

Planning and Land Use Committee Report For the Meeting of October 1, 2015

То:	Planning and Land Use Committee	Date:	September 17, 2015
From:	Jonathan Tinney, Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development		
Subject:	Heritage Alteration Permit Applications with Variances Nos. 00205 and 0020 for 226 Dallas Road and 222 Dallas Road		

RECOMMENDATION

That Committee forward this report to Council and that Council consider the following motions:

226 Dallas Road

"That Council advance Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00205 with Variances for 226 Dallas Road, for consideration at a Public Hearing."

Following consideration of Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00205 for 226 Dallas Road:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00205 for 226 Dallas Road, subject to the completion of the following prior to the issuance of a Building Permit and in accordance with:

- 1. Revised Plans date stamped August 18, 2015.
- 2. The provision of:
 - plan, elevation and section details for the front porch
 - a post-relocation condition assessment of the existing wood siding/shingles, woodwork, roof, exterior doors and windows
 - rehabilitation details confirming the scope of work arising from the condition of the historic fabric
 - an exterior door and window rehabilitation schedule.
- 3. Development meeting all *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. Section 1.2.4.a Height relaxed from 7.6m to 8.8m
 - ii. Section 1.2.5.a Front setback relaxed from 7.5m to 6.15m for main building, from 5.0m to 4.83m for stairs

- iii. Section 1.2.5.c Side yard setback (east) relaxed from 3.0m to 1.20m and side yard setback (west) relaxed from 1.5m to 1.04m
- iv. Section 1.2.5.d Combined side yard setbacks relaxed from 4.5m to 2.24m.
- 4. The Heritage Alteration Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.
- 5. Final plans to be generally in accordance with the plans identified above as amended to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development."

222 Dallas Road

"That Council advance Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00206 with Variances for 222 Dallas Road, for consideration at a Public Hearing."

Following consideration of Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00206 for 222 Dallas Road:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00206 for 222 Dallas Road, subject to the completion of the following prior to the issuance of a Building Permit and in accordance with:

- 1. Revised Plans date stamped August 18, 2015.
- 2. The provision of:
 - plan, elevation and section details for the front porch
 - a post-relocation condition assessment of the existing wood siding/shingles, woodwork, roof, exterior doors and windows
 - rehabilitation details confirming the scope of work arising from the condition of the historic fabric
 - an exterior door and window rehabilitation schedule.
- 3. Development meeting all *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. Section 1.2.4.a Height relaxed from 7.6m to 9.9m and number of storeys from 2 to 2.5
 - ii. Section 1.2.5.a Front setback relaxed from 7.5m to 6.45m for main building, from 5.9m to 4.94m for porch, from 5.0m to 3.91m for stairs
 - iii. Section 1.2.5.c Side yard setback (east) relaxed from 1.5m to 1.36m
 - iv. Section 1.2.5.d Combined side yard setbacks relaxed from 4.5m to 2.68m
 - v. Section 1.2.5.e Flanking street (Dock) setback relaxed from 3.5m to 1.32m.
- 4. The Heritage Alteration Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.
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LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

In accordance with Sections 972 and 973 of the *Local Government Act*, Council may issue a Heritage Alteration Permit which may be subject to terms consistent with the purpose of the heritage protection of the property, including: (i) conditions respecting the sequencing and timing of construction, (ii) conditions respecting the character of the alteration or action to be authorized, including landscaping and the siting, form, exterior design and finish of buildings and structures and (iii) security. Council may refuse to issue a Heritage Alteration Permit for an action that, in the opinion of Council, would not be consistent with the purpose of the heritage protection of the property.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present Council with information, analysis and recommendations for two heritage alteration permit applications for the heritage-registered houses (presently located at 524 and 526 Michigan Street) to be relocated to 226 and 222 Dallas Road, respectively. The two houses are being relocated to facilitate the development of Capital Park. The proposal is to rehabilitate the houses after they have been relocated and designated at the receiver sites.

The following points were considered in assessing this application:

- consistency with OCP
- consistency with the James Bay Neighbourhood Plan
- consideration of impacts of variances to the Zoning Regulation Bylaw
- consistency with the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.

Staff recommend that Council advance Heritage Alteration Permit Application Nos. 00205 and 00206 with Variances for 226 Dallas Road and 222 Dallas Road, respectively, for consideration at a Public Hearing.

BACKGROUND

The Province and the City were parties to the *Victoria Accord - Legislative Precinct Master Development Agreement*, made June 6, 1994, respecting the subdivision and development of the lands within the Legislative Precinct. In relation to the five heritage-registered homes currently situated on the South Block, the extent of restoration of the heritage houses and a relocation plan were to be described in future development proposals.

On June 11, 2014, Council authorized the issuance of Heritage Alteration Permits Nos. 00188 and 00189 for 524 and 526 Michigan Street, regarding the relocation of the Prout House and the Beaven/Macabe Residence within James Bay, subject to conditions that included providing the City with a relocation plan and a letter irrevocably agreeing to the designation of the houses. The condition regarding heritage designation was satisfied by the applicant in August 2014.

On September 11, 2014, Council instructed staff to prepare the heritage designation bylaw that would designate the Prout House and Beaven/Macabe Residence upon receipt of owner's consent to the designations. Once the houses have been relocated to their new lots, the heritage designation bylaw that Council gave first and second reading will be advanced to a public hearing pursuant to Section 968 of the *Local Government Act*, and Council may then consider adopting the bylaw.

These applications address the second condition regarding the provision of a relocation plan and as a result, deal with the planning issues associated with relocating the two houses to specific lots within James Bay.

Description of Proposal

These applications propose to remove the existing 1950s house that straddles the two existing lots located at 222 and 226 Dallas Road and to relocate the heritage-registered Prout House and Beaven/Macabe Residence presently located at 524 and 526 Michigan Street, part of the South Block.

The proposal to rehabilitate the houses presently located at 524 and 526 Michigan Street will involve the construction of new concrete footings on the receiver site; construction of new storm windows that are compatible with the character of the place; undertaking of alterations to rear and side window/door openings in order to accommodate the new use; rehabilitation of the existing guardrails; construction of a new steel rear balcony to comply with the Building Code; and undertaking of repairs to the exterior wood siding/shingles.

The scope of the proposed work outlined in Heritage Alteration Permit Nos. 00205 and 00206 is more particularly described in the revised plans prepared by Keay Cecco Architecture Ltd., dated August 18, 2015, and in the applicant's letter, dated August 17, 2015.

Public Realm Improvements

No public realm improvements are proposed in association with these heritage alteration permit applications.

Community Consultation

Consistent with the *Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) Procedures for Processing Rezoning and Variances Applications*, the applications were sent to the James Bay Neighbourhood Association on August 25, 2015. Should staff receive comments from the James Bay CALUC, these will be forwarded to Council for consideration.

ANALYSIS

The following sections provide a summary of the applications' consistency with the relevant City policies and guidelines.

Official Community Plan

The proposed development outlined in the applications is consistent with the OCP because it contributes to the goal of protecting and celebrating Victoria's cultural and natural heritage resources. In addition, a key strategic direction of James Bay would be met by the proposed development where it enables the adaptation and renewal of existing building stock.

James Bay Neighbourhood Plan

The proposed development is consistent with the goals and objectives of the *James Bay Neighbourhood Plan* in relation to Housing, where it encourages the retention of significant buildings in the neighbourhood and in relation to Heritage Preservation, where it encourages the conservation and rehabilitation of buildings, lands and structures of heritage significance, which

contribute to the neighbourhood's attractive character and where the moving of heritage buildings is considered as a last resort to prevent their demolition.

Zoning Regulation Bylaw

The relocation of the heritage-registered Prout House and Beaven/Macabe Residence (presently located at 524 and 526 Michigan Street) triggers siting variances (height, front and side yard setbacks) as a result of the dimensions of the existing houses. The placement of the houses is generally compatible with the Dallas Road lot configuration, which are narrow in width and deep in length. The heights of nearby structures range from one to two storeys along Dallas Road and up to three-and-one-half storeys in relation to the apartment block across Dock Street to the north. Staff consider that the variances of heights and setbacks will have a minor impact on the overall character of the area and therefore recommend that Council consider the variances to the *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* to accommodate the proposed development.

Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada

(As applicable to both buildings)

Exterior Walls

The proposal includes the alteration of openings on the north elevation; alterations to existing openings on the east elevation for code compliance; and the rehabilitation of the exterior wood shingles, siding and windows. The proposed interventions will conserve character-defining elements of the building's exterior and are therefore consistent with the Standards and Guidelines where it recommends modifying exterior walls to accommodate an expanded program, a new use, or applicable codes and regulations, in a manner that respects the building's heritage value.

Doors and Windows

The rehabilitation of existing wood windows and the construction of new storm windows that are compatible with the character of the place will significantly improve the thermal performance of the exterior envelope and is consistent with the Standards and Guidelines where it recommends designing and installing new windows, doors or storefronts required by a new use on non-character-defining elevations in a manner that is compatible with the building's style, era and character.

<u>Roof</u>

Undertaking repairs to the roofs as necessary is consistent with the Standards and Guidelines where it recommends repairing a roof assembly, including its functional and decorative elements, by using a minimal intervention approach.

Codes

Alterations to an existing front porch, east side openings, and the construction of a new upperlevel balcony at the rear in order to comply with the Building Code is consistent with the Standards and Guidelines where it recommends complying with health, safety and security requirements in a manner that conserves the heritage value of the exterior wall assembly and minimizes impact on its character-defining elements.

CONCLUSIONS

These applications to rehabilitate two heritage-registered houses form part of the sequence of applications associated with the Capital Park Development that will enable the relocation, designation and rehabilitation of the properties. The proposal is consistent with the Standards and Guidelines in relation to exterior walls, doors and windows, roof elements and the Building Code. The applicant has made revisions to reduce the potential effects that may result from the increased height and reduced setbacks (including the removal of existing openings to comply with codes) and has responded to community concerns within the constraints of the existing property and the dimensions of the heritage-registered houses. Staff consider that the potential impact of the variances requested have been mitigated and therefore recommend that Council consider supporting the applications subject to the conditions outlined in this report.

ALTERNATE MOTION

That Council decline Heritage Alteration Permit Application Nos. 00205 and 00206 for the properties located at 226 Dallas Road and 222 Dallas Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Murray G. Miller Senior Heritage Planner Community Planning

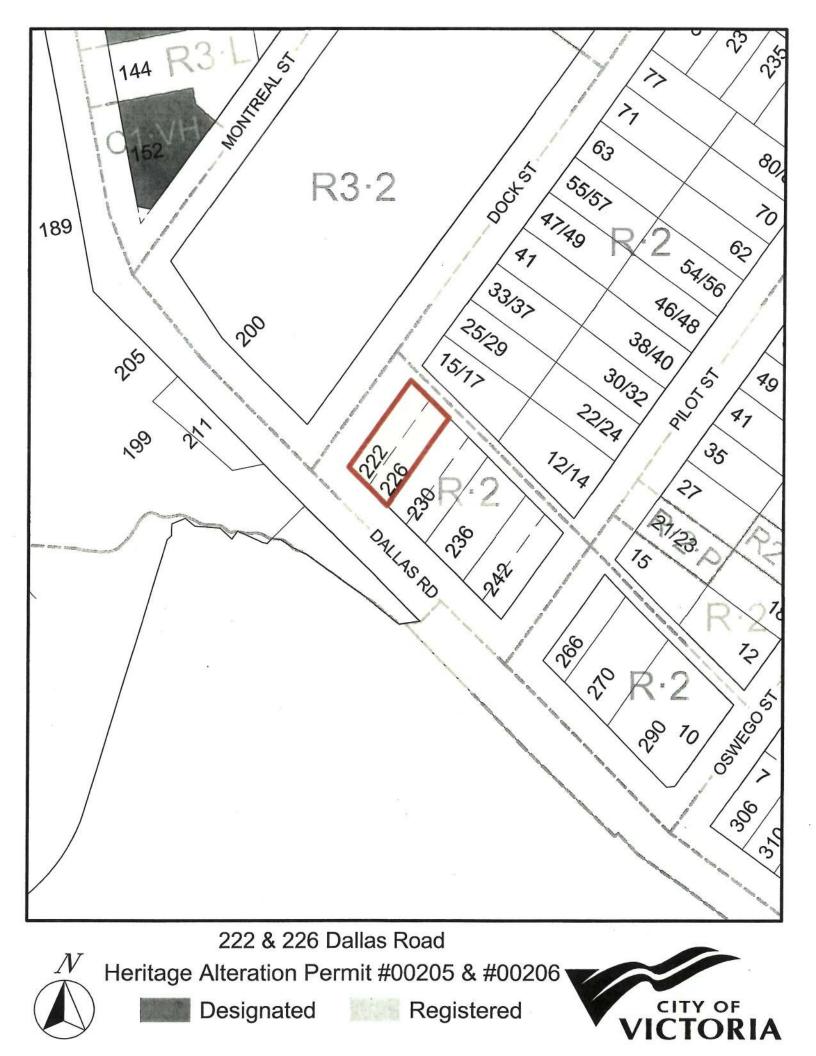
Jonathan Tinney Director Sustainable Planning and Community Development

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Date:

List of Attachments

- Subject map
- Aerial photograph
- Revised plans dated August 18, 2015
- Letters from applicant dated August 20, 2015.





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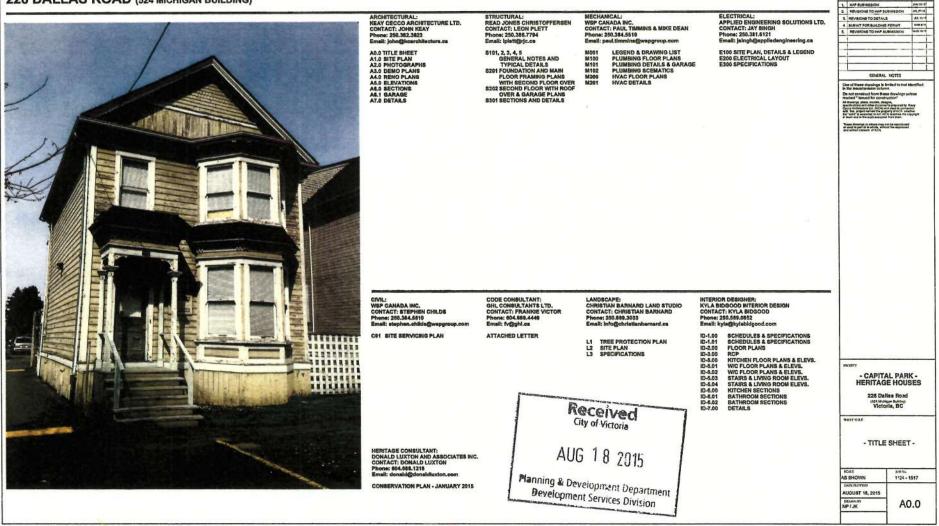




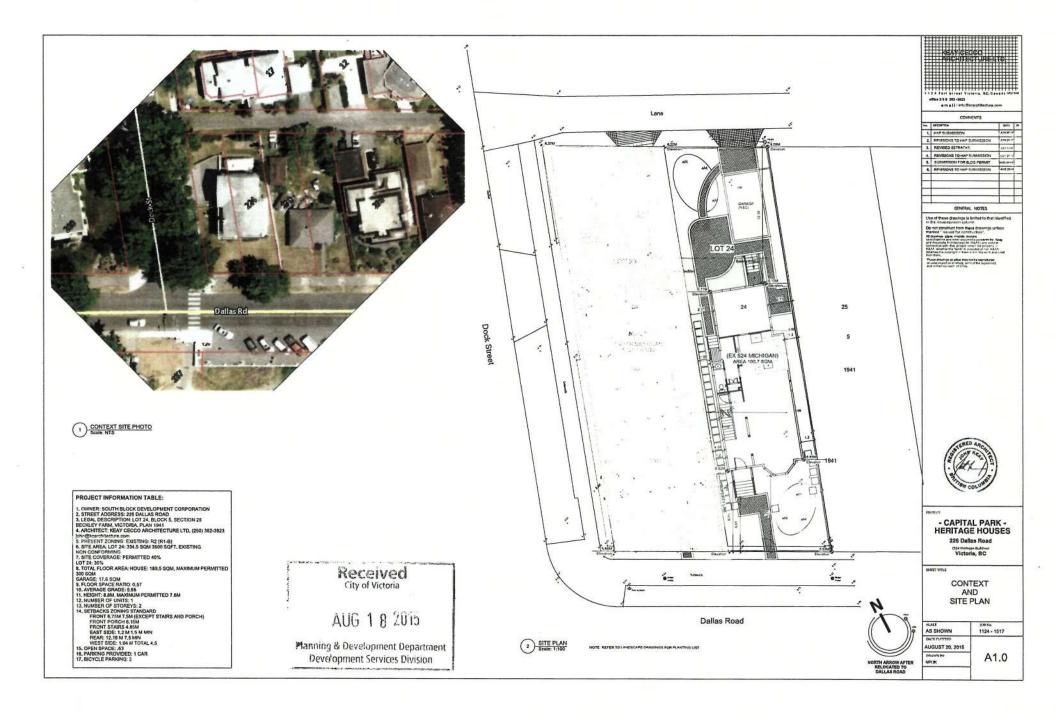
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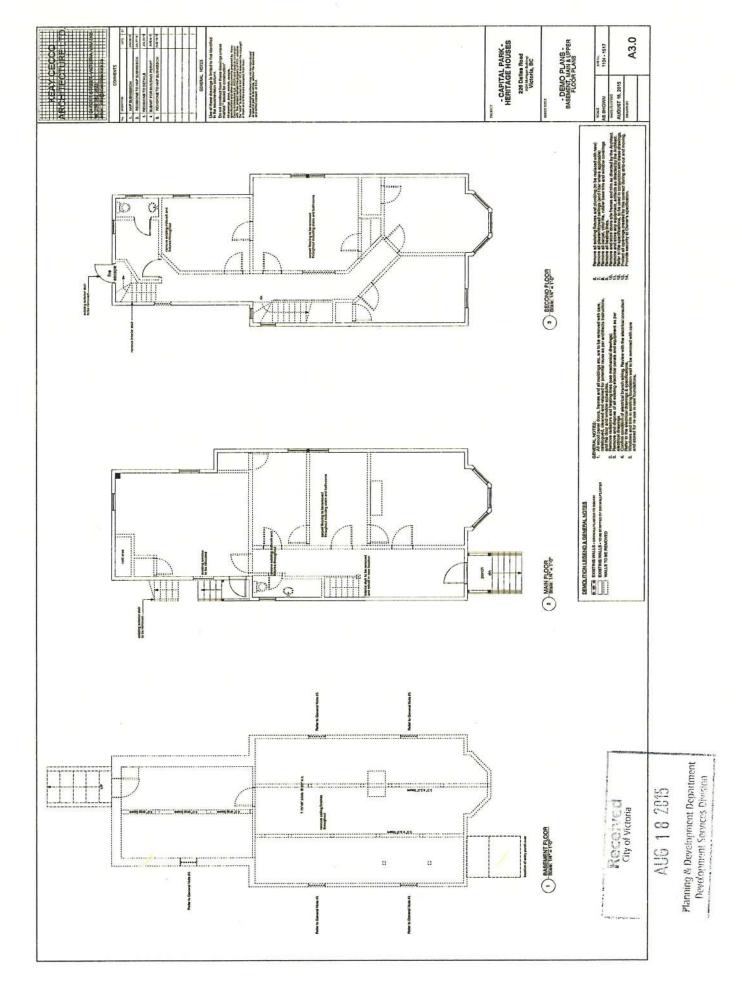
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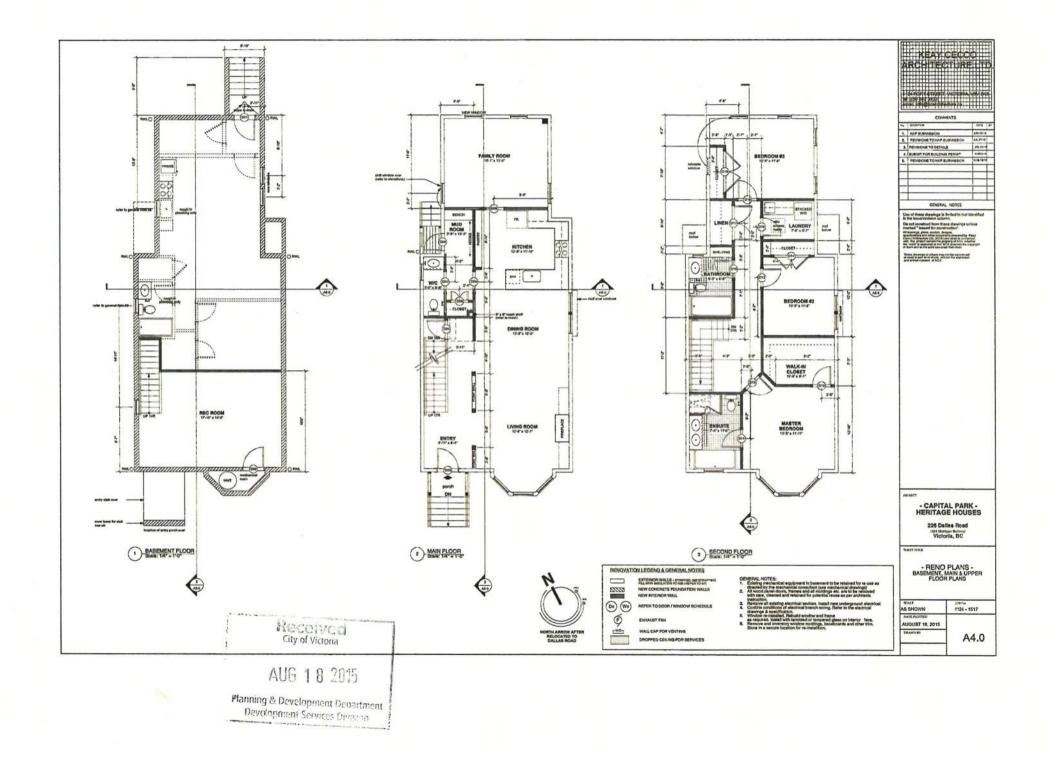
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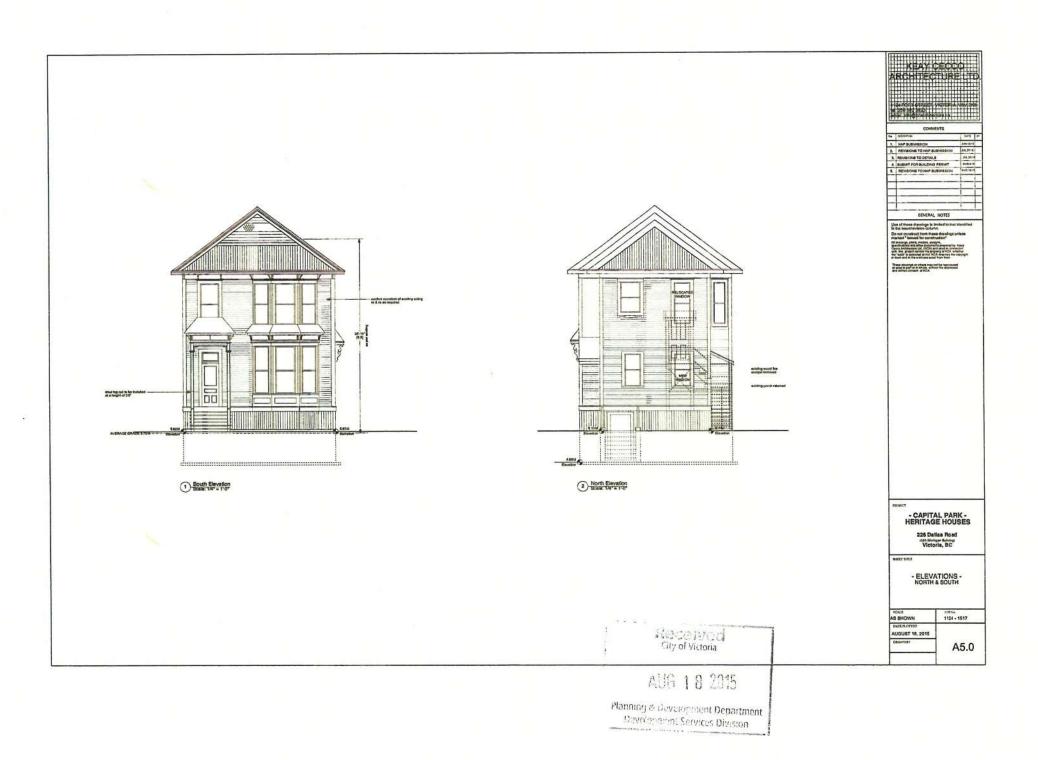


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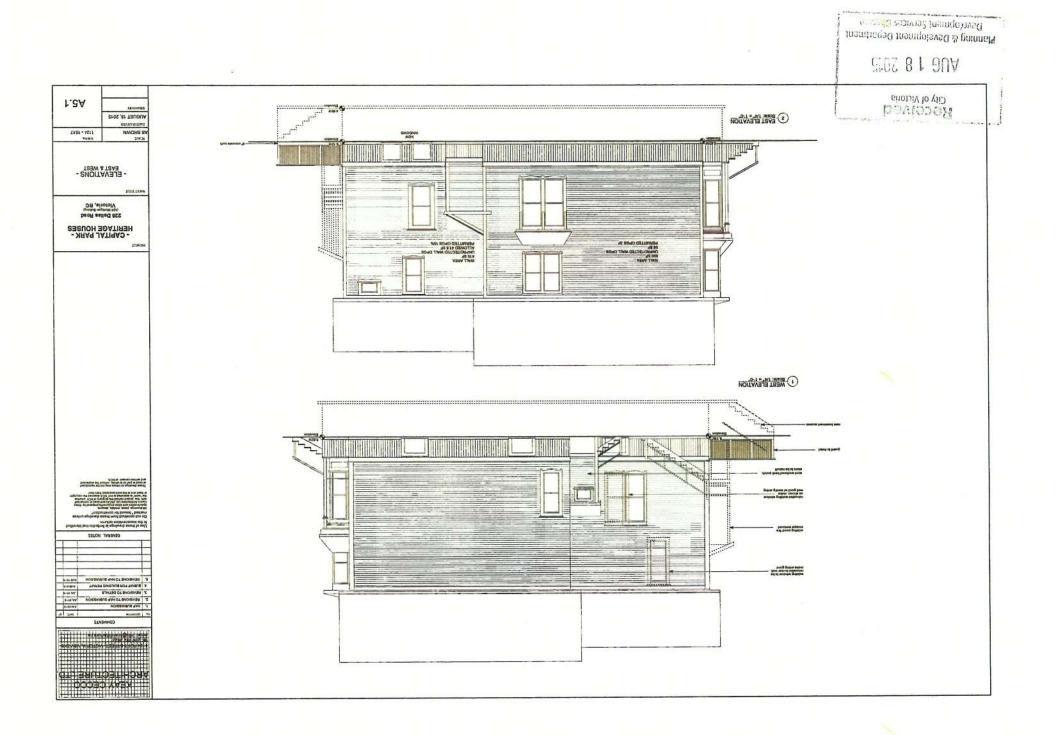
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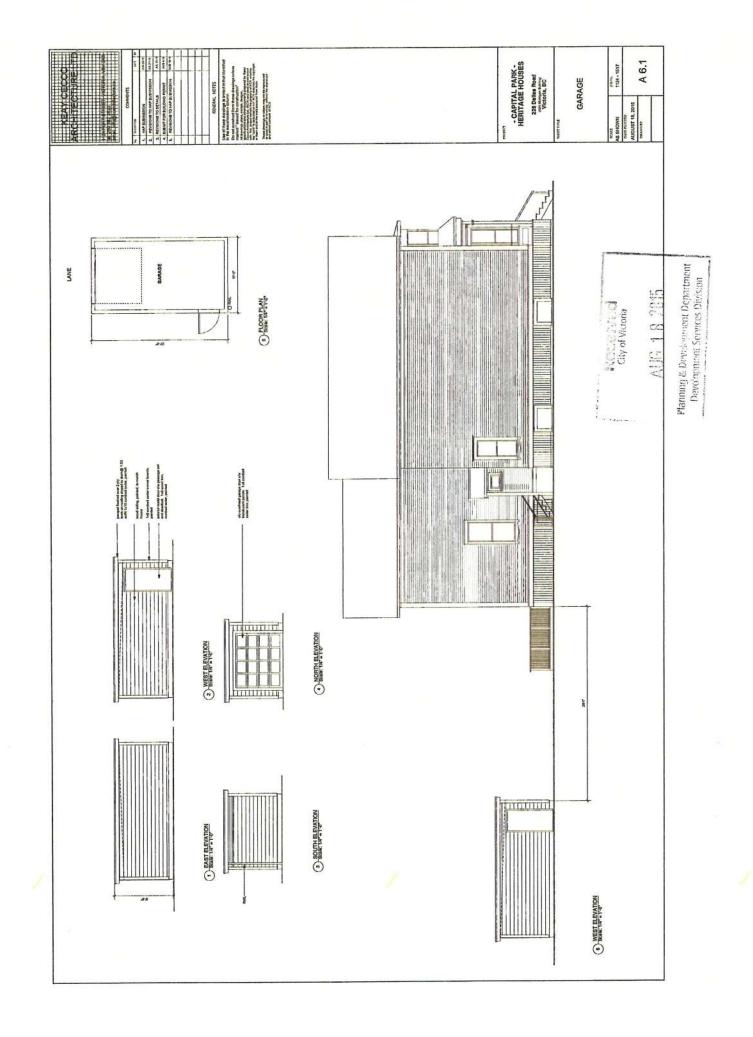


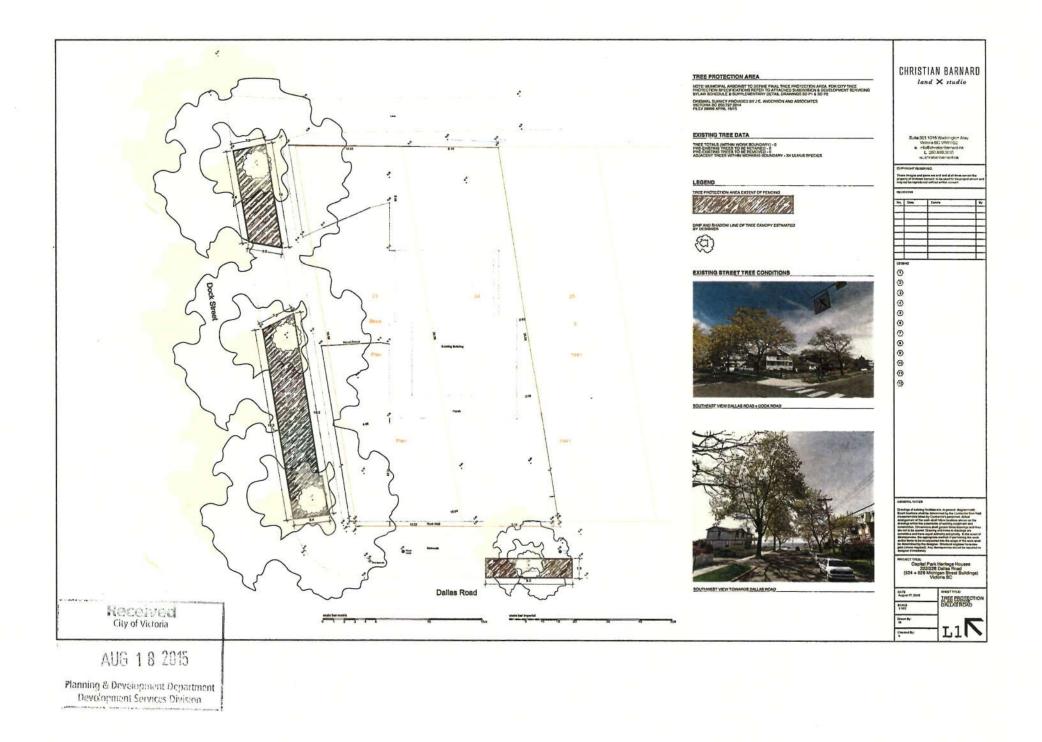
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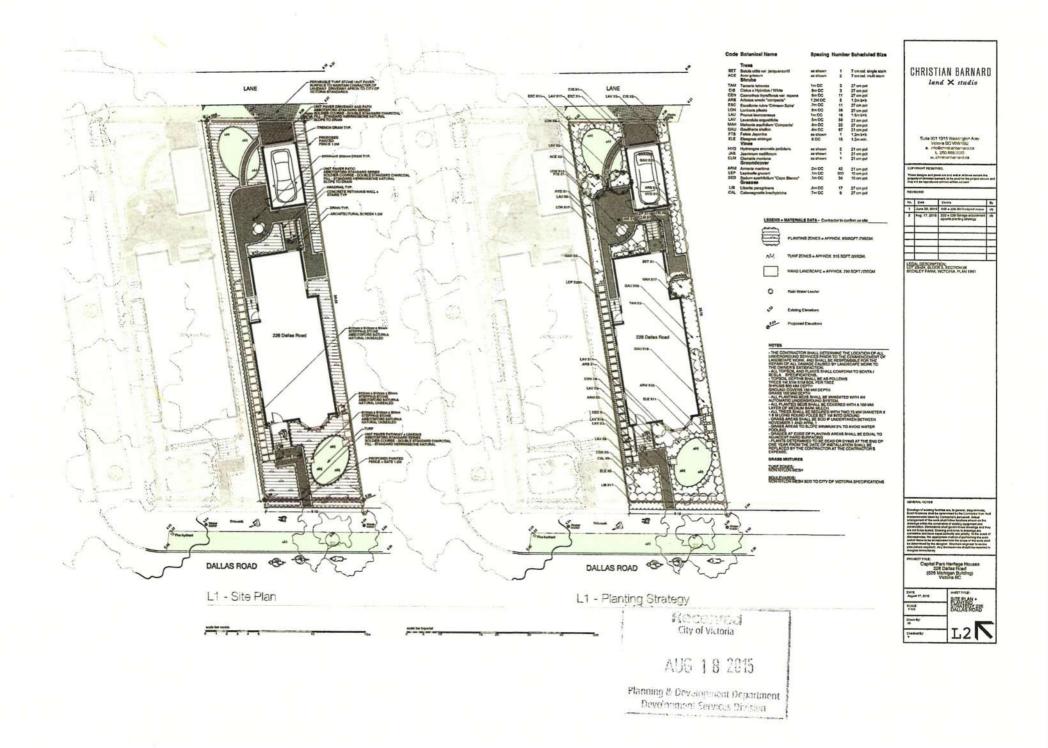


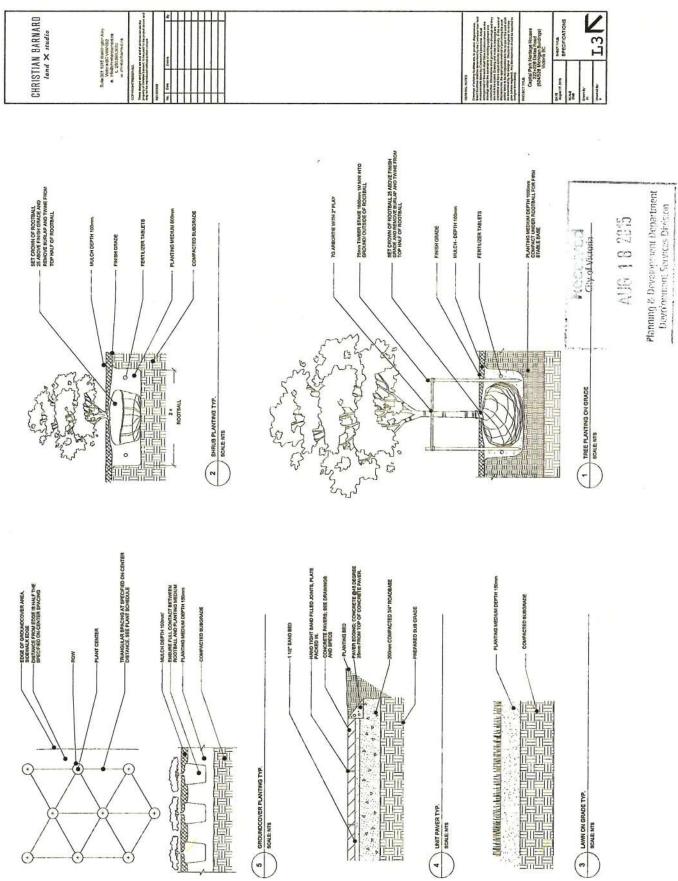


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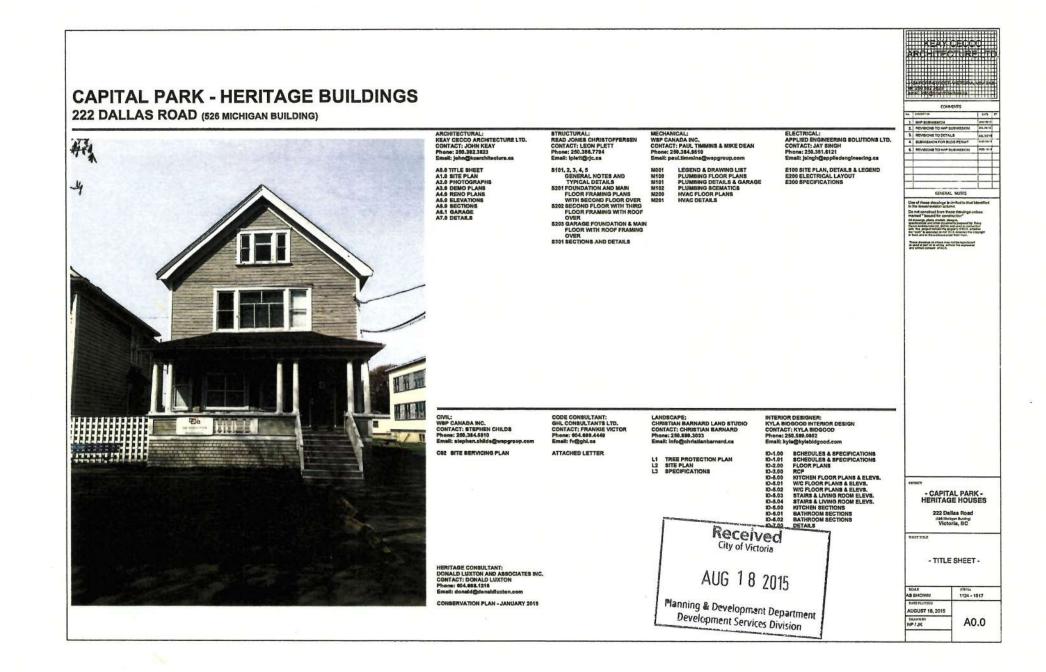
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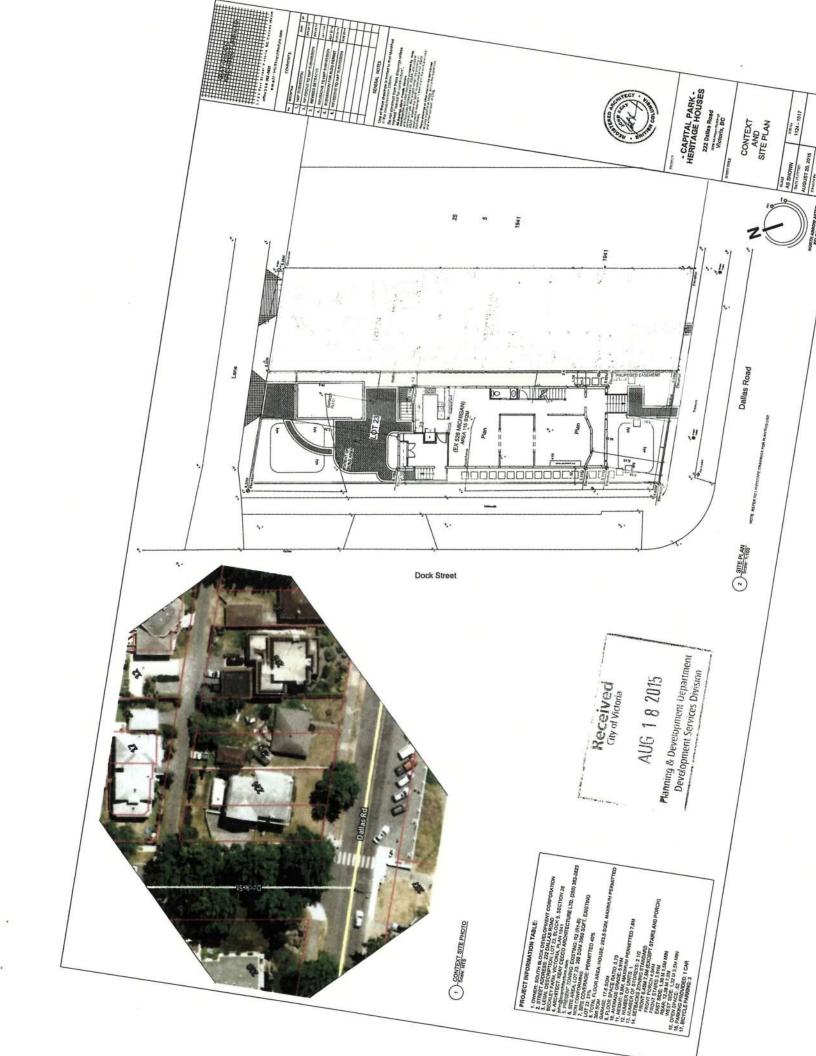


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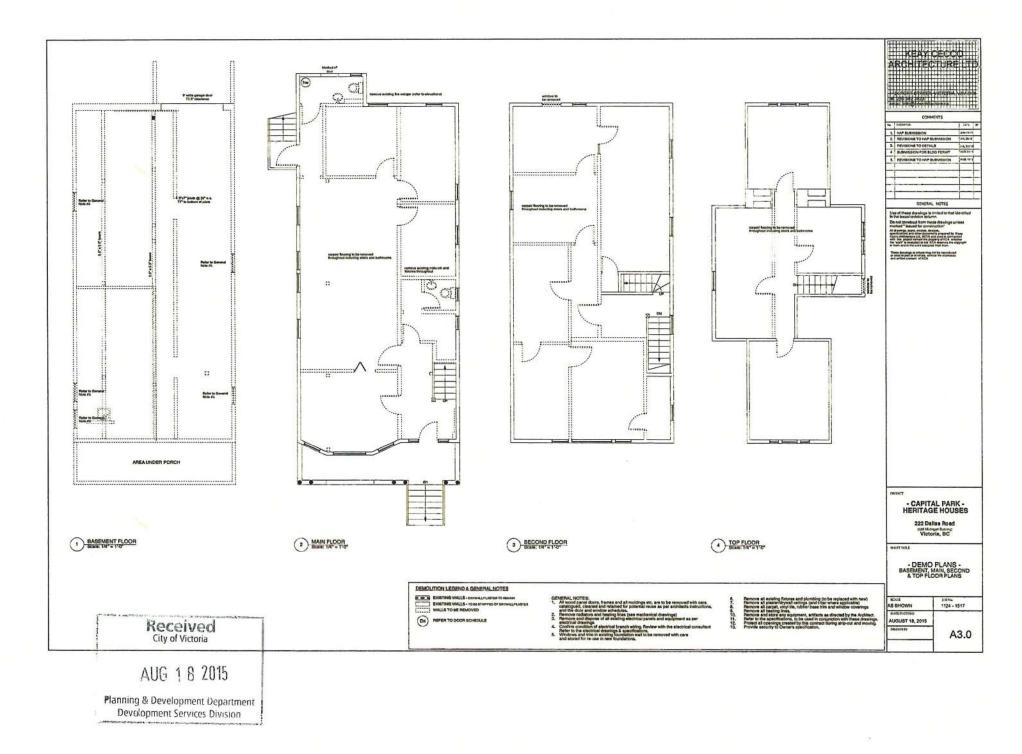


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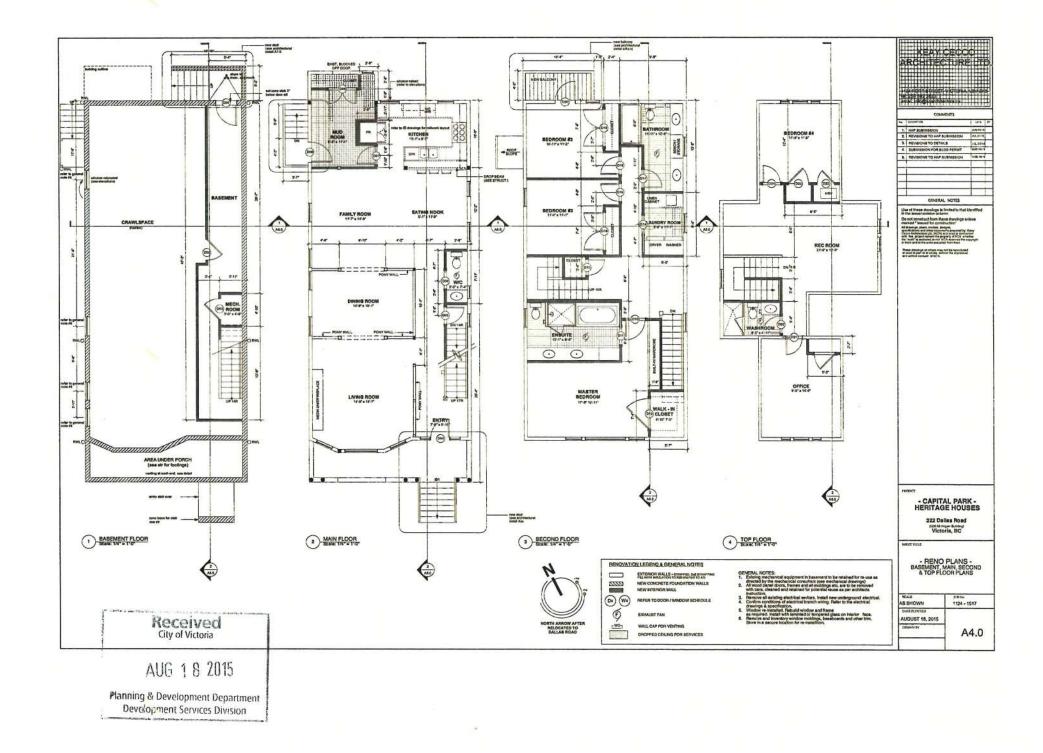


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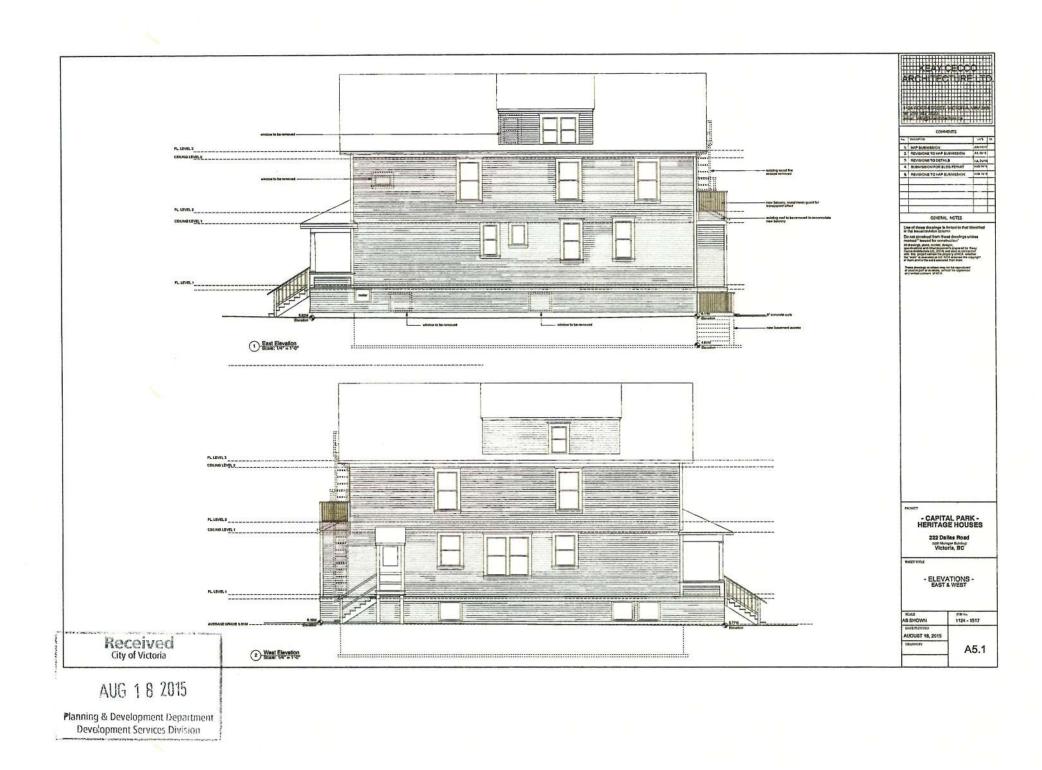
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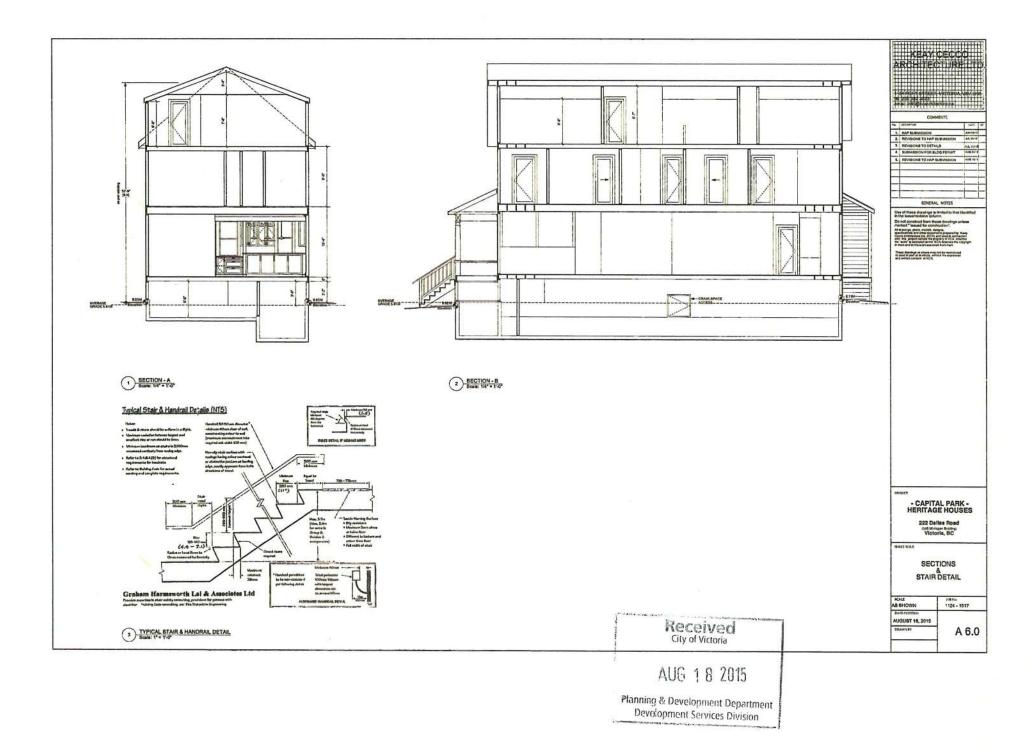
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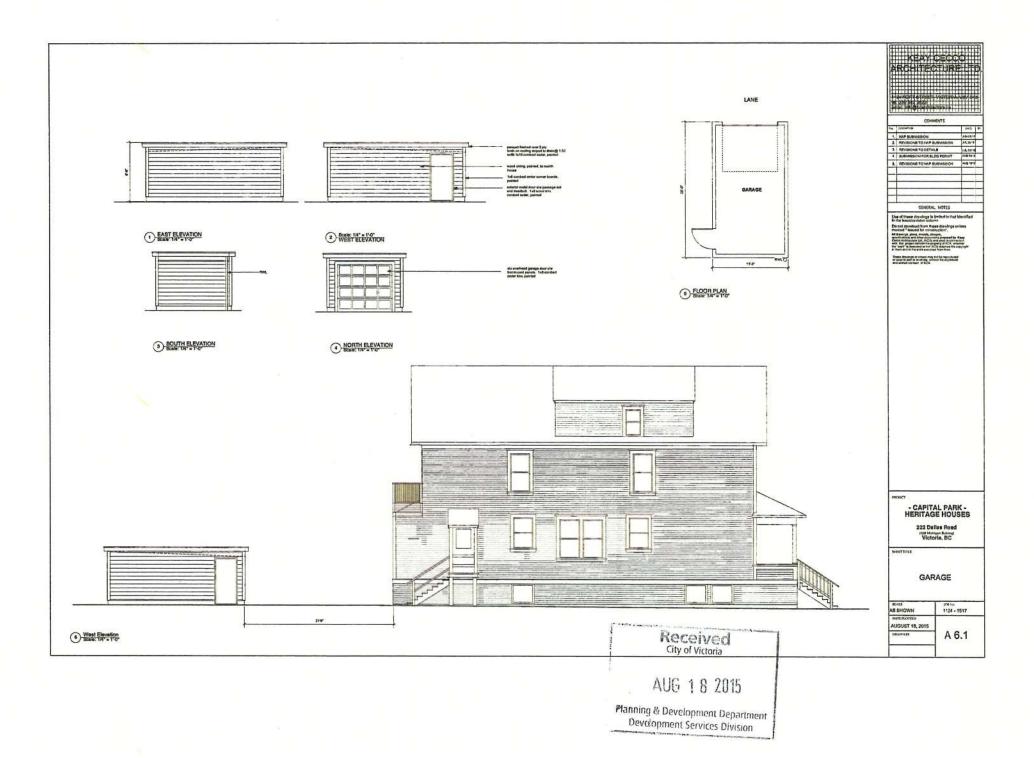




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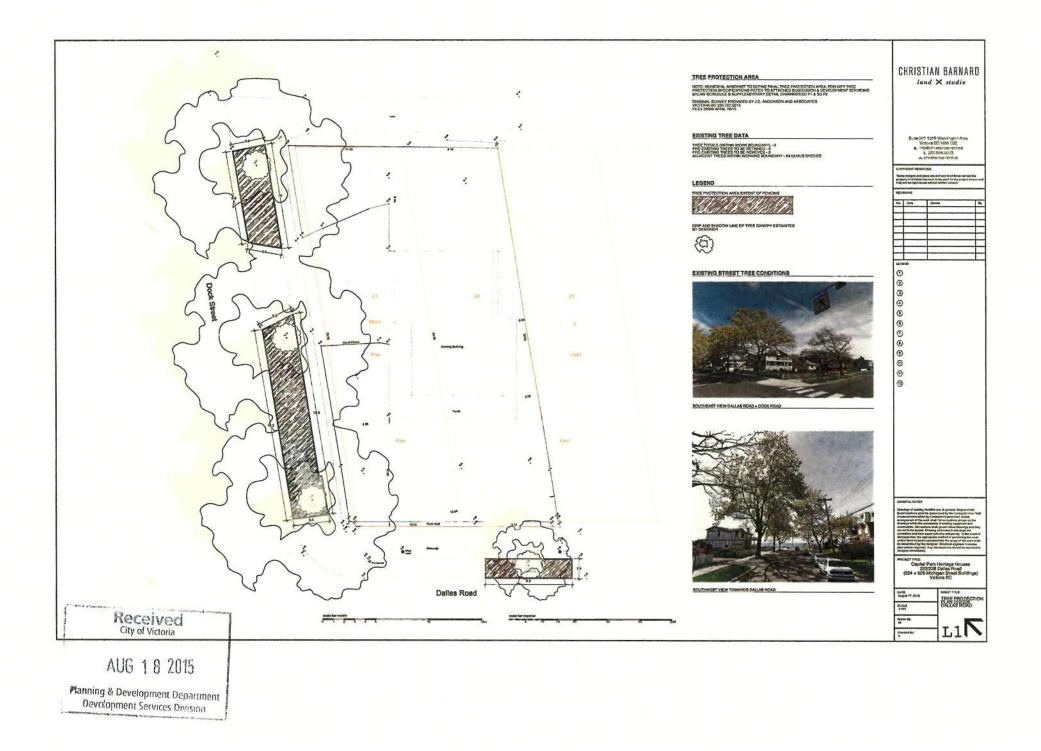
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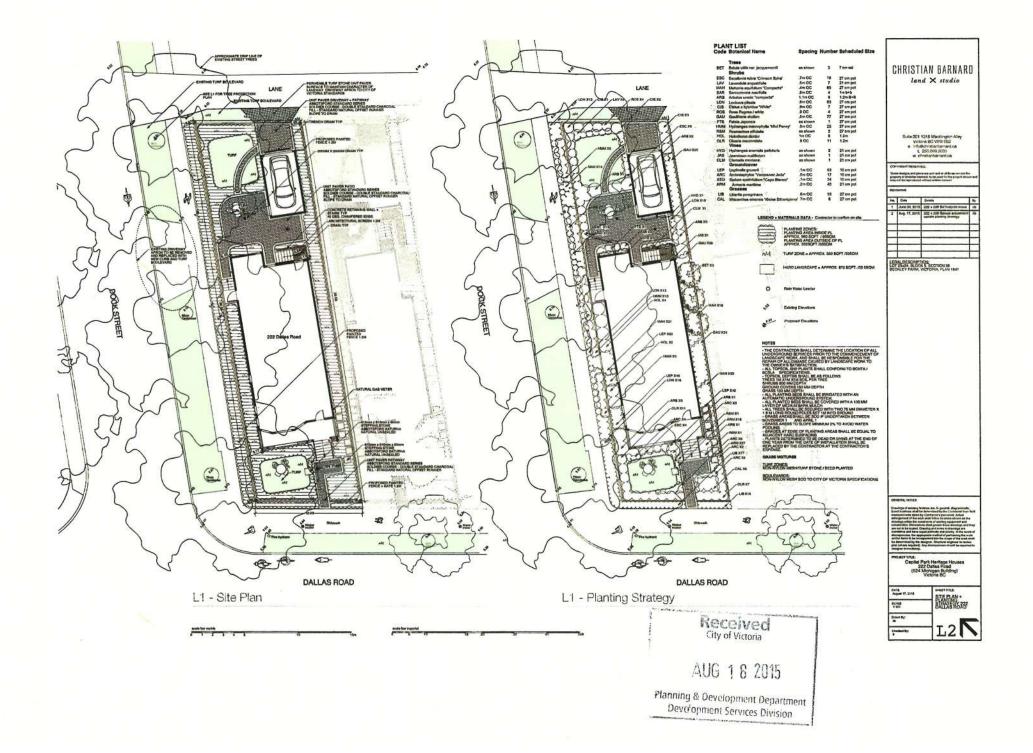
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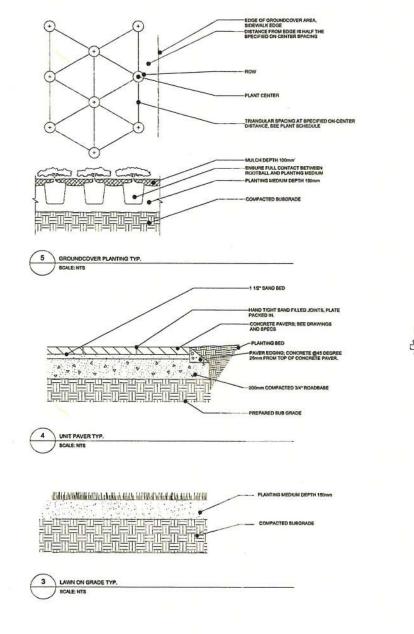
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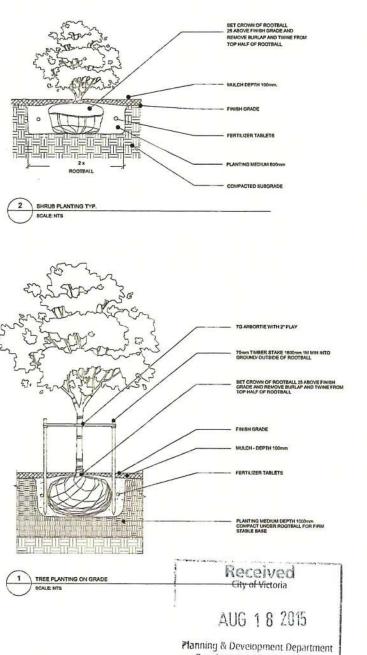
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August 17, 2015

City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Attention: Mayor and Council

Heritage Alteration Permit for 524 Michigan Street being relocated to 226 Dallas Road Re:

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please accept this application for a heritage alteration permit for the heritage registered home currently located at 524 Michigan Street within the lands known as South Block in James Bay. This house, along with 526 Michigan Street is being relocated and rehabilitated as committed to as part of the Capital Park redevelopment. This house was the subject of a previous application HAP 00188 which approved in concept the rehabilitation plan and the relocation of this home to a suitable site within James Bay. This application is consistent with the principles outlined in the previous application.

Since acquiring the Capital Park lands in the spring of 2014, South Block Development Corporation has been actively seeking out a receiver site for 524 and 526 Michigan Street in James Bay. After discussions with several land owners in James Bay and consultation with the Senior Heritage Planner, South Block Development Corporation has entered into an agreement to acquire a site at 224 Dallas Road that we feel would be an excellent receiver site for the two homes.

224 Dallas Road consists of two legal lots, one for each heritage home. No changes to either legal parcel are contemplated. A house originally constructed in the 1950's and added on to in the 1980's and during several other renovations spans both lots. The house is not deemed to be architecturally significant or of high quality. The house would be removed to facilitate the redevelopment of the property with the two heritage houses. The existing house will be offered by Nickel Brothers to anyone wishing to pay for its moving costs in an effort to retain it. Failing this the house would be demolished and materials reused, recycled and disposed of as appropriate.

This application contemplates relocating the house currently located at 524 Michigan Street to what would become 226 Dallas Road. 524 Michigan Street is currently vacant and the interior has been significantly altered and most recently used as a post disaster training facility. The exterior, however, remains relatively unchanged with most decorative elements intact. The house is sound, although it has suffered from deferred maintenance. This application contemplates placing the house on a new foundation with a full height basement, fully rehabilitating the exterior in a historically sensitive manner as outlined in the enclosed Heritage Conservation Plan, upgrading thermal, seismic and structural performance, and completely renovating and rebuilding the interior to finish it as a custom single family home.

To facilitate the relocation and adaptive reuse some alterations will need to be made to the exterior heritage components of the house. The proposed alterations are shown in detail in the enclosed drawings. The intent of the proposed alterations is to minimize change to the home and to accurately replicate design elements where feasible and where information is available. Where changes are required, they have been located toward the rear of the building. The scope of the exterior alterations includes:

- New concrete footings will be constructed at the receiver site that maintain the current relationship of the building to grade. Tongue and groove siding will be installed on the foundation as per the existing detail. There will be a new basement access point and two additional windows added on the east façade.
- 2. It is proposed that two windows will be relocated, two windows on the basement level will be removed, three windows will be added and one new window will be placed in an existing opening. Where new windows are added they will be replicas of the originals. The balance of the windows will be rebuilt with the original materials and storm windows added as appropriate.
- 3. The fire escape on the west side of the house will be removed.
- 4. The siding, trim and exterior finishes will be repaired and replaced with like materials as required and the houses will be painted using a historically appropriate colour palette.
- 5. Guard rails will be added to stairs and porches as required by Code.
- Should the roof require replacement it will be done in line with what is suggested in the heritage conservation plan.

For further reference enclosed is the Heritage Conservation Plan prepared by Donald Luxton for this property which includes historical information on the home and the guidelines to be followed for its rehabilitation. This report was the subject of the previous Heritage Alteration Permit.

The constraints imposed by the existing physical massing of the heritage house and the dimensions of the receiver lot necessitate a number of variances as follows:

- 1. A height variance is requested to accommodate the height of the existing heritage structure and preserve the existing relationship to grade as is consistent with heritage conservation principles. The proposed height is 8.8 meters, compared to an allowable height of 7.6 meters. This height variance would be required to accommodate this heritage house in any residential lot in James Bay. Enclosed please find a Shadow Analysis at the solstices and equinoxes comparing the shadow impact of the existing condition on the site, what would be permitted on the site under the existing zoning and the proposed development.
- The east side yard setback is proposed at 1.2 meters compared to the 1.5 meter minimum contemplated in the zone. This is a larger setback than the current non-conforming 0.92 meter setback on the site.
- 3. The west side yard setback is proposed at 1.04 meters compared to the 1.5 meter minimum contemplated in the zone. The combined side yard setback is 2.24 meters compared to the 4.5 meter requirement. While the gap between the two heritage houses is narrow, this represents a new view corridor from 15/17 Dock Street as the house currently located on the site spans the interior lot line. The most significant impact of this variance is on the adjacent heritage house. This was done intentionally to minimize intrusions into the setbacks on the outer edges of the property which would have a greater impact on the existing neighbours. Please note an easement of 0.16 meters on the east side of 222 Dallas Road is proposed to provide 226 Dallas Road with the required 1.2 meter setback for code.
- 4. The front yard setback is proposed at 6.75 meters for the house, compared to 7.5 meters contemplated in the zone, 6.15 meters from the front porch compared to 5.9 meters contemplated in the zone and 4.83 meters for the front stairs compared to 5 meters contemplated in the zone. This will blend the setbacks between 222 Dallas Road and the neighbor at 230 Dallas Road.

Our application package also includes perspective drawings from Dallas Road, Dock Street and the existing laneway comparing the existing condition, a massing model of what would be permitted under the zoning as well as our proposal to illustrate the impact of the variances we are seeking.

In response to feedback received from neighbours and the community the landscape plan contemplates low height landscaping that will not block views from 15/17 Dock Street, the relocation plan contemplates loading the houses onto the site in a manner that permits the retention of existing boulevard trees, access off of the existing lane was designed with consideration given to providing safe access and visibility and dimensioning parking in a

way that discourages parking in a manner that intrudes on the laneway and discussions have also been had with the City about creating additional residential parking on Dock Street adjacent to 222 Dallas Road.

Please note a heritage designation application for this home has been submitted to the City of Victoria and subject to approval would be issued when the 524 Michigan Street is relocated to 226 Dallas Road.

Enclosed you will find a comprehensive package of materials prepared by the team of professionals we have engaged to oversee the rehabilitation of this special heritage resource. We recognize the value this house has to the community and look forward to seeing it revitalized to a condition that we can all be proud of. If you have any questions regarding this application or would like a tour of the house please feel free to contact the undersigned at (250) 414-4172 or <u>karen.jawl@jawlproperties.com</u> or the architect John Keay at (250) 382-2823 or john@kcarchitecture.ca.

Sincerely,

South Block Development Corporation

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Per: Karen Jawl

South Block Development Corporation

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Attention: Mayor and Council

Re: Heritage Alteration Permit for 526 Michigan Street being relocated to 222 Dallas Road

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This application contemplates relocating the house currently located at 526 Michigan Street to what would become 222 Dallas Road. 526 Michigan Street is currently vacant and the interior has been significantly altered. The exterior, however, remains relatively unchanged with most decorative elements intact. The house is sound, although it has suffered from deferred maintenance. This application contemplates placing the house on a new foundation, fully rehabilitating the exterior in a historically sensitive manner as outlined in the enclosed Heritage Conservation Plan, upgrading thermal, seismic and structural performance, and completely renovating and rebuilding the interior to finish it as a custom single family home.

To facilitate the relocation and adaptive reuse some alterations will need to be made to the exterior heritage components of the house. The proposed alterations are shown in detail in the enclosed drawings. The intent of the proposed alterations is to minimize change to the home and to accurately replicate design elements where feasible and where information is available. Where changes are required, they have been located toward the rear of the building. The scope of the exterior alterations includes:

 New concrete footings will be constructed at the receiver site that maintain the current relationship of the building to grade. Tongue groove siding will be installed on the foundation as per the existing detail. There will be a new basement access point.

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- 2. It is proposed one new window at the rear of the house will be added with the sill to match the window adjacent to accommodate kitchen cabinets, one window will be relocated in the basement, two windows in the basement and one on the top floor will be removed and one window will be replaced with a door to provide exiting as required by code. Where new windows are added they will be replicas of the originals. The balance of the windows will be rebuilt with the original materials and storm windows added as appropriate.
- The existing door at the rear of the house will be removed and replaced with siding consistent with the balance of the house.
- The siding, trim and exterior finishes will be repaired and replaced with like materials as required and the houses will be painted using a historically appropriate colour palette.
- 5. Guard rails will be added to stairs and porches as required by Code.
- Should the roof require replacement it will be done in line with what is suggested in the heritage conservation plan.
- 7. A new balcony will be added on the rear of the house as required by Code and will be designed in a historically sensitive manner.

For further reference enclosed is the Heritage Conservation Plan prepared by Donald Luxton for this property which includes historical information on the home and the guidelines to be followed for its rehabilitation. This report was the subject of the previous Heritage Alteration Permit.

The constraints imposed by the existing physical massing of the heritage house and the dimensions of the receiver lot necessitate a number of variances as follows:

- 1. A height variance is requested to accommodate the height of the existing heritage structure and preserve the existing relationship to grade as is consistent with heritage conservation principles. The proposed height is 9.9 meters, compared to an allowable height of 7.6 meters and 2.5 storeys, compared to the 2 storeys permitted. This height variance would be required to accommodate this heritage house in any residential lot in James Bay. Enclosed please find a Shadow Analysis at the solstices and equinoxes comparing the shadow impact of the existing condition on the site, what would be permitted on the site under the existing zoning, and the proposed development.
- 2. The west side yard setback is proposed at 1.32 meters compared to the 3.5 meter minimum contemplated in the zone. A consequence of this is the impact on the south west view corridor of the neighbor to the North at 15 Dock Street. The South/West view cone from 15 Dock Street is 5% smaller than would be permitted under the zoning. The north/south siting of this house was carefully studied to minimize the impact on this view cone.
- 3. The east side yard setback is proposed at 1.36 meters compared to the 1.5 meter minimum contemplated in the zone. The combined side yard setback is 2.68 meters compared to the 4.5 meter requirement. While the gap between the two heritage houses is narrow, this represents a new view corridor from 15/17 Dock Street as the house currently located on the site spans the interior lot line. The most significant impact of this variance is on the adjacent heritage house. This was done intentionally to minimize intrusions into the setbacks on the outer edges of the property which would have a greater impact on the existing neighbours. Please note an easement of 0.16 meters on the east side of 222 Dallas Road is proposed to provide 226 Dallas Road with the required 1.2 meter setback for code.
- 4. The front yard setback is proposed at 6.45 meters for the house, compared to 7.5 meters contemplated in the zone, 4.94 meters for the porch compared to 5.9 meters contemplated in the zone, and 3.91 meters for the front stairs compared to 5 meters contemplated in the zone. Siting the house further forward on the lot helps mitigate the impact on the view cone to the water from 15 Dock Street.

Our application package also includes perspective drawings from Dallas Road, Dock Street and the existing laneway comparing the existing condition, a massing model of what would be permitted under the zoning as well as our proposal to illustrate the impact of the variances we are seeking.

In response to feedback received from neighbours and the community the landscape plan contemplates low height landscaping that will not block views from 15/17 Dock Street, the relocation plan contemplates loading the houses onto the site in a manner that permits the retention of existing boulevard trees, access off of the existing lane was designed with consideration given to providing safe access and visibility and dimensioning parking in a way that discourages parking in a manner that intrudes on the laneway and discussions have also been had with the City about creating additional residential parking on Dock Street adjacent to 222 Dallas Road.

Please note a heritage designation application for this home has been submitted to the City of Victoria and subject to approval would be issued when the 526 Michigan Street is relocated to 222 Dallas Road.

Enclosed you will find a comprehensive package of materials prepared by the team of professionals we have engaged to oversee the rehabilitation of this special heritage resource. We recognize the value this house has to the community and look forward to seeing it revitalized to a condition that we can all be proud of. If you have any questions regarding this application or would like a tour of the house please feel free to contact the undersigned at (250) 414-4172 or <u>karen.jawl@jawlproperties.com</u> or the architect John Keay at (250) 382-2823 or john@kcarchitecture.ca.

Sincerely,

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