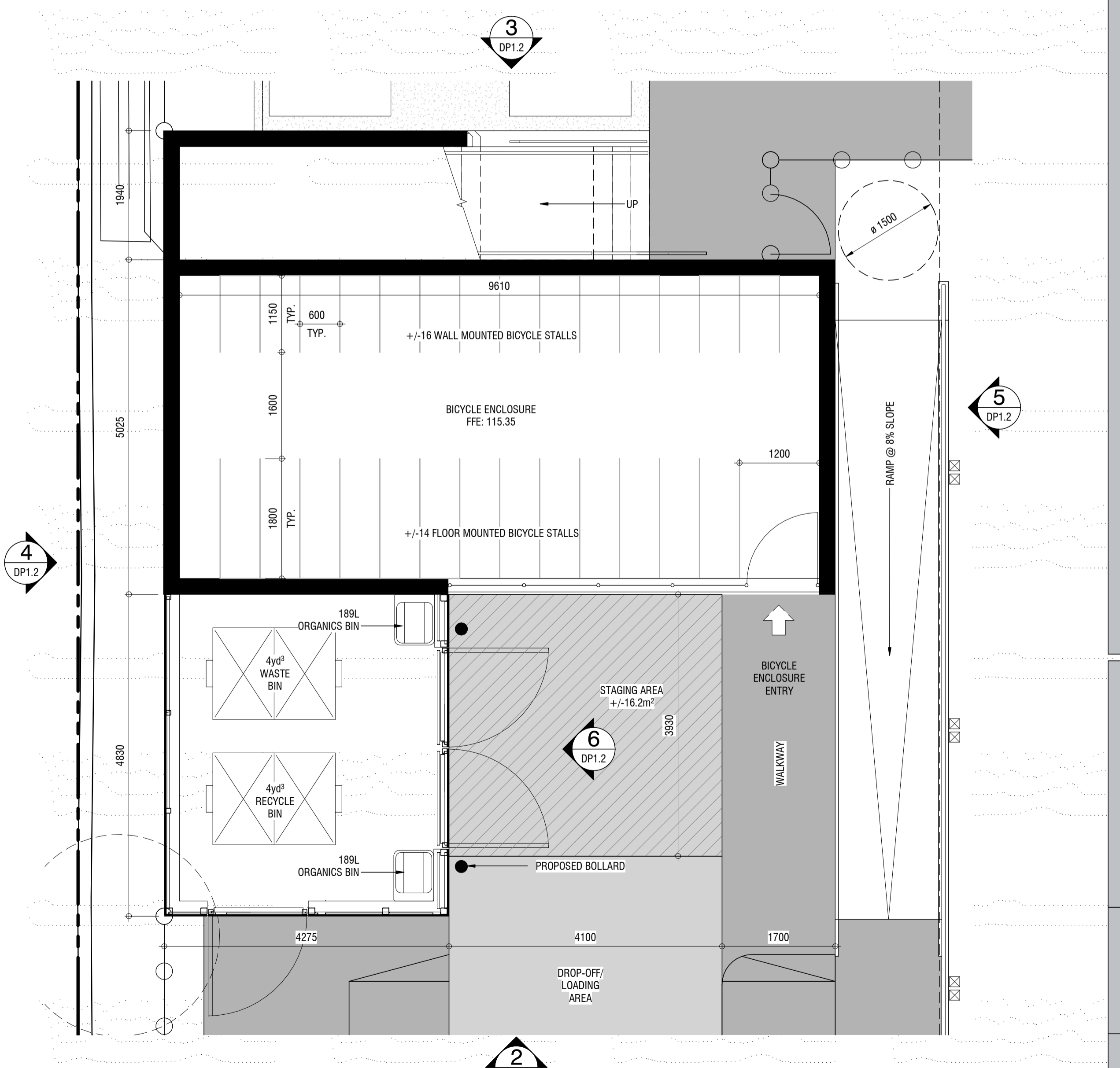
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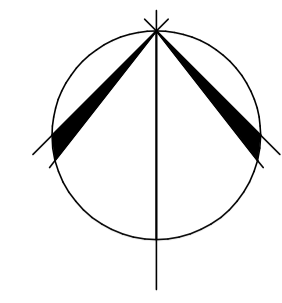
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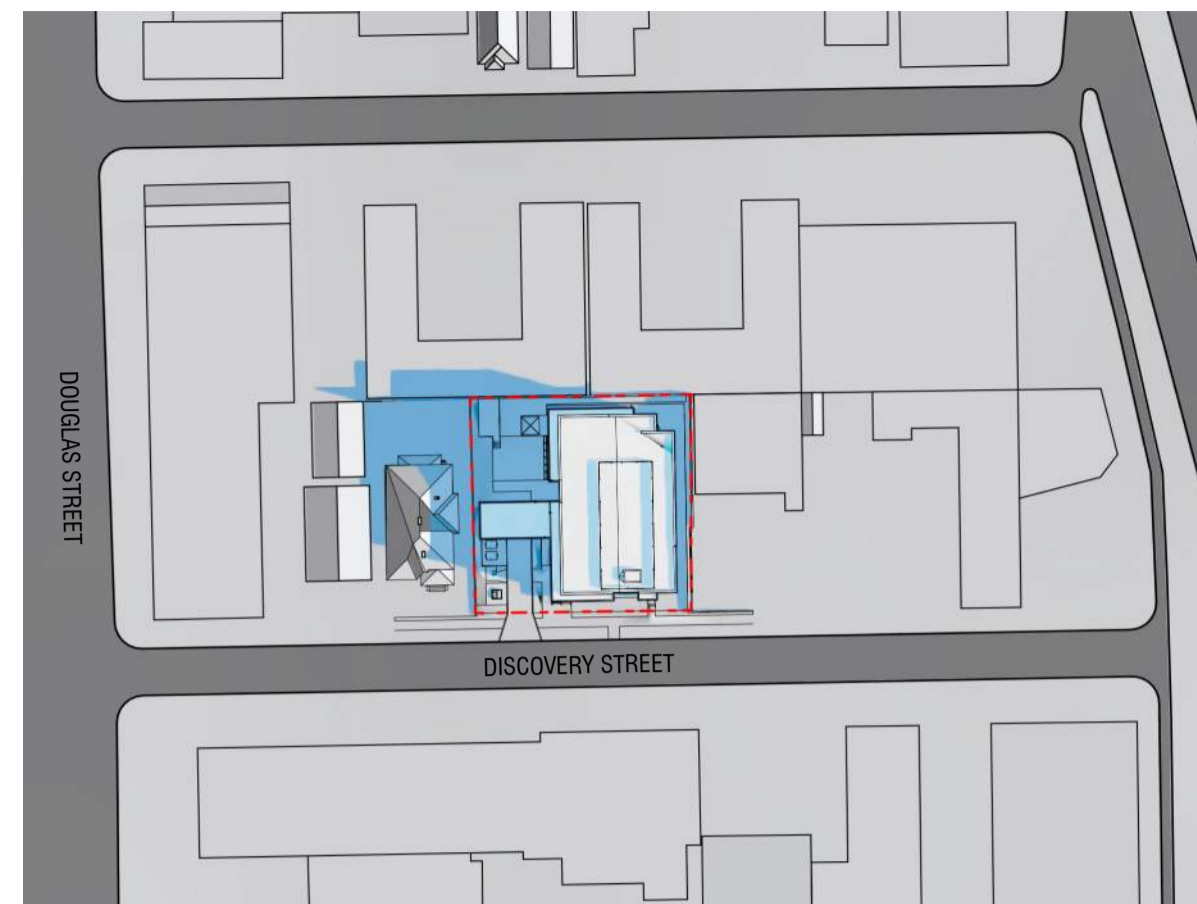
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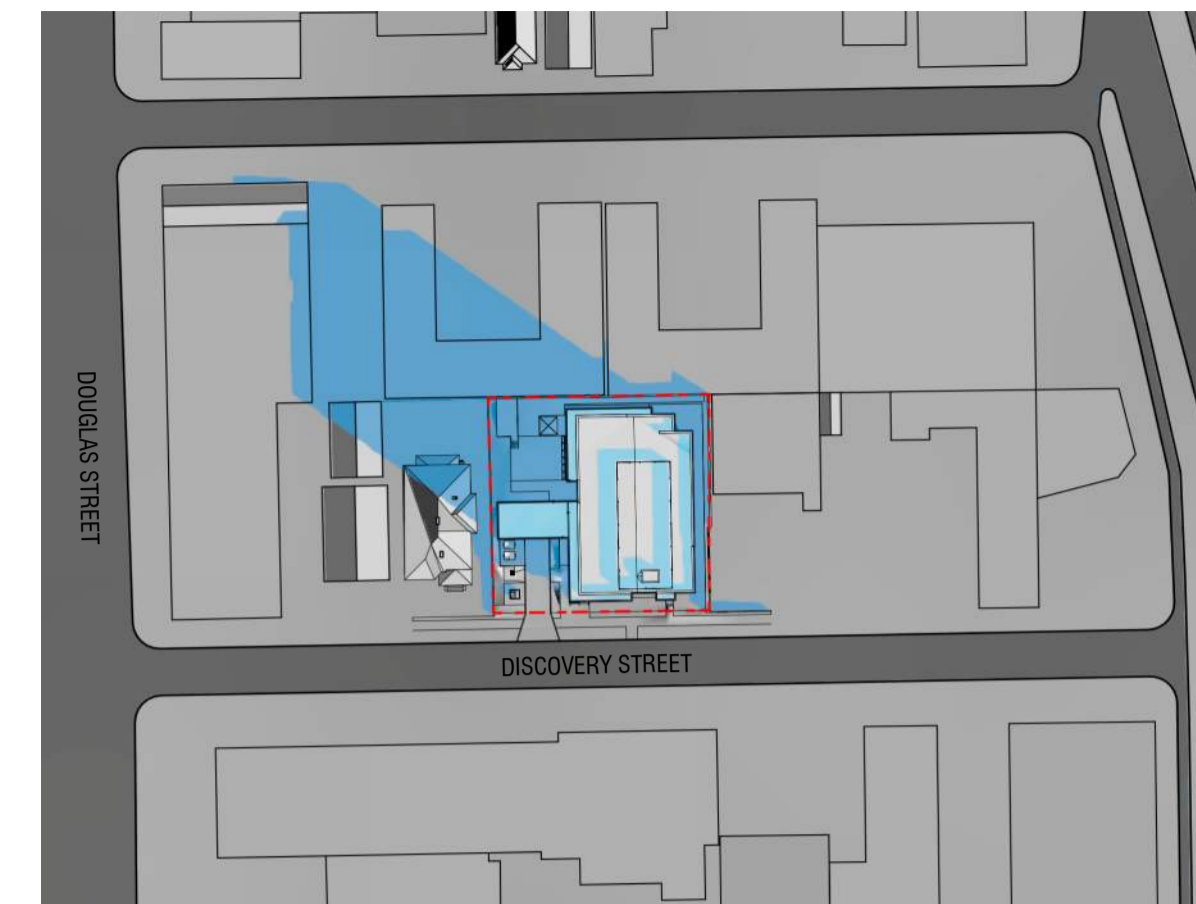
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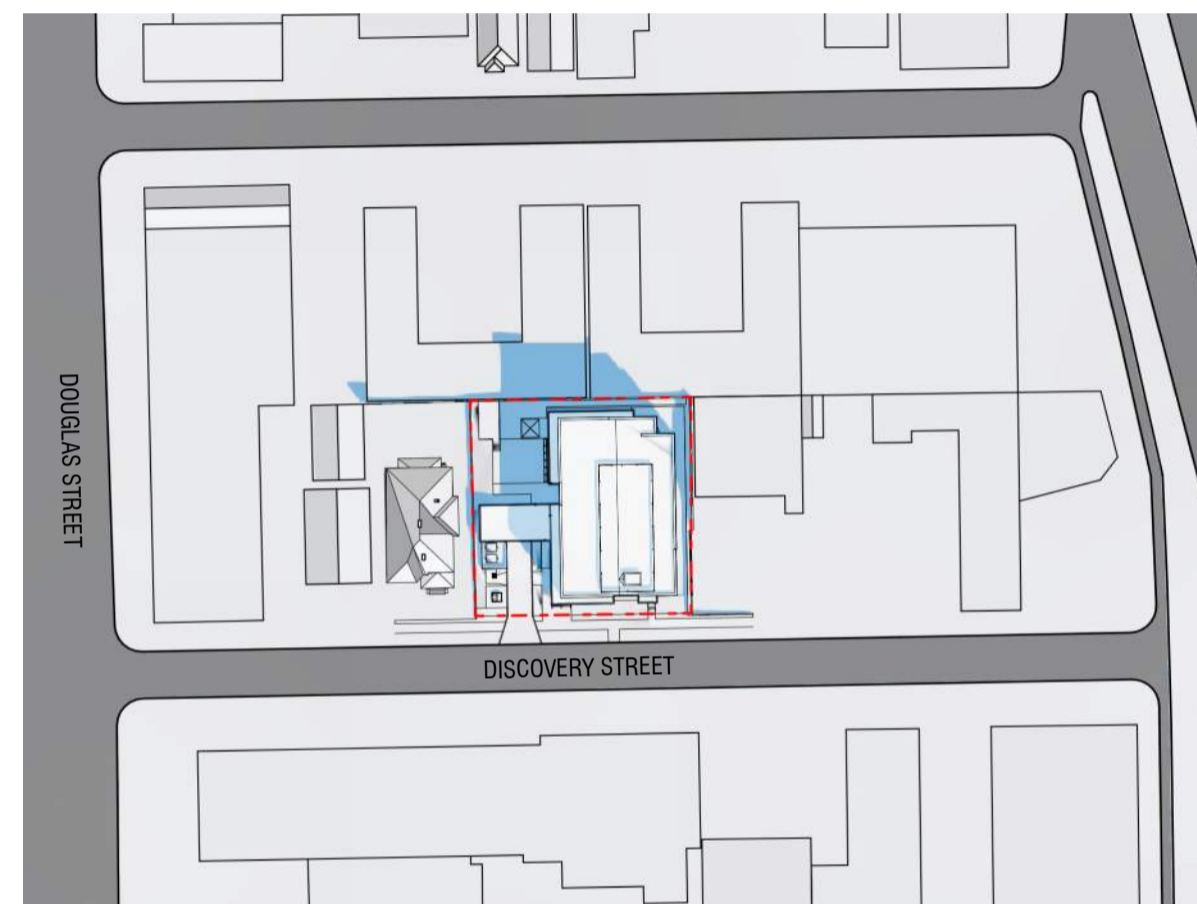
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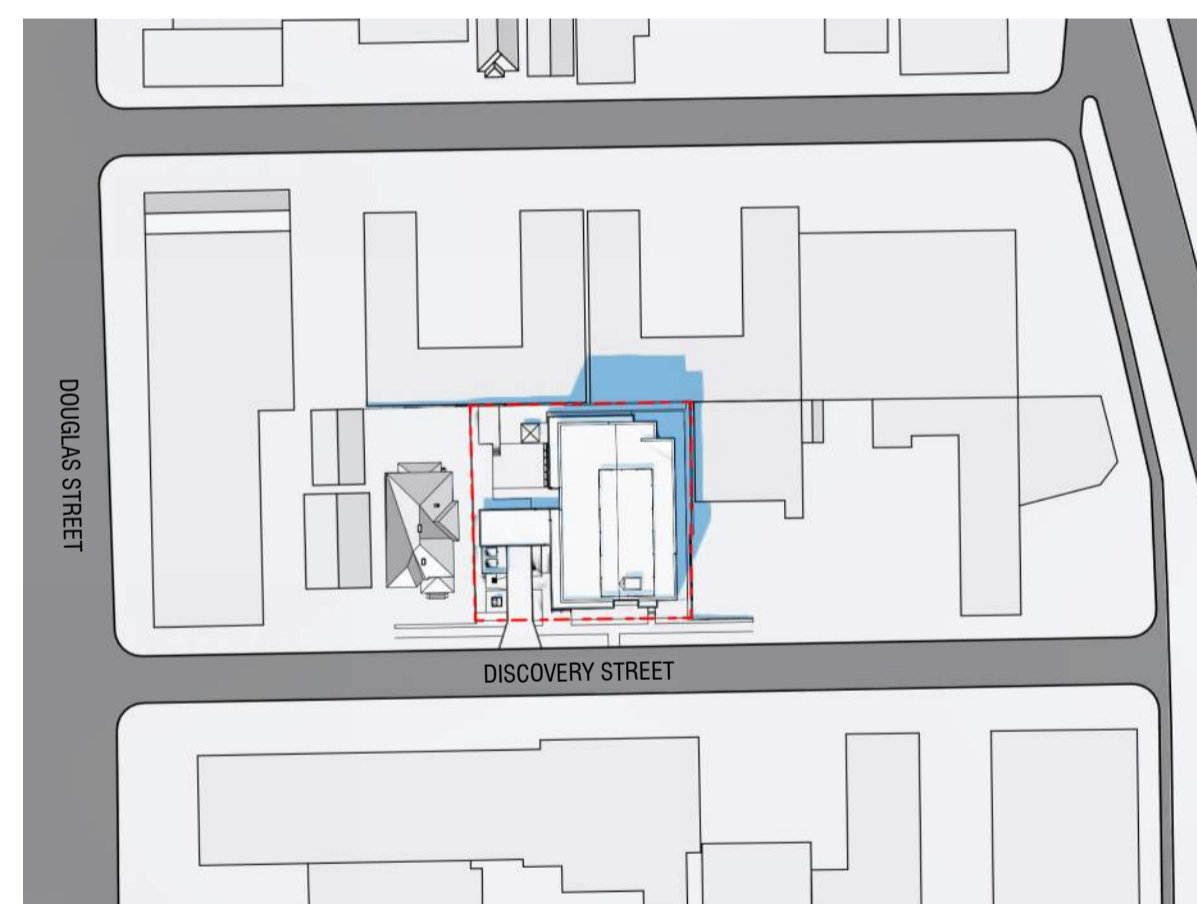
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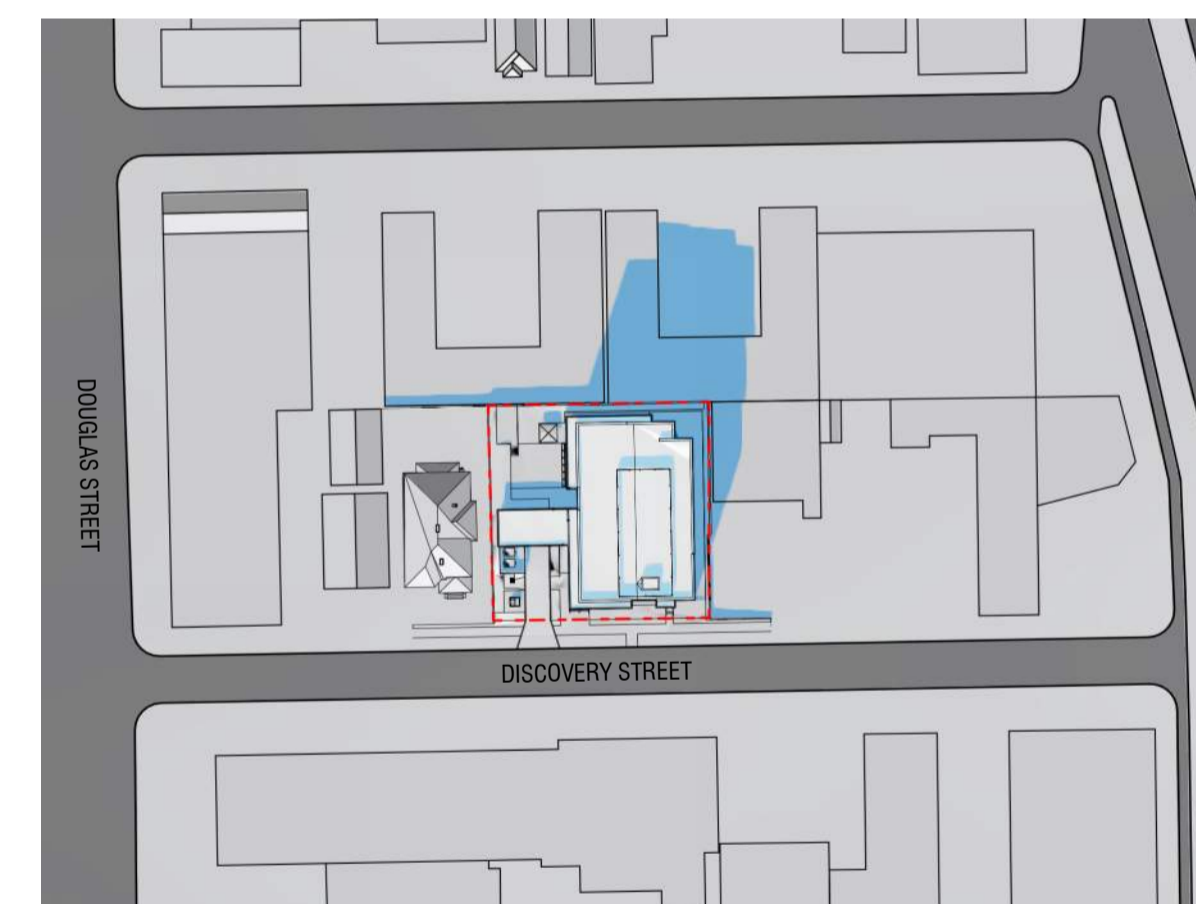
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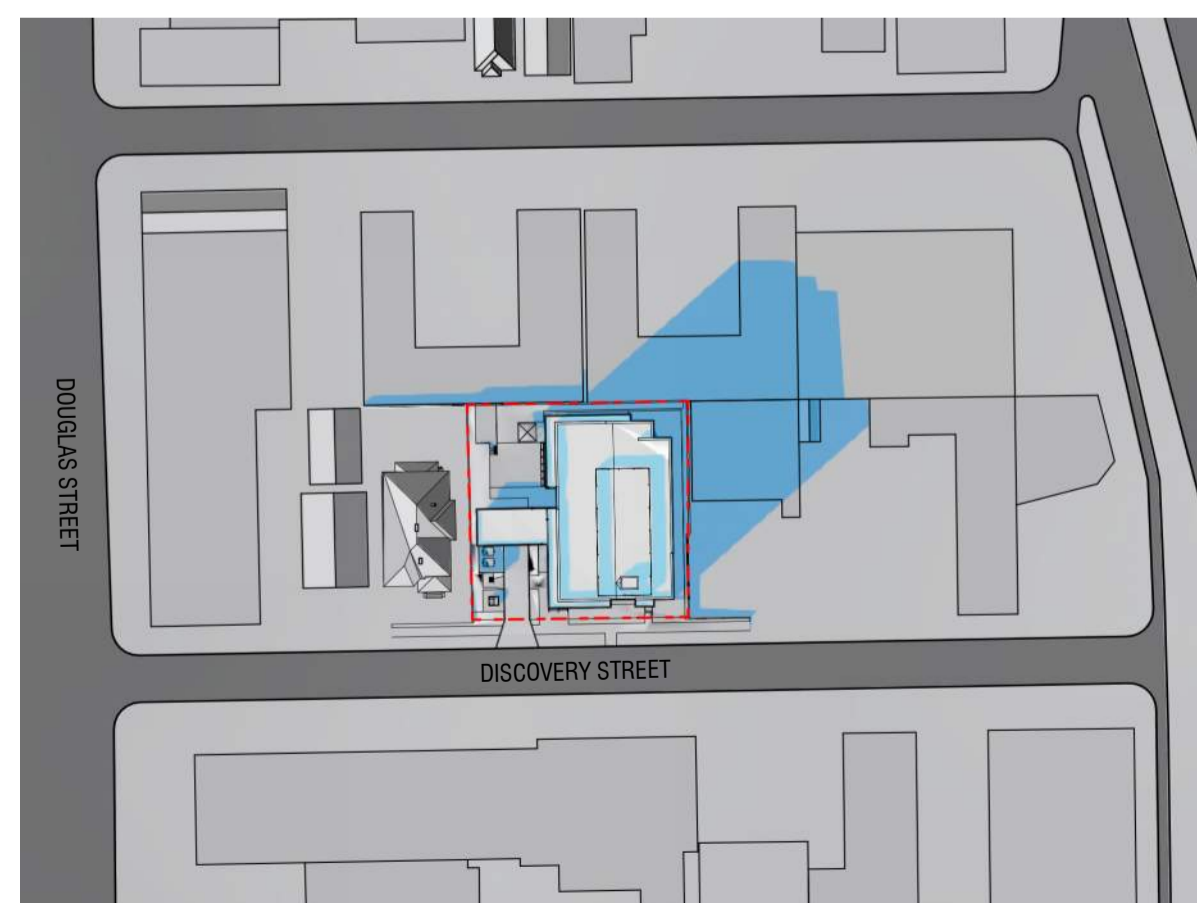
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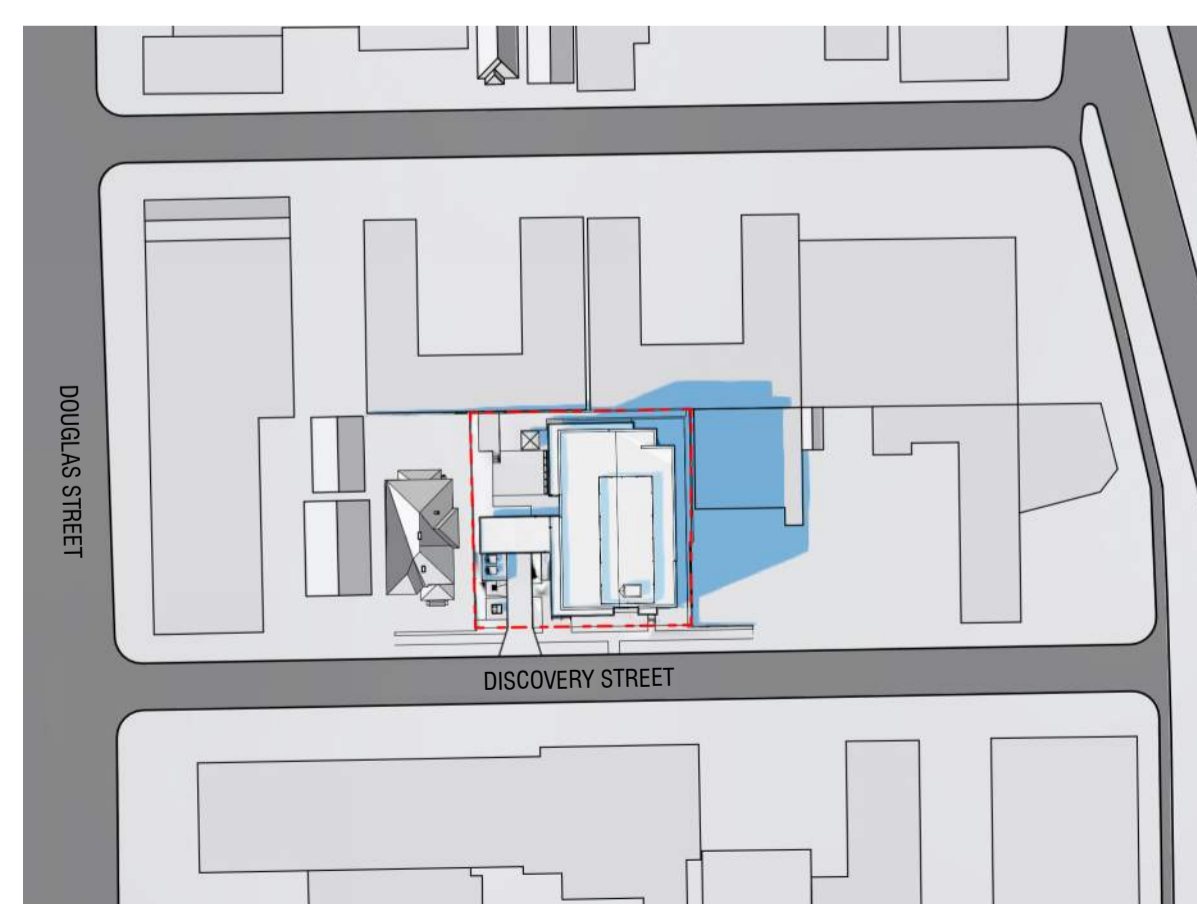
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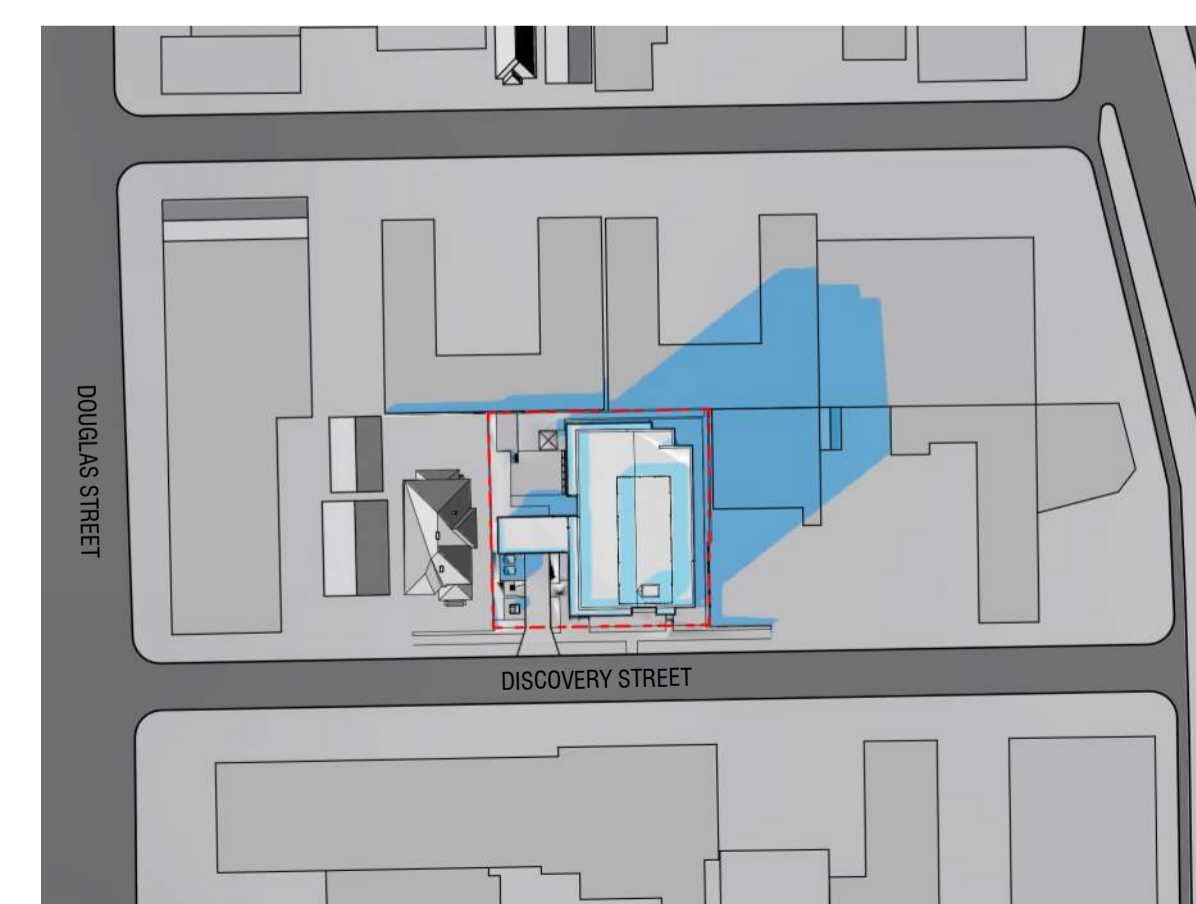
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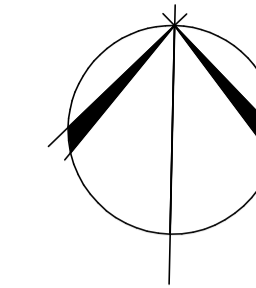
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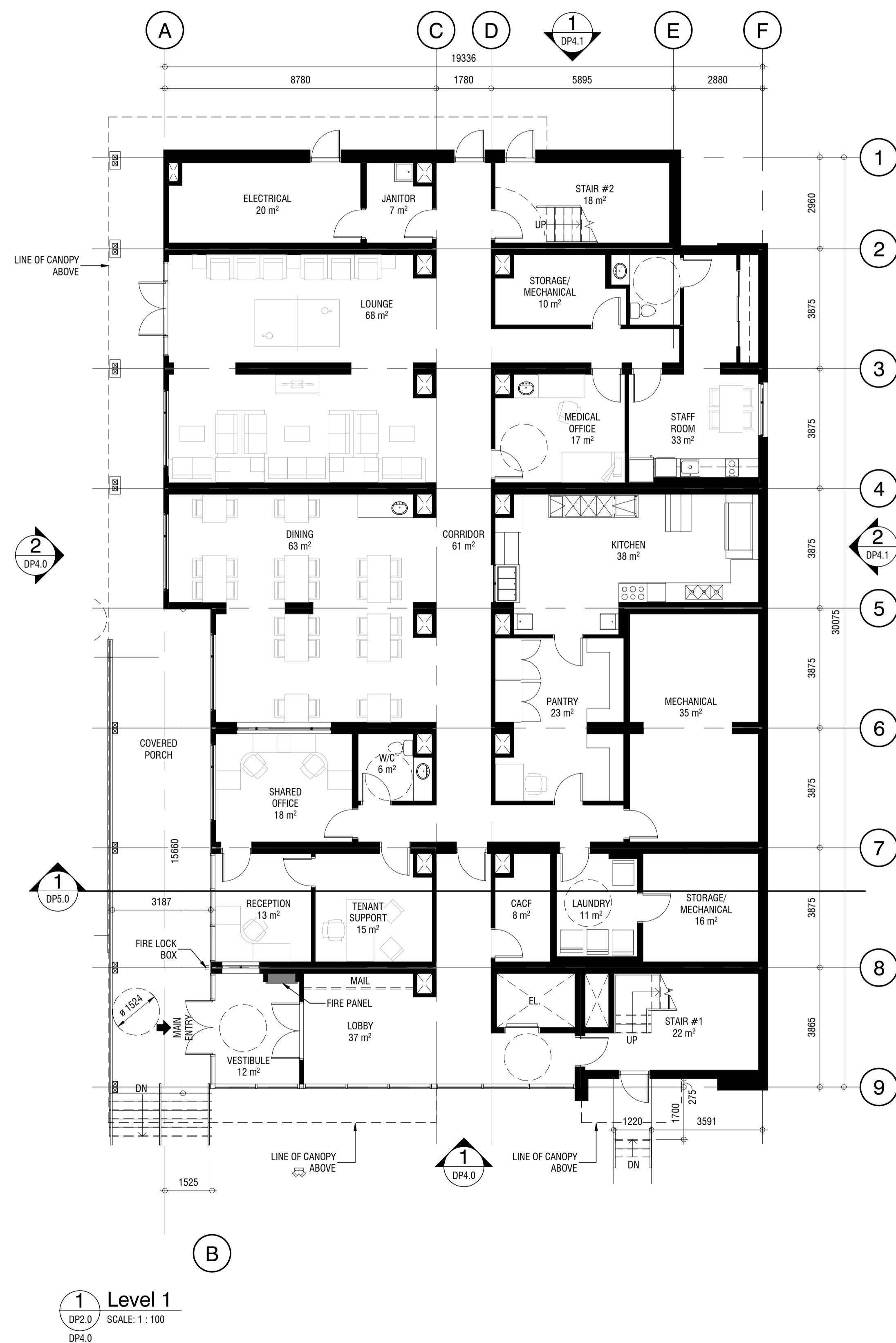
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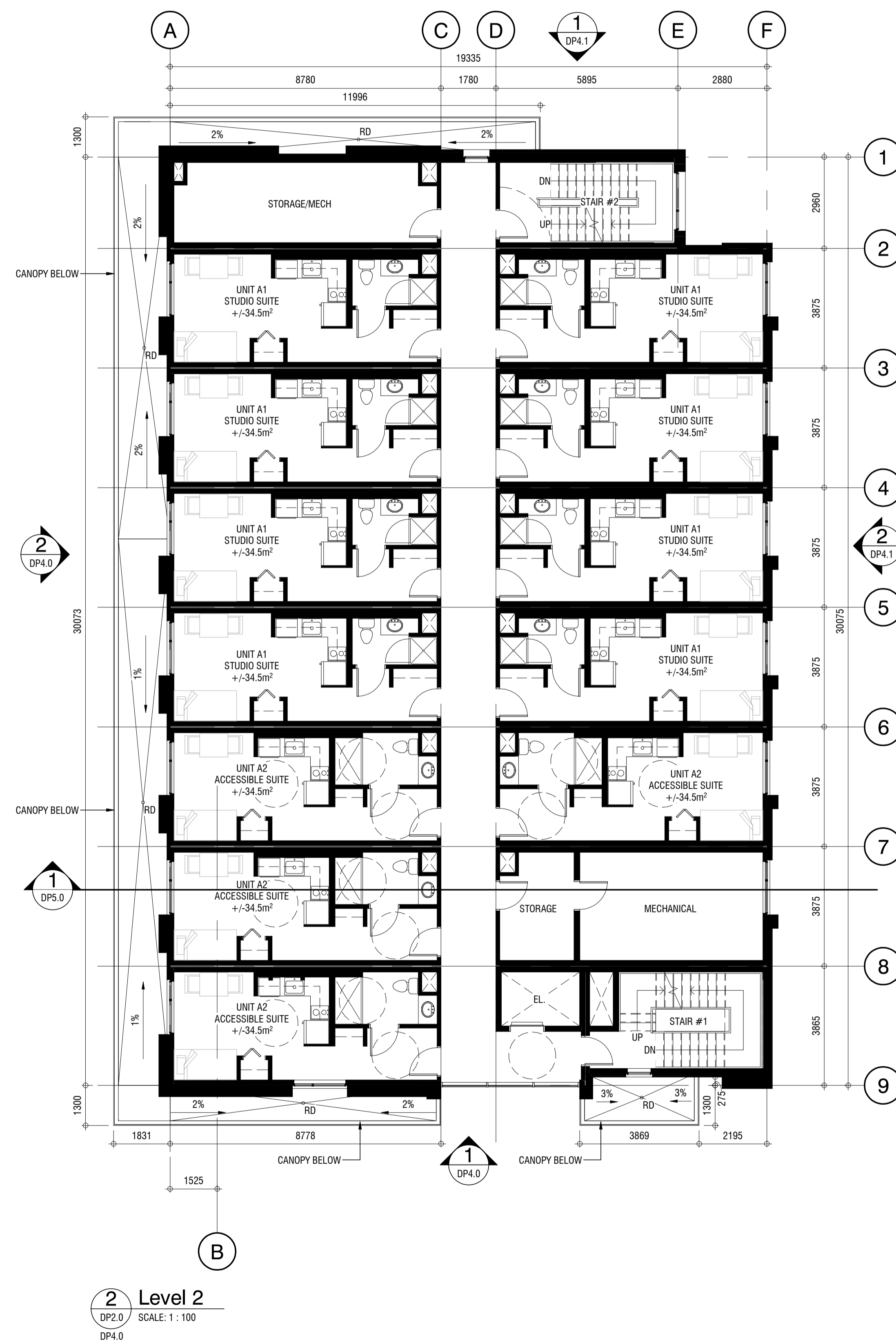
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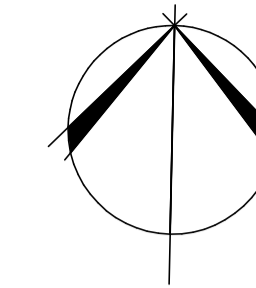
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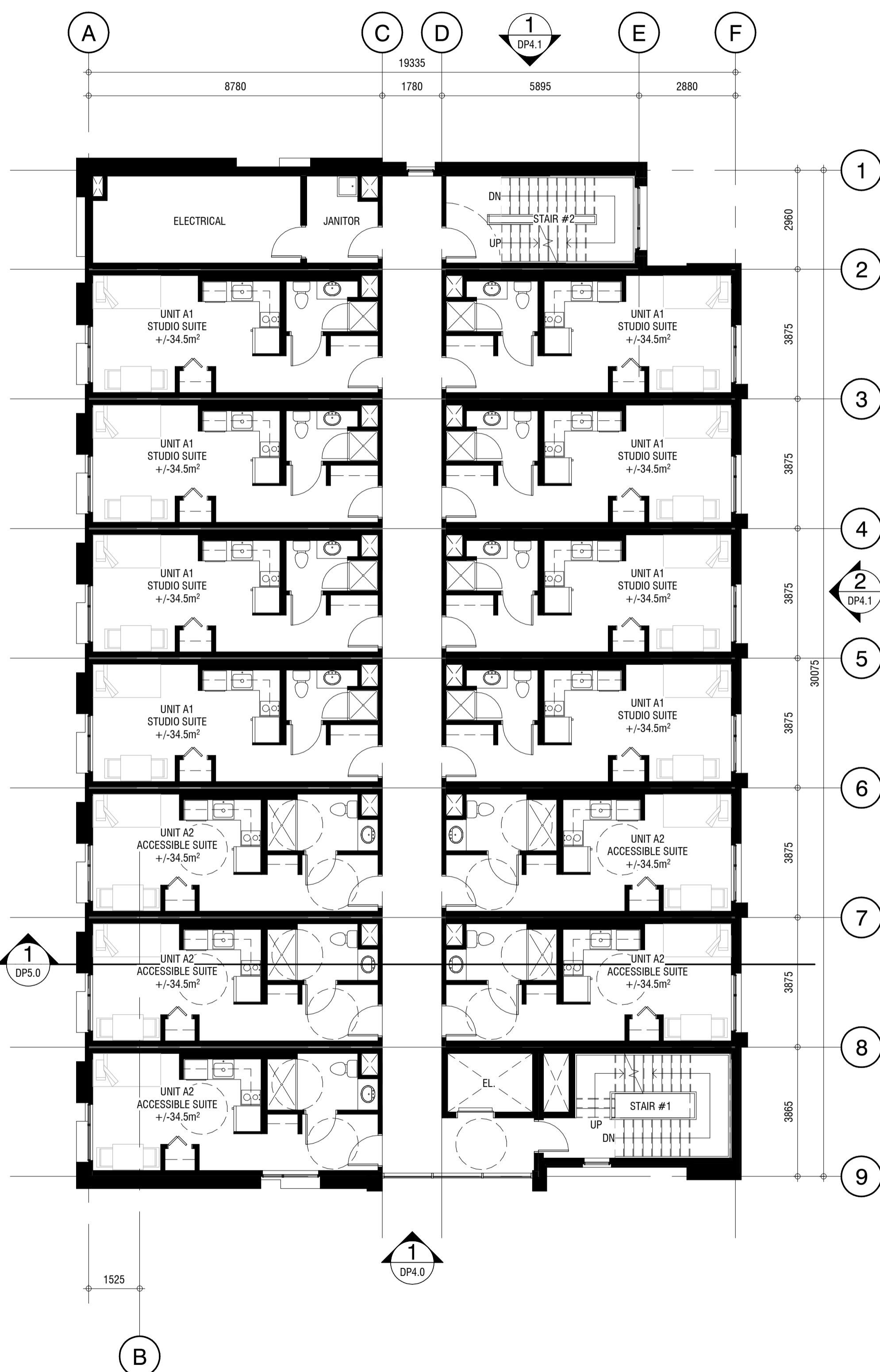
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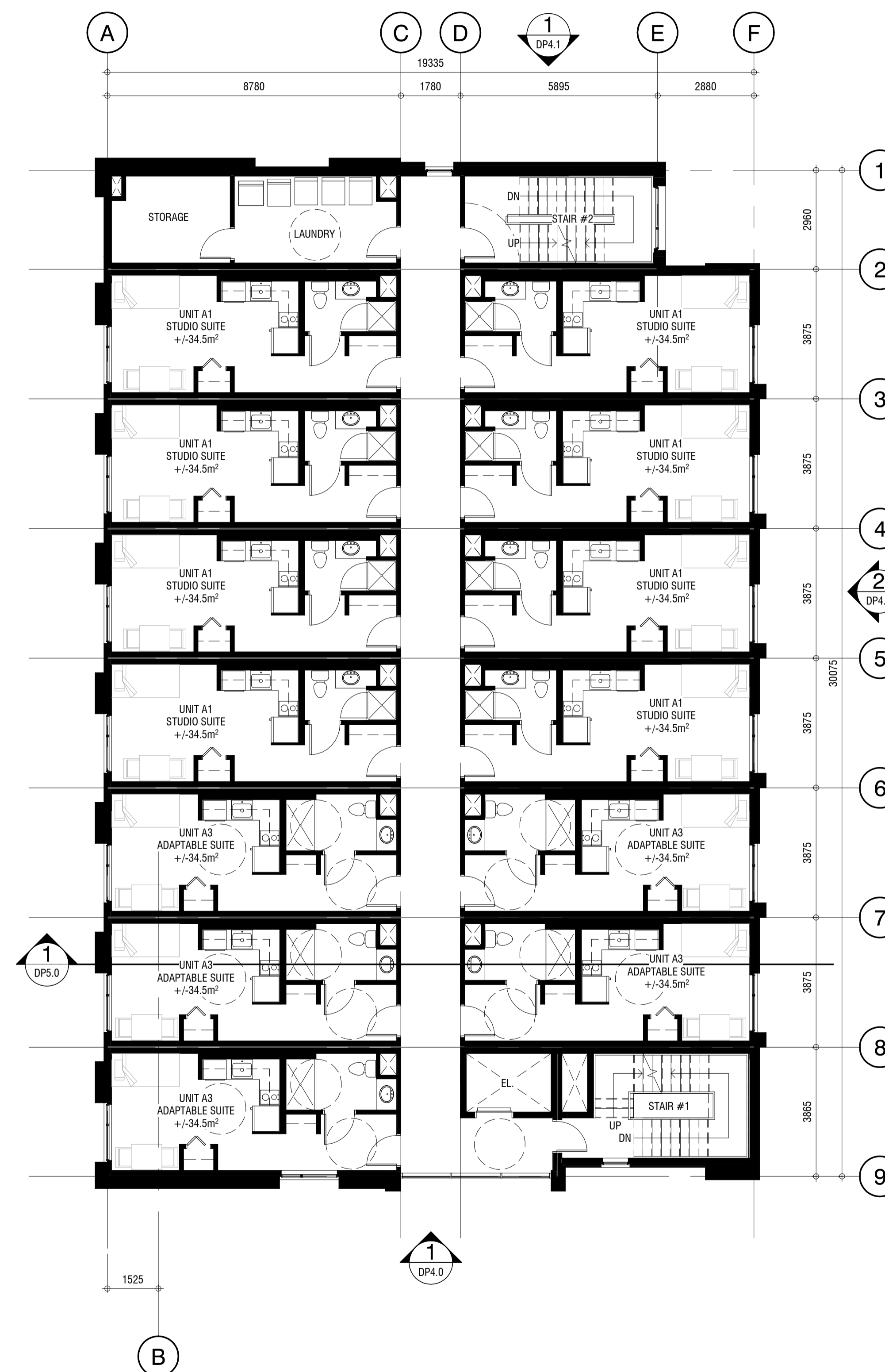
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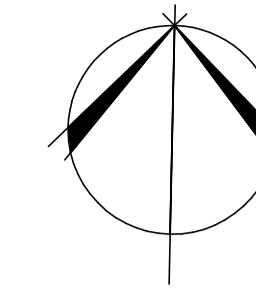
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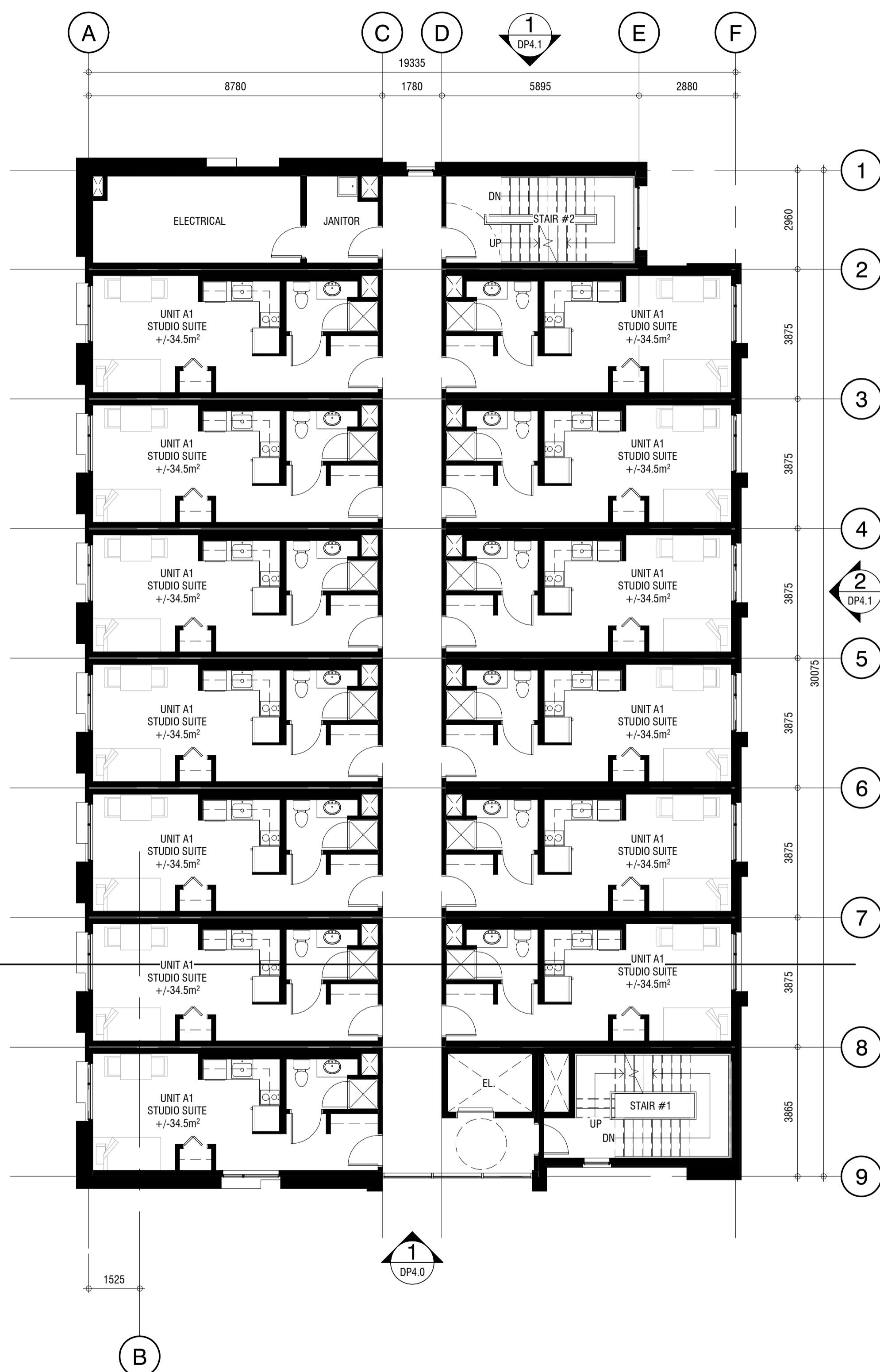
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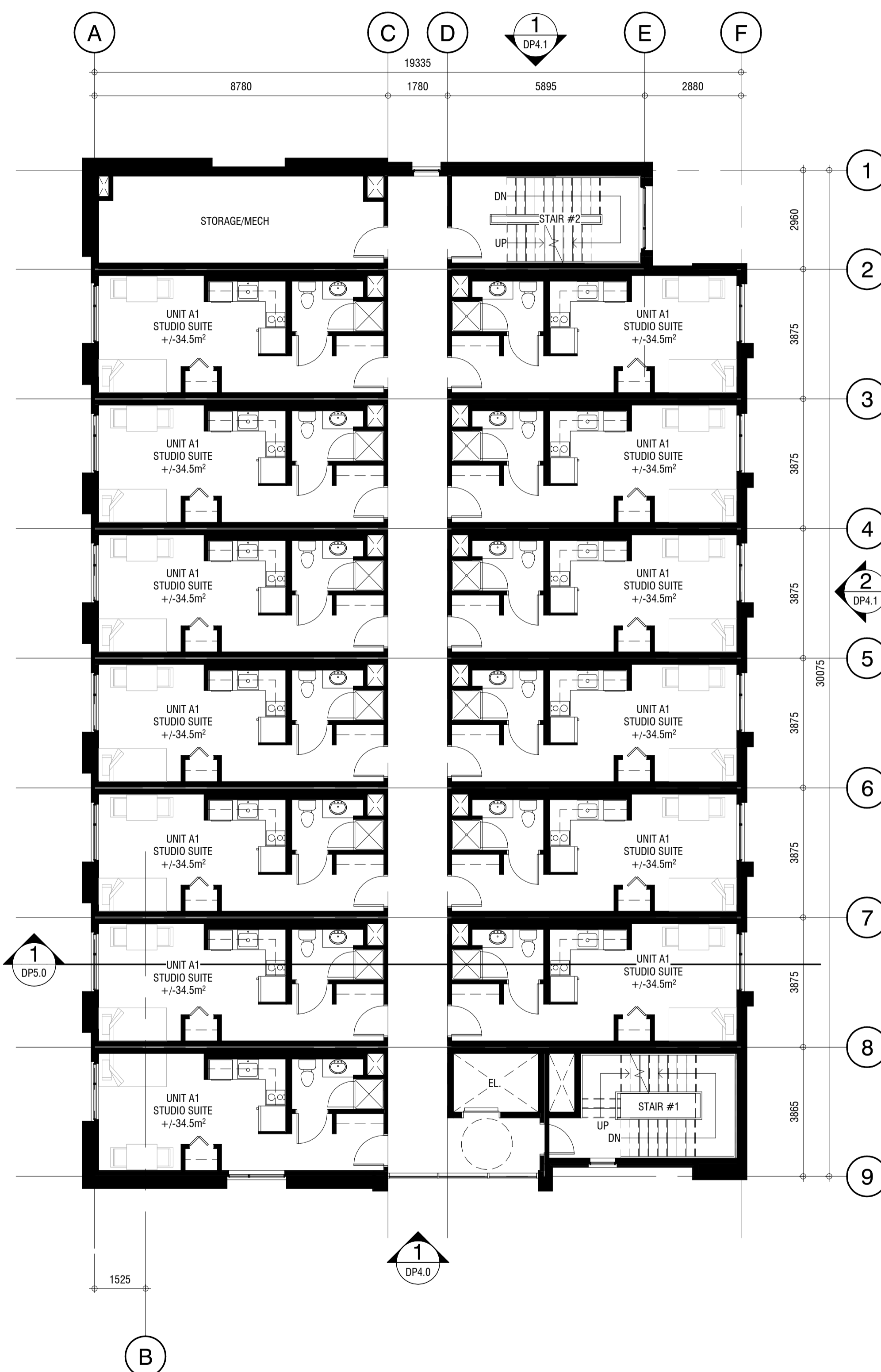
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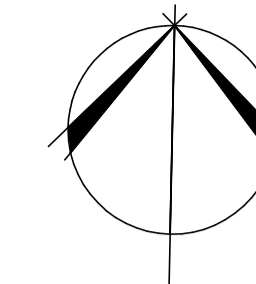
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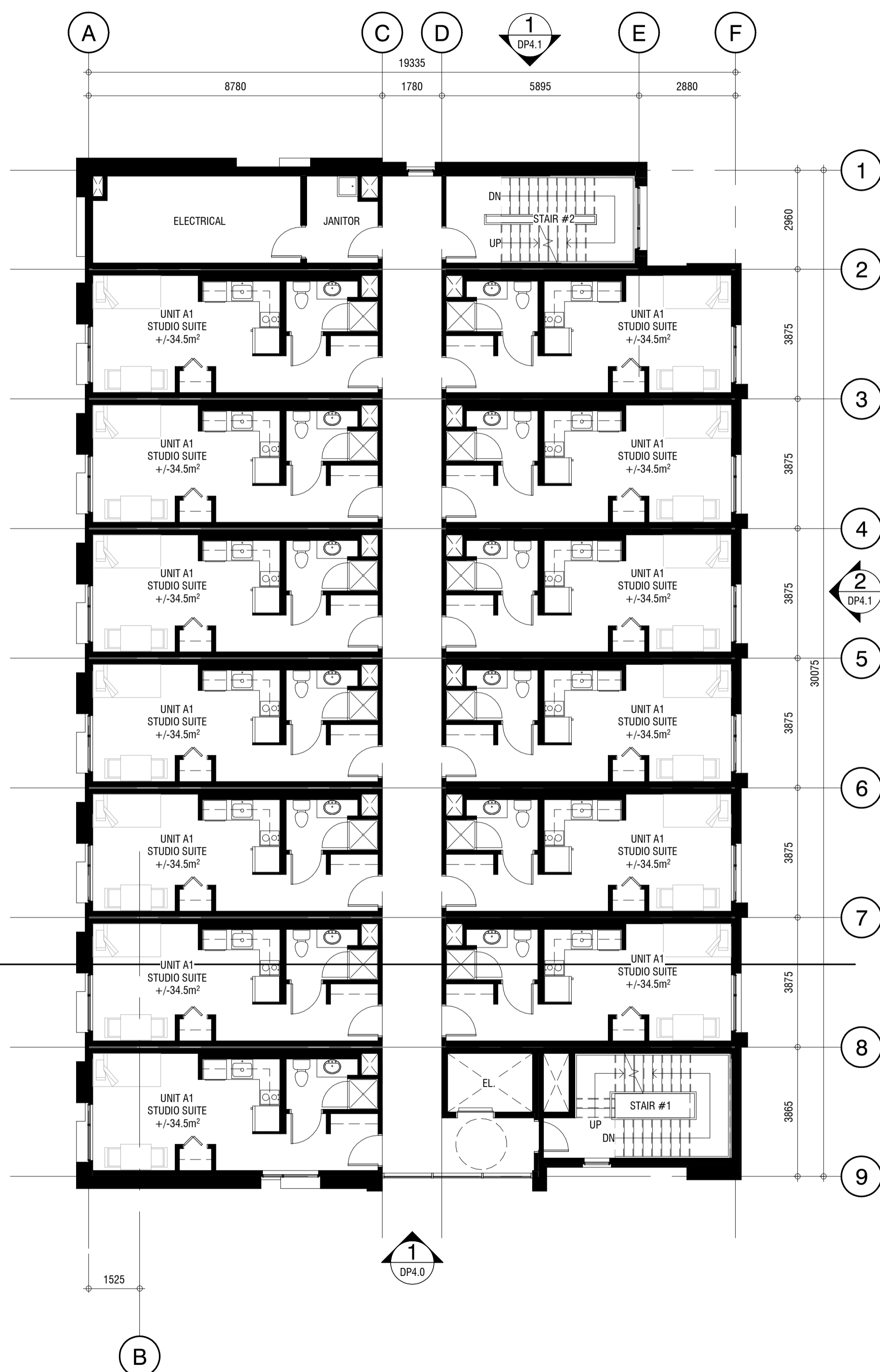
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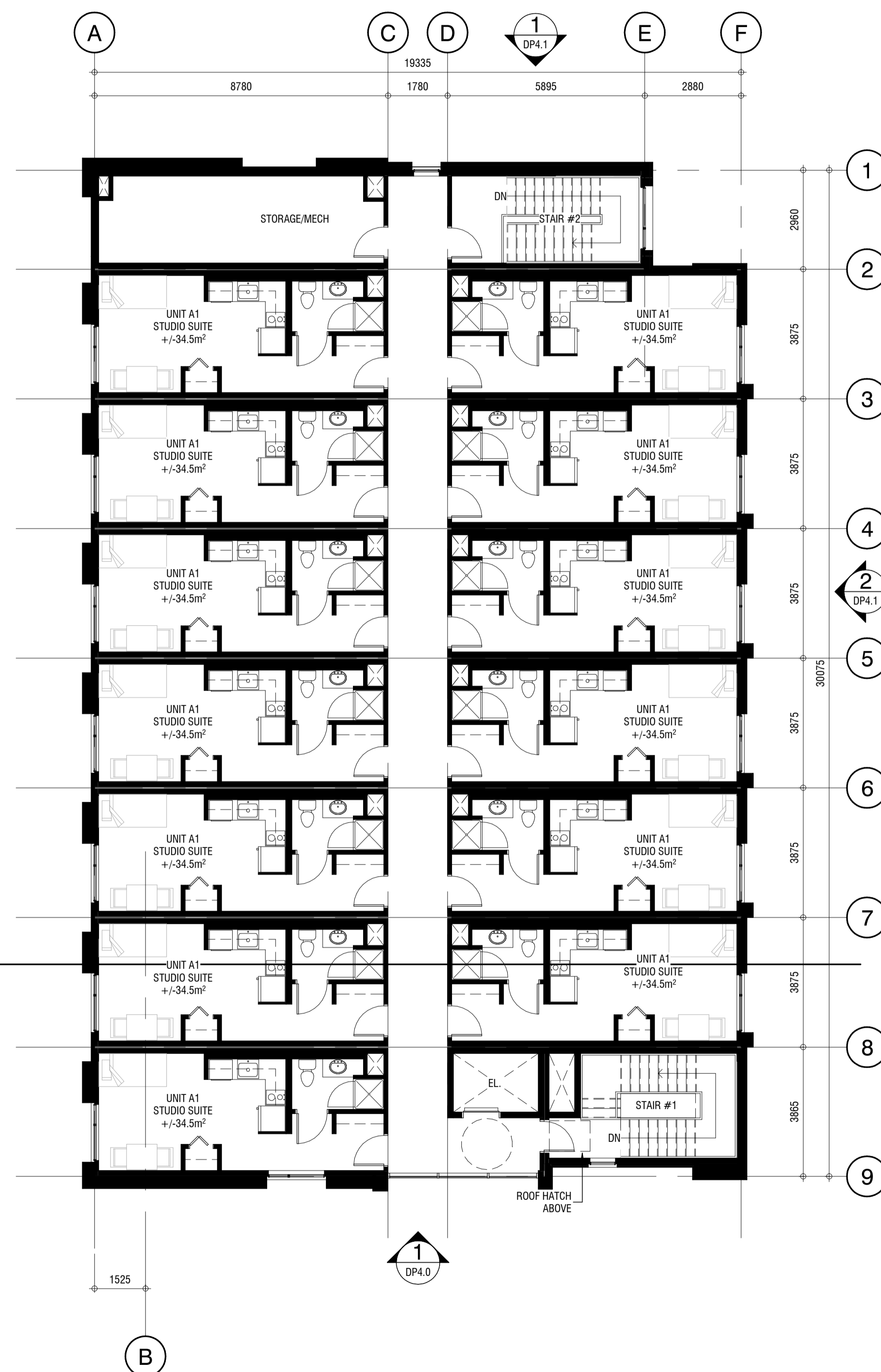
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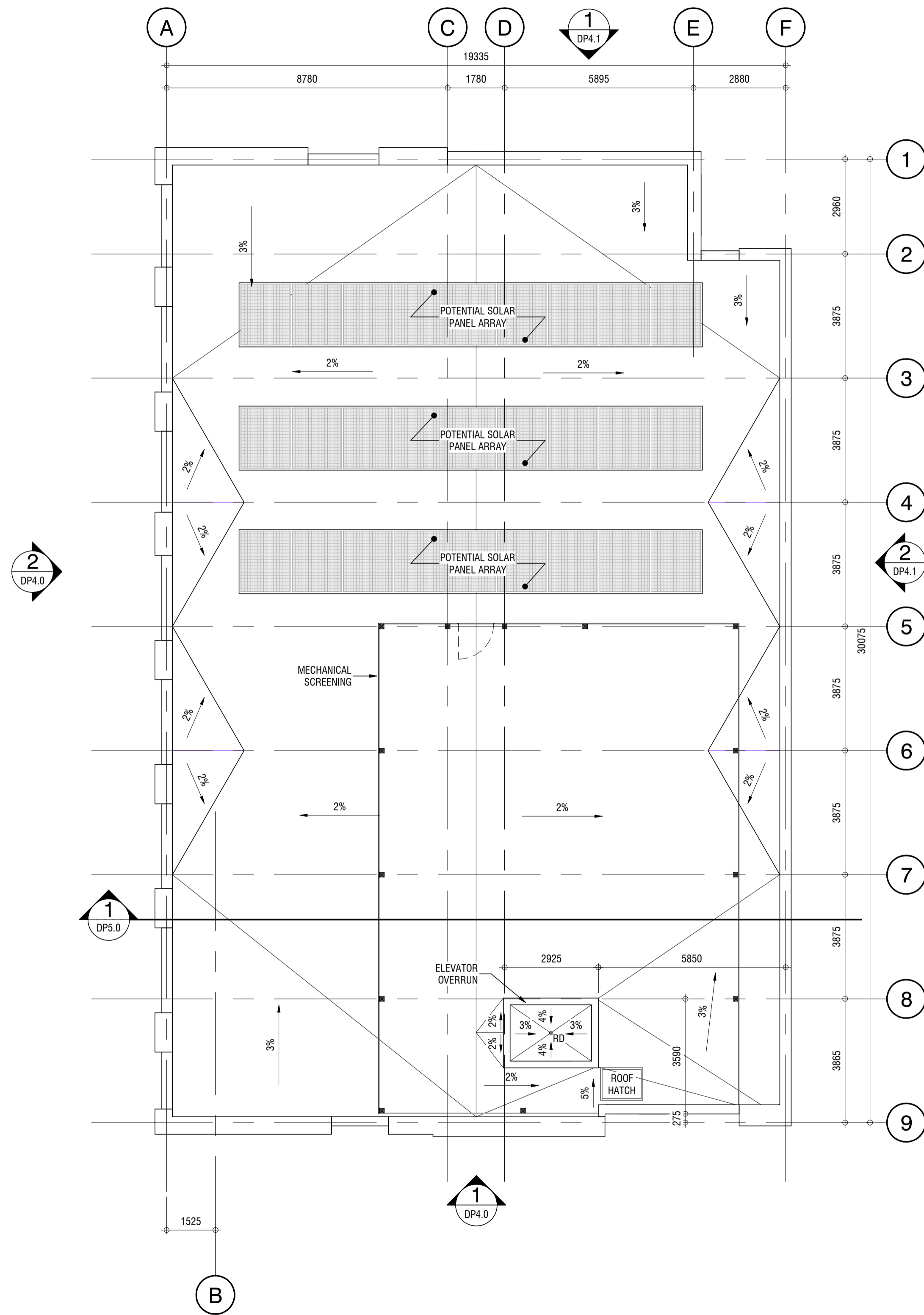
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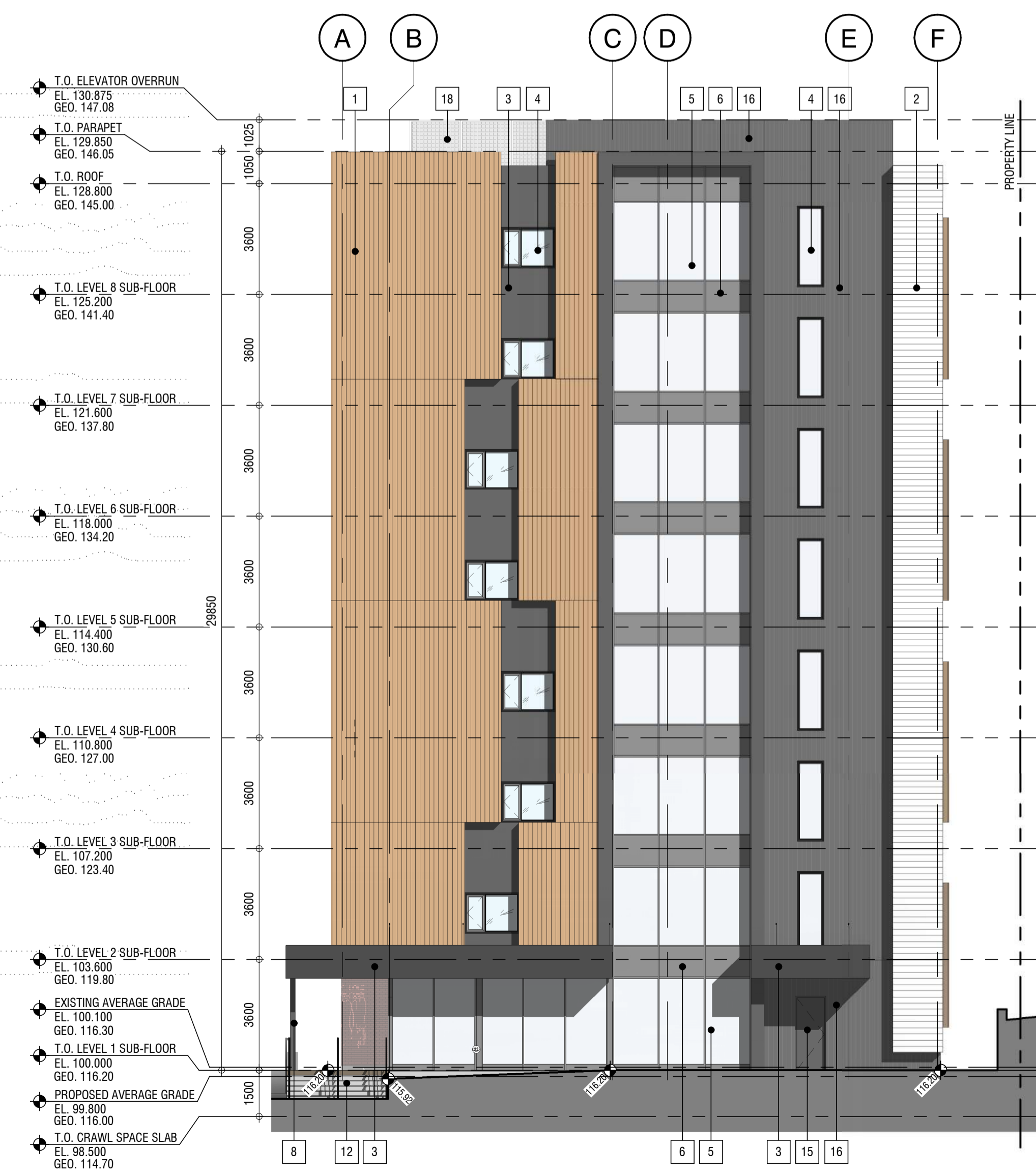
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4	PVC WINDOW - BLACK FRAME
5	SEALED GLAZING UNIT C/W CHARCOAL MULLIONS - VISION GLASS
6	METAL PLATE SPANDREL PANEL C/W CHARCOAL MULLIONS - CHARCOAL
7	SEALED GLAZING UNIT C/W CHARCOAL MULLIONS - DOUBLE DOORS
8	PAINTED HEAVY TIMBER COLUMNS - BLACK
9	CONCRETE UPSTAND C/W COMPOSIT METAL CLADDING - DARK GREY
10	P.T. DECK SKIRTING - GOLDEN OAK TONE
11	P.T. WOOD DECKING - GOLDEN OAK TONE
12	P.T. WOOD STAIRS - GOLDEN OAK TONE
13	METAL HANDRAIL/GUARD - BLACK
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15	HOLLOW FRAME STEEL DOOR - CHARCOAL
16	CORRUGATED METAL SCREENING - CHARCOAL
17	MODULAR BRICK - RED
18	POTENTIAL SOLAR PANEL ARRAY



**2 West Elevation**  
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**1 South Elevation**  
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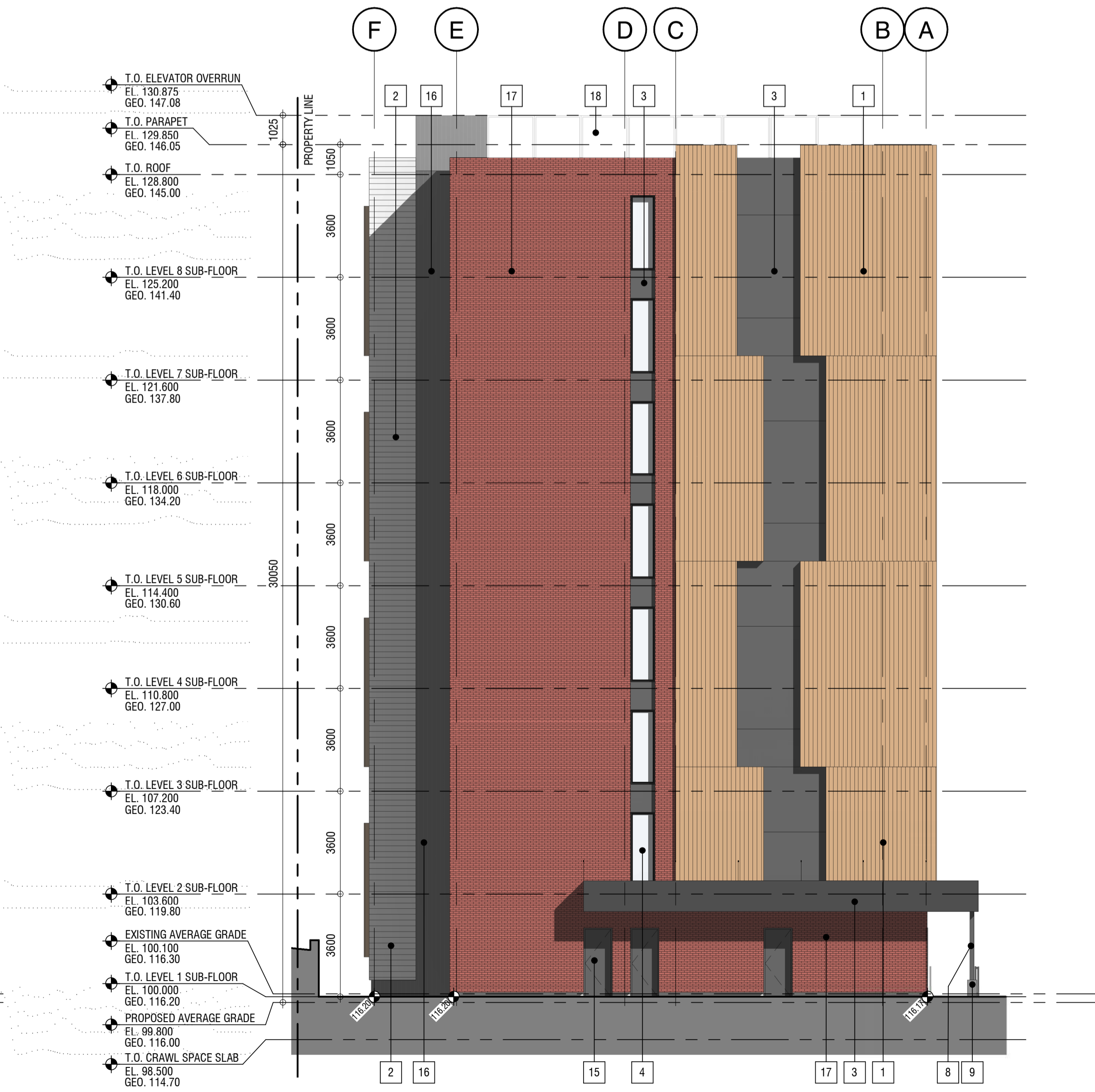


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**2 East Elevation**  
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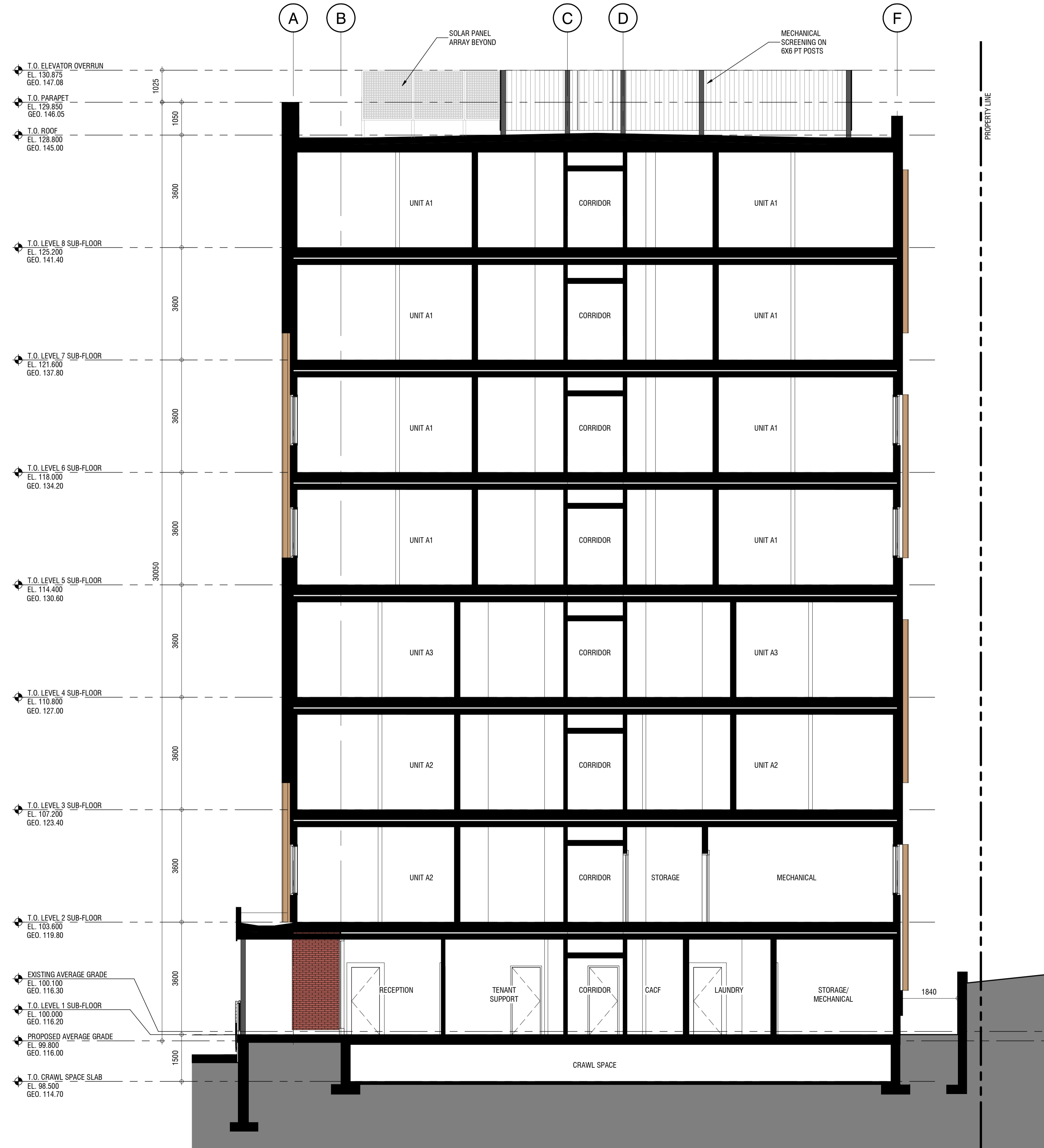
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**1 BUILDING CROSS SECTION**  
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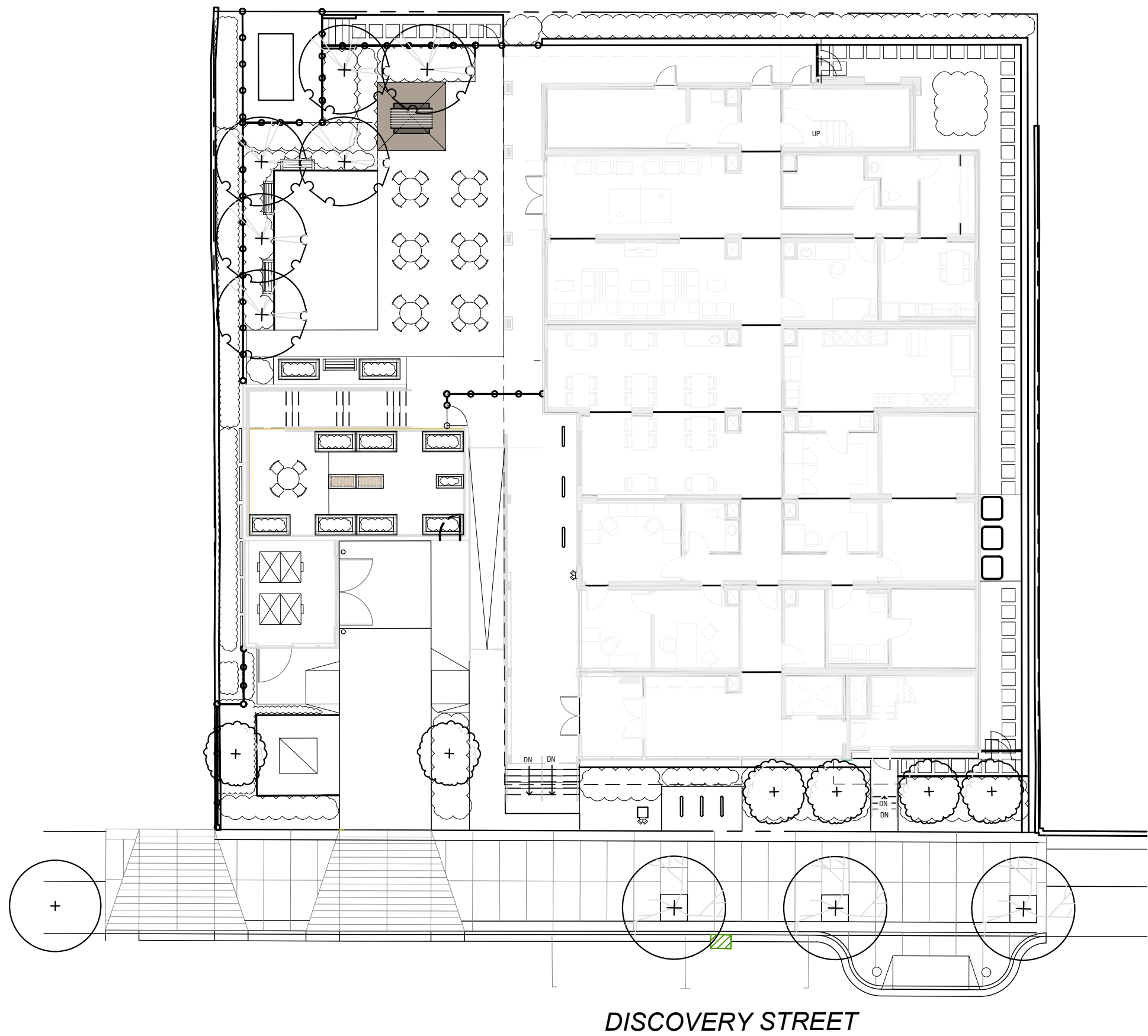
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DISCOVERY STREET

### CRITICAL NOTES

**CANADIAN LANDSCAPE STANDARD:**  
Landscape installation to be compliant with Canadian Landscape Standards (full document applies). It is expected that Landscape Contractors will have a current copy of the document (digital or hardcopy) present with them on site.

**RFI'S:**  
Questions (RFI's) pertaining to landscape to be immediately submitted to Contract Administrator for clarification whom will contact Landscape Architect for response.

**AS-BUILTS:**  
Contractor is expected to provide a copy of marked up as-builts noting any construction changes at the time of substantial performance of the project.

**SUBMITTALS:**  
Submittals on landscape include but are not limited to:  
 a. Shop drawings on all specified furnishings including notes on colour and dimensions  
 b. Shop drawings on all custom site elements (i.e. walls, railings, fences, etc.) including notes on colour, finishes and dimensions  
 c. A growing medium (or amended soil report, if required) submittal compliant with the Canadian Landscape Standard  
 d. Seed or sod mix designs (Canada No. 1 grade) as defined within with drawings and in compliance with Canadian Landscape Standards  
 e. A request for the Landscape Architect to pre-review trees/shrubs for the project at the nursery in advance of delivery to site. Note that the Landscape Architect requires this process for reviews to occur immediately upon award as to prevent issues with timeline. If quantities of a shrub or tree are minimal, photo submittals will be reviewed as an alternate.  
 f. Bark mulch to be organic composted mulch, compliant with Canadian Landscape Standards (dark brown colour). Submit 1L sample or website information prior to purchase  
 g. Unit paving and hard-surface materials to be submitted for verification on colour, size and pattern, and compaction.  
 h. Mix design and supplier information of hard surface poured or placed materials (i.e. aggregates, concrete, asphalt), including base preparation materials and affiliated compaction testing  
 i. Primer and paint submittals, if required for project

### LANDSCAPE SCHEDULE

The contractor is to supply a schedule outlining the intended dates for landscape installation. The contractor is to request (with 72h notice) a review for tree protection fencing, tree stake layout, and substantial completion. Additional key meetings identified for requested by the landscape architect at project kick-off or in construction are to be provided with 72h notice. Examples of critical reviews are outlined below. The contractor is expected to provide weekly emails summarizing progress on landscape and the 'look ahead' of the intended schedule for the following week.

### LANDSCAPE CRITICAL REVIEWS:

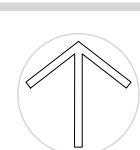
- Landscape critical review meetings include (but are not limited to):
- a. Tree protection fencing setup requires a review by the arborist prior to construction.
  - b. Project kick-off on landscape, and review of stockpile and preservation of existing materials
  - c. Mobilization and preparation/installation of hard surfaces or drainage features (i.e. raingardens), if specified within landscape drawings
  - d. Tree stakes to be provided for review of tree placements to demonstrate compliance and offsets from utilities. Alignment of tree plantings to be reviewed.
  - e. Mobilization of soils and furnishing works (requires furnishings to be reviewed after delivery to site to review for damages). Note that soils may be tested up to 2 times for verification of compliancy of mix at the Contractor's cost, if material is suspected to be non-compliant. See notes above on submittals.
  - f. Mobilization of custom works (i.e. wooden walkways or custom benches), if applicable to contract, will be required for a critical review meeting of proposed layout and connections.
  - g. Delivery of the plant material to site (mobilization of planting works)
  - h. General progress reviews for installation of soft landscape materials (trees, ground covers, shrubs, lawns, etc).
  - i. Substantial and total performance of the landscape
  - j. Commissioning reviews, if required

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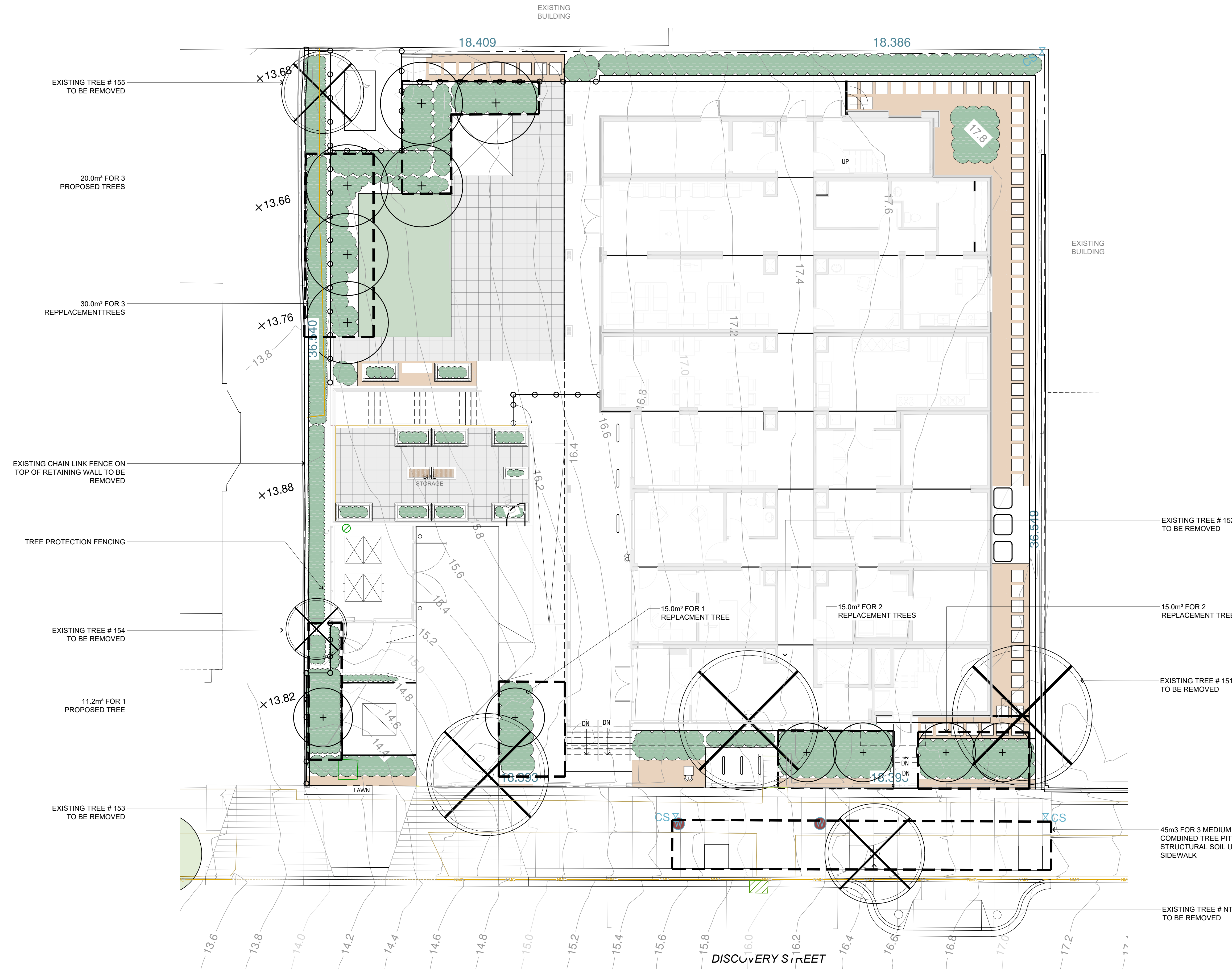


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### LEGEND

- PROPERTY LINE
- EXISTING FENCE TO BE REMOVED
- 1  
L-05 TREE PROTECTION FENCING  
Refer to detail and arborist report.
- + 1  
L-05 TREE TO BE RETAINED  
Provide tree protection fencing. Refer to detail and arborist report.
- + REPLACEMENT / PROPOSED TREE
- REPLACEMENT TREE SOIL VOLUME (m³)
- X TREE TO BE REMOVED

**TREE PROTECTION NOTES:**

- Refer to arborist report prepared by Capital Tree Service Inc., Reference made to Arborist report for all Tree Numbers, Diameters and Canopy sizes.
- Existing trees to remain protected as indicated on drawings. Contractor to provide tree protection fencing in accordance with the arborist report, and City of Victoria Tree By-law and request review from project arborist prior to mobilization. Arborist will provide any cut-back or health management to trees as deemed required from a public health and safety perspective. Contractor to be present for tree protection fencing review with arborist, and make any adjustments to protection fencing requested under arborist supervision.

### REPLACEMENT TREE REQUIREMENTS

**PROJECT INFORMATION**  
Site Area: 1,344.83m²

**EXISTING VEGETATION**  
Existing Trees on Site - 6  
Existing Trees to be Removed - 6  
3 Oak Trees with DBH of 80cm each  
1 Pine Tree with DBH of 40cm  
1 Black Cottonwood with DBH of 62cm  
1 Field Elm with DBH of 38cm

**REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS**  
3 Oak Trees require - 6 New Trees  
1 Pine Tree requires - 2 New Trees  
1 Cottonwood - 1 Tree  
1 Elm - 1 Tree  
Total Replacement Trees Needed - 10

**MINIMAL TREE REQUIREMENTS FOR SITE**  
Requirements: 50 trees / hectare | 0.005 tree / m²  
Site Area 1,344.83m² x 0.005 = 6.72  
Minimum Trees required - 7 trees

**REPLACEMENT TREE QUANTITIES - 15 NEW TREES**  
- 12 within the Property  
- 3 New Street Trees

### STORM WATER INFILTRATION AREAS

- SHRUB BED AREAS = 136.0 M2  
Min. 450mm Depth  
Refer to Canadian Landscape Standard for Growing Medium - 2P for Soil & Drainage Composition.
- LAWN AREA = 32.0 M2  
Refer to Canadian Landscape Standard for Growing Medium - 2H for Soil & Drainage Composition.
- TEXADA HYDRA-PRESSED PAVERS AREAS : ( refer to L-02 for material info )  
68.0 M2 GROUND PLANE  
30.0 M2 BICYCLE ROOF DECK
- WOOD CHIPS AREA = 72.65 m2  
At 100mm depth with filter fabric



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### HARDSCAPE LEGEND

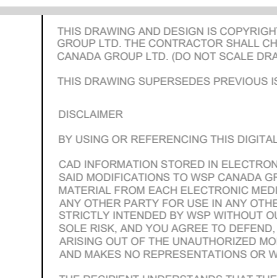
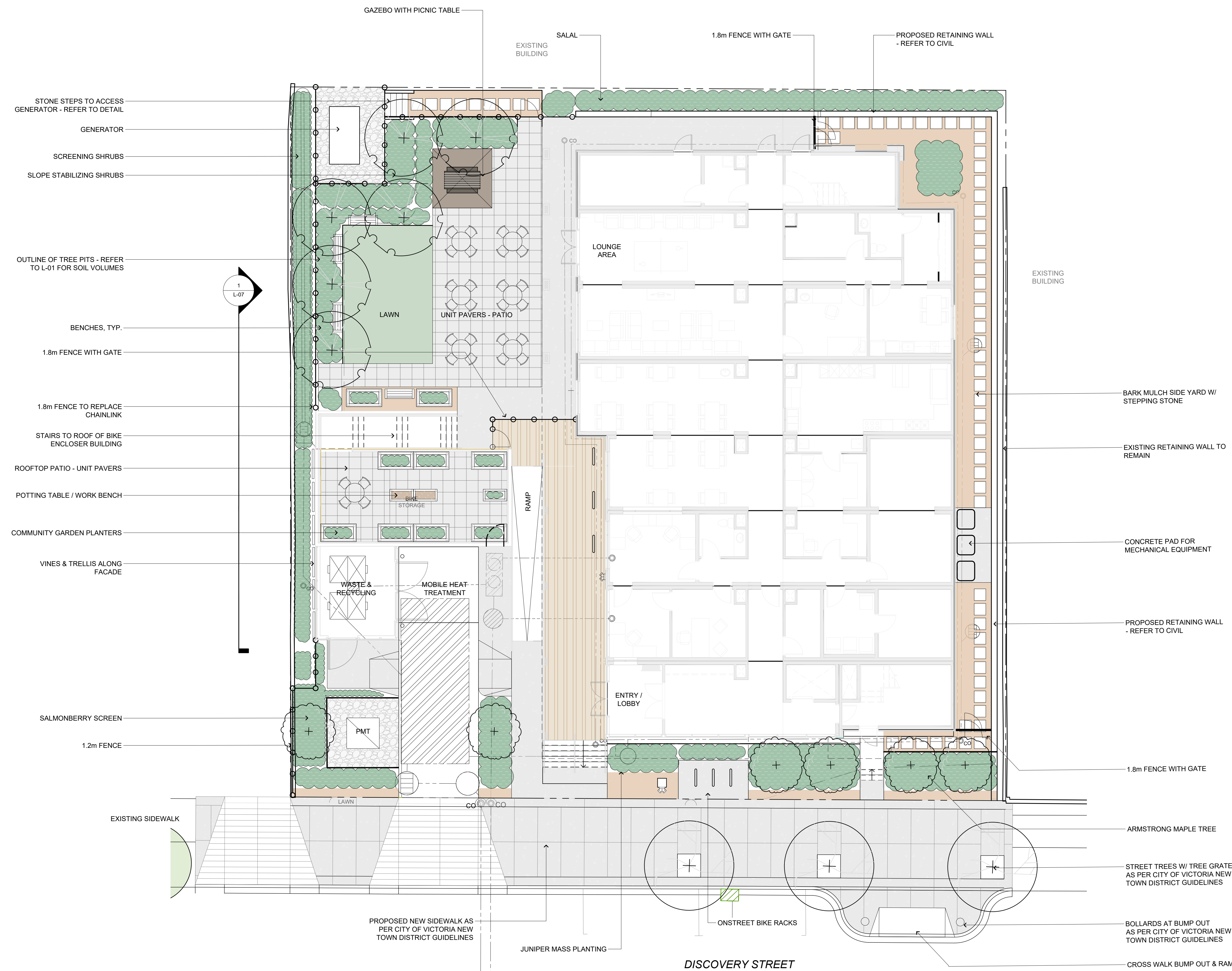
- 1** CONCRETE  
 L-05 Pedestrian rated access - 100mm thick
- 3** GRAVEL  
 L-05 Refer to detail for aggregates size and depth.
- 2** TEXADA HYDRA-PRESSED PAVERS - PATIO & STEPPING STONES  
 L-05 Size: 610mm x 610mm x 50mm (24" x 24" x 2")  
 Colour: Natural  
 Supplier: Abbotsford Concrete Products
- 6** WOOD CHIPS  
 L-04 At 100mm depth with filter fabric

### SOFTSCAPE LEGEND

- 1** TREE TO BE RETAINED  
 L-05 Provide tree protection fencing. Refer to detail and arborist report.
- 2** PROPOSED TREES  
 L-04 Minimum 900mm depth growing medium, complete with mulch. Refer to details. Installed as per Canadian Landscape Standards.
- 3 & 5** SHRUB PLANTING  
 L-04 Minimum 450mm depth import growing medium complete with mulch. Refer to details. Installed as per Canadian Landscape Standards.
- 5** SOD LAWN  
 L-04 Minimum 150mm depth import growing medium. Refer to details.

### SITE FURNISHING LEGEND

- 2** PARK BENCH  
 L-06 Refer to detail for product specifications and sizes.
- 1** PICNIC TABLE  
 L-06 Refer to detail for product specifications and sizes.
- 6** PROPOSED 1.2m WOOD FENCE:  
 L-05 Provide shop drawing of fence prior to fabrication. Refer to detail.
- 5** PROPOSED 1.8m WOOD FENCE AND GATE:  
 L-06 Provide shop drawing of fence prior to fabrication. Refer to detail.
- 3** GAZEBO  
 L-06 Refer to detail for product specifications and sizes.
- 4** CEDAR PLANTER  
 L-06 Refer to detail for product specifications and sizes.
- 5** STONE STEPS  
 L-05 Refer to detail
- 4** EDGER  
 L-05 Refer to detail

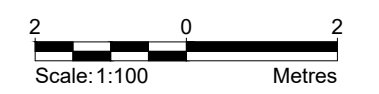


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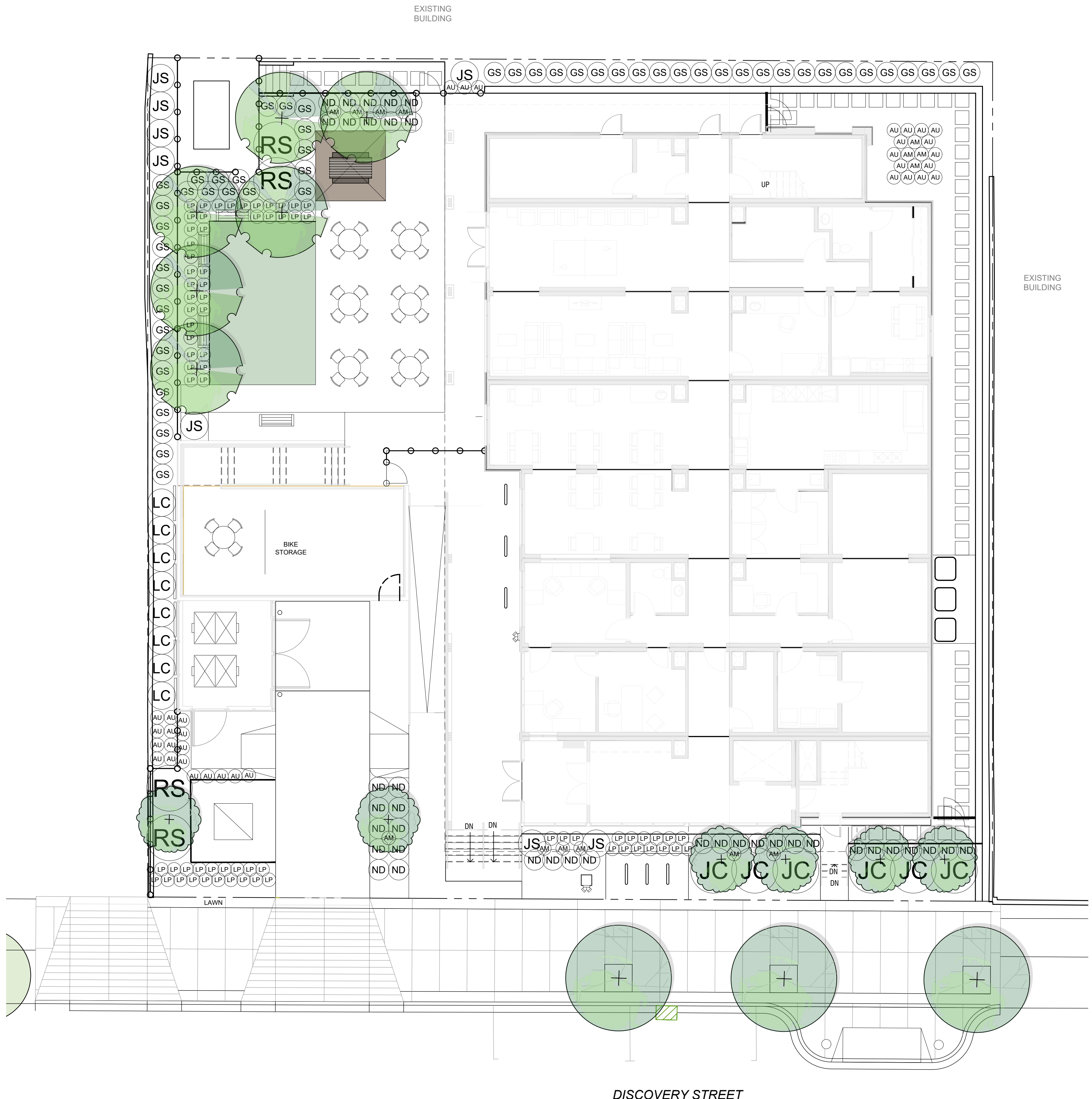
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**TREE SPECIES**

SYM	QTY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	SPACING
	6	Magnolia Grandiflora	Victoria Magnolia	B&B, 6cm cal., 1.8m ht standard	As shown
	6	Acer Rubrum 'Armstrong'	Armstrong Maple	B&B, 6cm cal., 1.8m ht standard	As shown
	3	Ulmus Americana	Brandon Elm	B&B, 6cm cal., 1.8m ht standard	As shown

**SHRUB SPECIES**

SYM	QTY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	SPACING
AM	14	Achillea millefolium	Common yarrow	#2 Pot, full	600mm o.c.
AU	31	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	Kinnikinnick	#2 Pot, full	600mm o.c.
GS	53	Gaultheria shallon	Salal	#2 Pot, full	900mm o.c.
JC	6	Juniperus communis	Common juniper	#2 Pot, full	2200mm o.c.
JS	8	Juniperus scopulorum 'Blue Arrow'	'Blue Arrow' juniper	#2 Pot, full	1200mm o.c.
LP	72	Lavandula x intermedia 'Provence'	Provence lavender	#2 Pot, full	600mm o.c.
LC	8	Lonicera ciliosa	Orange honeysuckle	#2 Pot, full	1200mm o.c.
ND	39	Nandina domestica 'Gulf Stream'	'Gulf Stream' dwarf nandina	#2 Pot, full	900mm o.c.
RS	4	Rubus spectabilis	Salmonberry	#2 Pot, full	2000mm o.c.

**PLANTING NOTES**

- The following are core requirements of plant selection and installation:
- Plants are to be regionally sourced, with preference on local nurseries. Key plants or tree species that cannot be locally sourced should be explored for regional availability within the cascade region, complete from BC south through Washington, Oregon and California.
  - Preparation and fine grading of soft landscapes (lawns, planting beds, trees) to be in accordance with Canadian Landscape Standards
  - Composted bark mulch to be continuously be provided within plantings beds (unless stated otherwise), at a 50mm depth, increasing to 100mm depth in tree watering well locations. Watering wells to be 1m diameter around trees, in accordance with Canadian Landscape Standards.
  - Plant materials are to be protected and stored to prevent damage from freezing or weather events prior to installation. Protect and insulate material in accordance with Canadian Landscape Standards as required.
  - Depths of growing medium to be as follows: 900mm depth required for trees and 450mm depth required for shrubs within all new planting beds, in accordance with 'Level 2P' mix design as defined in the Canadian Landscape Standard. New lawn spaces are to receive 150mm depth growing medium, in accordance with 'Level 2L' mix design as defined in the Canadian Landscape Standard.
  - Lawn restoration, if required, to meet flush with existing and demonstrate even blend and complete establishment and integration with existing lawn.
  - Lawn material (i.e. sod or seed/over-seed or hydroseed) to be provided in accordance with drawing notes. Ensure mix design submittal is provided of product. Sod (if required) is to be non-netted. Seed (if required) is to be evenly distributed. Hydroseed (if required) is to be applied in even distribution in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. Hydroseed to include tackifier in accordance with manufacturer's blend. Incidentally increase tackifier under the guidance of the supplier in winter months in applications where slope stability is required.

**ESTABLISHMENT MAINTENANCE FOR PLANTING BEDS**

Landscape Maintenance to be provided complete through substantial completion and until all deficiencies are amended (whichever is longer). Maintenance to be compliant with 'Level 2' (weeds no larger than 2" diameter) in accordance with Canadian Landscape Standard.

**ESTABLISHMENT MAINTENANCE FOR LAWN SPACES**

Lawns that are constructed with sod are to be 100% established and in accordance with Canadian Landscape Standards. Sodded lawns should appear evenly integrated with adjacent rolls and non-visible for edges or lifts in finish. Seeded lawns are to be evenly covered and established with vigorous growth. All lawns to appear with vigorous growth and maintenance with a minimum of 2 cuttings to a 60mm height for substantial review. Incidentally mow to a continued 60mm height until the time of substantial completion. Do not allow lawns to exceed an 80mm height between cuttings.

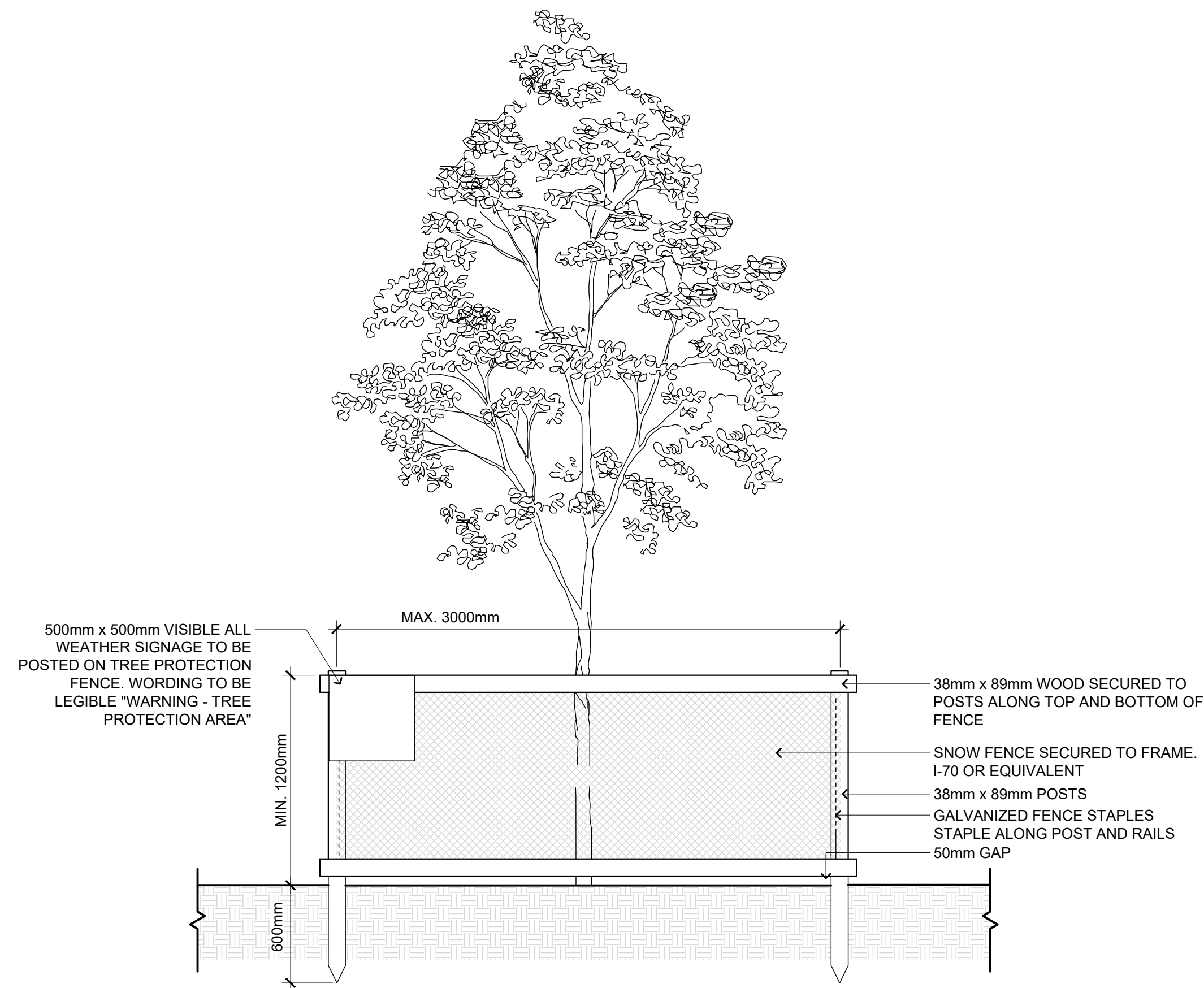
**ESTABLISHMENT WATERING**

Landscape watering to be provided complete through substantial completion and until all deficiencies are amended (whichever is longer). Establishment watering to be compliant with Canadian Landscape Standards. Landscapes to be maintained at 75% moisture content availability in soils, as defined in 'Establishment Watering' requirements of the Canadian Landscape Standard. Ensure landscape is watered adequately to prevent detriment to plant health prior to use of irrigation system. If a water ban is in place within the city, notify Contract Administrator.

**WARRANTY**

Warranty on landscape to be 1 year, unless noted otherwise.



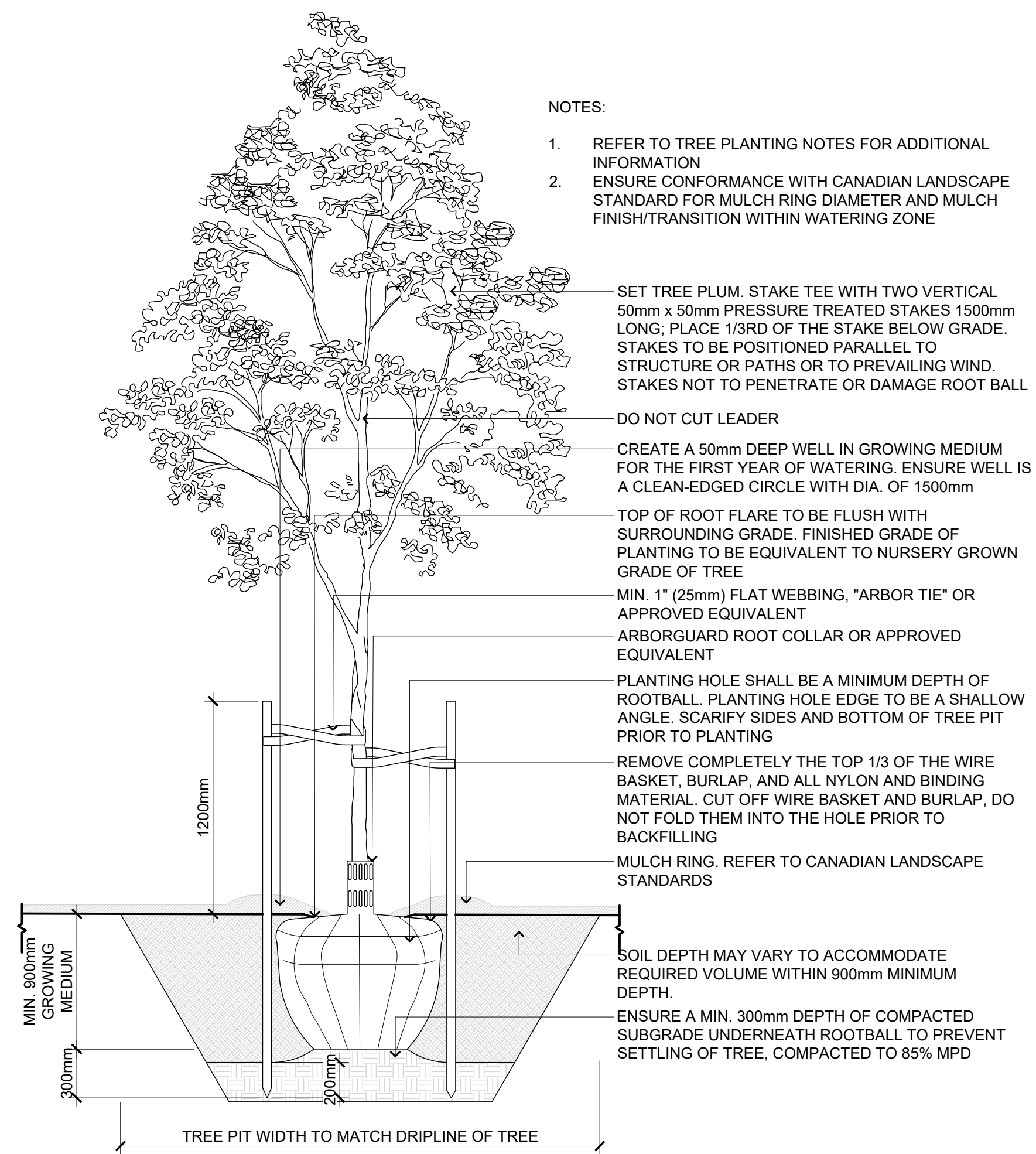


NOTES:

1. PROTECTION FENCE TO BE LOCATED AT CROWN DRIPLINE OR ADJACENT TO HARD SURFACE, WHICH EVER IS GREATER, OR AT A DISTANCE SPECIFIED BY THE CITY ARBORIST
2. MANUALLY EXCAVATE AND CUT TREE ROOTS WITHIN 1.0m OF THE TREE PROTECTION FENCING MACHINERY AND STORAGE IS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN 1.0m OF TREE PROTECTION AREA
3. ENSURE CONFORMANCE OF PROTECTION FENCING AND APPROVALS COMPLY WITH CITY'S TREE PROTECTION BYLAW

**1 TREE PROTECTION FENCING**

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NOTES:

1. REFER TO TREE PLANTING NOTES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
2. ENSURE CONFORMANCE WITH CANADIAN LANDSCAPE STANDARD FOR MULCH RING DIAMETER AND MULCH FINISH/TRANSITION WITHIN WATERING ZONE

SET TREE PLUM. STAKE TEE WITH TWO VERTICAL 50mm x 50mm PRESSURE TREATED STAKES 1500mm LONG; PLACE 1/3RD OF THE STAKE BELOW GRADE. STAKES TO BE POSITIONED PARALLEL TO STRUCTURE OR PATHS OR TO PREVAILING WIND. STAKES NOT TO PENETRATE OR DAMAGE ROOT BALL

DO NOT CUT LEADER

CREATE A 50mm DEEP WELL IN GROWING MEDIUM FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF WATERING. ENSURE WELL IS A CLEAN-EDGED CIRCLE WITH DIA. OF 1500mm

TOP OF ROOT FLARE TO BE FLUSH WITH SURROUNDING GRADE. FINISHED GRADE OF PLANTING TO BE EQUIVALENT TO NURSERY GROWN GRADE OF TREE

MIN. 1" (25mm) FLAT WEBBING, "ARBOR TIE" OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT

ARBORGUARD ROOT COLLAR OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT

PLANTING HOLE SHALL BE A MINIMUM DEPTH OF ROOTBALL. PLANTING HOLE EDGE TO BE A SHALLOW ANGLE. SCARIFY SIDES AND BOTTOM OF TREE PIT PRIOR TO PLANTING

REMOVE COMPLETELY THE TOP 1/3 OF THE WIRE BASKET, BURLAP, AND ALL NYLON AND BINDING MATERIAL. CUT OFF WIRE BASKET AND BURLAP, DO NOT FOLD THEM INTO THE HOLE PRIOR TO BACKFILLING

MULCH RING. REFER TO CANADIAN LANDSCAPE STANDARDS

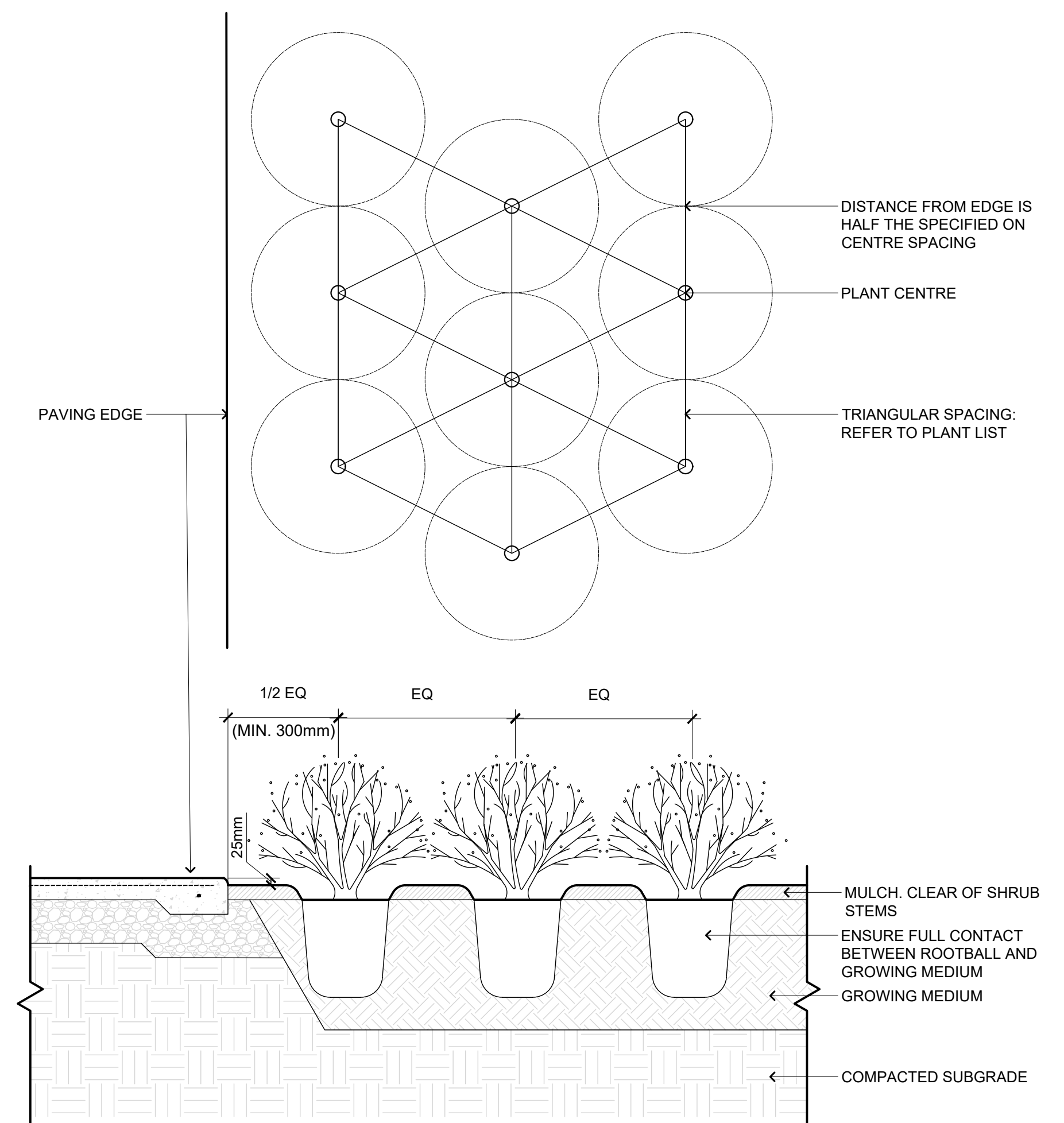
SOIL DEPTH MAY VARY TO ACCOMMODATE REQUIRED VOLUME WITHIN 900mm MINIMUM DEPTH.

ENSURE A MIN. 300mm DEPTH OF COMPACTED SUBGRADE UNDERNEATH ROOTBALL TO PREVENT SETTLING OF TREE, COMPACTED TO 85% MPD

TREE PIT WIDTH TO MATCH DRIPLINE OF TREE

**2 TREE PLANTING**

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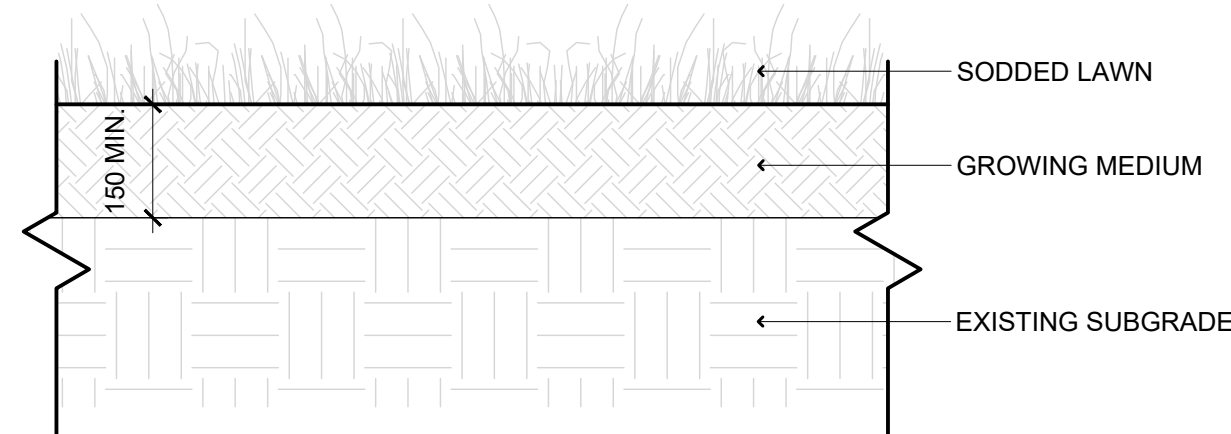


NOTES:

1. REFER TO CANADIAN LANDSCAPE STANDARD FOR COMPACTION AND PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PLANTING BEDS
2. REFER TO TYPICAL SHRUB PLANTING DETAILS FOR INFORMATION ON MULCH AND GROWING MEDIUM
3. ENSURE MATURE SHRUB FORM WILL NOT OVERHANG WALKWAY
4. COMPACTION RATE TO BE 95% MPD UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN GEOTECHNICAL REPORT

**3 SHRUB SPACING DETAIL**

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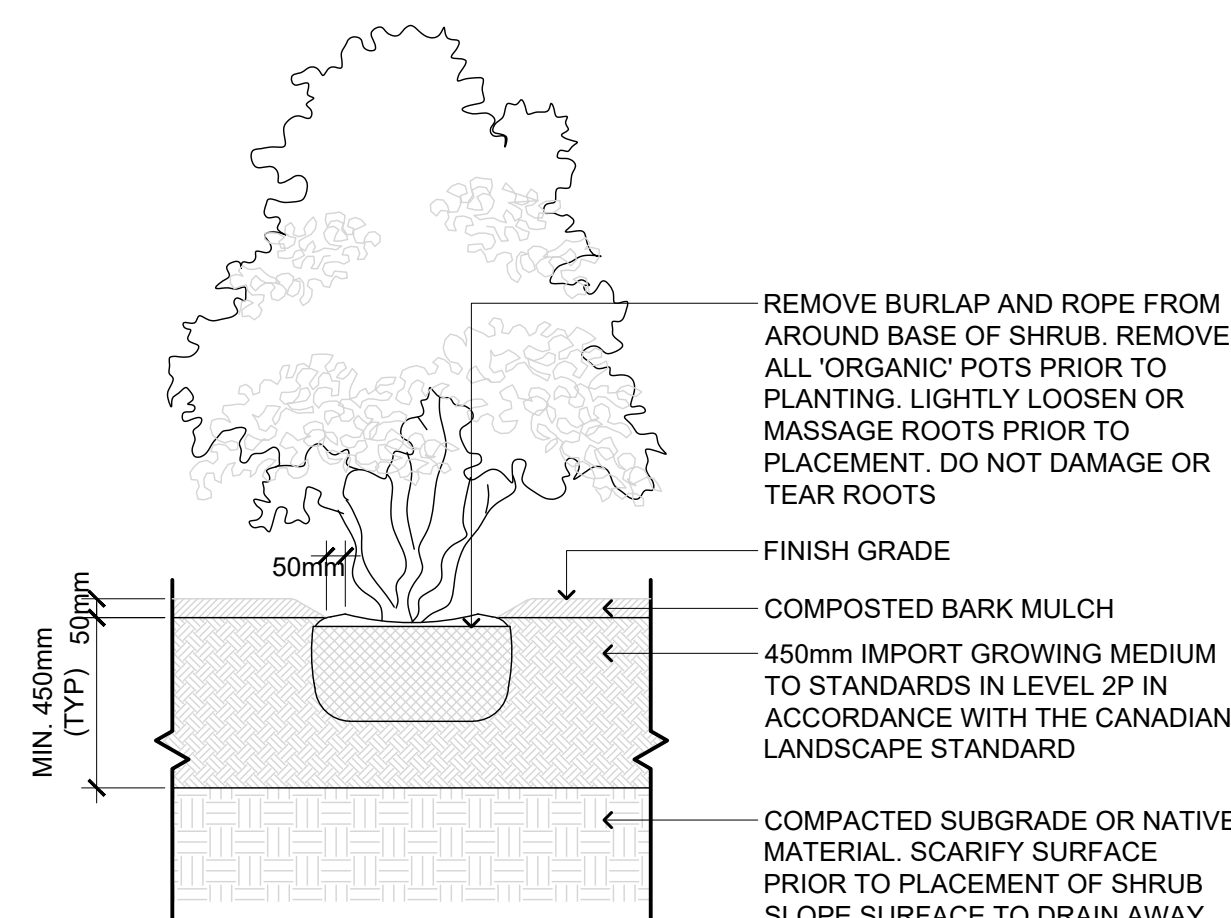


NOTE:

1. ALL LAWN TO BE SEEDING IN TWO DIRECTIONS AT 90° FROM EACH OTHER
2. GROWING MEDIUM TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LEVEL 1 WELL GROOMED "HI/IL" (BASED ON THE USE) AS PER THE CANADIAN LANDSCAPE STANDARDS

**4 SOD LAWN DETAIL**

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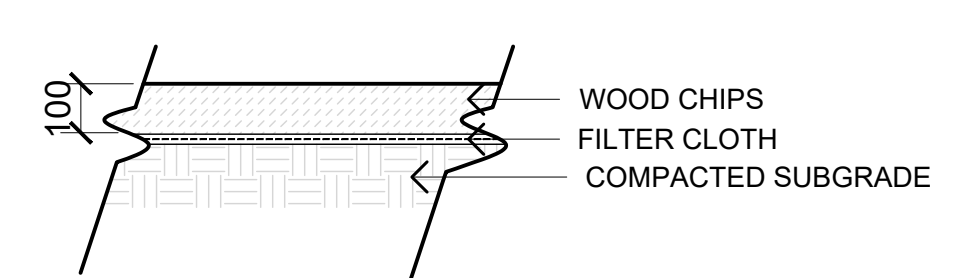


NOTES:

1. SHRUB TO BE PLANTED LEVEL WITH FINISH GRADE
2. COMPOSTED BARK MULCH AT 50mm DEPTH TO BE KEPT AT LEAST 50mm AWAY FROM STEMS OF SHRUB
3. PLANTING PIT MUST BE FREE DRAINING
4. DISTURBED SUBGRADE, NATIVE MATERIAL, OR IMPORT FILL TO BE SUITABLY COMPACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CANADIAN LANDSCAPE STANDARDS TO PREVENT SETTLEMENT OF ROOTBALL
5. PRUNING SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO REMOVE DEAD, DISEASED, DAMAGED, OR DEFECTIVE BRANCHES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CANADIAN LANDSCAPE STANDARD
6. REFER TO GEOTECHNICAL REPORT FOR COMPACTION RATES UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

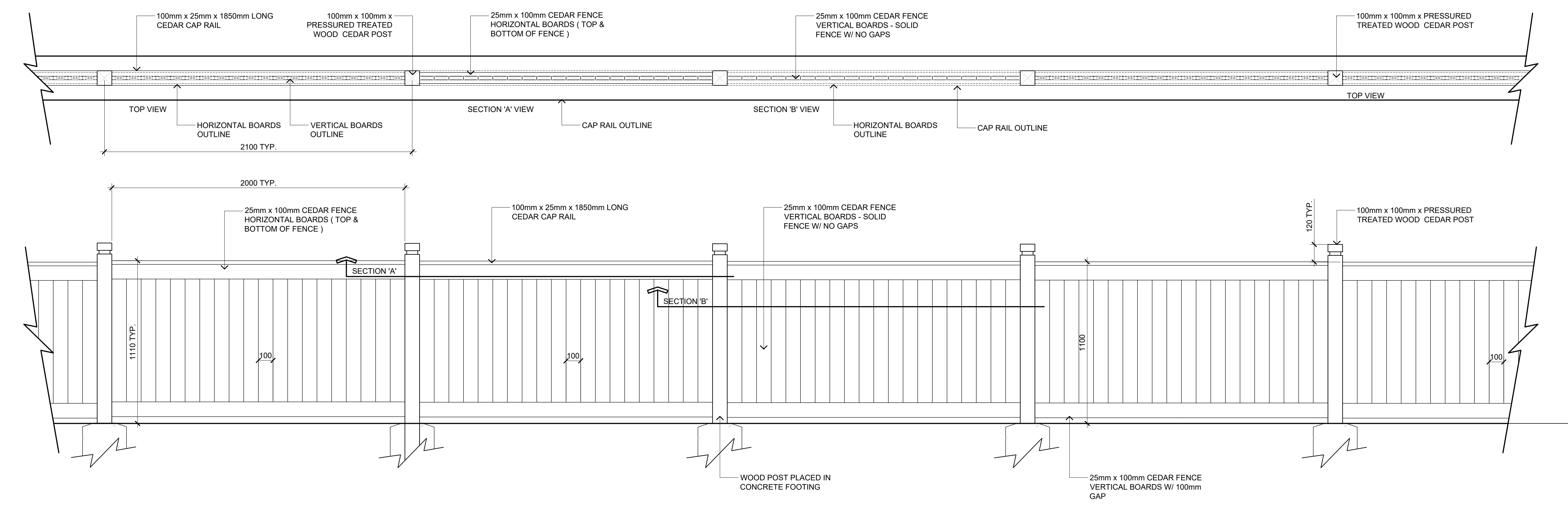
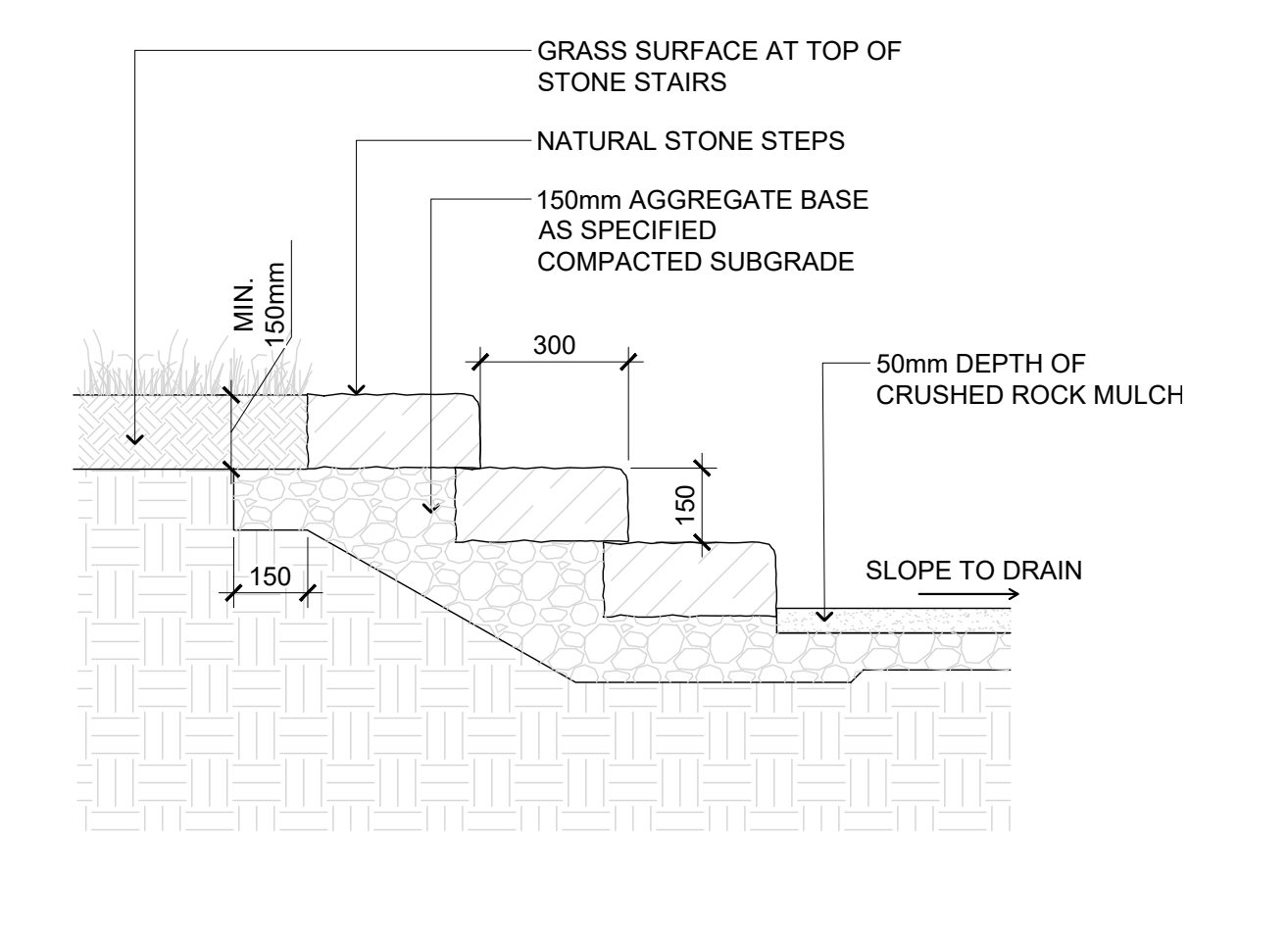
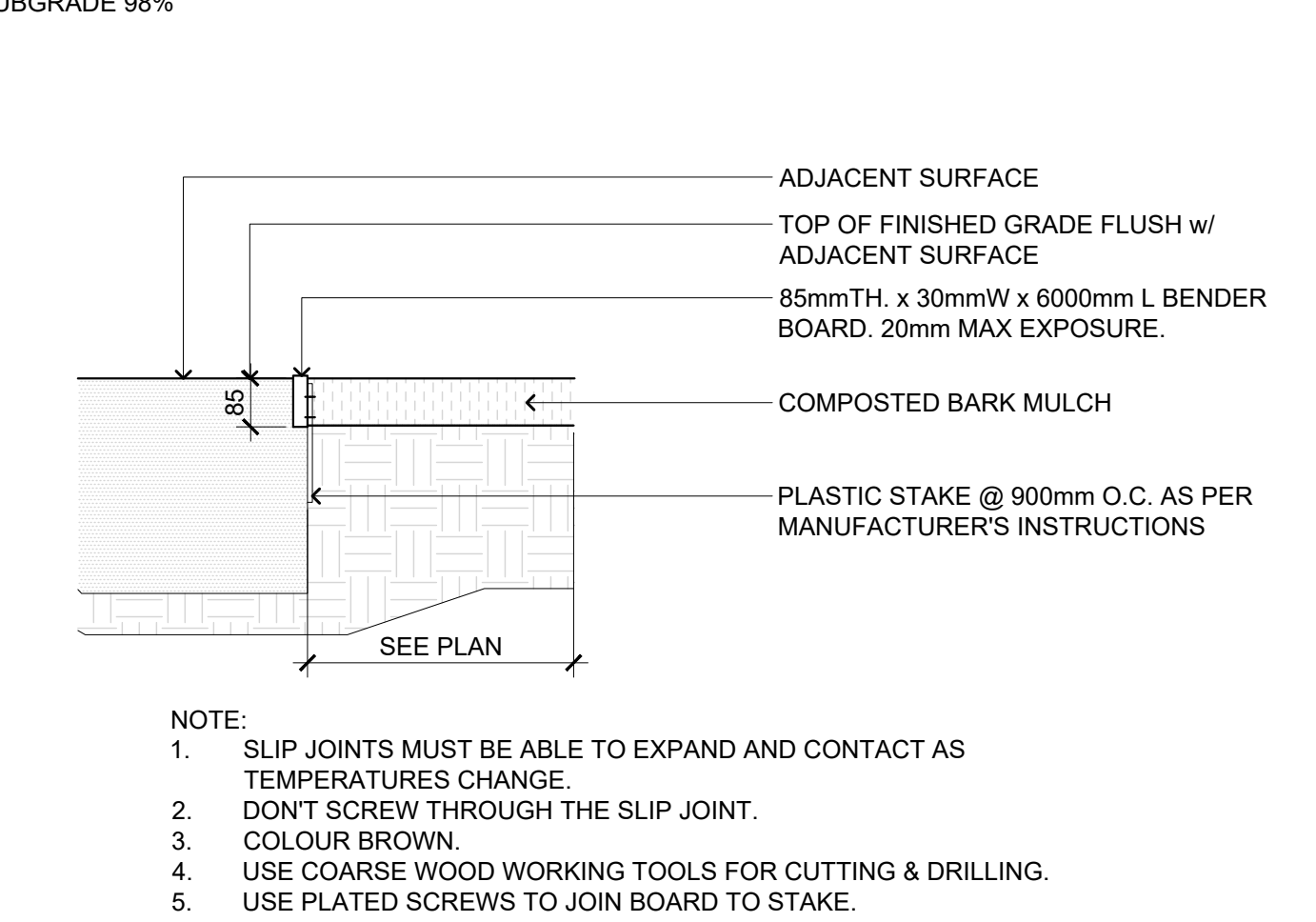
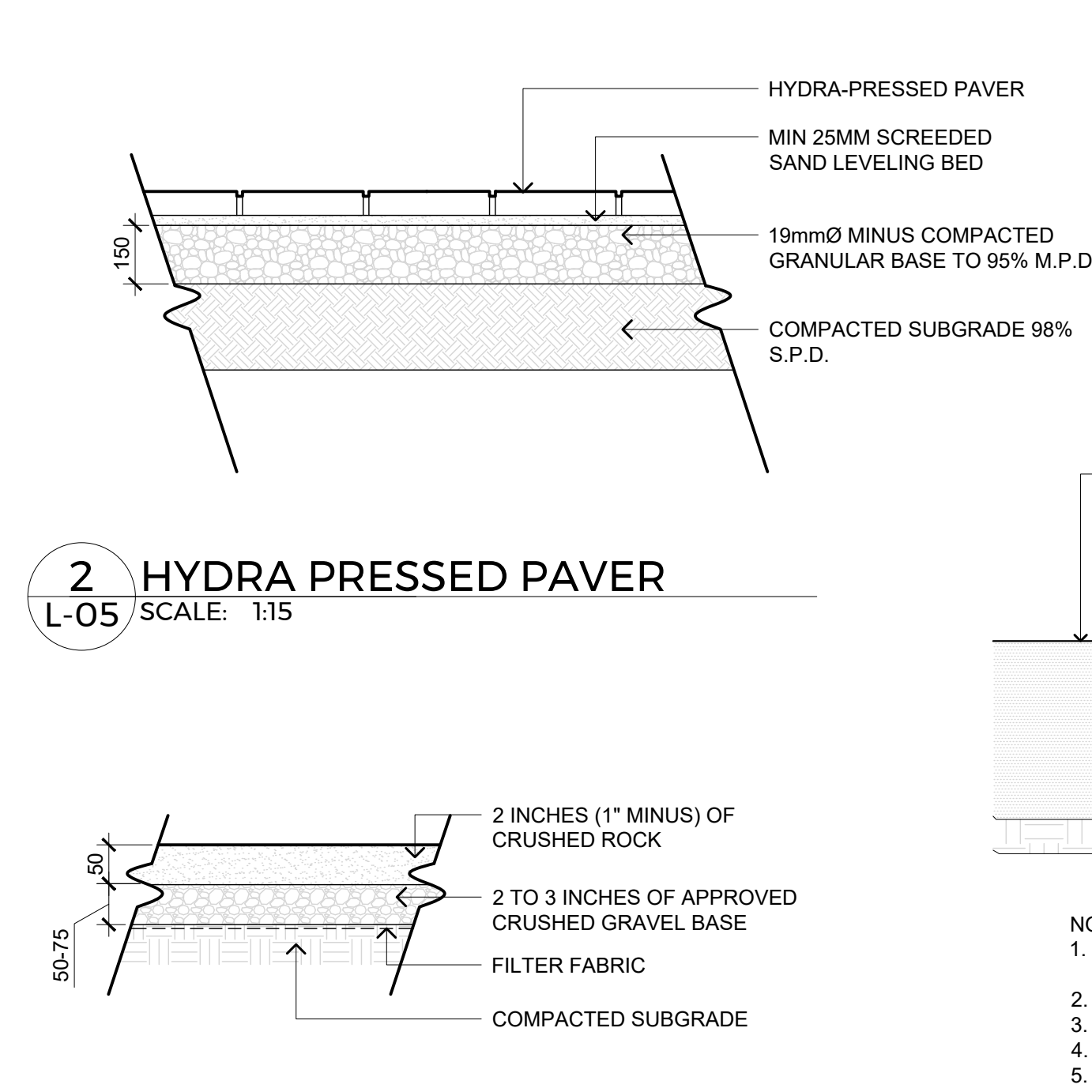
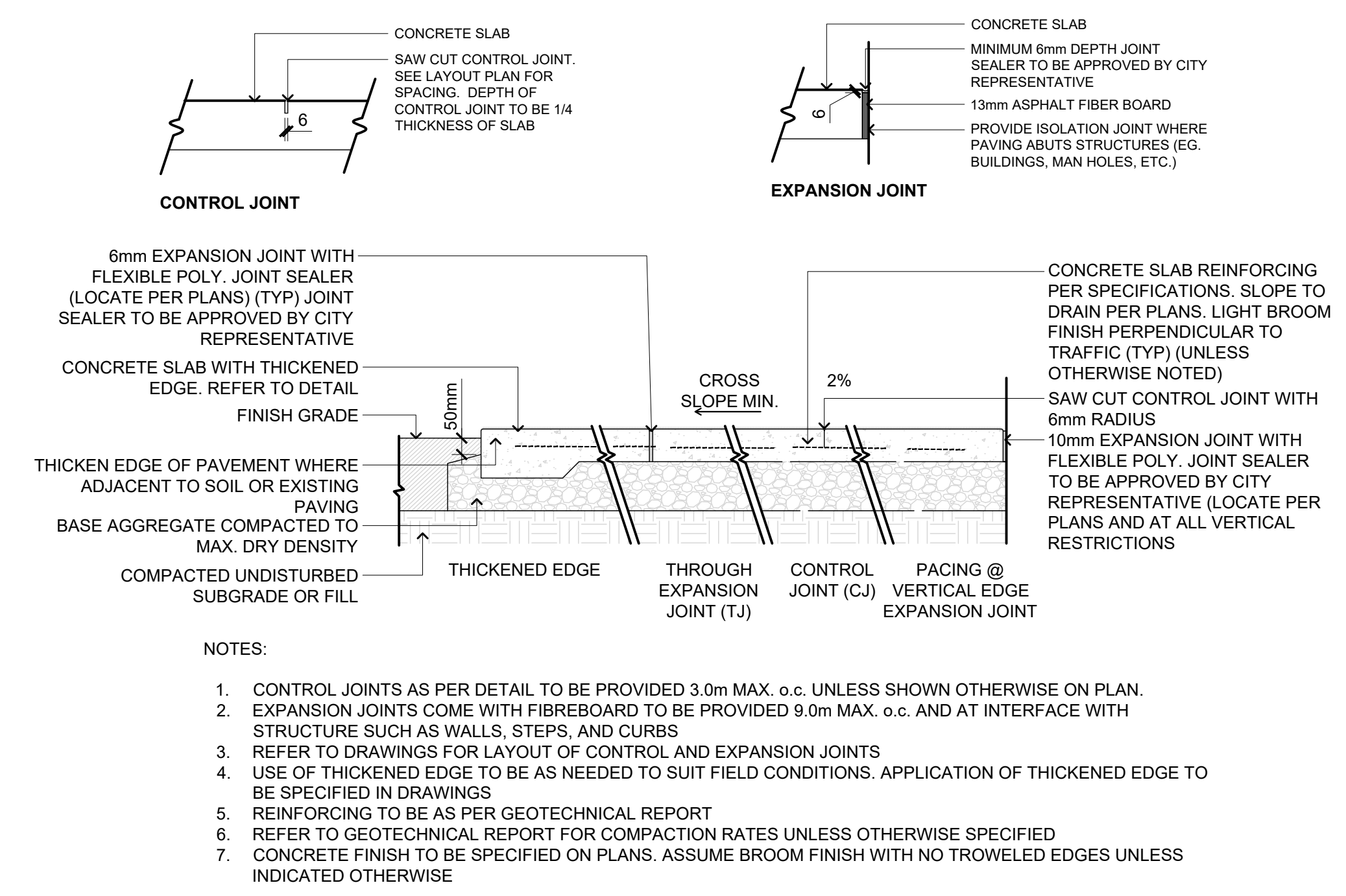
**5 SHRUB PLANTING DETAIL**

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**6 WOOD CHIPS | MULCH**

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**RUTHERFORD PICNIC TABLE**

Model Number : RPT-6



**PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**  
 Ultralast™ Recycled Plastic Slats  
 The UV stabilized Re-Plast recycled slats are made of thermoplastic polymers (100% recycled plastic). Extruded material for chemical products, cell mould and medical, salt spray and insects. Moisture resistant, therefore will not split, rot or splinter.  
 Colours Available: Sand, Gray, Brown, Redwood, Green, Black and Walnut  
**25 YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY**  
 Durable Powder Coated Aluminum Frame  
 Standard colours: Black Super Texture, Bushwick Textured Brown, Cardinal Textured Black, Cardinal Textured Grey, Cold Textured Brown, Lakeside Textured Sand, Oil Rub Textured Bronze, Pewter, Bengal Textured Silver  
 Long Lasting Stainless Steel Hardware

**CUSTOMIZED SOLUTIONS**  
 Custom Powder Coating (Setup Charges May Apply)  
 Wheel Chair Accessible one side (RPTWC-8)  
 Umbrella with stand  
 Skate blocks  
 Stainless steel bolt down kit

**DESIGNER NOTES**  
 The Rutherford Picnic Table was the first picnic table designed by Wishbone. Practical and functional, this was also the first model that incorporated the low maintenance components found in almost all of our products today: powder coated aluminum frame, 100% recycled plastic lumber, and stainless steel fasteners. Developed specifically to address the challenges of working with plastic lumber (specifically expansion, contraction, and non-structural) the Rutherford Picnic Table is tried and true. In fact, it has become the standard in many municipalities, colleges and universities. Over the years many different versions have been created for various applications: wheelchair accessible, a reinforced portable model, and umbrella-compatible (see installation gallery).



**PRODUCT DIMENSIONS**

Table Height	30 inches / 762mm
Seat Height	18 inches / 457mm
Seat Depth	12 inches / 305mm
Total Length	6 feet / 183cm
Weight	250lbs / 113kg

**RECYCLED CONTENT**  
**70% RECYCLED CONTENT BY WEIGHT**  
**100% RECYCLABLE**

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**BAYVIEW PARK BENCH**

Model Number : BV-6



**PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**  
 Products Re-Plast Avantage™ Recycled Plastic Slats  
 This product will not rot, splinter, or warp reducing maintenance cost over the life of the product.  
 Colours Available: Black, Grey, Redwood, Sand, Walnut  
**10 YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY**  
 Durable Powder Coated Aluminum Frame  
 Standard Colours: Brown Slate, Victor Ridge II, Ronda Lichen, Three-les Red, Grey Gold, Textured Silver, Precious Sand, Glossy Red, Black Textured, Earth Clay, Noble Bronze, Modern Khaki  
 Long Lasting Stainless Steel Hardware

**CUSTOMIZED SOLUTIONS**  
 Custom Powder Coating (Setup Charges May Apply)  
 Gifting Program (Custom Inset Bronze Plaques)  
 LED Lighting built into the seat.  
 With-out arms (BVNA-6)  
 Optional 30" Table Model #RT-30  
 Center arm  
 4 ft and 5 ft Lengths  
 Skate blocks  
 Stainless steel bolt down kit

**DESIGNER NOTES**  
 Style and elegance describe the Bayview bench. This "stepped up" design has melded the functionality of a standard bench look with a sleek, single angled leg giving it a very unique appearance. The wide lumber configuration on the backrest accommodates a wide variety of users and makes for an extremely comfortable sitting experience. Also intentional by design, this bench is perfect for a commemorative plaque. This bench is available in a variety of lengths with or without armrests.

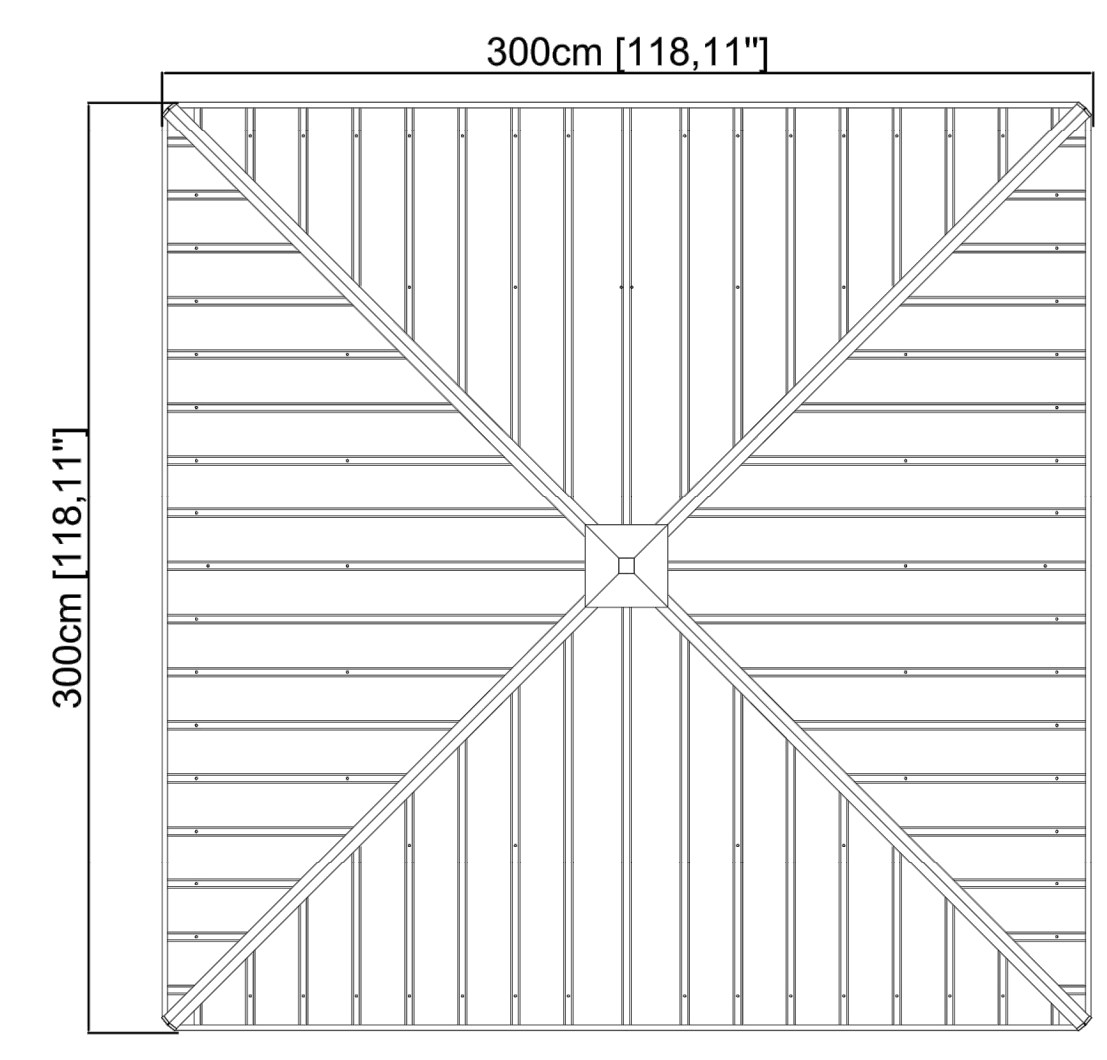
**AVAILABLE RECYCLED PLASTIC LUMBER COLOURS**

**PRODUCT DIMENSIONS**

Total Height	33 inches / 838mm
Total Depth	26 inches / 664mm
Seat Height	17.5 inches / 445mm
Seat Depth	18.5 inches / 470mm
Total Length	6 feet / 183cm
Weight	140lbs / 64kg

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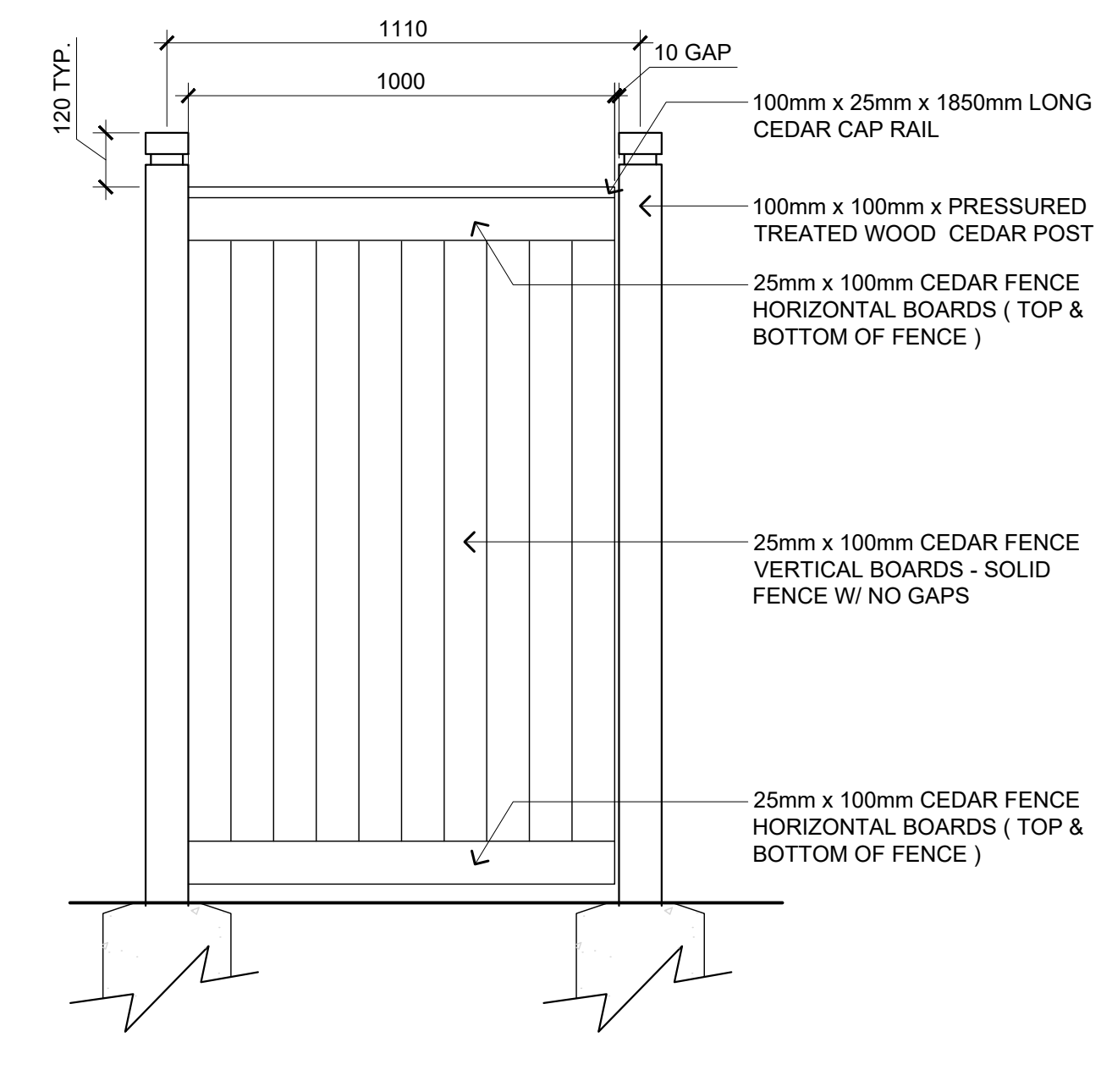
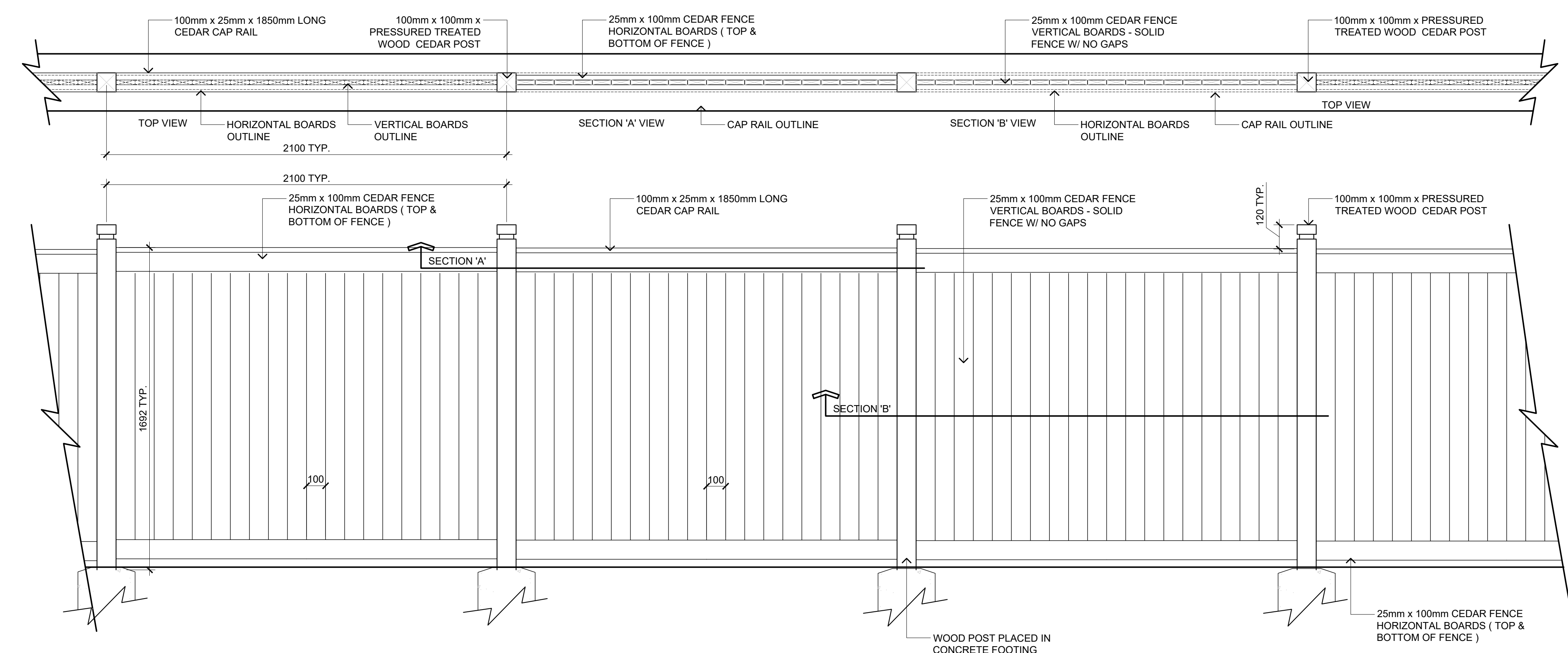
**SOJAG**

**NAME:** SOJAG GASPE HARDTOP GAZEBO (OR PREAPPROVED EQUAL)  
**SIZE:** 10' X 10'  
**COLOUR:** LIGHT GREY  
**NOTE:** SURFACE MOUNT TO CONCRETE FOOTINGS. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE SHOP DRAWINGS FOR CONCRETE FOOTING PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.



**MODEL:** RAISED PLANTER  
**SIZE:** 6' L X 3' W X 3' H  
**SUPPLIER:** ZOFF'S GREENHOUSE PLANTER  
 Install as per manufacturer's standard. Each planter requires the manufacturer's staining package and poly liner.

**1 RUTHERFORD PICNIC TABLE**  
 L-06 SCALE: N.T.S.



**5 1.8m WOOD FENCE AND GATE**  
 L-06 SCALE: 1:15

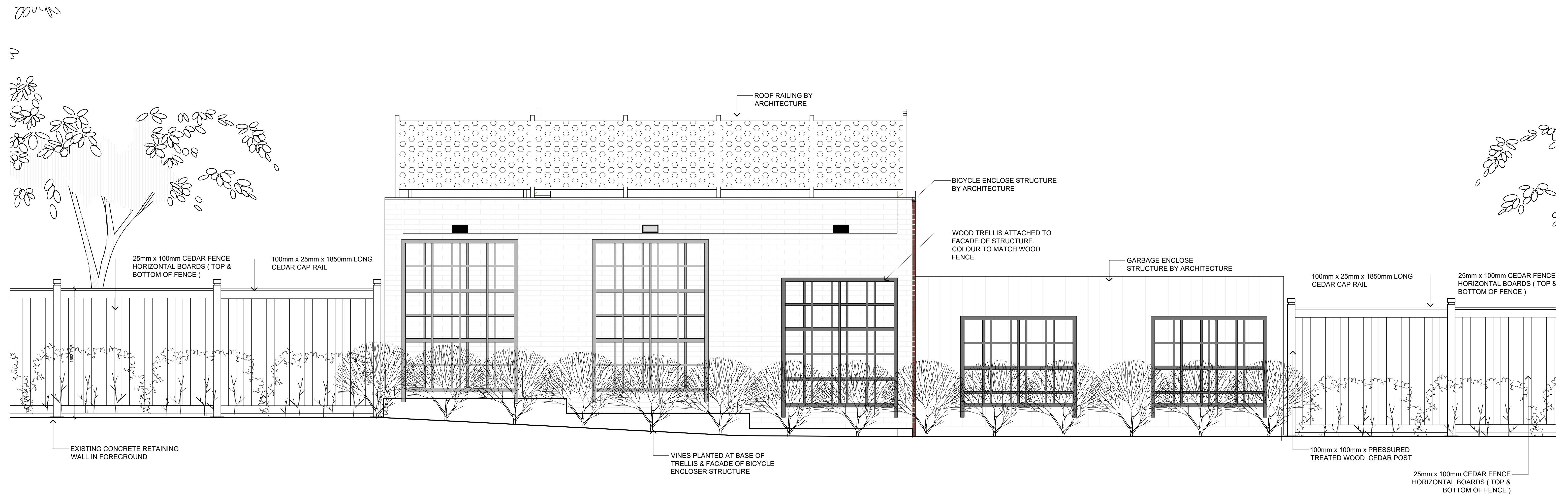
**4 CEDAR PLANTER**  
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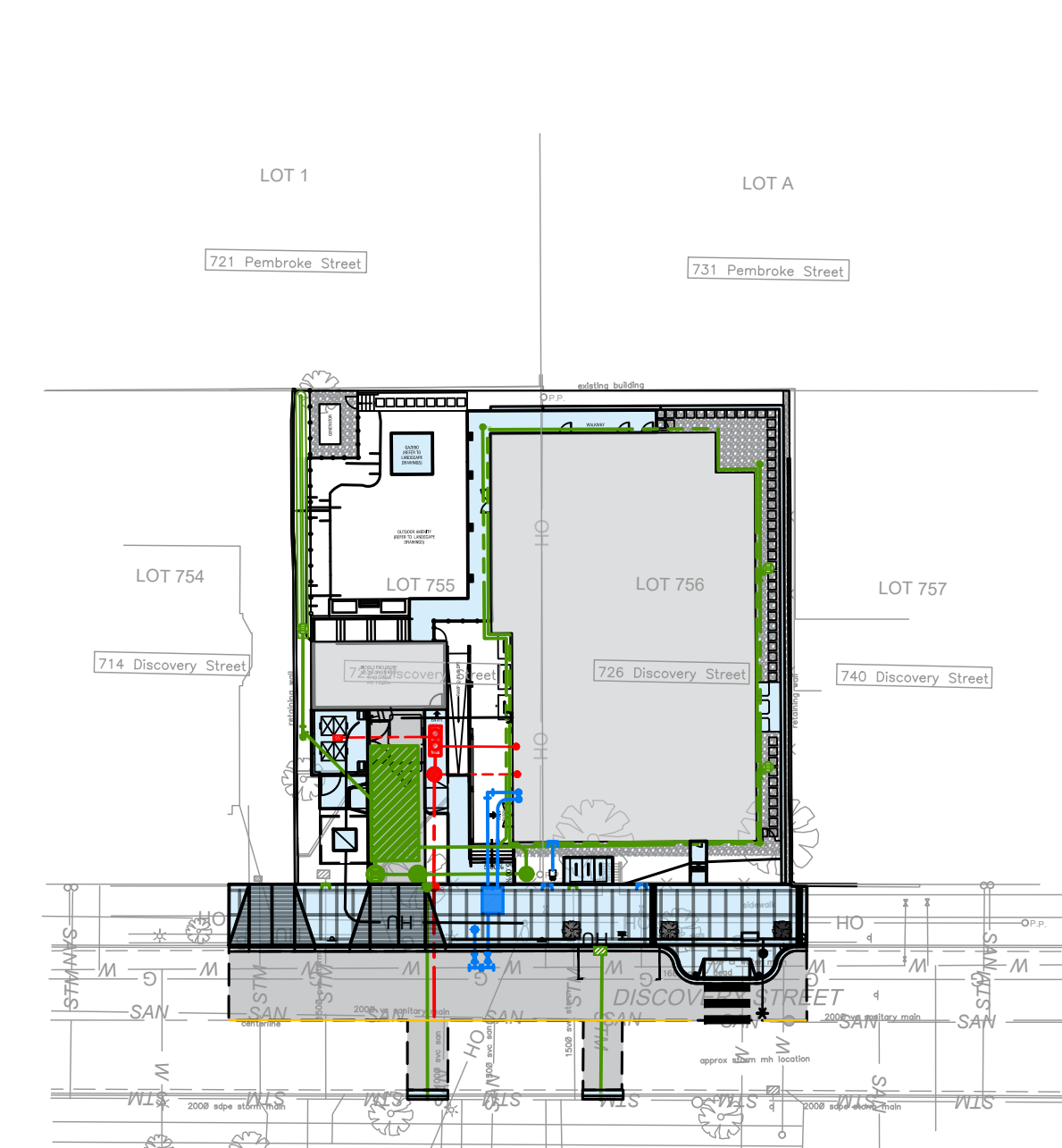


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PROJECT LOCATION MAP  
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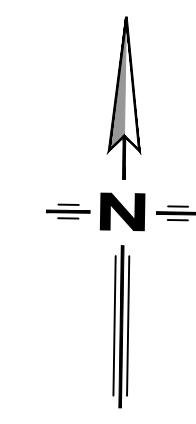
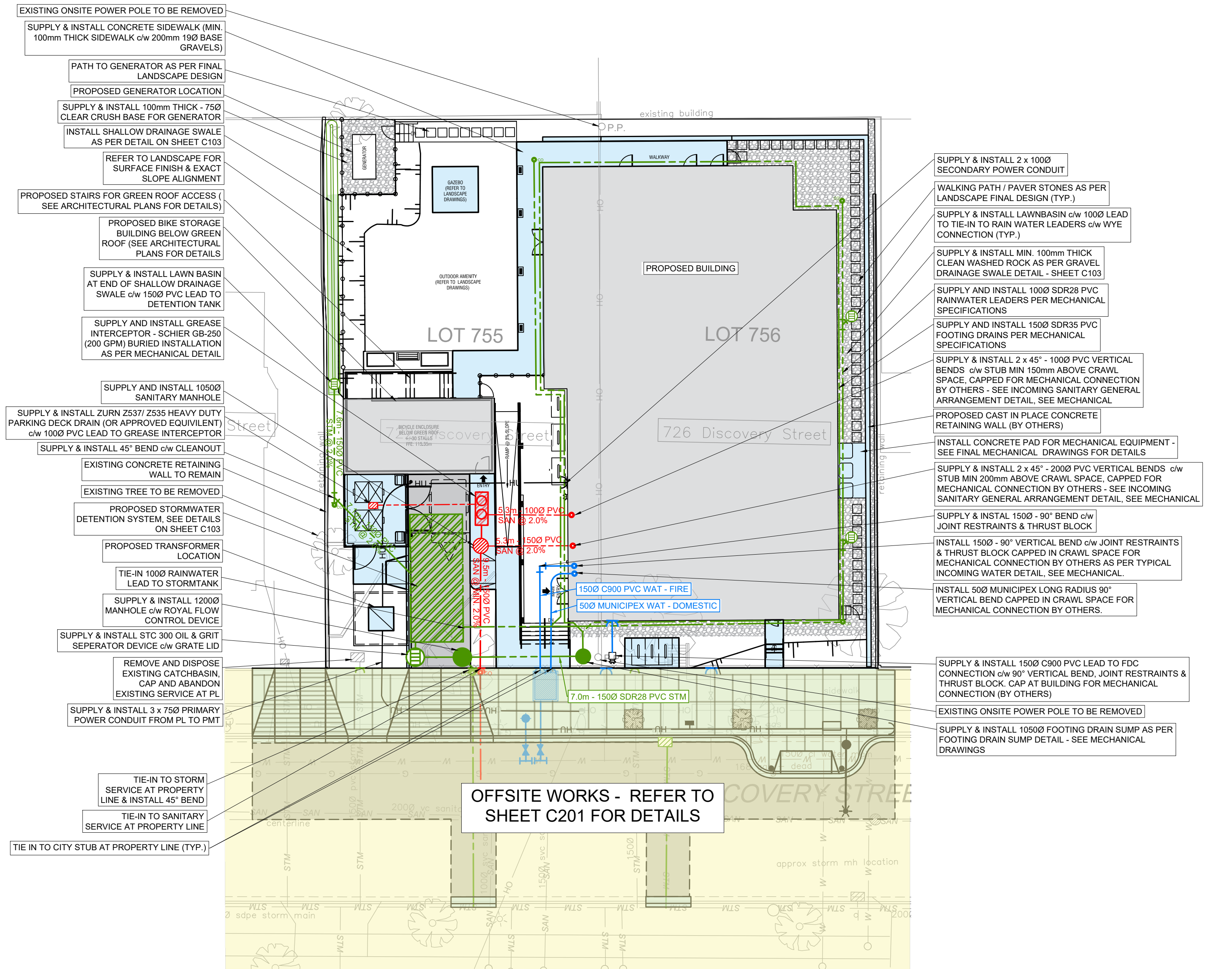
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- HYDROTELEPHONE POLE
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  - TELEPHONE POLE
  - HYDRO POLE
  - HYDRO POLE c/w TRANS
  - POST TOP STREET LIGHT
  - GUY
  - SANITARY MANHOLE
  - STORM MANHOLE
  - CATCHBASIN
  - FIRE HYDRANT
  - GATE VALVE
  - SANITARY SEWER
  - WATER MAIN
  - GAS
  - UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE
  - FENCE
  - DECIDUOUS/EVERGREEN
  - HEDGE
- PROPOSED**
- SANITARY MANHOLE
  - STORM MANHOLE
  - CATCHBASIN
  - GATE VALVE
  - FIRE HYDRANT
  - SANITARY SEWER
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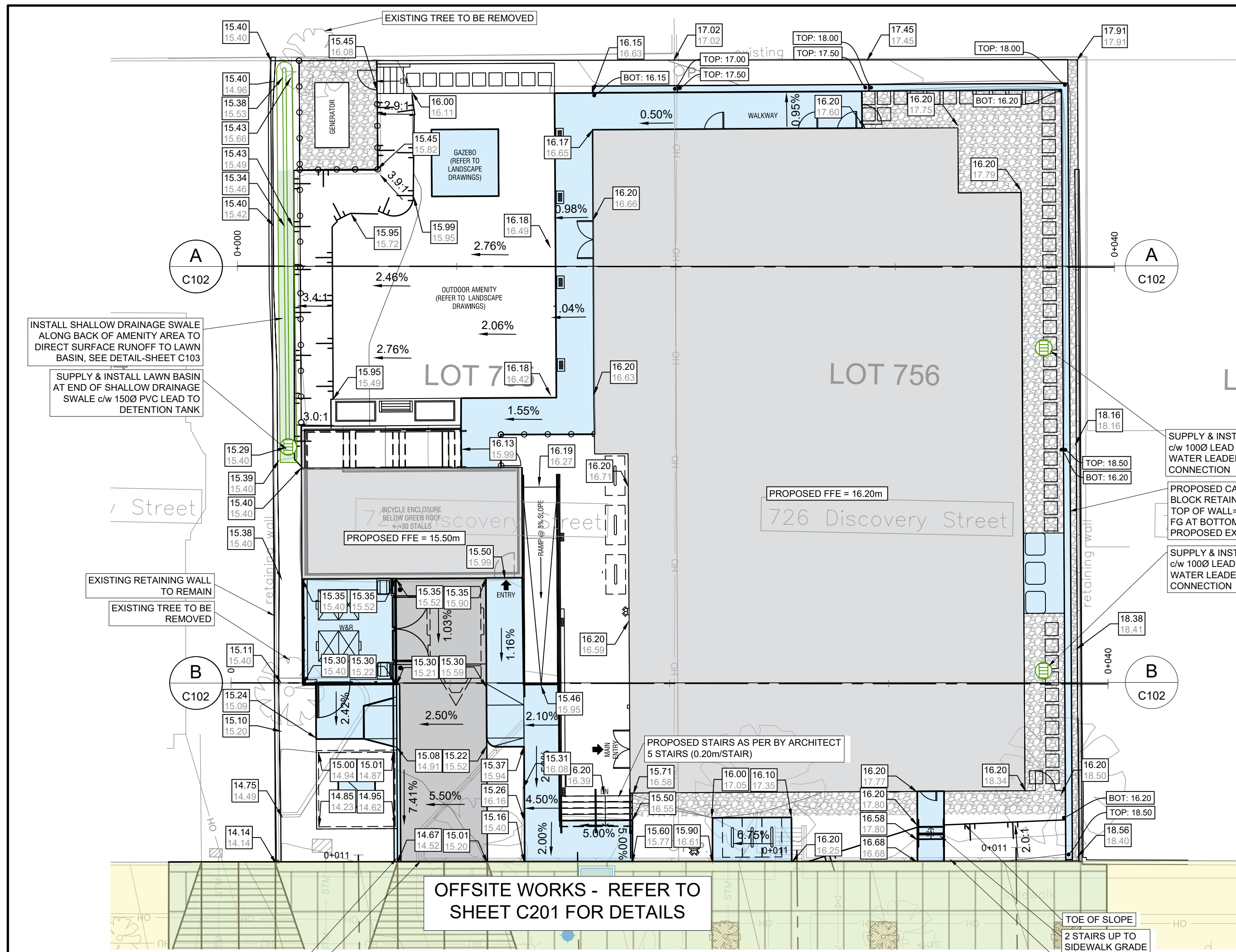
**SITE SERVICING PLAN**

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**TABLE 1: DOMESTIC WATER DEMAND INFORMATION**

CRD Water Service Requirements:			
Domestic Water Daily Demand			
1 Hour Peak Domestic Water Demand			
CRD - Engineering Specifications			
Average Day Demand:	545	L/Cap/Day	
Max Day Demand:	1362.5	L/Cap/Day	
Peak Hour Demand:	763	L/Cap/Day	
Discovery Street BCh - Maximum Occupancy =	90	ppl	
Plus Max 5 Staff =	5	ppl	
Total Maximum Occupancy =	95	ppl	
*Units are single occupancy!			
Discovery Street BCh - Apartments			
Average Day Demand:	51775	L/Day	9.50 USGPM 0.590 L/s
Max Day Demand:	129437.5	L/Day	23.75 USGPM 1.498 L/s
Peak Hour Demand:	72485	L/Day	13.30 USGPM 0.88 L/s

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**CROSS SECTION A-A**

PROPOSED CURB & GUTTER  
TIE-IN ASPHALT TO CONCRETE DRIVEWAY LETDOWN GRADES

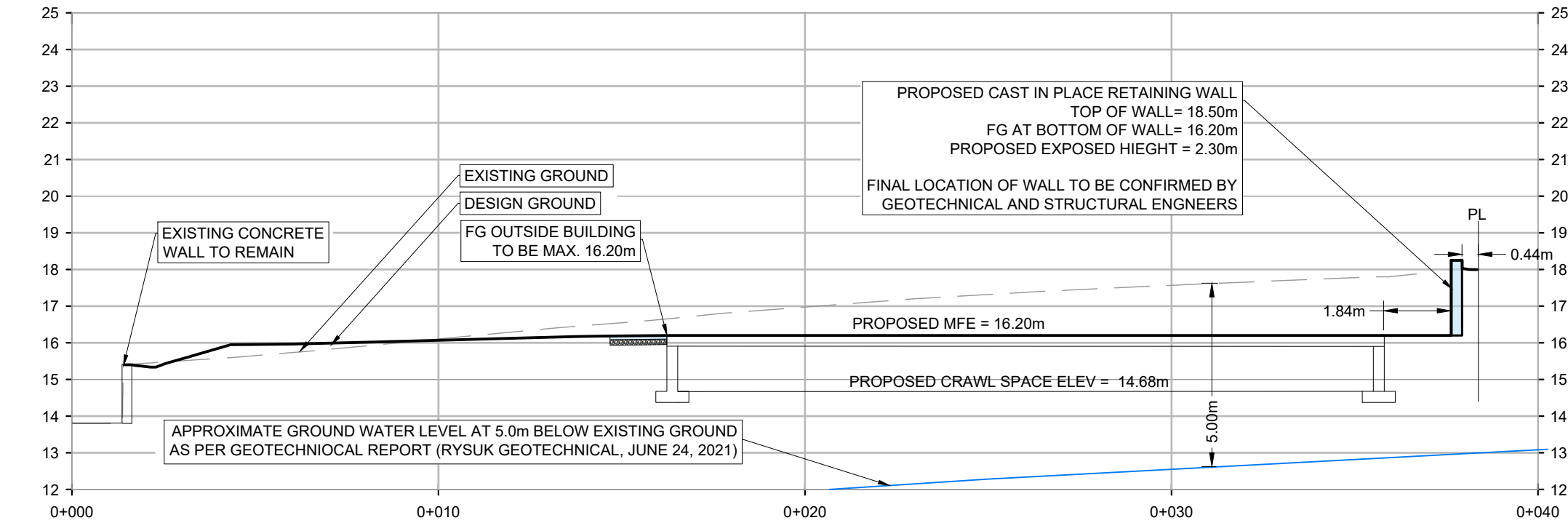
EXISTING RETAINING WALL TO REMAIN  
EXISTING TREE TO BE REMOVED

PROPOSED CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE BLOCK RETAINING WALL  
TOP OF WALL = 18.40m  
FG AT BOTTOM OF WALL = 16.20m  
PROPOSED EXPOSED HEIGHT = 2.20m

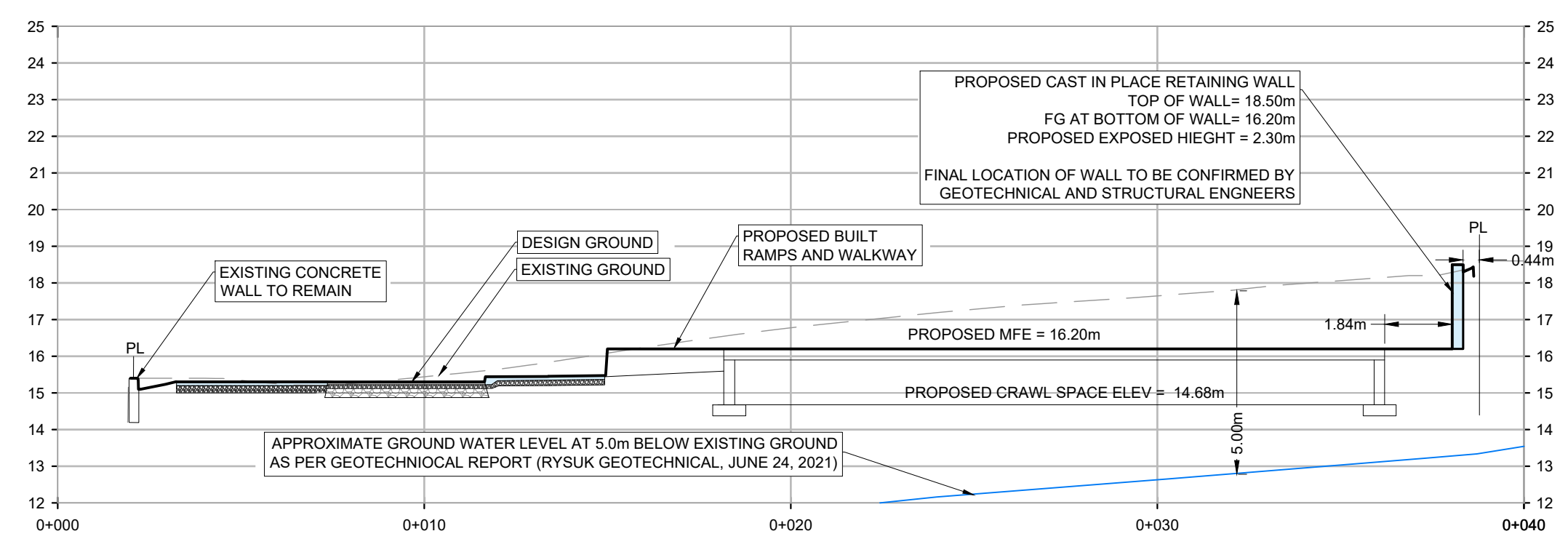
SUPPLY & INSTALL LAWNBASIN c/w 1000 LEAD TO TIE-IN TO RAIN WATER LEADERS c/w WYE CONNECTION

PROPOSED STAIRS AS PER BY ARCHITECT 5 STAIRS (0.20m/STAIR)

TOE OF SLOPE  
2 STAIRS UP TO SIDEWALK GRADE  
REMOVE & DISPOSE WALL ALONG PROPERTY FRONTAGE



**CROSS SECTION B-B**



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**GRADING PLAN**

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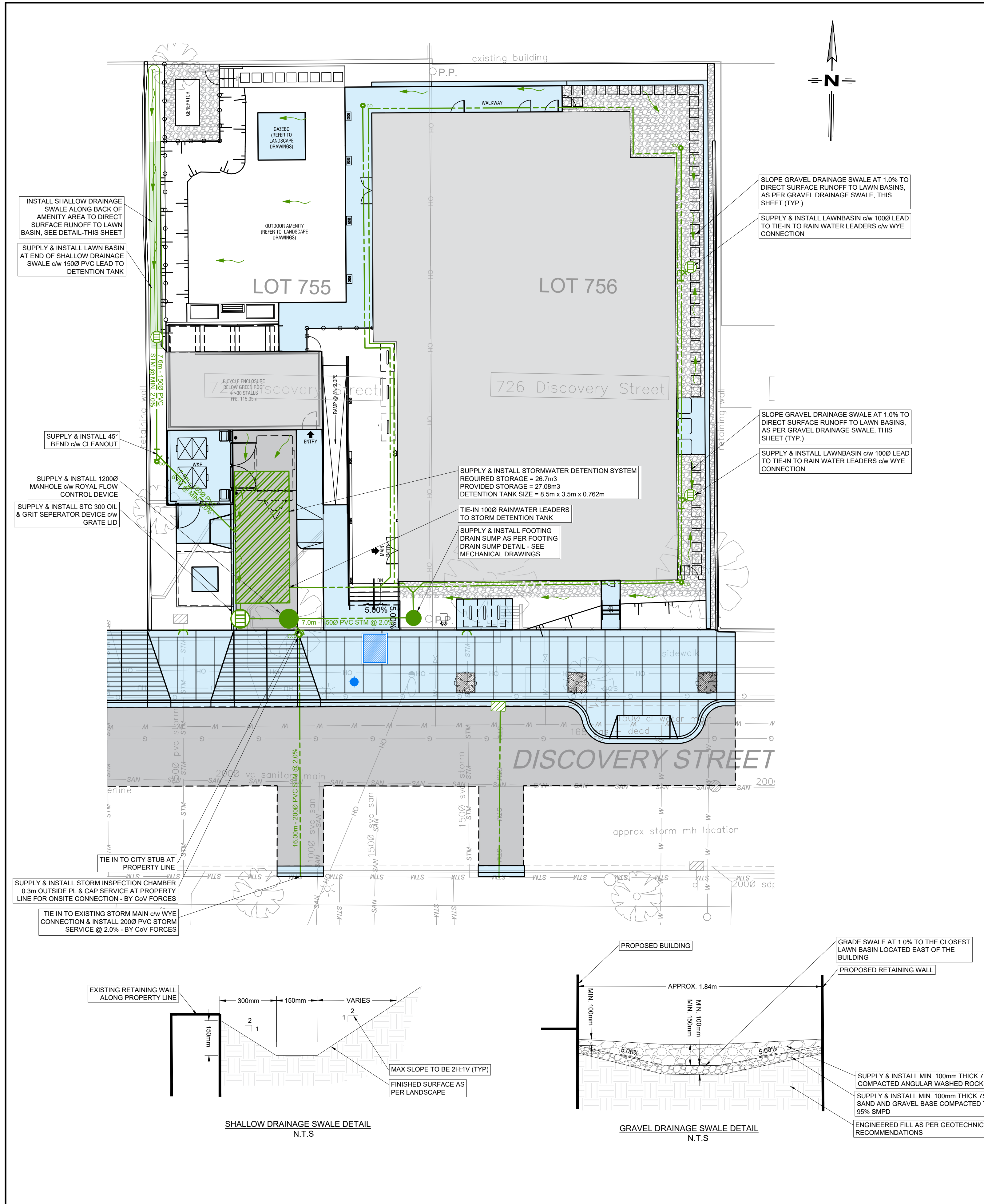


TABLE 1: STORM WATER STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

<b>Project:</b>	732 Discovery Street	<b>LEDS Project #:</b>	249-1
<b>Date:</b>	2022-04-07	<b>Prepared By:</b>	SPH
<b>Location:</b>	Victoria, BC	<b>Checked By:</b>	SAP

<b>Impervious Area(s)</b>	<b>Roofs</b>	638
	<b>Parking</b>	76
	<b>Concrete</b>	121
<b>Total Area Impervious (m2)</b>		835
<b>Precipitation (m)</b>		0.032

**Post-Development Detention**  
32mm over impervious area to be detained onsite and released at pre-dev. rate

<b>Volume</b>	26.72 m <sup>3</sup>
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TABLE 2: STORMTANK STORAGE VOLUME

### STORMTANK<sup>®</sup> Module Volume Calculator

**Project Name:** VAHA Discovery Street

**Engineer:** Stuart Purves, P.Eng **Date:** 11-Apr-22

**Units:** SI **Shape:** Square/Rectangle

**Liner:** Yes **Location:** Excavation

**Stacking:** Single **Height:** 762

**Stone Storage:** All **Porosity:** 40%

**Module Dimensions:** Length: 8.5 m, Width: 3.5 m

**Excavation Dimensions:** Length: 8.8 m, Width: 3.80 m

**Leveling Bed:** 0 m  
**Top Backfill:** 0.3 m  
**Compacted Fill:** 0.3 m

**Capacity:**  
Stone Storage Volume: 5.14 m<sup>3</sup>  
Module Storage Volume: 21.94 m<sup>3</sup>  
Total Storage Volume: 27.08 m<sup>3</sup>

**Quantities:**  
Required Excavation: 45.55 m<sup>3</sup>  
Required Stone Volume: 12.84 m<sup>3</sup>

**Estimated Geotextile:** 294.53 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Estimated Liner:** 104.05 m<sup>2</sup>  
*(Estimations include 10% for scrap and overlap)*

**Storage Capacity Ratio:** 19% Stone Storage Volume, 81% Module Storage Volume

**Basin Detail:**

Component Quantities:	Bottom Layer	Top Layer	Total
Height	762.0	N/A	762.0
# of Modules	71	N/A	71
# of Platens	142	N/A	142
# of Side Panels	52	N/A	52
# of Columns	569	N/A	569
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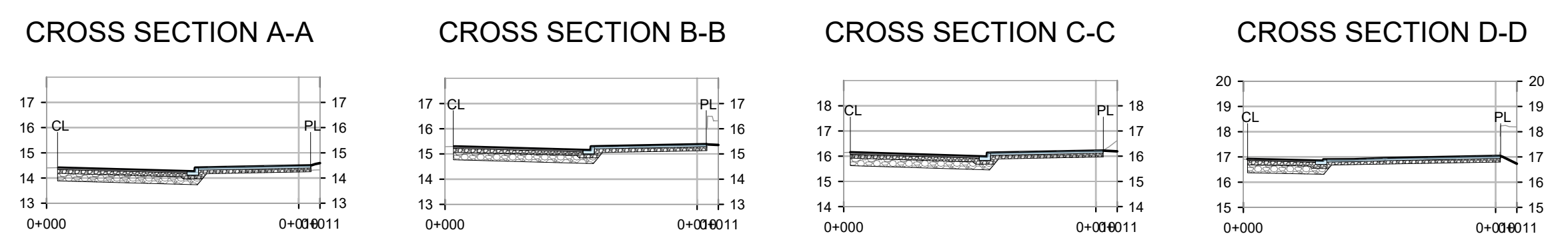
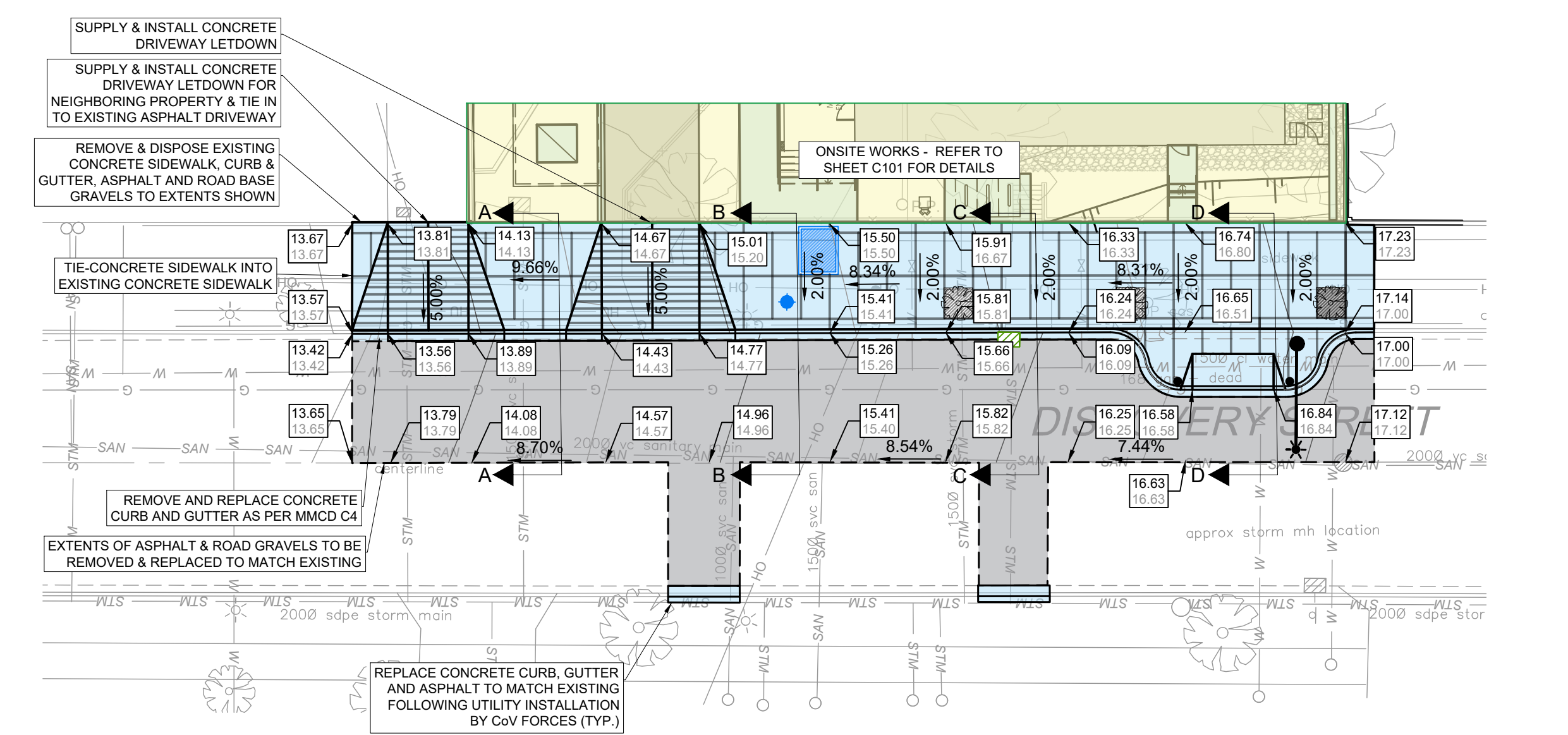
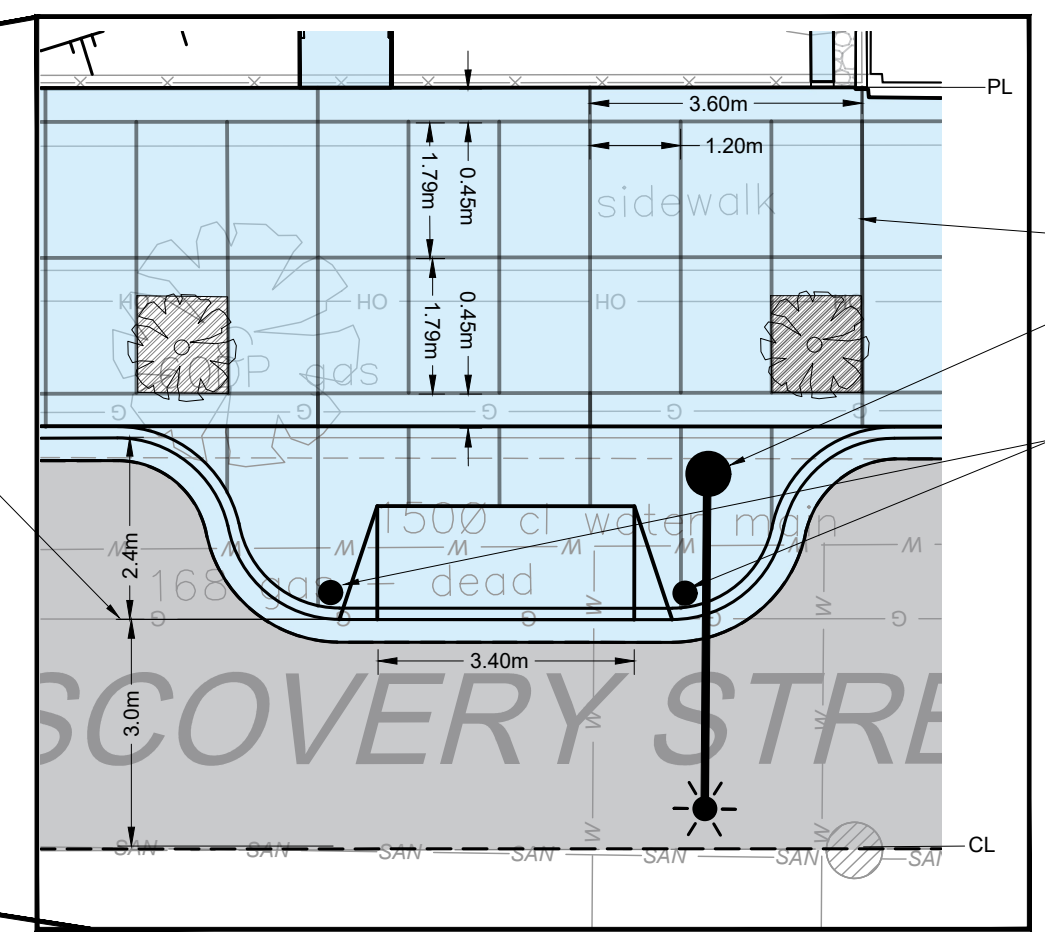
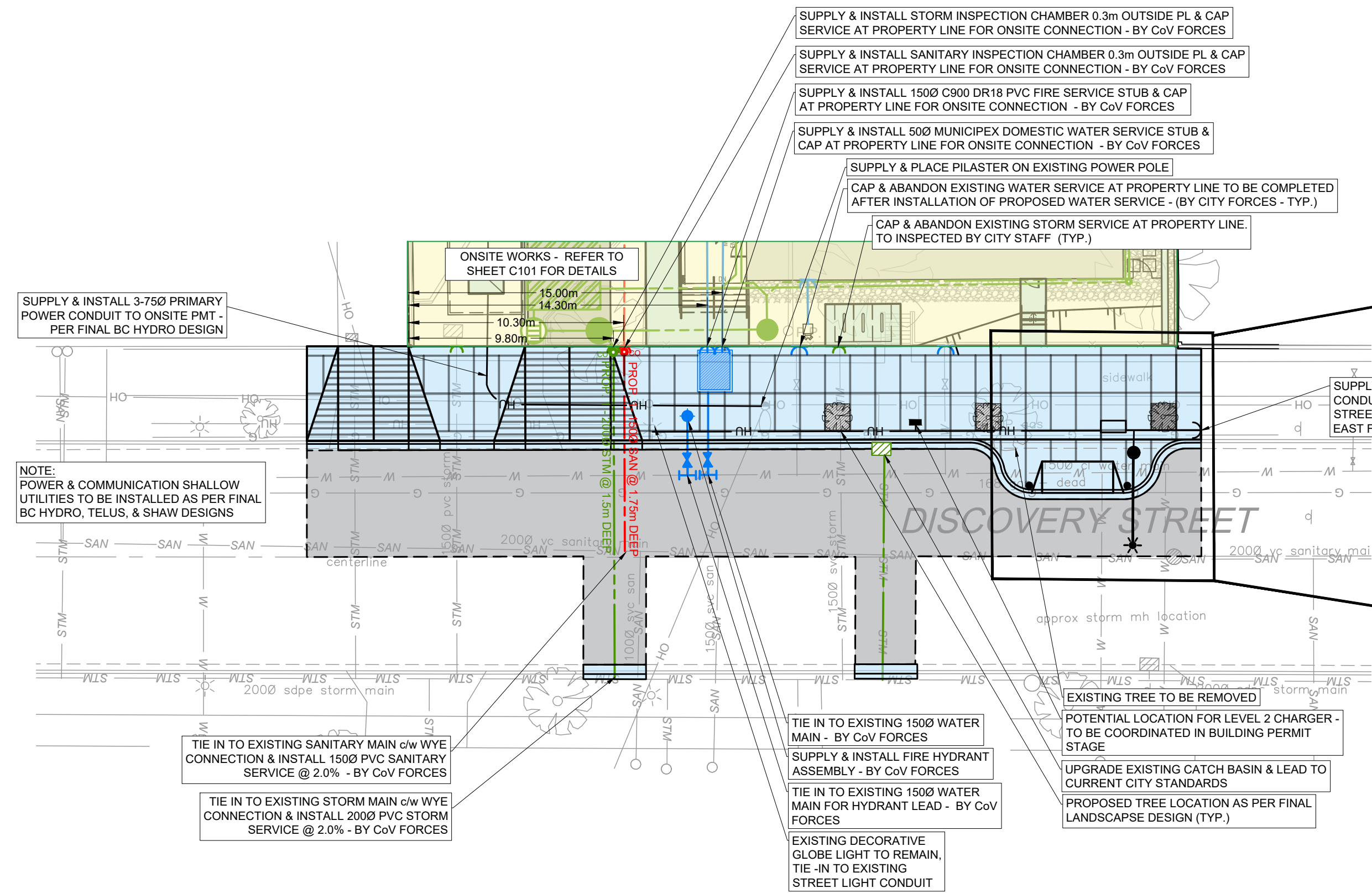
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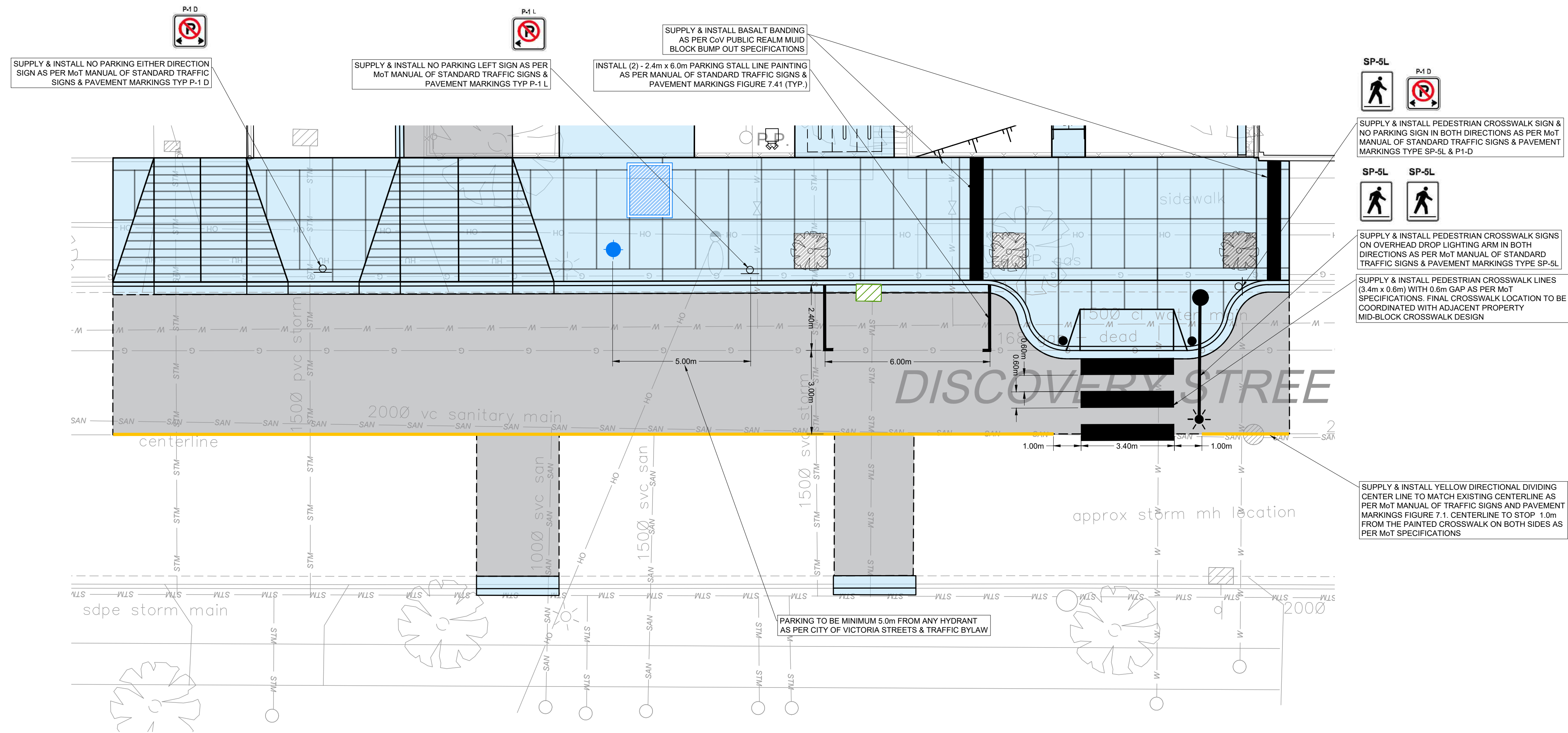
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**September 14, 2022**

Dear Mayor & Council,

## Description of proposal

BC Housing, working with S2 Architecture, has prepared the attached proposal for land use redesignation and development permit for a new housing project to be built at 722 Discovery Street in Victoria, British Columbia. The proposed building is an 8-storey steel-framed, modular, multi-unit residential building with a commercial kitchen, dining area, and support staff areas on the main level. The site will include an outdoor amenity area, bike storage, and landscaping.

Changes to the land use zoning are requested to allow an 8-storey supportive housing residential building to be constructed on the subject parcel located at 722, 726, 732 Discovery Street Victoria, B.C.

Currently the land is zoned as M-1 Limited Light Industrial. A site-specific land use zoning is requested that would use R3-C as a base and allow the following:

Permitted Use:	Multi-residential (rental)
Building height:	37 m (8 stories)
Building footprint:	551 m <sup>2</sup>
Total building (GFA):	4,665 m <sup>2</sup>
Building setbacks:	Front (Discovery Street): +/-3.0m Rear (North): +/-3.0m Side (East): +/-2.5m Side (West): +/-14.5m
Floor Area Ratio (FAR):	3.56

The proposed development will include the following:

Site area:	1,344.83 m <sup>2</sup>
Type of tenure:	Residential supportive housing rental suites
Number of suites:	90
Types of suites:	Studio (76), Accessible Studio (9), Adaptable Studio (5)
Adaptable housing:	9 accessible suites and 5 adaptable suites are proposed

## Project benefits and amenities

The proposed development, including the Chard development to the south, will revitalize the neighbourhood by creating a variety of housing types and a “15-minute neighbourhood”, where all residents live within a short walk of offices, childcare centre, and community-serving retail that includes a grocery store.

- The supportive housing proposed for 722, 726 & 732 Discovery Street would replace the existing shelter spaces in the Capital City Center Hotel.
- Approximately 90 community members currently rely on the Capital City Center Hotel supports and accommodation.
- BC Housing is committed to ensuring that no one is displaced as a result of this redevelopment.
- If approved, the redevelopment would happen in stages, with a replacement supportive housing site being built on the parking lot at 722, 726 & 732 Discovery Street first.
- We know that hotels are not a suitable long-term solution for people experiencing homelessness. Purpose-built supportive housing such as this provide the best outcomes for the most vulnerable members of our communities.
- Supportive housing is an opportunity for people to leave the streets and shelter system for safe and stable housing, towards improved quality of life.
- At least 1,523 individuals were experiencing homelessness in the last Capital region Point-in-Time Homeless Count in March 2020.
- The COVID-19 pandemic highlights the need to get people off the streets and out of shelters and into safe, stable housing.
- Supportive housing is self-contained suites (including private washroom and a kitchenette) with support services provided on-site, to ensure people can achieve and maintain housing stability.
- Supports include resident support workers, life skills training, employment assistance, connection and referral to community services and support groups.
- All residents would sign a program agreement and would pay rent.

## Neighbourhood

The subject site on Discovery Street is located across the street from a separate project at 710 Caledonia Street and 1961 Douglas Street. Together, these two projects will result in a diverse, multi-purpose development. The proposals include purpose-built and designed supportive housing, market rental units, below-market rental units, office units, childcare, a public plaza, commercial retail, a grocery store, and condominiums.

The proposed residential use of the Discovery site is not supported in the current zoning of M-1 Limited Light Industrial.

## Design and development permit guidelines

The project team has consulted extensively with the City of Victoria through email correspondence and 3 pre-application meetings. The proposed development plans were reviewed by a City development panel with revisions made to the design to accommodate design guidelines, best practices, and Downtown Core Area Plan requirements.

Following these meetings, several accommodations were made to the proposal that include:

- Enhanced architectural articulation with projections, windows and variety in exterior cladding choices and applications
- An activated street frontage with building articulation and wrap-around canopy

- A playful approach to glazing, articulation, and floor stacking to break vertical lines and create a more complex pattern and rhythm
- Materials that provide visual cues consistent with a multi-tenant residential tower
- Location of bike storage and waste and recycling enclosures so that they are accessible but visually screened
- On-site handling/staging of all waste and recycling
- An accessible vehicle drop-off zone for loading/unloading
- An increased setback on the west property line
- Screening and landscaping around the BC Hydro pad-mounted transformer
- Screening of the private outdoor amenity space
- Architectural treatment of the bicycle enclosure and gates
- Screening along the west property line

## Transportation

The project will provide 90 affordable residential rental studio units. As these units are purpose-built for supportive housing, they are substantially unique from a vehicle parking perspective as residents are not anticipated to own a vehicle. The proposed development does not include on-site parking therefore, a parking variance of the City of Victoria's bylaw requirements of 28 vehicle parking spaces is requested.

With the building's location near Victoria's downtown core, the proposed site offers a robust transit network and easy access to amenities via walking and cycling. The site will utilize its publicly available curbside site frontage area (estimated spaces for 1 vehicle) for visitor and staff parking. It is recommended that one of these spaces be reserved for a car-share vehicle.

Bicycle parking will meet bylaw requirements with 30 Long-Term and 6 Short-Term bicycle spaces.

One loading space is included in the site plan which is intended for garbage and recycling pick-up activities.

Bunt & Associates were retained by BC Housing to conduct a parking review for the proposed parking variance and propose Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies to help reduce the development's demand for vehicle parking. Refer to the Parking Variance report included with this submission.

## Heritage

Although the subject site does not have heritage status, the building to the west is designated as Heritage.

Considerations were made to minimize impact to the neighbouring heritage building such as:

- The proposed main building is located as far as possible from the west property line
- Existing site retaining walls on the west property line are to be preserved
- Additional space was added to the setback between ancillary structures on the subject parcel and the neighbouring site
- The west property line includes screening for aesthetics and privacy

## Green building features

This project will be constructed to meet BC Energy Step Code Level 3 energy compliance. An energy model report authored by Focal Engineering has been provided as part of this submission.

BC Housing is considering installing solar voltaic rooftop panels to offset the building's power consumption and reduce the project's greenhouse gas footprint.

## Infrastructure

The existing property is serviced by sanitary, storm and water services. The existing services will be abandoned or removed, and new services installed. We understand that the existing municipal system for water and storm sewer capacity in front of the property is adequate. The existing water main is 150mm and existing storm main is 200mm fronting the site.

The existing sanitary main on Discovery Street is 200mm. A memo identifying the design flow rate has been prepared for use by the City to determine the developments impact to the existing system capacity. In the event that sewage attenuation is required, this will be secured in a legal agreement with the City.

The site frontage will be upgraded to meet the city of Victoria's Downtown Public Realm "New Town District" Specifications Including sidewalk, curb & gutter replacement along the entire frontage, new driveway crossings for the proposed site and neighboring property to the West, and road structure replacement along the site's frontage to centerline on discovery Street. A new midblock crosswalk is proposed at the East side of the frontage complete with overhead signage and downlighting.

Pedestrian access to Central Park and Royal Athletic Park via Caledonia Avenue, Quadra Street and Pembroke Street is an approximately 1km (14 min) walk with sidewalks/crosswalks throughout.

## Streetscape

In response to comment from the City of Victoria during the application review process, the project will include the following public realm improvements to meet the New Town District Specifications:

- A widened Sidewalk that extends from property Line to the back of curb along the frontage, the sidewalk will include the New Town District sidewalk scoring pattern with trowel joints
- A widened section of sidewalk (bulb) with letdown area and bollards facing the street at the new midblock crosswalk location
- Proposed frontage improvements include street trees, short-term bicycle stalls and street parking.
- The final design will be confirmed with the City of Victoria at the building permit stage.

## Summary

BC Housing is committed to providing a spectrum of housing options in communities across British Columbia. The existing hotel at 1961 Douglas Street is not a viable long term option for the tenants living there. BC Housing seeks to redevelop these vacant lots on Discovery Street to provide permanent housing with supports, which will better suit the needs of those sheltered at 1961 Douglas Street and also allow redevelopment of the hotel at 1961 Douglas Street to a more comprehensive mixed use property which will benefit the neighbourhood for the years to come.

Sincerely,



John McEown

Associate Vice President, Development Services

BC Housing

# Community Benefits of Supportive Housing

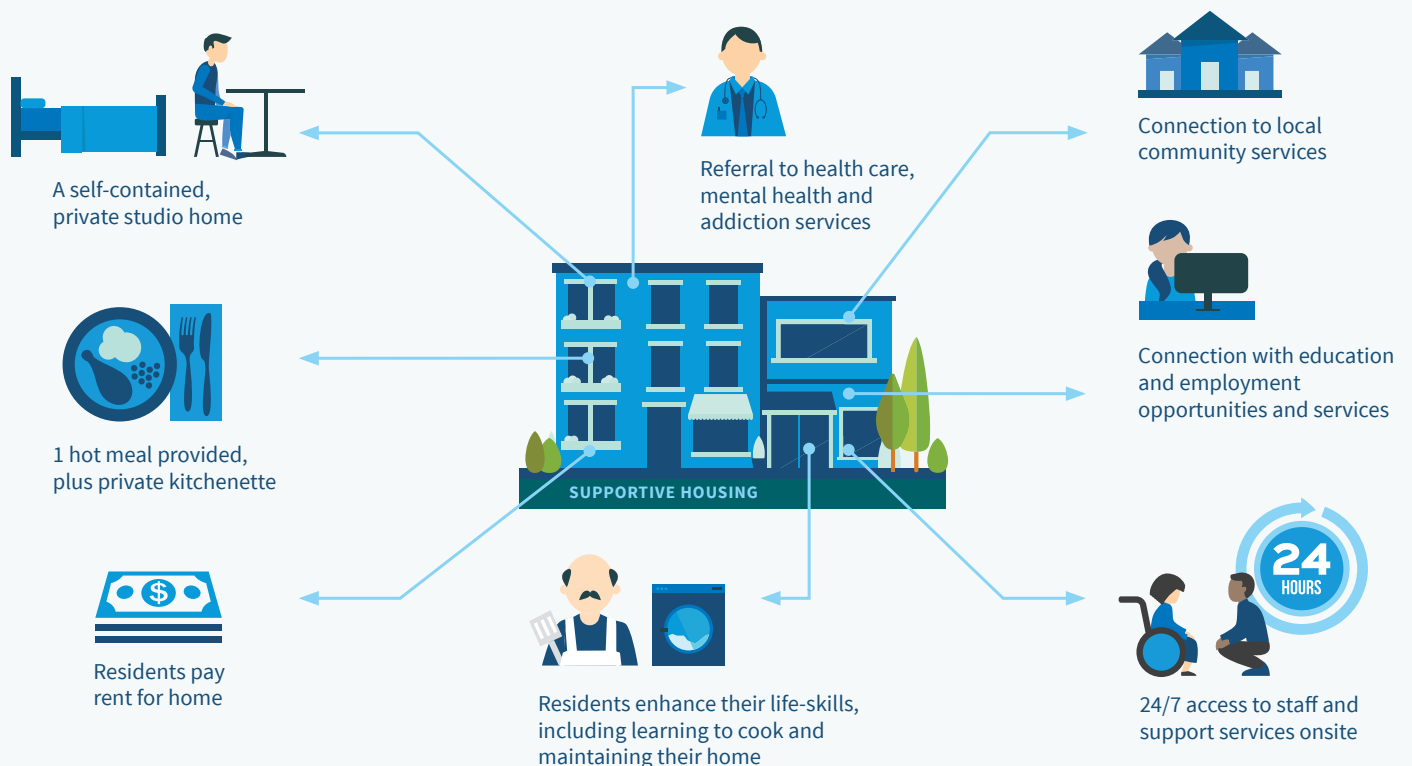
This resource answers questions about Supportive Housing in your neighbourhood



## What is supportive housing?

Provincially-funded supportive housing is for people experiencing homelessness. Supportive housing provides a home with access to on-site supports to ensure people can achieve and maintain housing stability. Residents have access to their own self-contained studio apartment or, in some cases, a secure unit with shared bathroom and amenity spaces. All residents sign either a program or tenancy agreement and participate in programming based on an individualized case plan.

All residents in supportive housing have made a choice to live there and are able to access the services provided by non-profit housing operators, such as life-skills training, and connections to primary health care, mental health and/or substance use services.







## Will supportive housing affect property values in my neighbourhood?

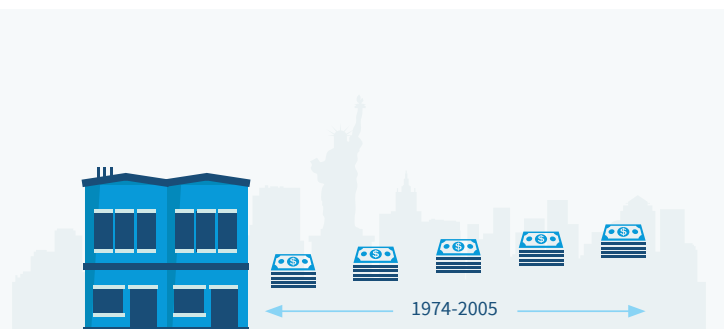


Studies show that property values immediately surrounding supportive housing sites typically keep pace with the trends of the surrounding municipality.



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Property values immediately surrounding supportive housing sites **kept pace or surpassed** municipal trends



7,500

Supportive housing units **did not impact property values** between 1974-2005 in New York City

### Facts and Statistics

- ➔ Research completed in 2019 of 13 B.C. supportive housing sites showed that property values immediately surrounding 10 sites either kept pace or surpassed surrounding municipal trends. Property values for the other three sites were not notably different compared to municipal trends.
- ➔ A study in New York City of 7,500 supportive housing units from 1974 to 2005 found no evidence of a negative impact on property values close to supportive housing.

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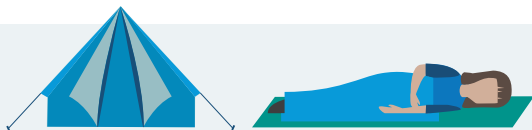
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## Is supportive housing costly for tax-payers?



Studies show the cost of providing supportive housing is less than the cost of providing the health and public safety services needed to address homelessness.



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On average, a person **experiencing homelessness** with addictions and/or mental illness used **\$55,000** per year in health care and/or corrections services

On average, a person **in supportive housing** with addictions and/or mental illness used **\$37,000** per year in health care and/or corrections services



**Every dollar invested** in supportive housing creates **\$4-5** in social and/or economic value

Supportive housing residents were **64% less likely** than shelter clients to use ambulance services



**Average hospital stay** for supportive housing residents was **50% less** than shelter clients

## Facts and Statistics

- A 2008 B.C. study found that on average a person experiencing homelessness with addictions and/or mental illness used \$55,000 per year in health care and/or corrections services compared to \$37,000 for a person in supportive housing.
- 2018 B.C. studies showed that every dollar invested in supportive housing creates four to five dollars in social and/or economic value:
  - Government realizes about half of the savings from decreased use of services
  - Neighbourhoods benefit from improved well-being and increased local spending.
- A 2019 B.C. study linking data for more than 450 individuals in BC Housing-funded supportive housing and emergency shelters found:
  - Supportive housing residents were 64% less likely than emergency shelter clients to use ambulance services
  - The average hospital stay for supportive housing residents was 50% less than for emergency shelter clients.

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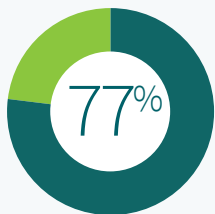
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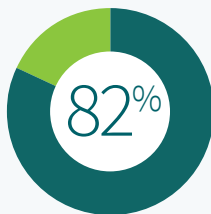
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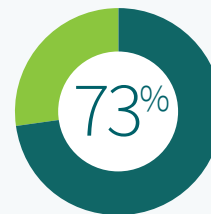
Many supportive housing residents have an existing connection with the neighbourhood and report experiencing positive interactions with neighbours after they moved in.



of supportive housing survey respondents reported **a prior connection** to the neighbourhood



of supportive housing survey respondents reported **positive interactions** with neighbours



of supportive housing survey respondents reported having **friends or relatives** in the neighbourhood



### Facts and Statistics

- 77% of survey respondents across seven<sup>1</sup> modular supportive housing sites reported having a prior connection to the neighbourhood before moving into their modular housing unit. These connections include living in the neighbourhood immediately before moving into their unit, having friends or relatives in the neighbourhood, and using services located in the neighbourhood.
- 82% of survey respondents across seven modular supportive housing sites reported experiencing positive interactions with neighbours in the surrounding community since they moved in.
- 73% of survey respondents across seven modular supportive housing sites reported having friends or relatives in the neighbourhood who they can talk to.

<sup>1</sup> Further reports are being completed which may cause results to change.

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- BC Housing. 2019. *Modular Supportive Housing Resident Outcomes Study: Results for First Seven Modular Supportive Housing Developments*. <https://www.bchousing.org/research-centre/library/transition-from-homelessness/modular-supportive-housing-resident-outcomes?sortByDate>

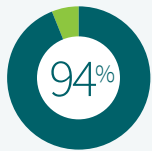


## Does supportive housing work to reduce homelessness in my neighbourhood and community?

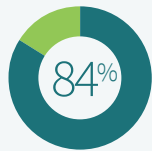


Supportive housing residents are no longer homeless after they are housed. Once in a supportive housing unit, individuals previously experiencing homelessness report improvements in access to employment, income, education, addiction issues, mental health and life-skills.

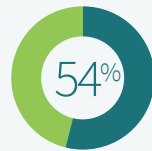
### After Six Months:



of supportive housing residents **remained housed**



of supportive housing survey respondents reported **improved overall well-being**



of supportive housing survey respondents reported **improved access to employment opportunities**



of supportive housing survey respondents reported **improvement in addiction issues**



### Facts and Statistics

- 94% of residents in seven<sup>1</sup> modular supportive housing sites remained housed six months after moving in.
- 84% of survey respondents in seven modular supportive housing sites reported improvements to their overall well-being.
- 54% of survey respondents in seven modular supportive housing sites reported improved access to employment opportunities and employment support services.
- Not everyone who moves into supportive housing has an addiction issue. 39% of all survey respondents in seven modular supportive housing sites reported improvements in addiction issues six months after moving in, while 39% reported that their addiction issues were the same and 15% reported that this question did not apply to them.

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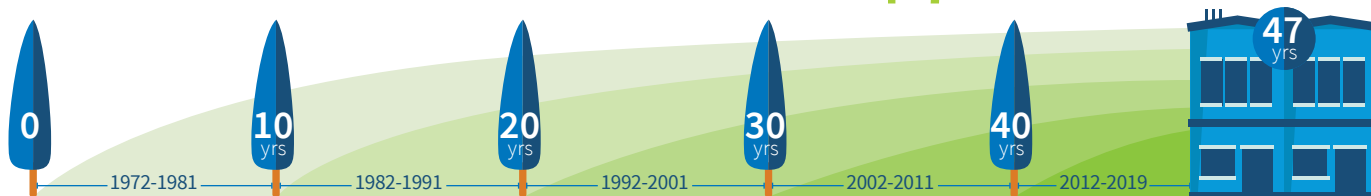


## Will supportive housing have an impact on nearby schools in my neighbourhood?



Many supportive housing sites for people experiencing homelessness across the province have been operating in their communities and near schools for 10+ years with no issues and with support from the community.

Oldest supportive housing site operating for **47** years



210

provincially-funded sites operate **within 500 metres** of a school



52%

of supportive housing sites in B.C. within 500 metres of a school **have been operating for 10+ years**



### Facts and Statistics

- The oldest supportive housing site in B.C. has been operating for 47 years.
- There are over 210 provincially-funded supportive housing sites across the province that are within 500 metres of a school.
- 52% of provincially-funded supportive housing sites in B.C. within 500 metres of schools have been operating for 10+ years.

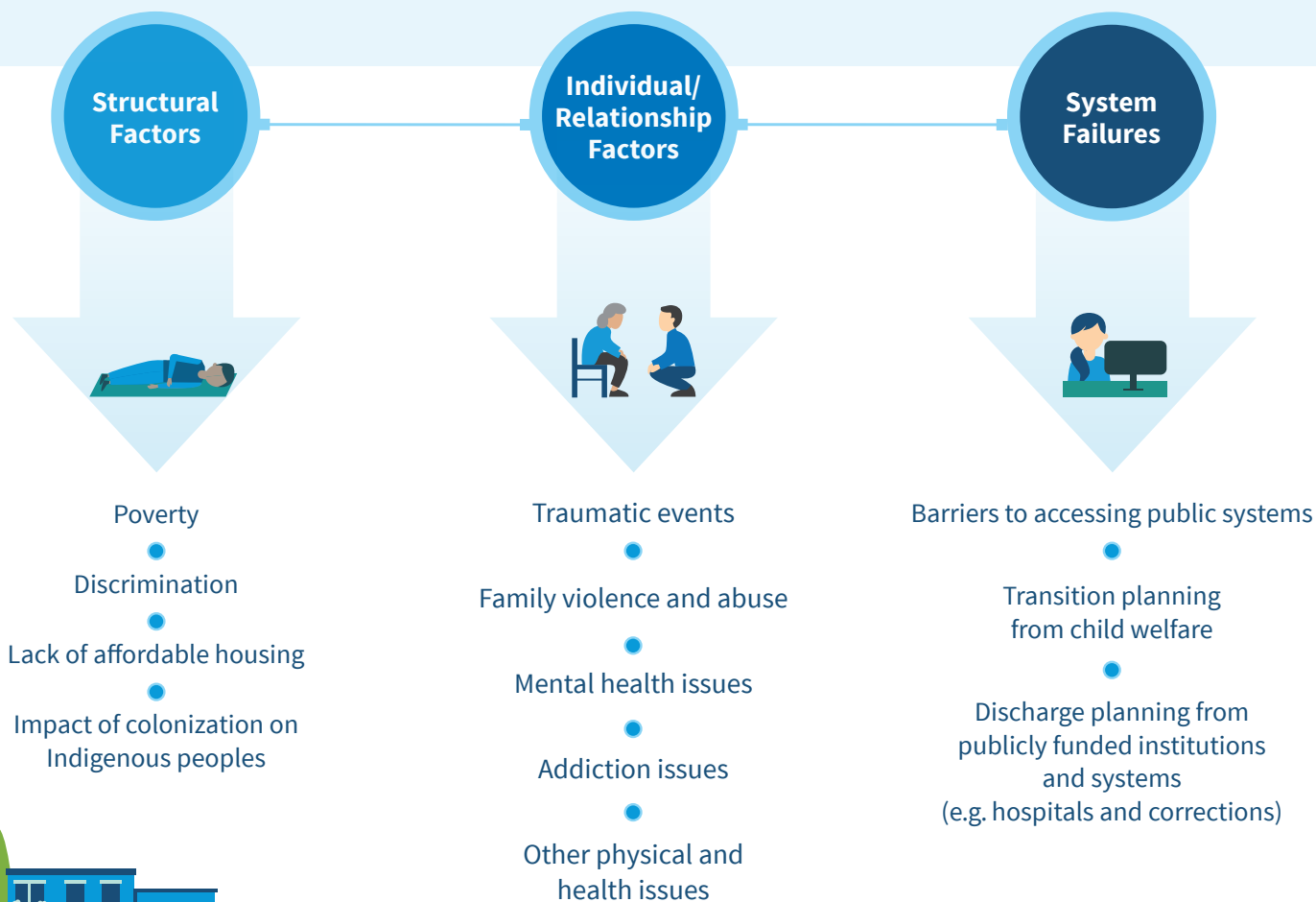
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# Understanding Pathways to Homelessness

The information below provides a brief overview of pathways to homelessness. Often it is a combination of factors.



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# 722, 726, 732 Discovery Street Parking Variance

Final Report V05

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Final Report V05**

Bunt & Associates Engineering Ltd. (Bunt) has completed our parking variance study for the proposed supportive residential development at 722, 726, 732 Discovery Street, Victoria, BC. Our Final Report is provided herewith, it addresses vehicle parking as well as transportation demand management strategies that can help support the proposed vehicle and bicycle parking supplies.

We trust that our input with this report will be of assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Best regards,  
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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Study Purpose & Objectives

BC Housing is proposing the development of an 8-storey supportive residential rental building at 722, 726, and 732 Discovery Street.

The site is currently zoned as M-1 (Light Industrial District). BC Housing proposes to change the site's zoning to a site-specific zone (Residential Rental Tenure) reflective of its unique land use.

The project will feature 90 affordable supportive residential rental units. All units will be studio units.

The development does not offer on-site parking, and therefore under current zoning, would require a parking variance of 28 vehicle parking spaces from City of Victoria's bylaw requirements.

The development offers 30 Long Term bicycle spaces which would represent a variance from current zone Bylaw requirements.

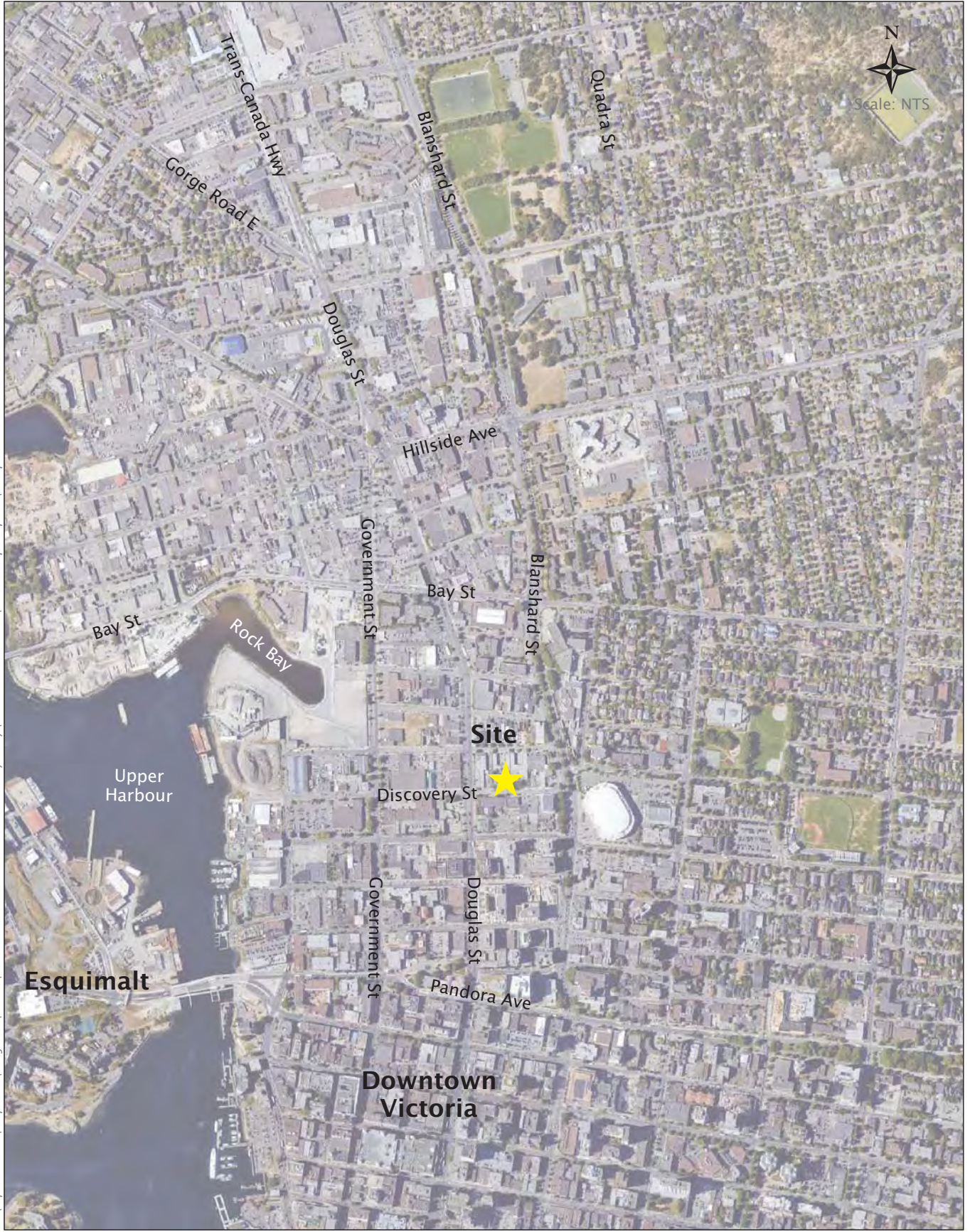
Bunt & Associates were retained by BC Housing to conduct a parking review for the proposed parking variance and propose Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies to help reduce the development's demand for vehicle parking.

This parking variance study will accompany BC Housing's rezoning application.

This proposed building is the first building of a larger development plan that is also described herein.

The location of the proposed development site is illustrated in **Exhibit 1.1**.

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## Exhibit 1.1 Site Location

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## 1.2 Proposed Development

The proposed development is comprised of 90 studio apartment units. The building will also have a manager's office, kitchen dining room, a small medical office, staff room and staff laundry room

All residential units will be supportive rental units. As these units are purpose-built for supportive housing, they are substantially unique from a vehicle parking perspective. Residents are not anticipated to own a vehicle.

With the building's location near Victoria's downtown core, it offers a robust transit network and easy access to amenities via walking and cycling.

The development proposal does not include on-site vehicle parking for residents or visitors.

One loading space is included in the site plan which is intended for garbage and recycling pick-up activities.

The site has publicly available curbside parking along its frontage for approximately 1 vehicle as this area will be impacted by the introduction of a mid-block pedestrian crossing proposed to be located near the site's east edge. The development proposes to provide a Level 2 electric charger along the site's Discovery Street frontage which would be publicly available.

Bicycle parking will provide 30 Long-Term and six Short-Term bicycle spaces.

The proposed 722, 726 and 732 Discovery Street site plan (ground level) is shown in **Exhibit 1.2**.

The proposed development at 722, 726 and 732 Discovery Street is part of a larger development plan that also includes the following properties:

- 1961 Douglas Street (existing hotel); and
- 710 Caledonia Street (existing White Spot restaurant).

These sites are located directly across Discovery Street from the subject site. They are part of a separate approval process and therefore are not subject to this analysis, however the neighbouring development may accommodate vehicle parking options for 722, 726 and 732 Discovery Street visitors.

Together these sites will result in a diverse, multi-purpose development that includes purpose build and designed supportive housing, market rental units, below-market rental units, office units, childcare, a public plaza, commercial retail, a grocery store, and condominiums.

The following inserts<sup>1</sup> from BC Housing website describes the development concept and sequencing.

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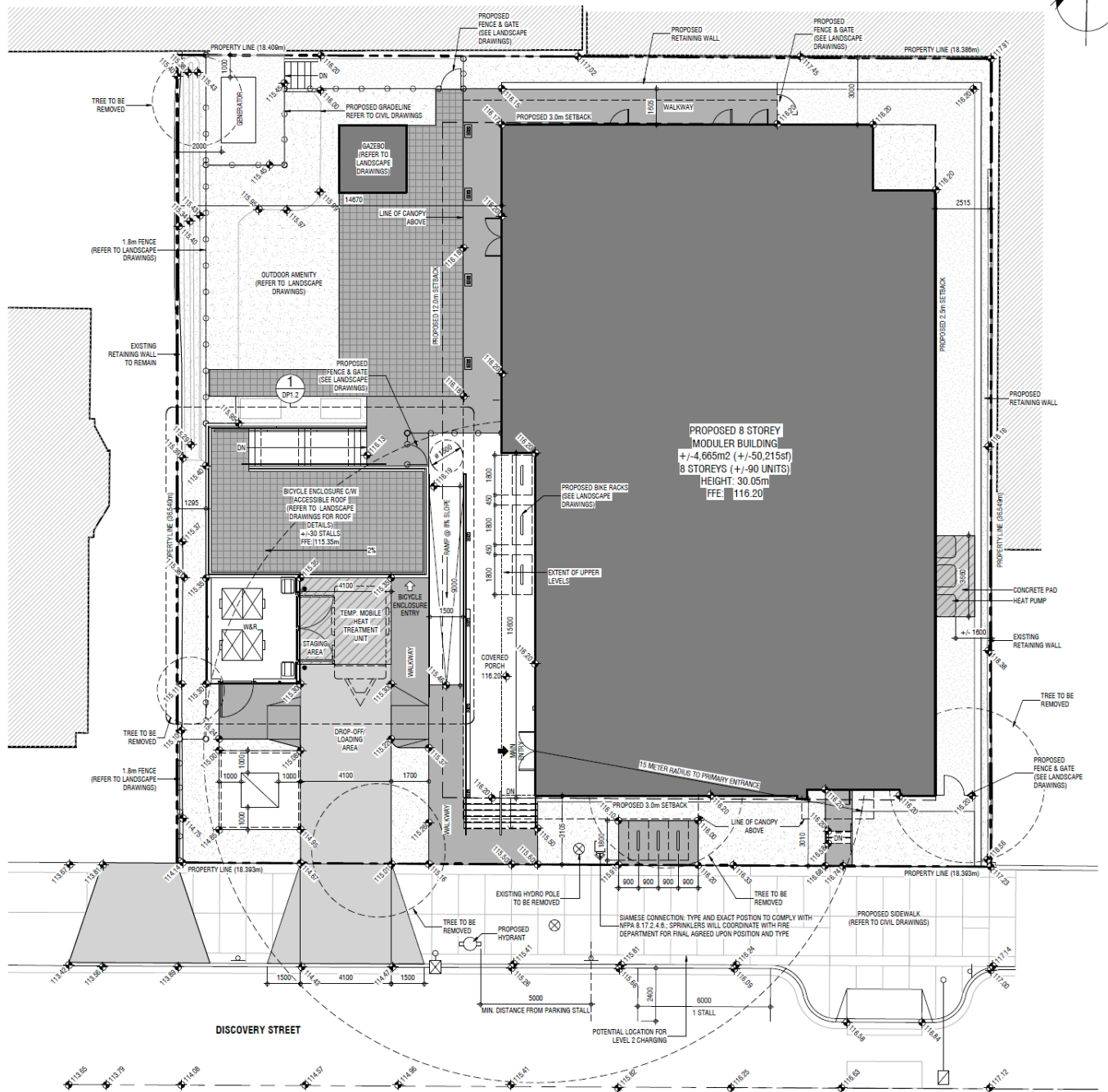
If successful, the proposal would happen in stages:

1. We would construct purpose-built supportive housing on the empty parking lot across the street (722, 726 & 732 Discovery Street).
2. Residents of the Capital City Center Hotel would have the opportunity to move to that replacement supportive housing.
3. Once the Capital City Center Hotel is empty, we would demolish it and the other buildings on the Douglas St lot (including the old White Spot).
4. Together, Chard and BC Housing would build affordable housing, offices, stores, a childcare centre and market housing on that land.



The image shows the two sites. The Capital City Center Hotel sits in the top left corner of the bigger box. The smaller box is where the replacement supportive housing would go.

We believe this proposed redevelopment would revitalise the neighbourhood by creating a variety of housing types and a “15-minute neighbourhood”, where all residents live within a short walk of offices, childcare centre, and community-serving retail that includes a grocery store.



1 Site Plan  
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## Exhibit 1.2 Site Plan



## 2. EXISTING CONDITIONS

### 2.1 Land Use

722, 726, 732 Discovery Street is currently used as a ground-level parking lot for the adjacent hotel (City Centre Hotel at 1961 Douglas Street). As described in Section 1, this hotel will be subsequently redeveloped and at that time will provide parking suitable for that site as well as opportunities for vehicle spaces for staff of 722, 726, 732 Discovery Street.

Land use adjacent to the site is primarily composed of low-rise industrial buildings, with some mid- to high-rise residential buildings to the south of the site.

The site is located approximately 400m north of Victoria's downtown area, in the Rock Bay neighbourhood. It is within Victoria's Core area as defined in Bylaw Schedule C

### 2.2 Existing Transportation Network

#### 2.2.1 Road Network

Douglas Street to the west of the site is a major arterial two-way roadway. It is a continuum of the Trans-Canada Highway with three travel lanes in each direction including a northbound bus lane. Blanshard Street to the east of the site is also a major arterial two-way roadway with three travel lanes in each direction. Discovery Street to the south of the site is an east/west route that operates as a local road. It provides free curbside parking (2-hour Monday to Saturday 8AM to 6PM) on both road edges.

#### 2.2.2 Transit Network

Situated next to one of the major transit corridors in Victoria, the site is well served by public transit, with 14 transit routes accessible within 800 metres of the site (approximately a ten-minute walk). These routes and local area bus stops are presented in **Exhibit 2.1. Table 2.1** shows the frequencies of the transit routes near the site.

**Table 2.1: Existing Transit Service Frequency at Bus Stops Near Site**

#	ROUTE	APPROXIMATE HEADWAY (MIN.)				
		AM	MID-DAY	PM	EVENING	WEEKEND
4	UVic / Downtown	20	13	10	20	20
6	Royal Oak Exchange / Downtown	10	10	6	20	20
9	Royal Oak / UVic	50	60	45	-	-
10	James Bay / Royal Jubilee	30	33	25	58	30-60
11	Tillicum Centre / UVic	15	17	15	20	15-30
21	Interurban / Downtown	15	20	15	30	30-60
22	Vic General / Hillside Centre	30	25	30	30	30
30/31	Royal Oak Exchange / Downtown	10	10	10	17	13
32	Cordova Bay / Royal Oak Exchange	-	-	1 bus per day	-	60
47	Goldstream Meadows / Downtown	30	-	-	-	-
48	Happy Valley / Downtown	30	-	-	-	-
50	Langford / Downtown	12	12	9	16	Similar to weekdays
70/71/72	Swartz Bay / Downtown	30	30	30	90	60
75	Saanichton / Royal Oak / Downtown	30	-	16	-	60

As shown in **Table 2.1**, various bus routes operate every 15 minutes or better throughout the day and into the evening (“frequent routes” are typically defined as routes with 15 minute or lower headways). Fifteen-minute service is considered frequent enough that transit riders do not need to check a schedule - they can simply walk to a bus stop, knowing a bus will arrive soon. These frequencies enable people to make spontaneous trips on transit and easily travel longer distances without needing to own a car.

With 3 frequent and 11 additional routes nearby, and two bus stops within 100m of the site, public transit is a convenient option for most trips to and from the site.

### 2.2.3 Cycling & Pedestrian Networks

The site is well connected to both walking and cycling networks. The site is close to several north-south bicycle routes with painted bike lanes, including Douglas Street, Blanshard Street, and Government Street. Most of Victoria’s downtown area is within a range widely considered to be walkable (800 m or approximate 15-minute walk).

All streets surrounding the development site have sidewalks as well as controlled pedestrian crossings at major intersections.

The City of Victoria is rapidly upgrading its network of All Ages and Abilities (AAA) cycling infrastructure. New AAA cycling routes will be created on Kings Road to the north of the site, creating a more complete east-west connection with the future Haultain Street bike lanes. These cycling upgrades are currently in progress. The existing and future cycling network surrounding the site is shown in **Exhibit 2.2**. People are often interested in cycling but concerned for their safety when riding adjacent to heavy traffic, so it is anticipated that these protected AAA cycling facilities will increase the rates of cycling to and from the

development. The proposed development at 722, 726, 732 Discovery Street is well-positioned to support the anticipated cycling demand.

The location is within a walking distance of most everyday amenities and services, and all daily errands can be accomplished either on foot or on a bike. Walk Score is an on-line tool that assesses the walkability and bikeability of a location based on distances to a wide variety of amenities and services. The site scores an 89 for walkability which it defines as “Very Walkable”.

The location receives a Bike Score of 92 out of 100, placing it in Walk Score’s “biker’s paradise” category. This already high score is expected to improve with the cycling upgrades performed over the next few years.

#### 2.2.4 Car-Share

The site has 17 Modo carshare vehicles located within 1 km of the site, the closest of which is located approximately 200 m away on Pembroke Street near the Save-On Foods Memorial Centre. Approximately 20 other Modo vehicles are located in downtown Victoria, which is easily accessible by bike or transit.

Modo is a two-way carsharing service; registered members can pick up the vehicle from a parking spot and must return it to the same spot when they are done. Vehicles range from compact cars and sedans to SUVs and minivans, all of which are present within 1 km of the site. **Exhibit 2.3** shows the locations of nearby Modo carsharing vehicles.

Evo car share launched in Victoria in the summer of 2021 with 80 vehicles. Evo vehicles can be used and dropped off anywhere within the designated City of Victoria area.

Another potential carsharing option for residents of the proposed development is Turo. Turo allows individuals to rent out their private vehicles when not in use. As of March 2022, two vehicle is listed on Turo within walking distance of 722, 726, 732 Discovery Street, and approximately 22 vehicles are listed in the greater Victoria area.

Other new car-sharing opportunities are anticipated in the years ahead as these types of businesses become more viable with app based and autonomous vehicle technologies.



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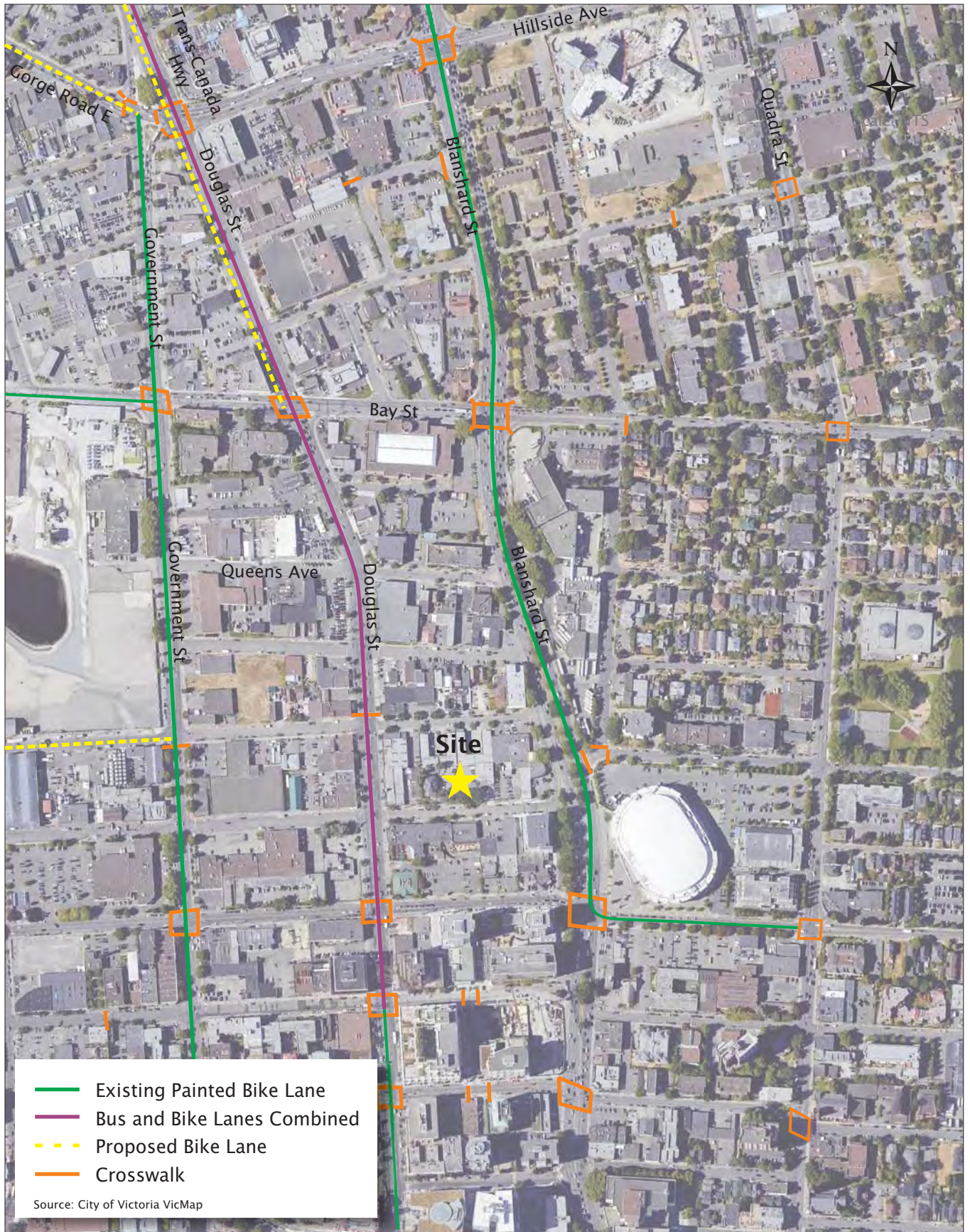


	Site
	Existing Network
	Bus Stops
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## Exhibit 2.1 Transit Routes & Stops

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## Exhibit 2.2 Cycling and Pedestrian Network

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## Exhibit 2.3 Car-share Vehicles

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## 3. SITE PLAN DESIGN REVIEW

### 3.1 Site Access

The proposed development will have one vehicle access point from Discovery Street which will service one loading space. The loading space is anticipated to be used by delivery vehicles, maintenance vehicles, accessibility vehicles as well as garbage and recycling vehicles. Pedestrian access to the site's main entry will be from Discovery Street.

### 3.2 Supportive Housing Definition

According to BC Housing, supportive housing is “subsidized housing with on-site supports for single adults, seniors and people with disabilities at risk of experiencing homelessness”. Supportive housing provides a home with access to on-site supports to ensure people can achieve and maintain housing stability.

According to the 2020 Greater Victoria Point-in-Time Homeless Count and Housing Needs Survey<sup>2</sup>, the main sources of income of the homeless population in Victoria remain welfare/income assistance and disability benefits. 26.3 % of the survey participants identified not having enough income for housing as their reason for homelessness.

### 3.3 Parking Supply

#### 3.3.1 Vehicle Parking Bylaw Requirements

As per City of Victoria zoning requirements (Schedule C, Zoning Bylaw) the site is in Victoria's Core area.

City of Victoria Zoning Bylaw Schedule C stipulates a minimum number of vehicle spaces for Affordable housing at a rate of 0.2 spaces per unit when the units are less than 45m<sup>2</sup>. This is regardless of the development's location in Victoria.

In addition, the building is required to provide vehicle parking for the building's approximate 86 m<sup>2</sup> of supporting amenities which imply employees, these areas are listed below:

- Tenant Support – 15m<sup>2</sup>
- Reception – 13m<sup>2</sup>
- Shared Office – 18m<sup>2</sup>
- Pantry (includes office area) – 23m<sup>2</sup>
- Medical Office – 17m<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/housing-pdf/housing-planning-and-programs/crd-pit-count-2020-community-report-2020-07-31.pdf>

The Transitional Housing and Emergency Shelters land use applies to these employee generating land uses which has a rate of 1 parking space per 80 m<sup>2</sup>. Bylaw requirements are summarized in **Table 3.1**.

**Table 3.1: Vehicle Parking Supply Requirement & Provision**

LAND USE	DENSITY	BYLAW RATE	BYLAW SUPPLY REQUIREMENT	PROVIDED	DIFFERENCE
Affordable Dwelling Units- Residents	90 units	0.2 spaces per unit	18	0	-18
Affordable Dwelling Units - Visitors	90 units	0.1 spaces per unit	9		-9
Employee Areas	86 m <sup>2</sup>	1 space per 80m <sup>2</sup>	1		-1
			<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-28</b>

As shown in **Table 3.1**, the proposed total parking supply of 0 spaces is 28 spaces below Bylaw requirements.

### 3.3.2 Vehicle Parking Demand Analysis

The supportive housing demographic typically have low vehicle ownership rates. Data from Pacifica Housing, Victoria Native Friendship Centre and Victoria Cool Aid Society at a total of ten greater Victoria buildings (all outside of Victoria's Core area) had an average vehicle ownership rate of 0.05 vehicles per unit. All ten locations are outside of Victoria's Core area, the subject site being within the Core area may result in less reliance on vehicles than the proxy sites. This vehicle ownership rate would equate to a demand of approximately 5 spaces for residents. It is however notes that this resident vehicle ownership rates is from buildings with little to no Transportation Demand Management (TDM) initiatives to help reduce automobile dependence. Importantly, it is also noted that the operator of this site has confirmed that they can set criteria for the tenants and will require tenants to not own a vehicle as the building will not have spaces available. If prospective tenants do own a vehicle, they will have the option to reside in other supportive housing buildings in the area. Therefore, with this management practice the site anticipates zero resident vehicle parking demand.

The remainder of the site generated parking demand is anticipated to be generated by visitors and staff. Visitor parking demand at the same 10 proxy sites indicate the average peak visitor parking demand to be 0.08 spaces per unit with multiple comparative sites below 0.05 spaces per unit. Based on this data and Bunt's research on a wide range of residential apartments in BC communities we estimate the site's peak visitor parking demand to be approximately five spaces (0.06 per unit). This would include residential visitors and staff.

At peak periods up to five staff are anticipated to be working at the residential building site. They are anticipated to generate demand for approximately 2 -3 of the 5 visitors according to mode splits anticipated for staff at this near downtown location.

This equates to a total anticipated peak visitor demand of approximately 5 spaces for visitors and staff before TDM impact. City of Victoria’s visitor parking space is 0.1 visitor space per unit, for comparison purposes, this equates to 9 required visitor spaces for the subject development.

**3.3.3 Vehicle Parking Options**

The site is anticipated to have curbside parking available along its Discovery Street frontage that will accommodate 1 vehicle. This space may be used for short term loading activities as well as an electric charging space.

The subsequent second development phase as described in Section 1 at 1961 Douglas Street (existing hotel) and 710 Caledonia Street (existing White Spot restaurant) can provide parking for 722, 726, 732 Discovery Street as determined to be required at that time.

On street parking demand was assessed with three spot counts which are summarized in **Table 3.2**. In summary the weekday spot counts indicated an average demand of 66% over the blocks approximate 33 spaces, and a maximum peak of 85% which is the maximum desired occupancy for on-street parking. Demand was concentrated on west end of block. With this data we conclude that the on-street condition on Discovery Street has minimal excess and therefore all forecasted vehicle parking demand should be provided for on-site at the adjacent Phase 2 development site.

**Table 3.2: 700 Block Discovery Street, On-Street Parking Demand**

TIME	SUPPLY	DEMAND	AVAILABLE SPACES
Wednesday June 1, 3:30 PM	15 north edge, 18 south edge 33 total	10 north edge, 11 south edge 21 total	12
Friday, June 3, 10:30 AM	15 north edge, 18 south edge 33 total	5 north edge, 12 south edge 17 total	16
Wednesday June 8, 11:00 AM	15 north edge, 18 south edge 33 total	11 north edge, 17 south edge 28 total	5
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>

Surrounding neighborhood has various curbside and longer-term parking options. Local area curb side parking regulations are shown in **Exhibit 3.1**.

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### Exhibit 3.1 Available Public Parking Near Site

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### 3.3.4 Bicycle Parking

Well managed, secure, accessible, and covered bicycle parking will be provided as part of the development plan. Dimensions of bicycle spaces to meet City of Victoria requirements as per Schedule C, Table 4, Minimum Dimensions for Bicycle Parking.

The site plan indicates a total of 30 Long-Term bicycle spaces. In addition, 6 Short-Term bicycle spaces will be provided at ground level in a well-lit, weather protected, and highly visible area.

## 4. SERVICE VEHICLE OPERATIONS

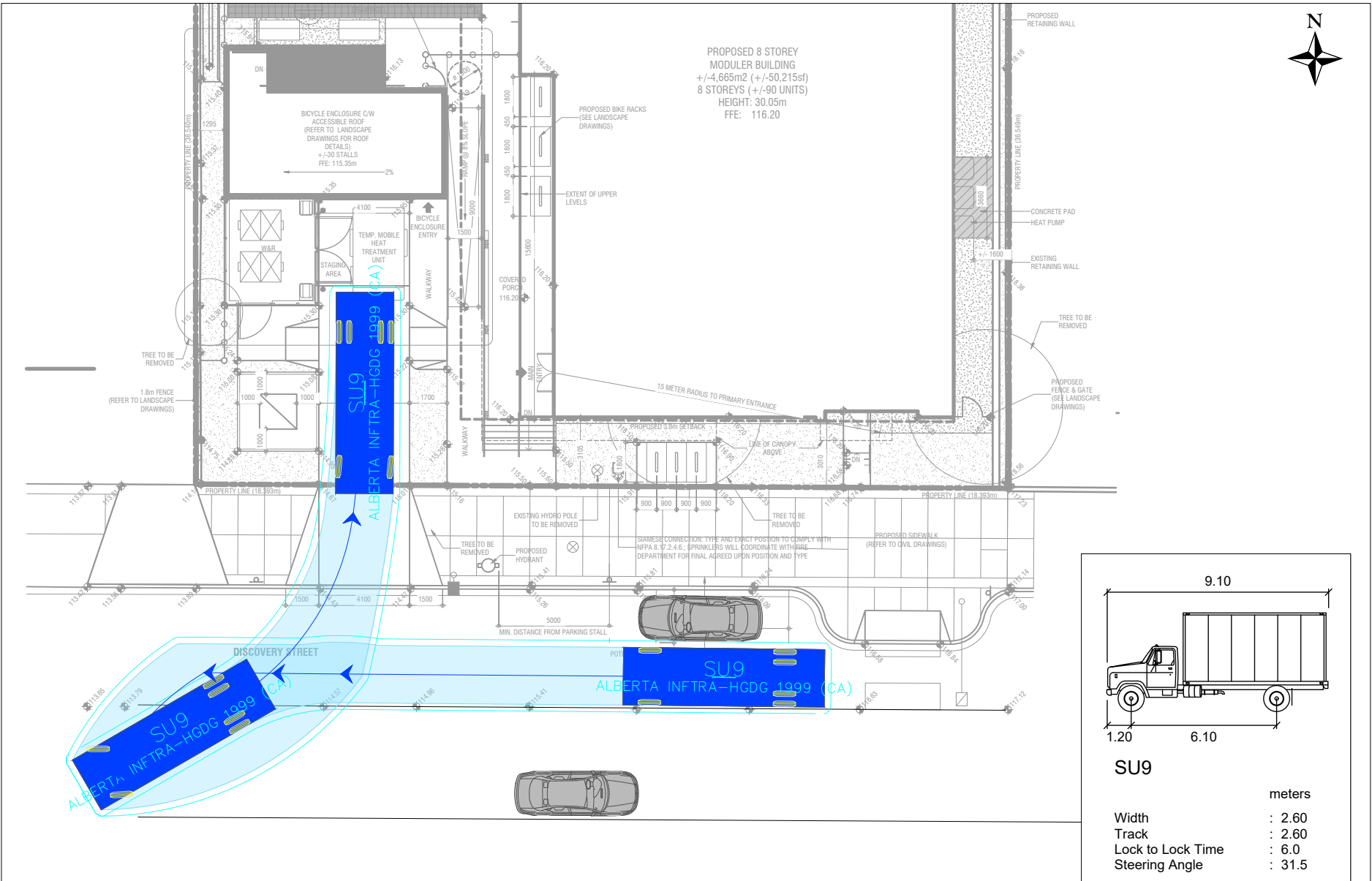
The City of Victoria Zoning Bylaw does not stipulate a requirement for off-street loading for supportive residential land use. Loading activity for the proposed 90 supportive residential units would likely involve vehicles no larger than a garbage/ recycling vehicle.

Small sized delivery vehicles are anticipated to use the loading space or the curb side parking spaces available on the site's Discovery Street frontage.

Bunt examined the functionality of the proposed loading space using AutoTURN path analysis. As shown in **Exhibit 4.1**, the proposed loading space is accessible, however it is reliant on using Discovery Street for its turn around maneuvers, for example to back into the loading space or if the vehicle enters in a forward motion then the vehicle would need to back out into Discovery Street.



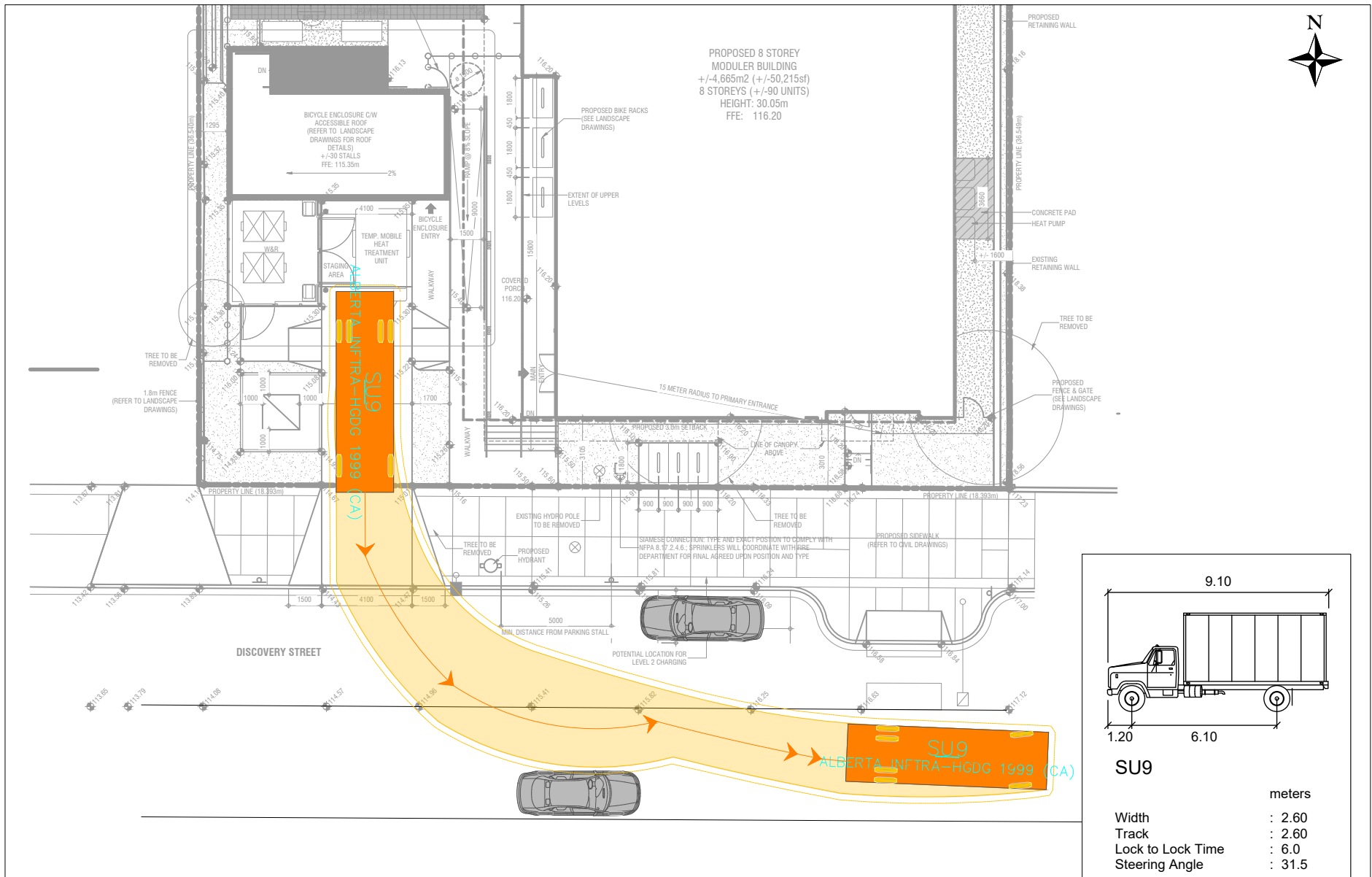
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## Exhibit 4.1A SU9 - Loading Vehicle - IN



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# Exhibit 4.1B SU9 - Loading Vehicle - OUT



## 5. TDM & ACTIVE MODES

### 5.1 Transportation Demand Management

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) is defined as the “application of strategies and policies to reduce travel demand (specifically that of single-occupant private vehicles), or to redistribute this demand in space or in time”<sup>3</sup>. A successful TDM program can influence travel behaviour away from Single Occupant Vehicle (SOV) travel during peak periods towards more sustainable modes such as High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) travel, transit, cycling or walking. The responsibility for implementation of TDM measures can range across many groups, including regional and municipal governments, transit agencies, private developers, residents/resident associations or employers.

### 5.2 TDM Initiatives for Subject Development

The following Transportation Demand Management measures should be considered:

#### 5.2.1 Car Share

Convenient access to a shared vehicle will enable the residents of this development to reach far-away shops and services, transport large items, and visit recreational destinations outside of the Greater Victoria area, all without owning a private vehicle. Other advantages of car sharing include disincentivizing car travel through a pay-per-use model.

Operator correspondence with Modo indicates they are non-committal about having a car-share vehicle at this location. Memberships may be considered for each unit which would remain in the title of those units, these memberships would have an initial cost of \$500 per unit. This would add significant costs to the development without evidence that the memberships would be valued or used. As such, at this time car-share related TDM is not offered by the proposed development.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/tdm/index.htm> FHWA Travel Demand Management home page

### 5.2.2 Transit Initiatives

Residents are anticipated to use transit as a primary transportation option.

BC Housing's operations teams indicate that all residents of supportive housing have transit passes available to them already via the Low-Income Transit Assistance Program<sup>4</sup>. Through this program all operators of BC Housing Supportive Housing including PHS, Cool Aid Society, and Our Place Society are members of this Bus Ticket Program administered through the Social Planning Council. This provides bus tickets for all tenants as needed. Eligible activities are very broad - including activities such as medical appointments, employment, counselling, and looking for housing.

Furthermore, BC's Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (MSDPR) Program also offers bus passes to individuals living in supportive housing. All eligible tenants can opt into a bus pass. This is normally about 90-95% of the tenants in a building.

As such we suggest BC Transit's EcoPass program for residents would represent overlap that would add significant unnecessary costs to the project.

We recommend that five (5) EcoPasses be provided for staff for a five-year duration.

### 5.2.3 Pedestrian Amenities

In coordination with the adjacent development a pedestrian crossing will be provided at a mid-block location on 700 block Discover Street.

### 5.2.4 Specialized Vehicle Parking

Current (2020) Bylaw regarding electric charging ability of parking spaces does not require visitor spaces to have electric charging abilities, only resident spaces.

The developer has however agreed to provide electric charging abilities to the site-fronting curbside parking space by equipping the space with a Level 2 charger or potentially other parking spaces on the block with a dual head Level 2 charger which would be suitable for two adjacent curbside parking spaces.

### 5.2.5 On-Street Parking Management

Implementation of metered parking along 700 block Discover Street will help the management of on-street spaces.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://communitycouncil.ca/low-income-transit-assistance-program>

### 5.2.6 Bicycle Parking

The development will be providing 30 long-term bicycle parking spaces and 6 short-term spaces. This is below current zone bylaw requirements but is anticipated to meet resident demand based on anecdotal data provided by the operator of similar developments.

The developer will provide electric charging abilities for 20% of the long-term bicycle parking spaces.

## 6. SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS

### 6.1 Summary

1. The proposed development at 722, 726, 732 Discovery Street consists of 90 supportive residential units.
2. Vehicle access to the building's parking spaces will be from Discovery Street on the site's east frontage.
3. The development proposes to provide zero vehicle parking spaces and as such requires a parking variance. Through City of Victoria Bylaw, the proposed development would need to provide 28 parking spaces.
4. The development proposes 30 Long Term bicycle spaces and 6 Short-Term bicycle spaces..
5. The proposed development is part of a larger development plan. The second component of the development plan includes properties across Discovery Street. This second development phase as described in Section 1 is at 1961 Douglas Street (existing hotel) and 710 Caledonia Street (existing White Spot restaurant).
6. Management of this building will require tenants to not own a vehicle as the building will not have spaces available. If prospective tenants do own a vehicle, they will have the option to reside in other supportive housing buildings in the area. Therefore, with this management practice, the site anticipates zero resident vehicle parking demand.
7. We estimate the site's peak visitor parking demand to be approximately five spaces (0.06 per unit). This would include residential visitors and staff.
8. At peak periods up to 5 staff are anticipated to be working at the residential building site creating a parking demand of approximately 2-3 spaces according to mode splits in comparable areas. The staff's reliance on a vehicle to get to work is mitigated with the proposed provision of 5 BC Transit EcoPasses for staff.

9. Non-staff visitor parking demand would be the remainder of the anticipated visitor demand which would again be approximately 2-3 spaces. This demand is anticipated to be adequately absorbed through on-street availability and at the neighbouring partner development which will have publicly available visitor parking spaces.
10. The site will have publicly available curbside parking along its frontage for an estimated 1 vehicle when considering the proposed driveway and the planned introduction of a mid-block pedestrian crossing of Discovery Street near the site's east edge.
11. Metered parking along the 700 block of Discovery Street is to be implemented with the subject and partnered adjacent development.
12. Saved costs from not building on-site parking spaces on this site can be passed onto tenants through reduced development costs.

## 6.2 Recommendations

1. We recommend a clause be created that would permit visitors of 722 Discovery Street to use the neighbouring partnering site's visitor parking in consideration of the anticipated low quantity of visitors that would be anticipated to use those spaces (0-3 spaces during peak periods).
2. Transportation Demand Management initiatives proposed to support the proposed vehicle and bicycle parking variance are:
  - a. Level 2 electric vehicle charger along the site's Discovery Street frontage.
  - b. Five BC Transit EcoPasses for staff working at the site, provided for a five-year duration.
  - c. Adjacent sidewalk and public realm improvements.
  - d. Electric charging ability to the Long-Term bicycle storage rooms.









## **Capital Tree Service Inc.**

Arborist Report

722 & 726 Discovery St,

Victoria, BC

August 17, 2022

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**Summary/Scope of Work**

Capital Tree Service Inc. (CTS) was contacted by Sean Rorison (Client), a representative of BC Housing regarding, the construction of a new supportive housing building at 722 and 726 Discovery St (the Site) in the City of Victoria. The Client indicated they required an Arborist Report and Tree Protection Plan (TPP) to move forward with the permit application.

The Client has requested that CTS provide a Basic Visual Tree Assessment (BVTA) and TPP for the Site. CTS agreed to complete the assessment and provide findings in an Arborist Report Form including a TPP.

Under the current proposal six (6) trees are proposed for removal and one (1) boulevard tree will be retained and protected. A tree inventory is included as **Appendix 'A'**. Photographs and a Site Plan are included as **Appendix 'B'** of this report.

## **Methodology**

The Site was entered January 5, 2022, by CTS for the purpose of conducting tree assessments and collecting inventory. Keegan Durovich, a consulting arborist and representative of CTS, conducted the inventory and observed the trees on the site. The weather that day was 2°C, overcast, and there was a 11km/hr NNE breeze.

The Site was assessed from grade. No form of diagnostic tools or invasive techniques were used during the assessment. Tree heights were estimated, and diameters were measured using a Richter Diameter Tape. Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) was measured approximately 1.4m above grade. Measurements and observations were recorded with the intent to provide a static representation of the area. A tree inventory is included as **Appendix 'A'** of this report. Photographs and a Site Plan are included as **Appendix 'B'** of this report.

During the assessment, a total of seven (7) were observed – all (7) of which are protected under the current City of Victoria Tree Bylaw. The trees referenced in **Appendix 'A'** have been tagged. Tags are located approximately 1.5-2m above grade on tree stems and were visible at the time of assessment. One boulevard tree is not tagged and is referred to as No Tag (NT) one (1).

Protected Root Zone calculations are based on the ISA recommended one foot for each one inch of trunk diameter (0.3m for each 2.5 cm).

## **Observations/Discussion**

During the assessment, one (1) parking lot, covering two (2) lots, with trees along the road frontage and a couple (2) of opportunistic trees in a corner was observed. The site appears to receive plenty of sunlight. The rooting area is restricted by retaining walls, pavement, and a building. Additionally, one of the trees (Gary Oak 151) appears to be growing over rocks. The boulevard tree (NT1) has similar restricted rooting area issues as the trees on the lot and has been utility pruned. Overall, trees appear to be in fair-good health with some common structural issues. A tree inventory is included as **Appendix 'A'** (as well as a separate attachment) of this report.

Protected Root Zone calculations are based on the ISA recommended one foot for each one inch of trunk diameter (0.3m for each 2.5 cm). Matheny and Clark's 'Trees and Development' was used to assess relative tolerance to Development Impacts.

All six (6) trees on the lot are proposed for removal due to their location within the footprint of the proposed development. Replacement trees will be required at a 1:1 ratio. Sidewalk upgrades will require the removal of one (1) boulevard tree, in front of lot 726 Discovery. Three (3) replacement boulevard trees are proposed.

### Replacement trees and soil calculations

Replacement tree locations (Appendix 2 Figure 2) and soil calculations are shown in the landscape plan prepared by the project landscape architect. Trees selected have been specified with consideration to required soil volume as specified in the City of Victoria Tree Protection Bylaw. See the landscape plan for replacement tree species and soil calculations.

### Common and Latin Names

Shore pine – *Pinus contorta* var. *contorta*

Black cottonwood – *Populus balsamifera* subsp. *trichocarpa*

Garry oak – *Quercus garryana*

Field elm – *Ulmus minor*

### **Tree Condition Ratings Summary**

#### **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 little pruning

#### **Species Relative Tolerance to Construction Impacts<sup>1</sup>:**

Pine – Generally Moderate-Good

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<sup>1</sup> Nelda P. Matheny and James R. Clark, *Trees and Development: A Technical Guide to Preservation of Trees during Land Development* (Champaign, Ill: International Soc. of Arboriculture, 1998).

Black Cottonwood – Poor – “Mature trees prone to windthrow and trunk failure.”

Gary Oak – Good – “Largely intolerant of construction injury”

Elm – Good – “Tolerant of root pruning.”

## **Tree Protection Plan**

Utilize Tree Protection Fencing (TPF) to restrict access to Tree Protection Zones, see Appendix C for fencing specifications. Provide signage on fencing which states: Tree Protection Area – No Admittance. Signage must be in a visible location attached to the fence. Signage must be attached to the outside of each Tree Protection Fencing area.

**Contact CTS to mark locations for the Tree Protection Fencing. All Tree Protection Fencing must be installed in the locations indicated by CTS. CTS must provide inspection and verification of the fencing detail for District approval.**

**Each Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) must be vacated of all construction materials and/or equipment. At no time may the fencing be removed or modified unless the Project Arborist is contacted and approval given. In such cases the Project Arborist must assist fence removal and assess combined impacts which are required for construction completion. Capital Tree Service 250-217-8370 – Three business days notice required.**

### **Landing/Storage Area**

All construction materials will be stored in areas identified as ‘Landing/Storage’ in site plans. These locations are indicated on the Site Plan.

### **Access**

A single point of access shall be utilized. This shall be in the location marked ‘Access’ on the Site Plan. Contractors and workers shall be made aware of the Tree Protection Zones and Measures in place. Site access will be along the existing driveway. **Tree Protection Zones and areas of the Site not under construction or within the Zone of Impact will be strictly off limits.** It is the responsibility of the Client to schedule a pre-job meeting with the Project Arborist to discuss Tree Protection Plans, Zones, and requirements.

**\*Three business days notice required. Project Arborist. 250-217-8370\***

### **Root Assessment and Observation**

The Project Arborist must be on site for observation and assessment when working within the Protected Root Zone of any Protected Trees. This shall include trees:

- #NT1

### **Tree Pruning**

Tree pruning required for access and egress, tree health and safety shall be performed by an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist without the use of climbing spurs. All tree pruning shall be performed in accordance with ANSI A-300 Standards for Tree Care Operations.

### **Blasting**

The use of blasting for removal of rock may cause serious damage or death to nearby trees if not managed appropriately. Should blasting become necessary, CTS recommends the use of low nitrogen and low velocity explosives. Furthermore, we recommend the use of explosives to strategically fracture the rock before using an excavator to breakup (using a hoe ram) and remove the rock. It is critical that heavy matting is used to dampen shockwaves and ¼" plywood is used to protect (armour) retained trees wherever possible. A removal plan for the rock will be developed with the blasting contractor and the Project Arborist. It is recommended that this plan is created prior to the blasting contractor providing a cost estimate.

### **Excavation Process Plan**

1. Provide and schedule Project Arborist to assess site prior to construction.
2. Inventory and identify trees and hazards which could complicate excavation process.
3. Utilize hand tools and cutting equipment when large tree roots are anticipated.
4. When possible, utilize small, rubberized track excavation equipment which will reduce soil compaction.
5. Excavator operator must be well informed about dig site and goal to complete project.
6. Use shallow excavation sweeps across the site to establish a depth which roots can be easily identified. (3cm to 5cm in depth of soil for each sweep across the soil face)
7. Roots greater than 6cm in diameter shall be preserved and inspected by the Project Arborist. The project arborist will determine if roots should be pruned or cut.
8. All roots greater than 6cm in diameter should be identified and documented for project records.
9. Photos are highly recommended for documentation purposes.

Assessment of the site may expose further tree issues or conditions. If this occurs the project arborist will contact City Staff for further recommendations.

### **Role of the Project Arborist**

As well as creating the Tree Preservation Plan, the Project Arborist must be on site to supervise work within or immediately adjacent to the tree protection areas identified on the attached tree plan. **This will include sidewalk, driveway and any improvements proposed for the municipal boulevard.**

The Project Arborist will be present to supervise landscaping operations and activity within the tree protection areas.

At completion of the project, the Project Arborist will confirm that any tree protection or remediation related deficiencies have been addressed by the owner and building contractor. Once all deficiencies (if any) have been remedied, the Project Arborist shall prepare a letter to the City of Victoria confirming completion of the project.

### **Tree Protection Plan Summary**

- i. Provide a detailed sign specifying that tree protection measures are in place and will be followed during the project. Fines will be posted for malicious acts and can be placed on individuals who disregard the tree protection plan and its guidelines. Signs will be placed at each entrance of the project detailing what is expected when working in potentially high impact tree protection zones.
- ii. Provide tree protection fencing for all trees identified with protection requirement in this report. This fencing shall be four (4ft) feet in height and made of orange plastic. If required, header and footer boards will be used to secure the protective fencing.
- iii. Tree protection and root protection signs will be placed on the fencing (see Appendix C). No entry will be allowed, unless specified by the Project Arborist and in their presence while on site.
- iv. Restrict vehicle traffic to designated access routes and travel lanes to avoid soil compaction and vegetation disturbances.
- v. Make all necessary precautions to prevent the storage of material, equipment, stockpiling of aggregate or excavated soils within tree protection areas. No dumping of fuels, oils or washing of concrete fluids will be allowed in tree protection zones.
- vi. Provide an onsite arborist when a risk of root damage, root cutting, or limb removal is required within the tree protection zone.
- vii. Avoid alterations to existing hydrological patterns to minimize vegetation impacts to the site.
- viii. The use of a Project Arborist is required to provide layout of tree protection zones. The Project Arborist(s) will provide pre-construction information to all parties involved with the project. The Project Arborist must be notified 72hrs prior to construction activities in sensitive areas. The Project Arborist should be used to provide root and branch pruning when diameters are greater than 6cm.

- ix. At no time will tree protection zones be removed from the project unless approved by the Project Arborist

**The following is a summary of key roles of the Project Arborist.**

- Participation in a site meeting prior to the commencement of works adjacent to Tree Protection Zones to discuss the preservation plan and tree protection measures in place. **It is the responsibility of the Client to schedule a pre-work site meeting. \*72 hrs Notice Required. CTS 250-217-8370\***
- The meeting will review the Tree Protection Plan, Tree Protection Zones and the specific measures required to protect the trees during the site preparation, construction, and landscape phases of construction.
- The Project Arborist will inspect the Tree Protection Fencing and any other tree protection measures prior to a tree permit being issued by the District and prior to work commencing on site.
- The Project Arborist will be on site during the following work within or immediately adjacent to the Tree Protection Areas as indicated on the attached Site Plan:
  - ❖ demolition
  - ❖ grading
  - ❖ excavation
  - ❖ rock removal or blasting
  - ❖ trenching for underground services and utilities
  - ❖ preparation of grade for the proposed driveways and parking areas
  - ❖ site inspections to insure adherence to Tree Protection Measures

*Although this site has been assessed trees in the landscape are dynamic and changes could occur. This report is a static representation of the site during our assessment.*



**Keegan Durovich 17/08/2022**  
**Capital Tree Service Inc.**  
**ISA Certified Arborist TRAQ PN-9272A**  
**B.A.Sc.**



**Capital Tree Service Inc. (CTS)****CONDITIONS OF ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT**

This Conditions of Assessment Agreement is made pursuant to and as a provision of CTS, providing tree assessment services as agreed to between the parties, the terms and substance of which are incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement (collectively the "Services").

Trees are living organisms that are subject to stress and conditions and which inherently impose some degree or level of risk. Unless a tree is removed, the risk cannot be eliminated entirely. Tree conditions may also change over time even if there is no external evidence or manifestation. In that CTS provides the Services at a point in time utilizing applicable standard industry practices, any conclusions and recommendations provided are relevant only to the facts and conditions at the time the Services are performed. Given that CTS cannot predict or otherwise determine subsequent developments, CTS will not be liable for any such developments, acts, or conditions that occur including, but not limited to, decay, deterioration, or damage from any cause, insect infestation, acts of god or nature or otherwise. Unless otherwise stated in writing, assessments are performed visually from the ground on the above-ground portions of the tree(s). However, the outward appearance of trees may conceal defects. Therefore, to the extent permitted by law, CTS does not make and expressly disclaims any warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, with respect to completeness or accuracy of the information contained in the reports or findings resulting from the Services beyond that expressly contracted for by CTS in writing, including, but not limited to, performing diagnosis or identifying hazards or conditions not within the scope of the Services or not readily discoverable using the methods applied pursuant to applicable standard industry practices. Further, CTS' liability for any claim, damage or loss caused by or related to the Services shall be limited to the work expressly contracted for.

In performing the Services, CTS may have reviewed publicly available or other third- party records or conducted interviews and has assumed the genuineness of such documents and statements. CTS disclaims any liability for errors, omissions, or inaccuracies resulting from or contained in any information obtained from any third- party or publicly available source.

Except as agreed to between the parties prior to the Services being performed, the reports and recommendations resulting from the Services may not be used by any other party or for any other purpose. The undersigned also agrees, to the extent permitted by law, to protect, indemnify, defend and hold CTS harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, rights and causes of action of every kind and nature, including actions for contribution or indemnity, that may hereafter at any time be asserted against CTS or another party, including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death or property damage arising in any manner from or in any way related to any disclaimers or limitations in this Agreement.

By accepting or using the Services, the customer will be deemed to have agreed to the terms of this Agreement, even if it is not signed.

Acknowledged by:

Name of Customer: Sean Rorison of the BC Housing Management Commission 722 Discovery St, Victoria

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

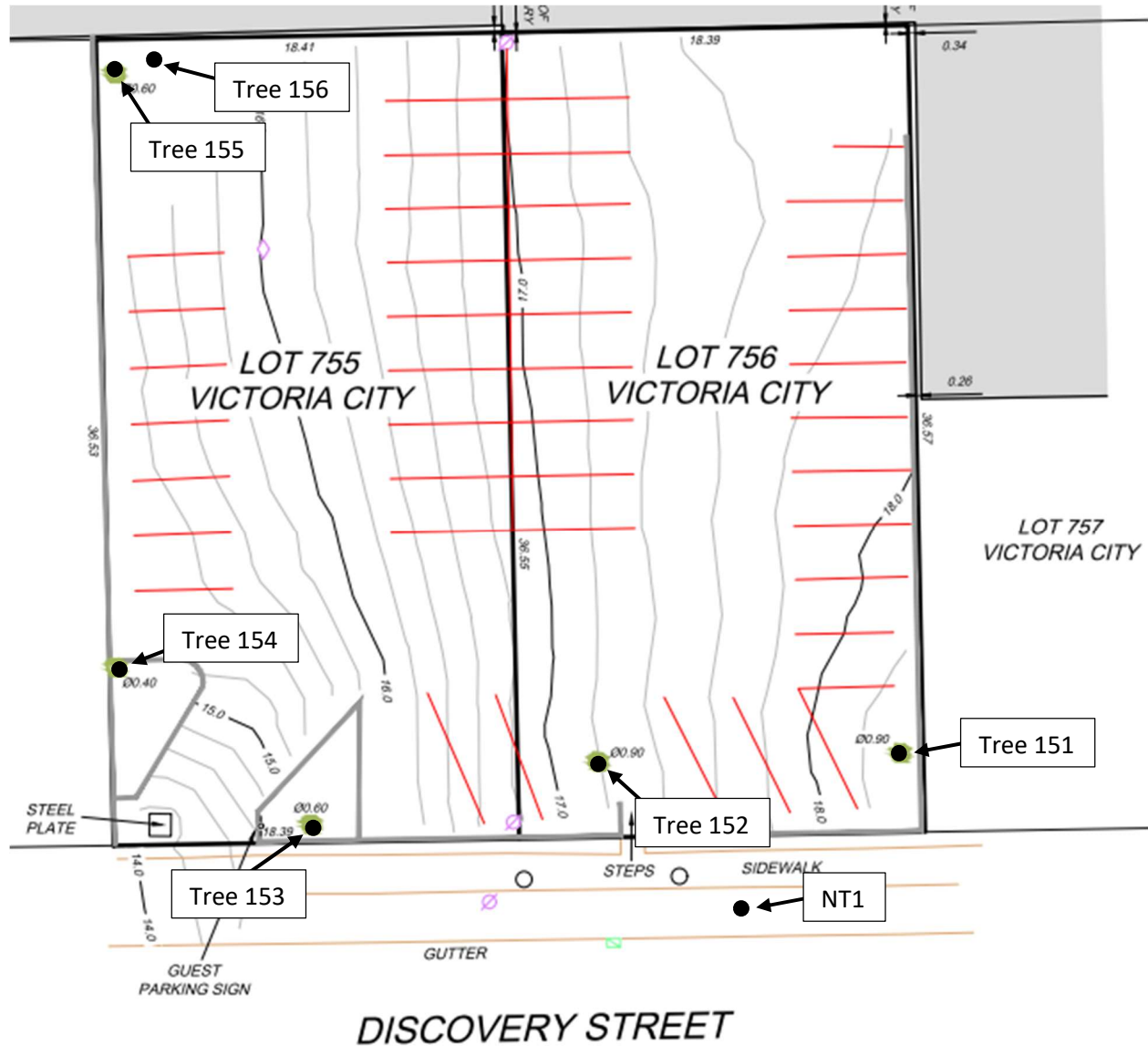
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## Appendix 'A' Tree Inventory

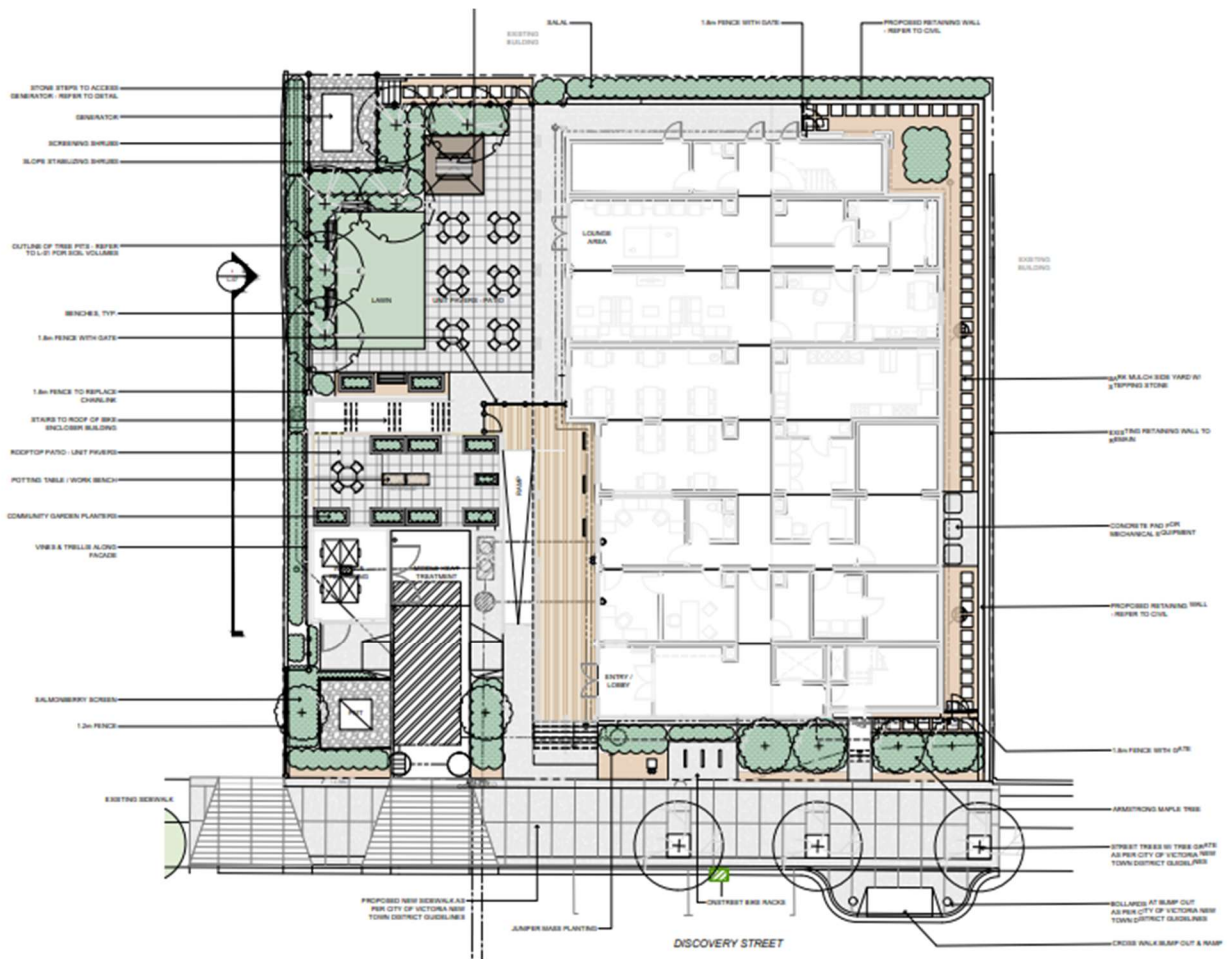
**Table 1. Tree Inventory for 722 and 726 Discovery St, Victoria.** Diameter at breast height (DBH) is measured in centimeters. Protected root zones (PRZ) are calculated using a 0.12 multiplier and represent the protected radius area around the tree in meters.

Capital Tree Service Inc.									
Appendix A - Tree Inventory/Hazard Ratings Summary									
Location: 722 Discovery St, Victoria, BC V8T 1H2									
Date: January 6, 2022					Conditions: Overcast, 2°C, 11km/hr light breeze				
Tag #	Species	DBH (cm)	PRZ (m)	Height (m)	Health/Structure	Canopy Spread (m)	Bylaw Protected	Comments/Recommendations	
151	Garry oak	87	10	16	F-P/F	8	Yes	Deadwood. Pavement over entire rooting area. Rooting area partially restricted by retaining wall. Great CODIT. Some older epicormic shoots.	
152	Garry oak	87	10	19	F/P	7	Yes	Pavement over entire rooting area. Rooting area partially restricted by retaining wall. 2x stem 10m above grade with seam at union. Good CODIT on pruning wounds. Some narrow angles of attachment.	
153	Garry oak	74	9	16	F/P	8	Yes	2x stem 4m above grade. Rooting area restricted by retaining walls and pavement. Epicormic growth.	
154	Shore Pine	49	6	13	F/P	6	Yes	Some narrow angle of attachments. 10cm deadwood. Leaning stem.	
156	Black Cottonwood	67	8	17	G/P	4	Yes	9 time stem at grade (17, 25, 25, 15, 5, 5, 5, 3, 3 cm DBHs). Narrow angle of attachments. Concrete footing for HVAC unit in trunk. Rooting area restricted by retaining wall, parking lot, and building.	
157	Black Cottonwood	62	7	16	G/P	4	Yes	Growing from stump of removed cottonwood. 8x stem just above grade (22, 23, 15, 17, 17, 10, 10, 15cm DBHs).	
NT1	Field Elm	38	5	10	F/P	5	Yes	Boulevard tree. Utility pruned. Limited viable rooting area due to hardscapes.	

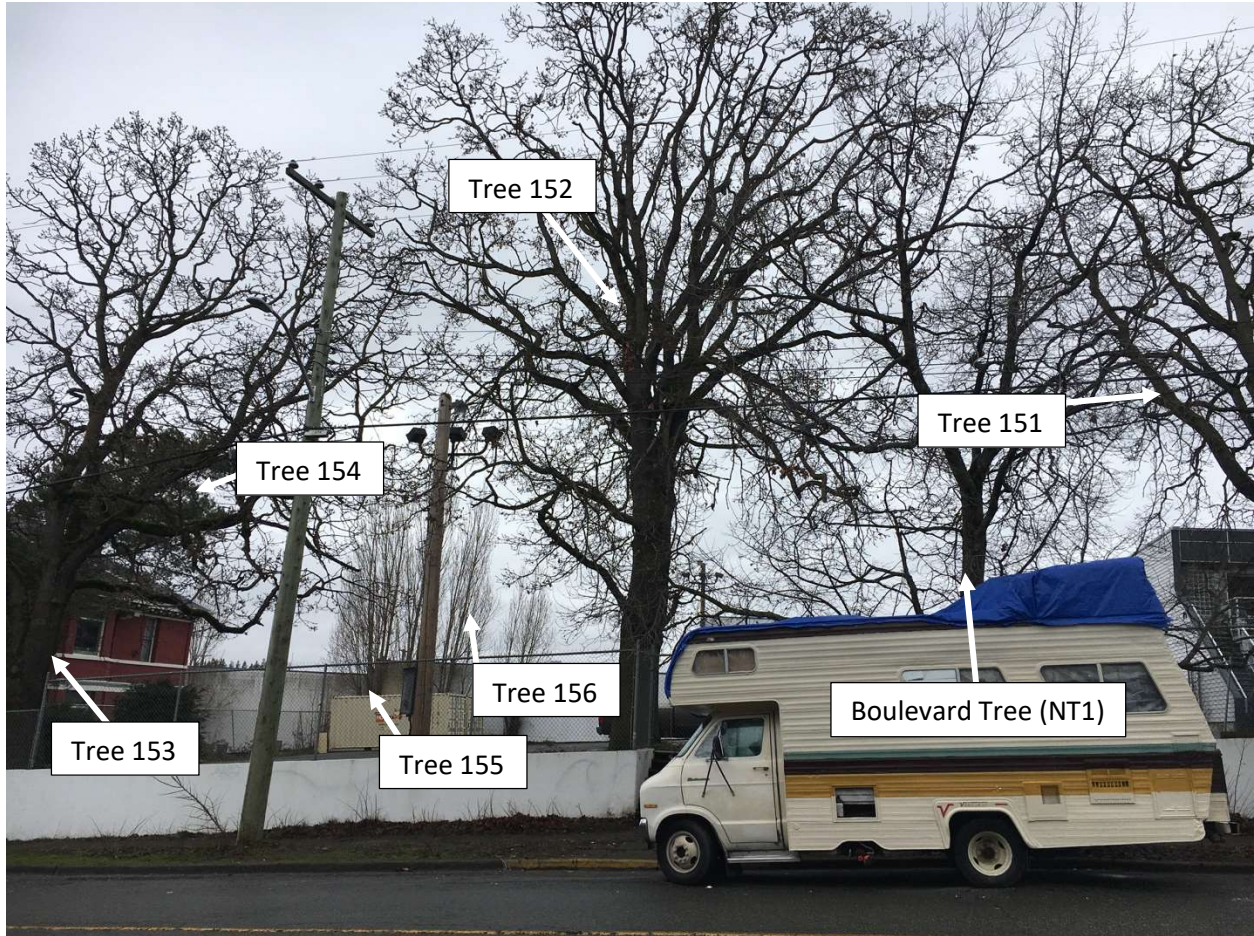
### Appendix 'B' Photos



**Figure 1. Site Plan and Tree Locations.** This site plan depicts the current state of the site and the tree locations. Locations of tree NT1 and 156 have been plotted by CTS for reference and have not been verified by a BC land surveyor.



**Figure 2. Tree Protection Fencing and Proposed Landscape Plan with Replacement Trees.** Red lines indicate tree protection fencing. See landscape plan for soil calculations for replacement trees.



**Figure 2. 722 and 726 Discovery St Frontage.** Trees are labeled. The Boulevard tree is was not included in this assessment. Tree 154 is the pine behind the Gary oak 153.



**Figure 3. Trees 153 and 154.** A long horizontal branch can be seen reaching over the driveway.



**Figure 4. Tree 154.** Tree 154, a Shore Pine. Landscape plants can be seen to the left (south) of the tree.



**Figure 5. Tree 153.** Note retaining walls restricting rooting area and pavement over available rooting area.





**Figure 6. Trees 151 and 152.** Note retaining walls restricting rooting area and pavement over available rooting area.



**Figure 7. Trunk and root crown of Tree 151.** Note rock enveloped by tree. Rooting area is restricted by pavement.



**Figure 8. Black Cottonwoods in the Northwest corner of the parking lot.** Trees 155 and 156 growing at the edge of the parking lot with a couple of smaller opportunistic cottonwoods. Rooting area is restricted by the building, pavement, and a retaining wall.



**Figure 9. Tree 156 Trunk.** Tree 156 is growing from the trunk of a removed tree with multiple codominant stems.



**Figure 10. Trunk of tree 155. Multiple codominant stems with epicormic growth. Cement footing poured in trunk cavity.**



## Advisory Design Panel Report For the Meeting of June 22, 2022

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**To:** Advisory Design Panel **Date:** June 15, 2022  
**From:** Leanne Taylor, Senior Planner  
**Subject:** **Development Permit with Variance Application No. 000207 for 722 and 726 Discovery Street**

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Advisory Design Panel (ADP) is requested to review a Development Permit with Variance Application for 722 and 726 Discovery Street and provide advice to Council. The proposal is for an eight-storey, multi-unit residential building consisting of approximately 90 dwelling units of supportive housing and requires a Rezoning Application.

The subject properties are designated Core Employment in the *Official Community Plan (OCP, 2012)*, which supports residential mixed-use, work/ live, and commercial uses, including office, hotels and other visitor accommodation, located between Douglas Street and Blanshard Street. The OCP supports building heights up to 15 storeys and a base density of 3:1 Floor Space Ratio (FSR) up to a maximum of 5:1 FSR, of which the residential density does not exceed 3:1 FSR.

The *Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood Plan* refers to the *Downtown Core Area Plan (DCAP)* for land use policies related to use, height and density. DCAP identifies the subject properties within the Rock Bay District, which envisions the area as a key employment centre that attracts a range of commercial and light industrial businesses to provide a more diversified and resilient employment base. With respect to residential development, the Plan states that residential and residential mixed-use development are primarily located between Douglas Street and Blanshard Street, and that residential development is located, designed and sited to mitigate any potentially negative effects on the general operation and function of adjacent employment activities. Building heights up to 60m (approximately 20 storeys) and a base density of 3:1 FSR up to a maximum of 5:1 FSR, of which the residential density does not exceed 3:1 FSR is supported in the Plan.

Staff are looking for commentary from the Advisory Design Panel with regard to:

- building fenestration
- blank wall on north elevation
- termination of building
- building setbacks
- any other aspects of the proposal on which the ADP chooses to comment.

The Options section of this report provides guidance on possible recommendations that the Panel may make, or use as a basis to modify, in providing advice on this application.

## BACKGROUND

<b>Applicant:</b>	Mr. Mark Griffiths S2 Architecture
<b>Architect:</b>	Mr. Mark Griffiths, Architect AIBC S2 Architecture
<b>Development Permit Area:</b>	Development Permit Area 7A, Corridors
<b>Heritage Status:</b>	N/A

## Description of Proposal

The proposal is for an eight-storey, multi-unit residential development consisting of 90 dwelling units of supportive housing. The proposed density is 3.56:1 floor space ratio. The variance is related to parking.

The proposal includes the following major design components:

- steel-framed, modular building
- exterior materials on building include vertical metal panel, metal plate panel, metal plate spandrel panel horizontal fibre cement plank, concrete composite metal cladding, heavy timber columns, steel doors, and metal handrail and guardrail systems
- corrugated metal screening for rooftop mechanical equipment
- exterior finishes of bicycle parking enclosure include corrugated metal siding, metal panel fascia and chain-link fencing
- 90 self-contained dwelling units including a kitchenette, bathroom and sleeping area
- commercial kitchen, dining area, and support staff offices on the main floor
- outdoor common area, includes benches, gazebo with picnic table and lawn area
- substantial new landscaping and 11 new trees to be planted on site
- long-term bicycle parking enclosure for 30 bikes
- no residential or visitor parking spaces on site.

The following data table compares the proposal with the existing M-1 Zone, Limited Light Industrial District. An asterisk is used to identify where the proposal is less stringent than the existing Zone. Additionally, the key City policy that pertains to the area has been included in this table.

Zoning Criteria	Proposal	M-1 Zone	OCP Policy	DCAP
Site area (m <sup>2</sup> ) – minimum	1344.83	n/a		
Density (Floor Space Ratio) – maximum	<b>3.56:1*</b>	3	5:1 (max residential density up to 3:1)	5:1 (max residential density up to 3:1)
Total floor area (m <sup>2</sup> ) –	<b>~4730*</b>	n/a		

Zoning Criteria	Proposal	M-1 Zone	OCP Policy	DCAP
maximum				
Height (m) – maximum	~30.02*	15	n/a	60
Storeys – maximum	8	n/a	15	20
Site coverage (%) – maximum	47.50	n/a		
Open site space (%) – minimum	52.50	n/a		
<b>Setbacks (m) – minimum</b>				
Front (Discovery Street)	3.20	n/a		
Rear (North)	3	3 or 0		
Side yard (West)	14.67 (building) 1.29* (bicycle enclosure)	3 or 0		
Side yard (East)	2.5* (building) 1.6* (heat pump)	3 or 0		
Vehicle parking – minimum	0*	18 (residential) 1 (commercial)		
Visitor vehicle parking - minimum	0*	9		
<b>Bicycle parking stalls – minimum</b>				
Long-term	30*	90		
Short-term	3*	9		

### Sustainability Features

The application proposes the following sustainability features:

- meet BC Energy Step Code 3
- consideration of solar voltaic rooftop panels.

### Consistency with Policies and Design Guidelines



## Official Community Plan

The subject properties are designated Core Employment in the (OCP, 2012), which supports residential mixed-use, work/ live, and commercial, including office, hotels and other visitor accommodation, for the areas located between Douglas Street and Blanshard Street. The OCP supports building heights up to 15 storeys and a base density of 3:1 FSR up to a maximum of 5:1 FSR, of which the residential density does not exceed 3:1 FSR. This proposal is further advancing several OCP objectives related to housing, employment, and community well-being by locating non-market rental housing within the Urban Core to enable easy access to services and facilities for daily living.

The OCP identifies the subject properties within Development Permit Area (DPA) 7A: Corridors, which envisions the revitalization of areas of commercial use along corridors through high-quality architecture, landscape and urban design to enhance their visual appearance, strengthen commercial viability and encourage pedestrian use.

## Downtown Core Area Plan

### *Land Use Policies*

The *Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood Plan* refers to the DCAP for land use policies related to use, height and density. DCAP identifies the subject properties within the Rock Bay District, which envisions the area as a key employment centre that attracts a range of commercial and light industrial businesses to provide a more diversified and resilient employment base. With respect to residential development, the Plan states that residential and residential mixed-use development are primarily located between Douglas Street and Blanshard Street, and that residential development is located, designed, and sited to mitigate any potentially negative effects on the general operation and function of adjacent employment activities. Building heights up to 60m (approximately 20 storeys) and a base density of 3:1 FSR up to a maximum of 5:1 FSR, of which the residential density does not exceed 3:1 FSR is supported in the Plan.

Further to the land use policies, the Plan includes policies pertaining to housing affordability and specifically, the importance of supporting the development of non-market housing in the Downtown Core Area as it continues to grow and fostering partnerships with provincial, regional, non-profit and industry partners to deliver affordable housing in the Urban Core.

### *DCAP Design Guidelines*

In March 2022, Council adopted new DCAP design guidelines that will come into effect this June. Staff considered these design guidelines when evaluating this proposal as they will apply while this proposal is still in process.

The new design guidelines recommend a site area of 1600m<sup>2</sup> for interior lots to accommodate a mid to high-rise building (a tall building over 23m in height) in order to meet appropriate tower setbacks, maintain access to sunlight and sky views from public open spaces, and minimize impacts on neighbouring lots. The combined site area is approximately 1344m<sup>2</sup>. For a mid-rise building (a residential building up to 36m in height), the new guidelines recommend a 10m setback from the side and rear property lines. The building is setback approximately 14.67m from the west property line; otherwise, the proposal does not comply with these design guidelines.

The design guidelines recommend that the tower floor plates do not exceed a maximum size of 650m<sup>2</sup>. The tower floor plate size is approximately 559m<sup>2</sup>. Lastly, the design guidelines recommend a maximum floor plate width of 24m and a north to south orientation. The floor plate

width is approximately 19.34m and the building has a north-south orientation.

### Design Guidelines for Development Permit Area 7A: Corridors

- *Advisory Design Guidelines for Buildings, Signs and Awnings (2006)*
- *Guidelines for Fences, Gates and Shutters (2010)*
- *Appendix 3: Sidewalk Width Guidelines and Appendix 4: Building Design Guidelines in the Downtown Core Area Plan.*

## **ISSUES AND ANALYSIS**

The following section(s) identify and provide a brief analysis of the areas where the Panel is requested to provide commentary. The Panel's commentary on any other aspects of the proposal is also welcome.

### Building Fenestration

The *Advisory Design Guidelines for Buildings, Signs and Awnings (2006)* include design guidelines pertaining to the arrangement, proportion and pattern of windows, window rhythm (massing relationship between walls and openings), and the height-to-width relationship. Staff have encouraged the application to consider a more rectilinear-style window, especially along the front elevation, to give the building a more "residential-feel." Staff invite the ADP's further input on the building fenestration.

### Blank Wall on North Elevation

Mitigating the visual impact of blank walls where unavoidable, through screening, landscaping, public art, patios, special materials, or other solutions to make them more visually interesting, is recommended in the DCAP design guidelines. Staff invite the ADP's input on the blank wall on north elevation and request recommendations regarding potential design solutions to mitigate its impact from Blanshard and Douglas Street.

### Termination of Building

The design guidelines recommend a distinctive roof top to terminate towers that distinguish the building from others and contribute to an interesting and varied skyline. The guidelines provide some strategies for achieving this, such as:

- *stepping back the upper floors of buildings*
- *incorporating a significant vertical element or finial*
- *incorporating a decorative roof "top hat"*
- *screening mechanical equipment creatively*
- *incorporating roof top landscaping and green roof features.*

Staff feel that the rooftop could be further refined to improve its visual interest and invite ADP's input on this aspect of the design.

### Building Setbacks

For a mid-rise building (a residential building up to 36m in height), the guidelines recommend a 10m setback from the side and rear property lines. The proposed building is setback approximately 14.67m from the west property line, 2.5m from the east property line and 3m from the rear property line. There may be an opportunity to shift the building slightly to the west to increase the building setback from the east property line to accommodate some screening and soft landscaping. Staff invite ADP's input on the proposed building setbacks in relation to the impacts these smaller setbacks may have on the potential redevelopment of adjacent properties.

## **OPTIONS**

The following are three potential options that the Panel may consider using or modifying in formulating a recommendation to Council:

### **Option One**

That the Advisory Design Panel recommend to Council that Development Permit with Variance Application No. 000207 for 722 and 726 Discovery Street be approved as presented.

### **Option Two**

That the Advisory Design Panel recommend to Council that Development Permit Application No. 000207 for 722 and 726 Discovery Street be approved with the following changes:

- as listed by the ADP.

### **Option Three**

That the Advisory Design Panel recommend to Council that Development Permit Application No. 000207 for 722 and 726 Discovery Street does not sufficiently meet the applicable design guidelines and polices and should be declined (and that the key areas that should be revised include:)

- as listed by the ADP, if there is further advice on how the application could be improved.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Subject Map
- Aerial Map
- Architectural plans date stamped May 4, 2022
- Landscape plans date stamped May 4, 2022
- Civil plans date stamped May 4, 2022
- Applicant's letter dated May 2, 2022
- Arborist report dated September 1, 2021

cc: Mark Griffiths S2 Architecture Applicant & Architect.

## 5.1 Development Permit with Variance Application No. 000207 for 722 and 726 Discovery Street

The City is considering a proposal for an eight-storey, multi-unit residential building consisting of approximately 90 dwelling units of supportive housing and requires a Rezoning Application.

Applicant meeting attendees:

Mark Griffith	S2 Architecture
Chad Zyla	S2 Architecture
Michael Defina	S2 Architecture
Michael Holm	S2 Architecture
Sean Rorison	BC Housing

Leanne Taylor provided the Panel with a brief introduction of the Application and the areas that Council is seeking advice on, including the following:

- building fenestration
- blank wall on north elevation
- termination of building
- building setbacks
- any other aspects of the proposal on which the ADP chooses to comment.

Sean Rorison and Michael Defina provided the Panel with a detailed presentation of the site and context of the proposal and details of the proposed landscape plan.

The Panel asked the following questions of clarification:

- Can you speak to the design rationale, placement of the building on site and why you chose to have the amenity space away from the public?
  - Building position and massing were decided by a few factors. Mainly being that the property is on a steep slope from east to west, as well as the fact we are using a modular construction steel to build. We wanted to make sure we were above grade enough so that we weren't causing any issues when it came to building the structure and any water damage below. There was a requirement from BC housing for a specific number of units. It made the most sense to place the building on the east side because of approachability. We wanted to take into consideration saving the trees and needed items like garbage and recycling close to the street. We looked at entry off the street but because of the slope we would need many stairs, this placement alleviates that.
- Have you considered rotating the building and different placements?
  - There is existing powerlines and we needed to find a way to safely erect a modular building so this needs to run linear to the site.
- Has there been thought to future developments in the area and what the OCP calls for on these lots with blank monotonous walls and how they may be covered?
  - In order to achieve the goals of BC Housing we ended up with a linear building with depth. In response to the depth, we are responding to building code requirements which limit glazing.

- Does this project meet the rapid deployment of affordable housing?
  - No, it does not comply because the current zoning is industrial. In order to comply it needs to be a zone that already permits multiple dwellings, and this zone does not.
- Is the design intended to be driven primarily by the neighbourhood context or by the prefab nature?
  - We understand we are working with a modular manufacturer; we believe it responds to the community and future developments we are seeing to the south.
- Does this have to be a modular building is that a requirement?
  - The majority of our housing with support buildings are done as modular and we intend to do a modular construction on this project and make sure it's a good fit for the building.
- How do the residents use the available outdoor space at the current hotel sites, and have they been asked what they would personally like?
  - There isn't a lot of useable at the City Centre hotel. They is only a large parking lot. There is a pool that should be filled in. We do a lot of gardening I the limited outdoor amenity spaces.
- Did you consider expressing the modular nature of the structure in the façade?
  - We looked at different options on how to articulate the façade but have limitations with building code. We thought the better approach was to wrap the building to break up the wood tones.
- Did you consider changing the massing in the areas where you are using different materials?
  - When we get above the first floor which is community space, the studio units stack regularly from front to back and are identical. We have looked at creating larger units, but this creates issues with residents. BC Housing has minimum requirements for units. The units are currently at their maximum floor space.
- Did you look at layouts that would save any of the Gary Oaks on Discovery Street?
  - Yes, but based on the size and making sure the module sizes and requirements from BC Housing were met we had to keep it as it.
- Do you feel like there could be room for additional planters?
  - We could expand some garden planters if required but the space is tight. We want to keep it comfortable and relaxing.
- Is the generated sunken down?
  - Yes correct, to try and eliminate noise.
- Were there other locations you could have placed the generator?
  - It could have been in the front yard and then it would have been visible to the public and not as quiet.
- In your letter you expressed “a playful approach to glazing and rooflines.” Can you explain why you think the roofline is playful and speak to the windows?
  - The windows are standard product used by BC Housing in their supportive housing projects. We tried to step the rooflines in different areas, each material has its own height. We have also lowered the glazing so the spandrel panel that sits at the top of the glazing up the elevator. We wanted to play with elevations as opposed to trying to decorate the roof considering the height.

- Is there a reason the garbage and recycling weren't encapsulated in some type of enclosure?
  - Typically, we don't cover them with a roof, but we wanted to keep it near the bike enclosure. The entrance for the bike enclosure is higher up from where the garbage enclosure doors open. The three main reasons we were limited were the height, access to the waste and recycling didn't let up landscape and the transformer for BC Hydro needed to be close to the street which is why we were led to this scenario.
- Is there a reason the pedestrian ramp is so far north?
  - The main reason is the alignment to the walkway where the garbage and recycling is. If we are doing loading here or if there's anyone with accessible needs, we needed a space because the slope of the drive aisle from east to West is very steep. So, we needed a curb ramp here, which pushed the ramp further north.
- What level of step code is this targeting?
  - Level 3.
- Is there a reason you are not targeting a higher step code?
  - Purely cost.

Panel members discussed:

- Don't like this proposal as it would never be presented as any type of market housing.
- Will not be in support of this proposal.
- Missed opportunity with this modular building and different options.
- Unimpressed with the exterior.
- Appreciate the work that goes into these housing projects and sympathise with BC Housing.
- No concerns with setbacks.
- Understand why the exterior looks simple.
- Don't agree that modular construction is needed.
- Would appreciate more thought into landscape plans.
- Would like to see further consideration to the circulation of amenity space and landscape.
- In the desire to house the people that need it, do all our standards need to be set aside?
- More thought, love and creativity needs to go into these programs and projects, it isn't a question of money.
- Nonmarket projects should not be able to be picked out within our City.
- Are we just trying to stack people or are we creating home?.
- This is not the only way we can do modular buildings, they need to have a sense of neighbourhood and community.
- Reminiscent of the public housing project in the USA.
- Don't want to stigmatize nonmarket housing.
- Being in these small boxes is better than living on the streets but we can do better.

**Motion:**

It was moved by Peter Johannknecht, seconded by David Berry that the Advisory Design Panel reopen the question period to ask the applicant if they are willing to take the necessary measures suggested by the ADP to improve this project.

**Carried Unanimously**

- Are the applicants willing to make the necessary changes discussed thus far by the ADP?
  - Yes, we want to make this building something everyone is proud of. The one constraint we do have is that we want to deliver 90 units of supportive housing onto this property.

**Motion:**

It was moved by Will King, seconded by Peter Johannknecht that the Advisory Design Panel supports housing of this nature and scale with the number of units in this location and for this purpose recommend to Council that Development Permit Application No. 000207 for 722 and 726 Discovery Street does not sufficiently meet the applicable design guidelines and polices and should be declined (and that the key areas that should be revised include:

- design of building and entry should be welcoming and offer a sense of home
- building should not read as nonmarket housing
- changing window formats and scale to read more residential instead of institutional
- increase bike parking
- consider preserving the Gary Oak trees along Discovery Street
- matching the exterior program to the needs of the future residents
- recycling enclosure concealed and covered
- further consideration of the termination of the building
- explore opportunities to enhance building performance

**Carried Unanimously**

February 11, 2022

Mayor Helps & Council  
#1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor Helps and Council:

### **BGLUC Feedback for Rezoning Application for 722 and 732 Discovery Street**

On February 7, 2022 the Burnside Gorge Land Use Committee (BGLUC) hosted a BGGGA CALUC community meeting where a proposal to rezone 722 and 732 Discovery Street from C-1 limited commercial to a Site Specific Zoning. A portion of this proposal is a joint venture with BC Housing to provide affordable rental accommodation.

Byron Chard of Chard Development, presented. Representatives from BC Housing were also on hand to answer questions.

As there was a total of 29 seconds of presentation in reference to this proposal there were a minimal number of comments.

Comments and questions from the approximately 42 attendees and 1 online response focused on the following:

- Frustration of the attendees with BC Housing ignoring the commitment to a moratorium on additional supportive housing in Burnside Gorge and reaffirmed in the Dec. 1, 2018 community commitment agreement.
- Preference for 2 or 3 bedroom family sized units as opposed to single resident occupancy as currently proposed.

The comments of the BGLUC review are as follows:

- The lack of on site parking for staff, support workers is unacceptable.
- There must be some landscaped exterior gathering amenity space other than a storage area for carts, etc. With +/- 90 residents this will only cause issues with gatherings on adjacent properties.

The BGLUC cannot support this proposal with the current lack of information on the final scope of development. In addition there is a requirement to address the disregard for the moratorium committed to in writing by BC Housing.

Respectfully,



Avery Stetski



Land Use Committee Chair  
Burnside Gorge Community Association

cc: Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department  
Byron Chard – Chard Development  
Sean Rorison – BC Housing

## Survey Responses

# 722-732 Discovery Street

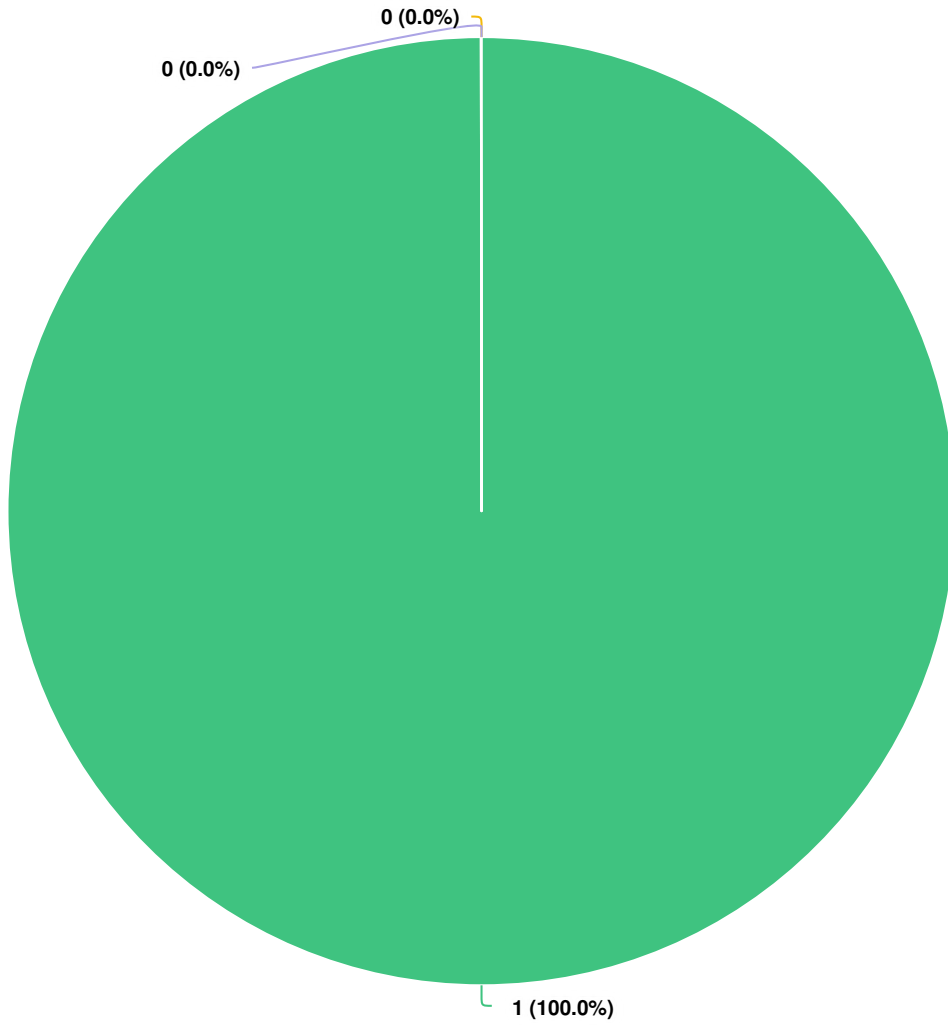
# Have Your Say

Project: 722-732 Discovery Street



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**Q1** What is your position on this proposal?



**Question options**

- Support
- Oppose
- Other (please specify)

*Mandatory Question (1 response(s))*

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**Respondent No:** 1

**Login:** Anonymous

**Responded At:** Feb 02, 2022 22:29:44 pm

**Last Seen:** Feb 02, 2022 22:29:44 pm

Q1. **What is your position on this proposal?** Support

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Q2. **Comments (optional)**

Support more housing for vulnerable and lower socioeconomic population. Units should be a bit bigger in my opinion . They look like dorm rooms not homes; Not suitable for housing vulnerable families

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Q3. **Your Full Name** Tom Lange

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Q4. **Your Street Address** 1930 Jerome road

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Q5. **Your email address (optional)** not answered

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Victoria Mayor and Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Ayla Conklin](#)  
**Subject:** Development at 732 Discovery Street  
**Date:** March 11, 2022 9:55:34 AM

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Thank you for taking my call Ayla.

Hi Mayor and Council,

My name is David. I work at Limbic Media which has an office immediately next door to the proposed 7 story building at 732 Discovery Street.

I am writing to express my steadfast support for this project. I believe it is our duty as Canadians, British Coloumbians, and Victorians, to take care of those less fortunate in our community. I have had some conversations with my co-workers and neighbours about this development and I have heard varied opinions.

I was made very uncomfortable by an opinion raised by one of my neighbours about the proposed height of the building. From what I could tell, they live in a nearby building and were trying to get the height of the building reduced from 7 to 5 stories to preserve the ocean view from their apartment. I want to express my dissatisfaction with this opinion. It appears to me that this person thinks that preserving their ocean view is more important than housing the 28 people who would fit into the top two floors of the proposed building. I find this frankly, disgusting.

I have also heard concerns about homeless people hanging around on the streets and causing discomfort. This is something I do experience. I walk up discovery street several times a day, and it is uncomfortable to experience homeless-looking people hanging out on the street. What I do have to say on the subject though is that my comfort is less important than other people's access to housing. I will gladly walk up a street and feel discomfort if it means that more of our homeless population are given access to a safe and warm place to stay.

I think the version of the building with a community space would be preferable in order to give options to the residents. I hope it would cut down on the number of people hanging out on the sidewalk if there was another option to spend time other than being in your room. I have heard that there is a rule against bringing guests into your room which seems a little heavy handed to me, but I'm an expert in sound reactive lighting, not social services, so I'll stay in my lane.

I want to express my regret that the safe injection site that was meant to be built around the corner from my office was not built. It's too late to do anything about it now, but part of the reason I am writing now is that one of my neighbours came into my office to talk about this new development and expressed triumph at the fact that the community got together to block the safe injection site. It is very hard for me to make time to engage in municipal politics but I cannot sit by while my neighbours who have jobs and homes are roaming around and saying terrible things about the homeless who are sheltering in our neighbourhood. Ya know, maybe if they had a safe place to shoot up, they wouldn't be doing it on the sidewalk! Addiction is not simply a choice, but my neighbours do not seem to understand this.

Lastly, I want to say one thing. That is that I do consider the people who live at the Capital City Center Hotel to be my neighbours. I wish that more people who work at other businesses in Lo-Town agreed with me. They are our neighbours, they are people who have fallen on hard times, and they need our help. I am tired of the sentiment that these people made bad decisions and they are getting what they deserve. That is such a flawed way of thinking. It genuinely makes me angry.

Please let me know if I can help in any other ways or give any more information that could be helpful.

Thanks,  
David Schwab  
Mechanical Designer,  
Manufacturing & QA Technologist  
[Limbic Media](#)

