



## Planning and Land Use Committee Report

For the Meeting of April 16, 2015

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**To:** Planning and Land Use Committee                      **Date:** April 2, 2015

**From:** Helen Cain, Senior Planner, Development Services Division

**Subject:** Development Permit Application No. 000408 with Variances for  
1015 Rockland Avenue

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### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that Committee forward this report to Council and that after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment, that Council consider the following motion:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit Application No. 000408 for 1015 Rockland Avenue, subject to:

1. Amendments to the Car Share Agreement between the applicant and Victoria Car Share Co-op to increase the total memberships from 5 to 14.
2. Securing the requisite monetary deposit to the Victoria Car Share Co-op to be held in trust by the applicant's lawyer, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and in accordance with:
2. Plans date stamped March 12, 2015.
3. Development meeting all *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* requirements in the R-73 Zone (Rockland Avenue Multiple Dwelling District), except for the following variances:
  - Part 3.96.5 (b) - Allow the projection of balconies into the rear yard setback, by 1.65m.
  - Part 3.96.6 (a) - Increase in the maximum allowable site coverage from 58.00% to 59.60%
  - Part 3.96.6 (b) - Reduction in the minimum open space required from 14.70% to 13.10%
  - Part 3.96.7 (b) - Reduction in onsite vehicle parking from 0.87 spaces per unit to 0.78 spaces per unit for a multiple dwelling subject to strata title ownership."

### LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

In accordance with section 920(2) 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.

Pursuant to Sections 920 (8), where the purpose of the designation is the establishment of objectives for the form and character of intensive residential development, a Development Permit may include requirements respecting the character of the development including landscaping, and the siting, form, exterior design and finish of buildings and other structures.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present Council with information, analysis and recommendations for a Development Permit Application with Variances for the property located at 1015 Rockland Avenue. The proposal is to permit minor changes to the previously approved site plan and design of a 14-unit, four-storey apartment building. The variances are related to a slight increase in site coverage and corresponding decrease in open space, the projection of balconies into the rear yard setback, and removal of one vehicle parking stall.

The following points were considered in assessing this application:

- During the preparation of working drawings for the Building Permit Application, it became necessary to strengthen the cantilevered building form with thicker support columns at the rear in order to comply with seismic standards for construction. This has resulted in an increase in site coverage, and decrease in open space, that are technical in nature, and the removal of one vehicle parking stall.
- To offset any impact on nearby street parking, the applicant has committed to amend the Car Share Agreement that was a condition for Council's approval of a Rezoning Application for this property in 2014. While the original commitment was five memberships, the current proposal is one membership per unit, or 14 in total.
- The proposed variances are minor. The site plan is essentially the same as the original design, which was consistent with the relevant guidelines. There is no change in rear balconies from the Development Permit Application that was approved in 2014.
- Given the addition of nine more Car Share memberships to offset the loss of one parking stall, and the minor nature of the variances related to the site plan and architecture, staff recommend that Council advance this application to a public meeting.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **Description of Proposal**

The proposal is to permit minor changes to the design of a 14-unit, four-storey apartment building. Specific details include:

- During the preparation of working drawings for the Building Permit Application, it became necessary to strengthen the cantilevered building form with thicker support columns at the rear in order to meet seismic standards for construction. This has resulted in slightly increased site coverage and decreased open space, and the removal of one vehicle parking stall to accommodate the wider columns.
- The balconies were part of the design in the Development Permit Application that was approved in 2014 (PLUC report attached), but a variance is required to address an omission in the Zone.
- To offset any impact on nearby street parking, the applicant has committed to amend the Car Share Agreement that was a condition for Council's approval of a Rezoning Application for this property in 2014. While the original commitment was five memberships, the current proposal is one membership per unit, or 14 in total.



The proposed variances are:

- reduce open space, from 14.70% to 13.10%;
- increase site coverage, from 58.00% to 59.60%;
- permit the projection of balconies into the rear yard setback, by 1.65m;
- reduce onsite vehicle parking requirements from 0.87 to 0.78 spaces per unit, for a multiple dwelling with not more than 14 strata-titled dwelling units.

### Sustainability Features

The Development Permit Application that was approved in 2014 included landscape strips in the rear yard, and the east side yard, to lessen the rainwater runoff from concrete surface parking. These features are remaining part of the current proposal for this development.

### Active Transportation Impacts

The applicant proposed the following features which support active transportation:

- 14 Car Share memberships
- 30 bicycle storage units
- one visitor bicycle rack.

### Existing Site Development and Development Potential

The site is presently in the R-73 Zone (Rockland Avenue Multiple Dwelling District) and is vacant.

### Data Table

The following data table compares the proposal with the R-73 Zone. An asterisk is used to identify where the proposal is less stringent than this zone.

Zoning Criteria	Proposal	Zone Standard R-73
Site area (m <sup>2</sup> ) - minimum	675.00	675.00
Density (Floor Space Ratio) - maximum	0.79:1 FSR	0.79:1 FSR
Total floor area (m <sup>2</sup> ) - maximum	1210.92	1215.00
Lot width (m) - minimum	18.43	n/a
Height (m) - maximum	13.20	13.20
Storeys - maximum	4	4
Site coverage % - maximum	59.60*	58.00
Open site space % - minimum	13.10*	14.70
Setbacks (m) - minimum		
Front (Rockland Avenue)	4.88	4.88
Balcony projection – front	1.64	3.60
Canopy projection - front	4.63	4.88

<b>Zoning Criteria</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Zone Standard R-73</b>
Rear	4.87	4.87
Balcony projection – rear	1.33*	Not permitted
Side (north)	1.20	1.20
Side (south)	3.35	3.35
Parking - minimum	11*	12
Visitor parking (minimum) included in the overall units	1	1
Bicycle stalls – visitor rack (minimum)	6	6
Bicycle storage units (minimum)	30	14

### **Relevant History**

### **Community Consultation**

Consistent with the *Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) Procedures for Processing Rezoning and Variances Applications*, on February 26, 2015, the application was referred for a 30-day comment period to the Fairfield Gonzales CALUC. At the time of writing this report, a letter from the CALUC had not been received.

This 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**

#### **Variances Related to Design**

The proposed variances related to design are minor and technical in nature. The site plan is essentially the same as the original approved plans, which were consistent with the relevant guidelines. There are no substantial changes from the Development Permit Application that was approved in 2014.

#### **Variance for Vehicle Parking**

The proposed amendment to the existing Car Share Agreement to secure one membership per strata unit will help to offset any impacts of the loss of one parking stall on the availability of street parking near the subject property. Given the addition of nine Car Share memberships, and that the original Development Permit Application included double the required amount of bicycle storage units for residents, the reduction in vehicle parking spaces would be mitigated.

### **CONCLUSIONS**


The variances related to design are minor and technical in nature, and do not affect the form, massing or character of the four storey apartment building that Council approved in 2014. Staff recommend that Council advance this Development Permit Application with Variances to a public meeting, subject to securing the amendments to the existing Car Share Agreement to secure a total of 14 memberships, which would help to offset the reduction in parking spaces.




## ALTERNATE MOTION

That Council decline Development Permit Application No. 000408 for the property located at 1015 Rockland Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Helen Cain  
Senior Planner

  
Alison Meyer  
Assistant Director

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:  Jason Johnson

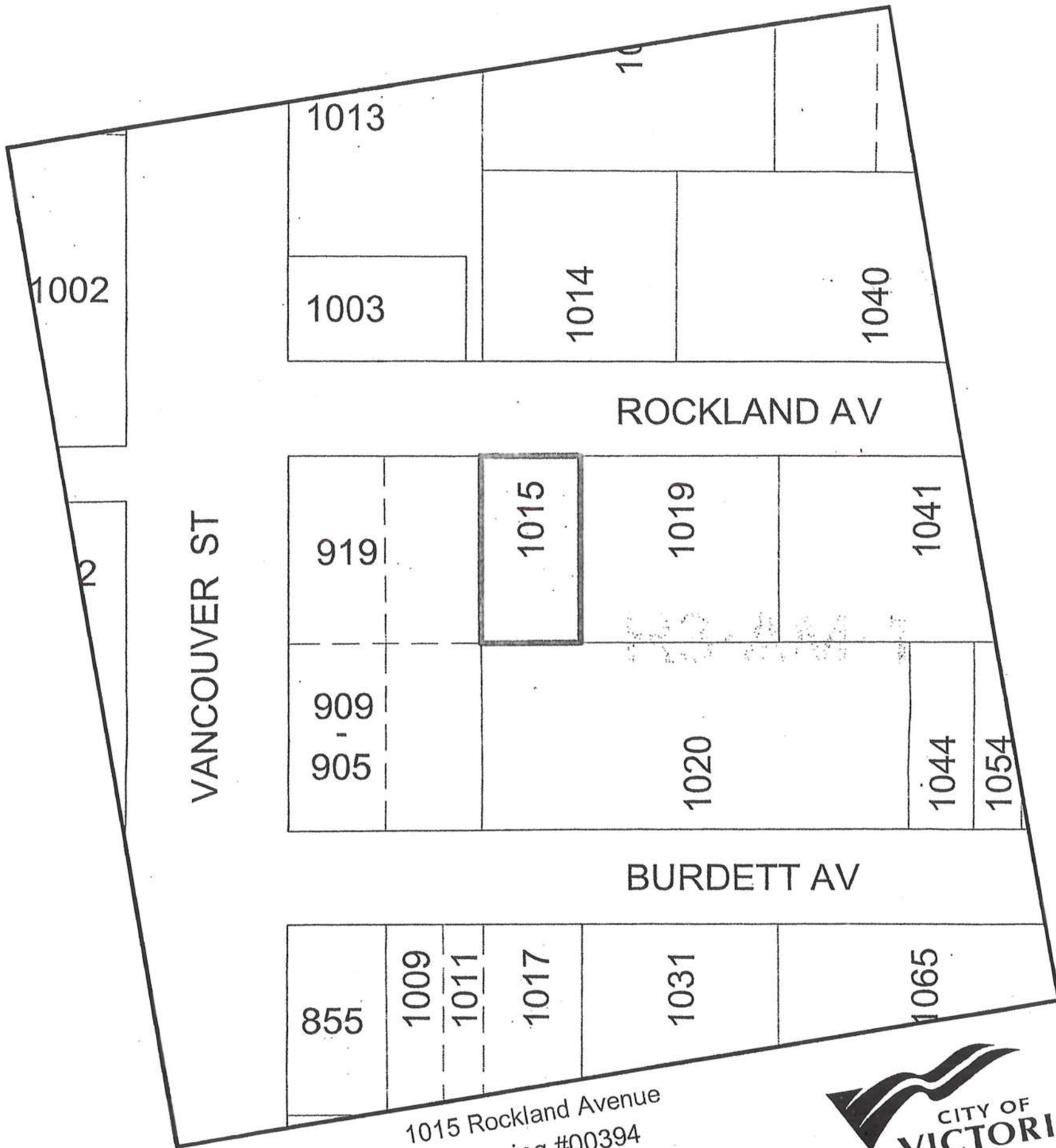
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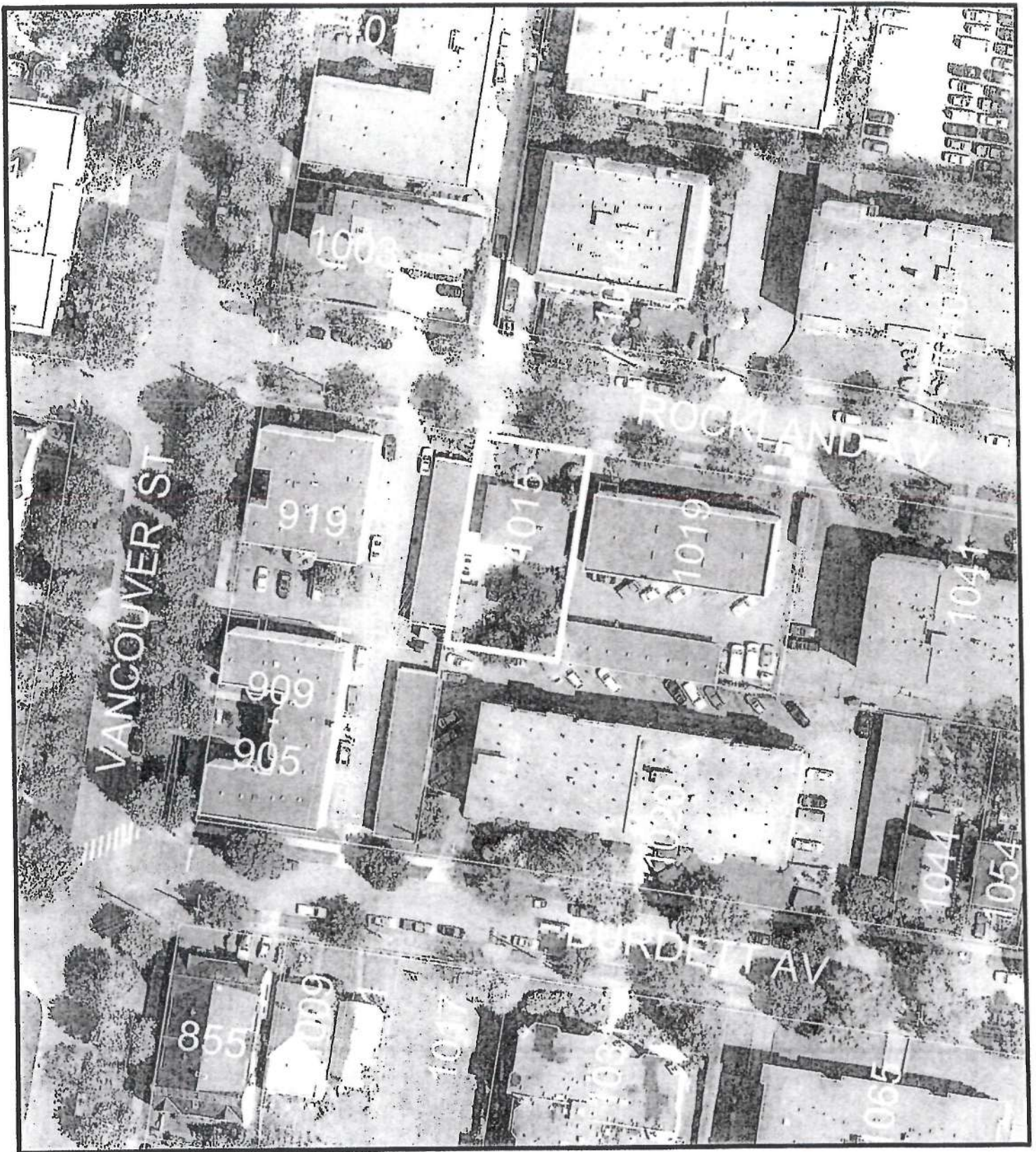
- Zoning map
- Aerial map
- Letter from Abstract Developments Inc. date stamped February 23, 2015
- Plans for Development Permit Application No. 000408, date stamped March 12, 2015
- Planning and Land Use Committee Report on Rezoning Application No.00394 and Development Permit Application No.000300, dated October 2, 2013.



1015 Rockland Avenue  
Rezoning #00394  
Bylaw #







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Rezoning #00394  
Bylaw #





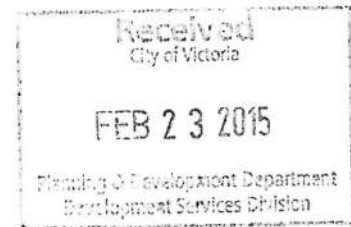


February 13, 2015

City of Victoria  
No. 1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Attn: Mayor and Members of Council

Re: Application for Development Permit with Variances  
1015 Rockland Avenue, Victoria, BC



Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

The property located at 1015 Rockland Avenue in the Fairfield Neighbourhood received Rezoning and Development Permit approvals on February 27, 2014 for a four storey, 14 unit residential strata-titled development with partially covered surface parking. The schematic design for rezoning and development permit application was completed by MJM Architect Inc., and we are now working through the construction drawings for the project with architecture firm KPL James. While completing these drawings a few items have arisen resulting in this application for Development Permit with Variances:

1. Number of parking stalls;
2. Site Coverage and Open Site Space; and,
3. Balcony projection into the rear yard setback.

#### **1. Number of Parking Stalls**

We are requesting a 1 parking stall variance based on what was approved through the original Development Permit. Currently, 12 parking stalls are required and we are requesting a variance to 11 parking stalls. Once we started on the construction drawings for the project and engaged a structural consultant, it was determined that the previously proposed 8" steel columns were insufficient to support the building's rear overhang and that two additional columns would be required in order to support the above load. We were able to maintain 5 parking stalls on the north side of the parking area through completely redesigning the building's core into a scissor stair to avoid and exit stair taking up width along the west side of the building. Where we did not have sufficient width was for the parking stalls along the west property line where there were previously 7 parking stalls. Each structural column has had to increase in width by 45mm (250mm concrete column versus a 205mm steel column) and an additional concrete column was also required. Coupled with the increased parking stall widths required, only 6 parking stalls could fit along the west end of the property.

In order to offset the request for a one parking stall variance we will be purchasing a Victoria Car Share Co-Op membership for each dwelling unit within the building. Through the original Development Permit and the Traffic Demand Management measures already implemented, this means an additional 9 car share memberships will be purchased for the building.

#### **2. Site Coverage & Open Site Space**

The site coverage and open site space were miscalculated when the plan check was being completed on the original Rezoning and Development Permit Application. The awning leading up to the main entrance from the sidewalk, which was shown and approved through the Development Permit application, was not included in the calculation. As a result, we are requested a minor variance to both the site coverage and open site space:



- Site coverage variance of 1.6%
- Open site space variance of 1.7%

### **3. Balcony Projection in the Rear Yard Setback**

The balconies on the south elevation of the building have always been shown to project into the rear yard setback; however, a typographical error occurred when the bylaw was written. This is a mistake on the part of the planning department, but requires a variance nonetheless.

If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sam Ganong  
Development Manager

# 1015 ROCKLAND AVENUE Victoria, BC



## REZONING AND DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Original Submission: 02/01/2013  
 Revised Submission: 05/15/2013  
 Revised Submission: 10/28/2013  
 Revised Submission: 01/22/2015  
 Revised Submission: 02/13/2015  
 Revised Submission: 03/12/2015

## DRAWING LIST

- A-1 Cover Sheet
- A-2 Site Plan and Project Data
- A-3 Basement Floor Plan
- A-4 Main Level Plan
- A-5 Second Level Plan
- A-6 Third Level Plan
- A-7 Fourth Level Plan
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- A-9 Building Section 1
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- A-11 Exterior Elevations
- A-12 Streetscape & Proposed Trellis Details
- A-13 Street View From North West
- L1.1 Landscape Plan
- L2.1 Landscape Details

## APPLICANT

Abacus Development Inc.  
 1576 Oak Bay Avenue  
 Victoria, BC V8R 1E2  
 P: 250.883.5579

## ARCHITECT

KPL Limited Partnership  
 519 Pandora Avenue  
 Victoria, BC V8W 1N5  
 P: 250.388.4261

## LANDSCAPE

Murdoch de Greeff Inc.  
 200-524 Chatham Road  
 Victoria, BC V8Z 1G1  
 P: 250.412.2891

KPLJ landscape  
 1015 Rockland Avenue

519 PANDORA AVENUE VICTORIA, B.C.  
 BC: V8W 1N5

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1015 ROCKLAND AVENUE

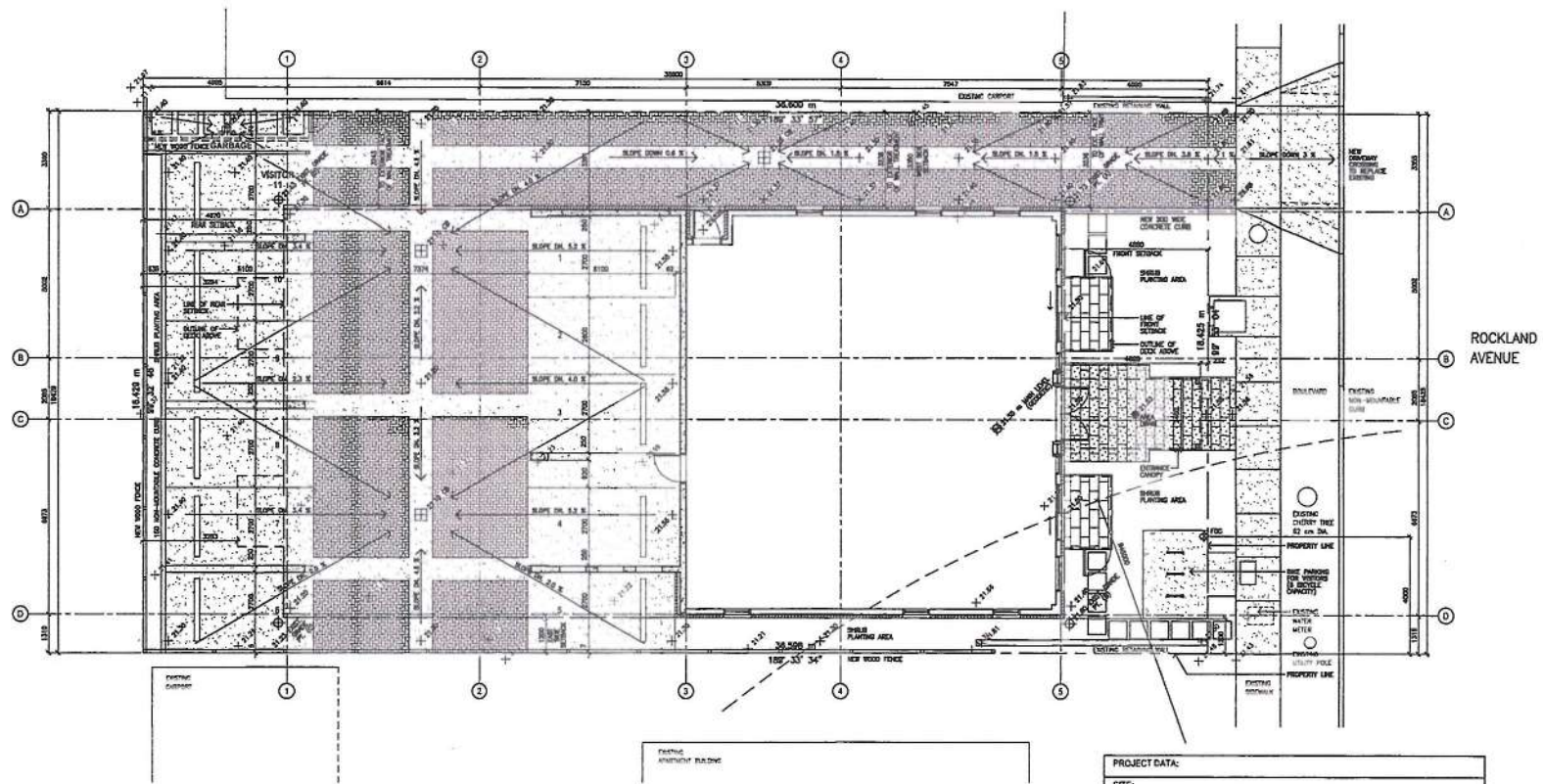
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1015 ROCKLAND AVENUE

## COVER SHEET

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1015 ROCKLAND AVENUE

SEAL

1. **Introduction**






## SITE PLAN

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① SITE PLAN

LEGEND:

	PERMEABLE CONCRETE UNIT PAVING (123.1 m²) (PAVING / DRIVEWAY)
	CONCRETE UNIT PAVING (PAVING / DRIVEWAY)
	CONCRETE PAVING - SMOOTH FINISH
	PERMEABLE CONCRETE UNIT PAVING (12.4 m²) (RESIDEWALK DRIVEWAY)
	CONCRETE UNIT PAVING (RESIDEWALK, PATIO)

PROJECT DATA:

SITE:		1915 BROADLAND AVENUE, VICTORIA, GUYANA COLONIA.	
CHIC ADDRESS:		LOT 1125, VICTORIA	
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:		MULTIPLE DWELLING	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:			
ZONING:		R-70, BROADLAND AVENUE MULTIPLE DWELLING DISTRICT	
SITE AREA:		674.4 m <sup>2</sup>	
TOTAL BUIL. AREA (INCLUDING ENCLOSURES):		492.2 m <sup>2</sup>	
LOT COVERAGE (600.2 m <sup>2</sup> / 674.4 m <sup>2</sup> ):		96.8%	
OFTER SITE FENCE (100.0 m <sup>2</sup> / 674.4 m <sup>2</sup> ):		15.1%	
BANK FLOOR AREA:		153.2 m <sup>2</sup>	
SECOND FLOOR AREA:		344.8 m <sup>2</sup>	
THIRD FLOOR AREA:		344.8 m <sup>2</sup>	
FOURTH FLOOR AREA:		344.8 m <sup>2</sup>	
TOTAL FLOOR AREA:		1203.6 m <sup>2</sup>	
FLOOR SPACE RATIO (1203.6 m <sup>2</sup> / 674.4 m <sup>2</sup> ):		1.789 TO 1	
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FLOOR:		4.65 m	
ROOF:		4.67 m	
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SIDE (LAND):		1.2 m	
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3	PERMIT ISSUED	APRIL 12, 2019
4	CONSTRUCTION START	APRIL 12, 2019
5	CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE	APRIL 12, 2019
6	FINAL INSPECTION	APRIL 12, 2019
7	CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY	APRIL 12, 2019
8	PROJECT COMPLETED	APRIL 12, 2019

1015 ROCKLAND AVENUE

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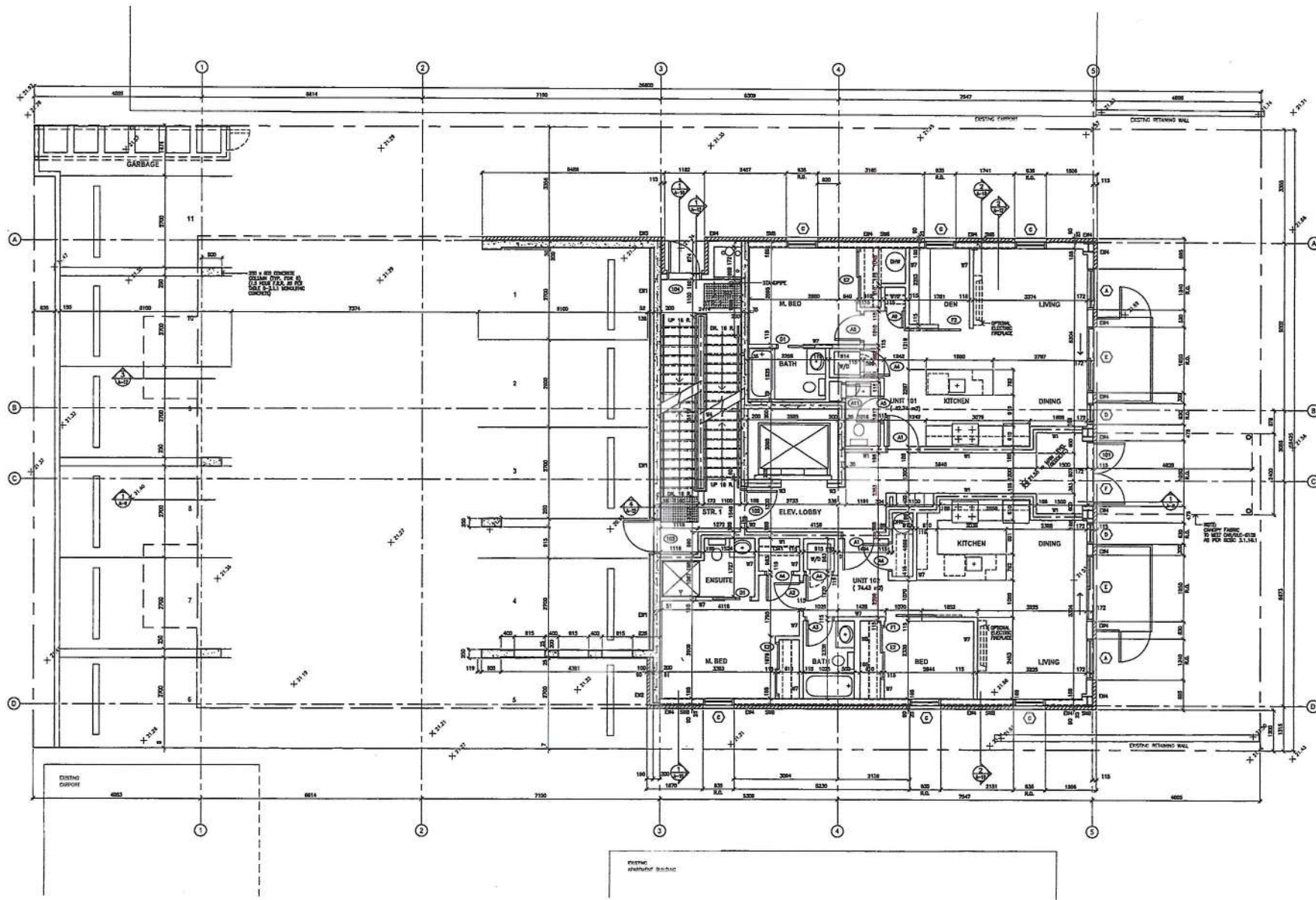
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BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN

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1 BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN





1 MAIN LEVEL PLAN

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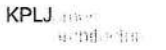
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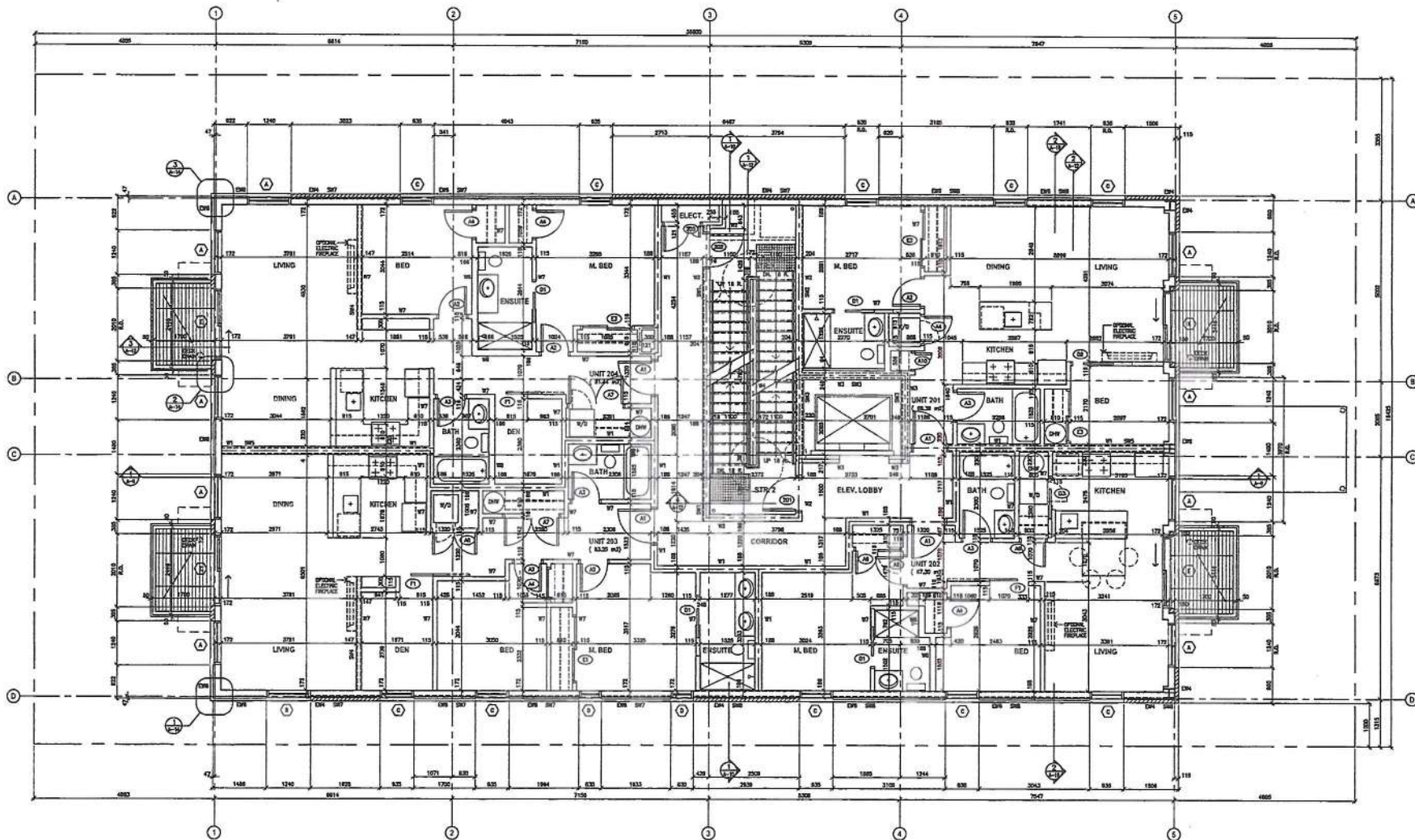
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① SECOND LEVEL PLAN





KPLJ ARCHITECTS

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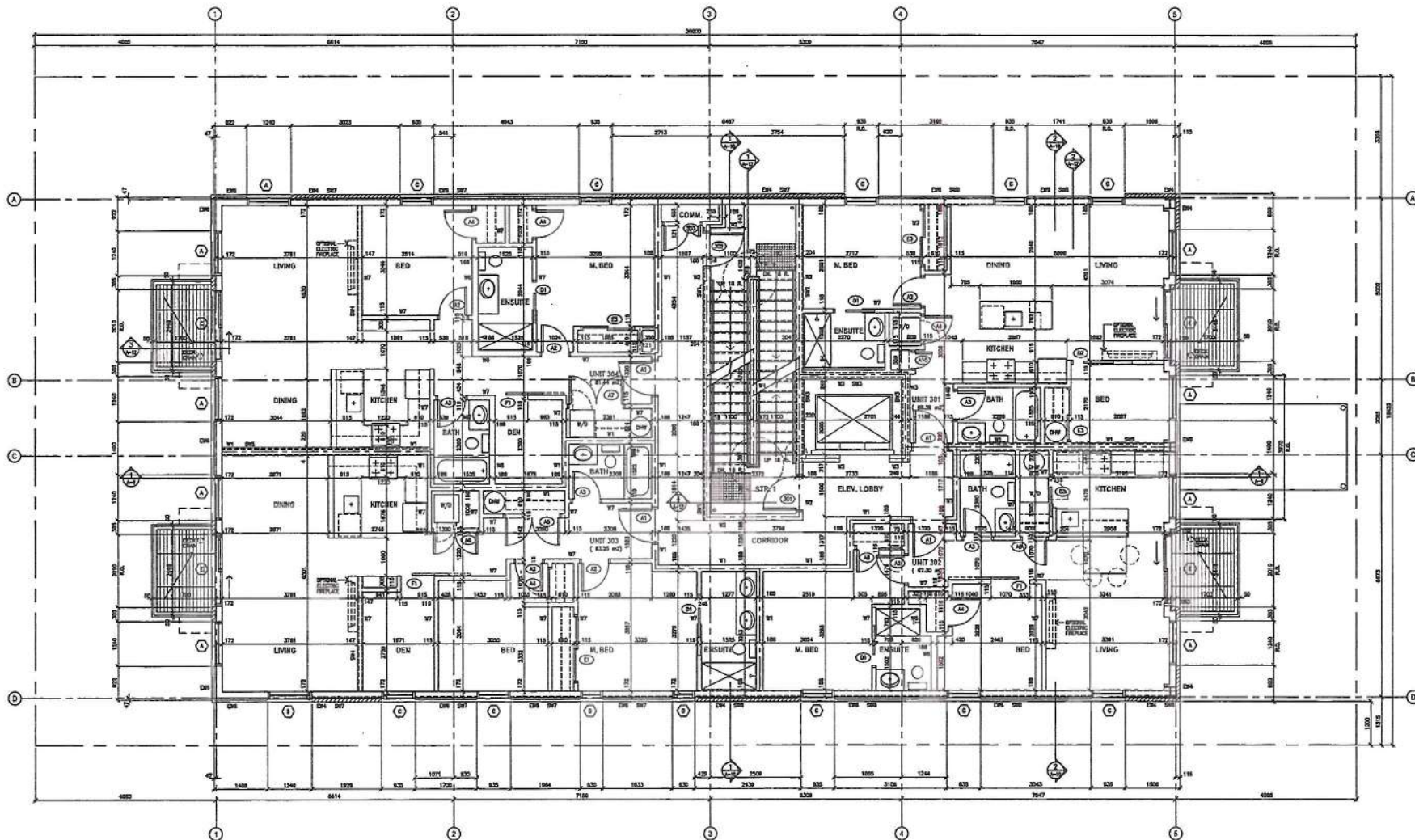
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DATE: MARCH 17, 2015



1 THIRD LEVEL PLAN





KPLJ  
architects

515 PANDORA AVENUE VICTORIA, B.C.  
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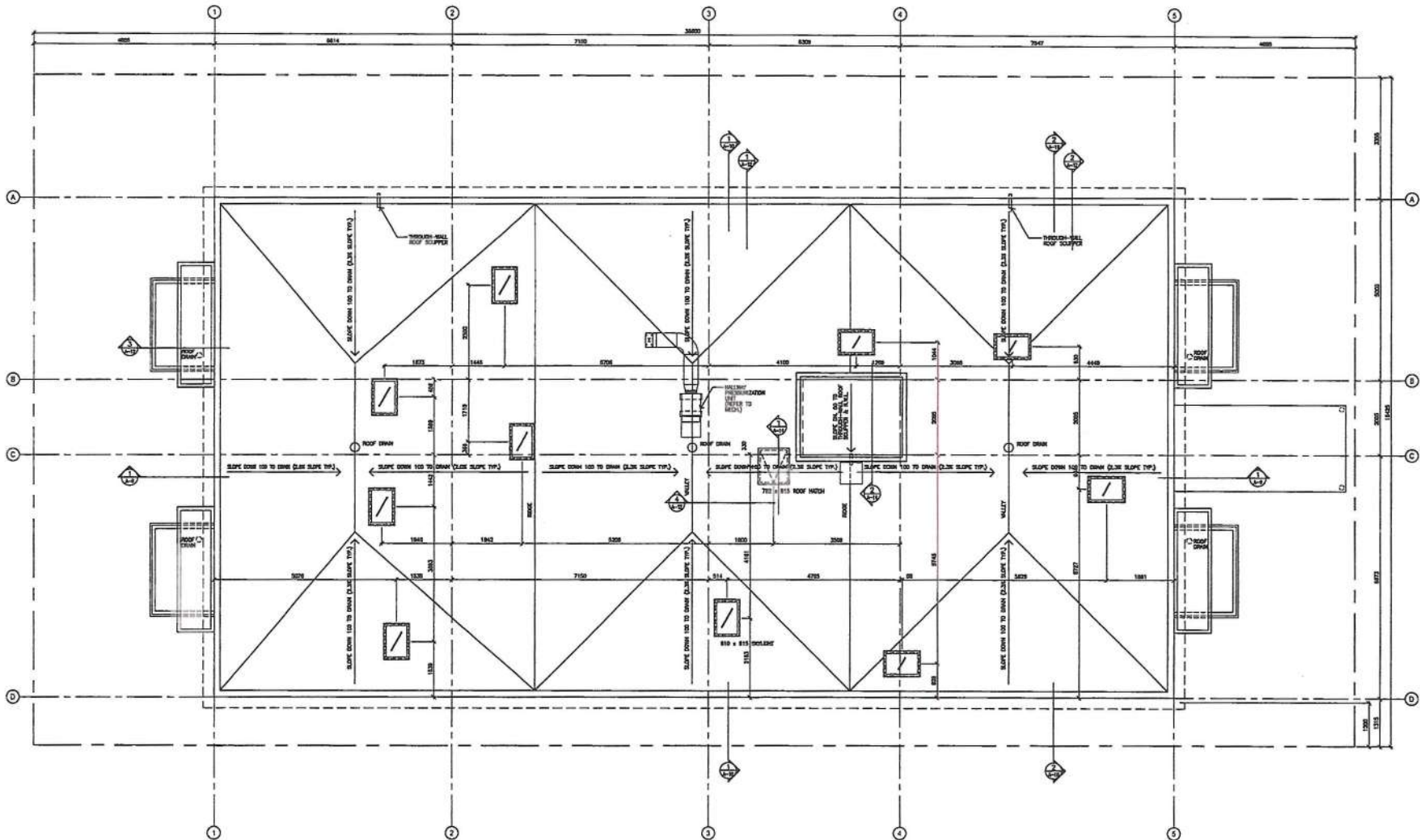
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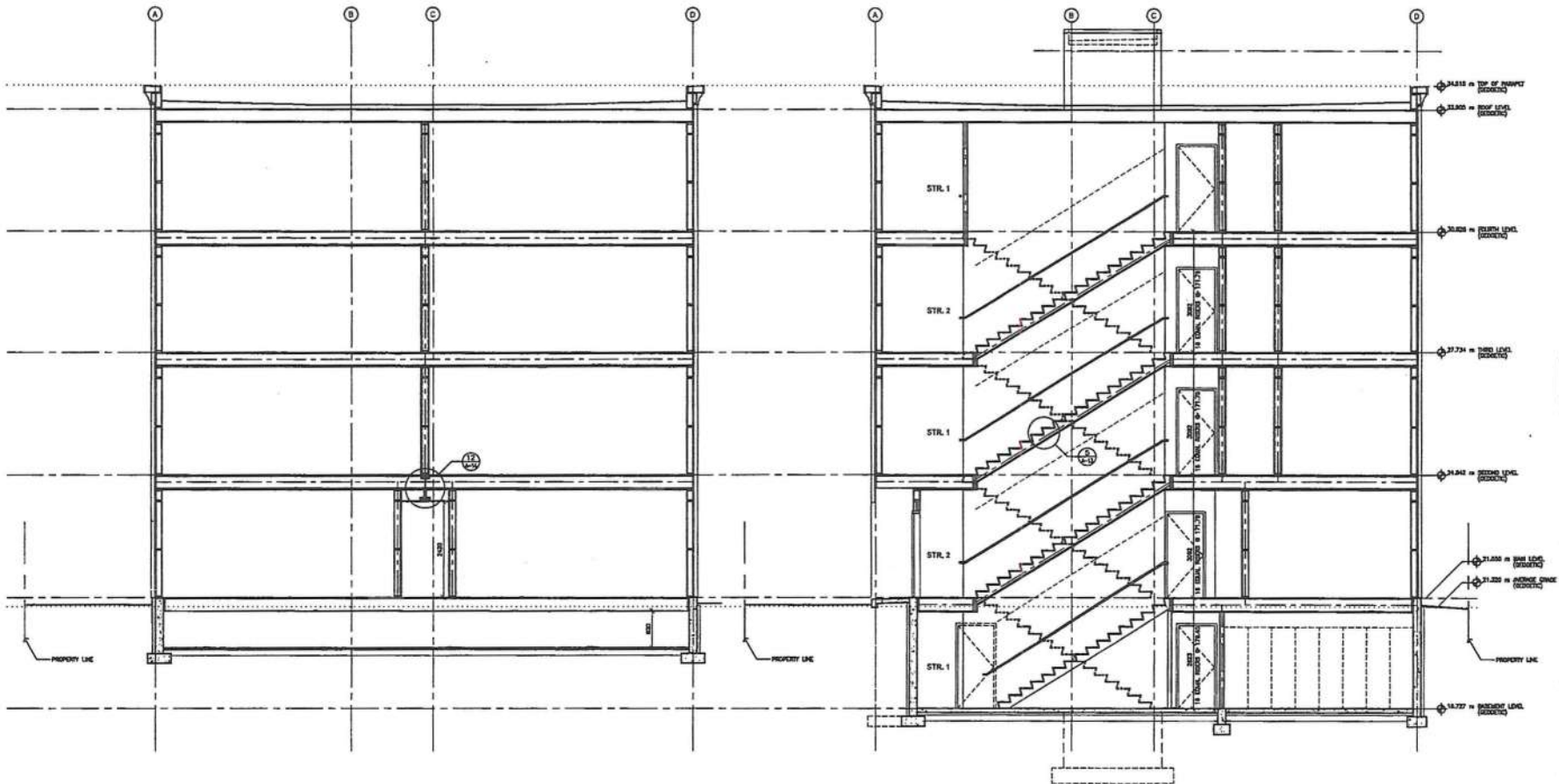


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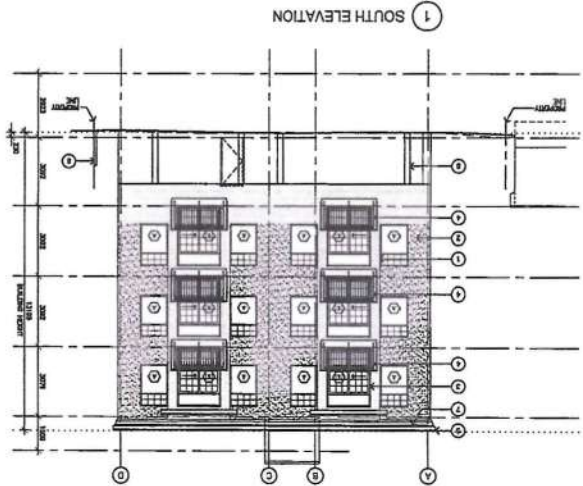
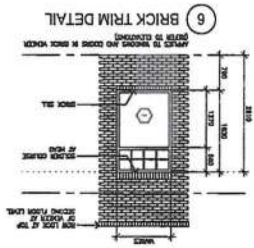
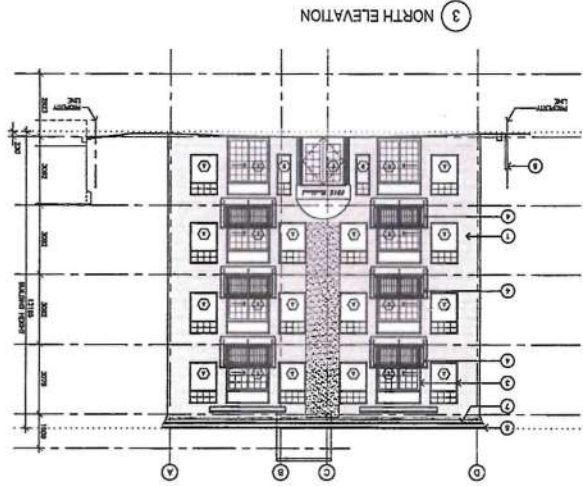
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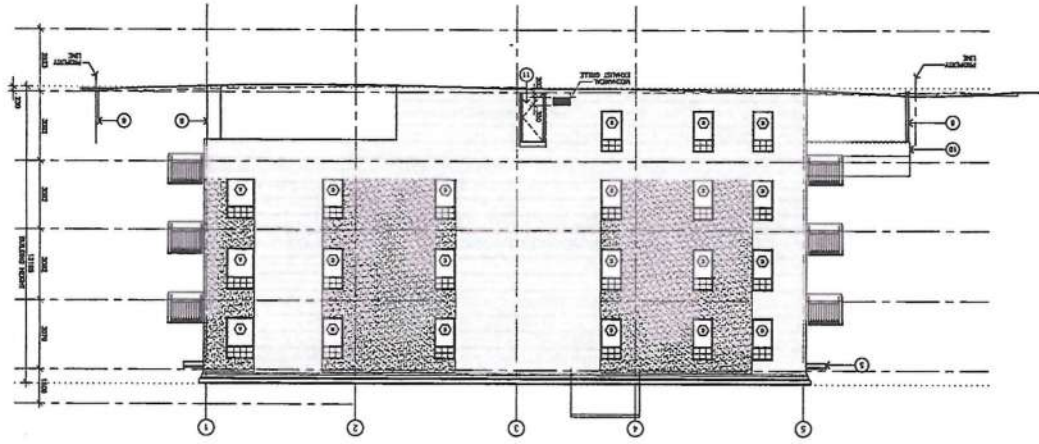
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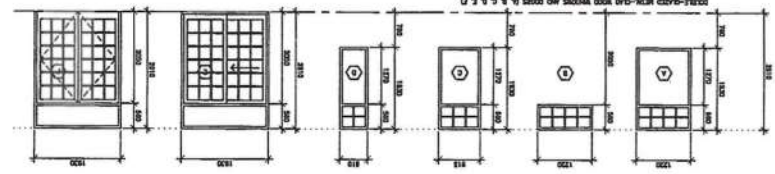
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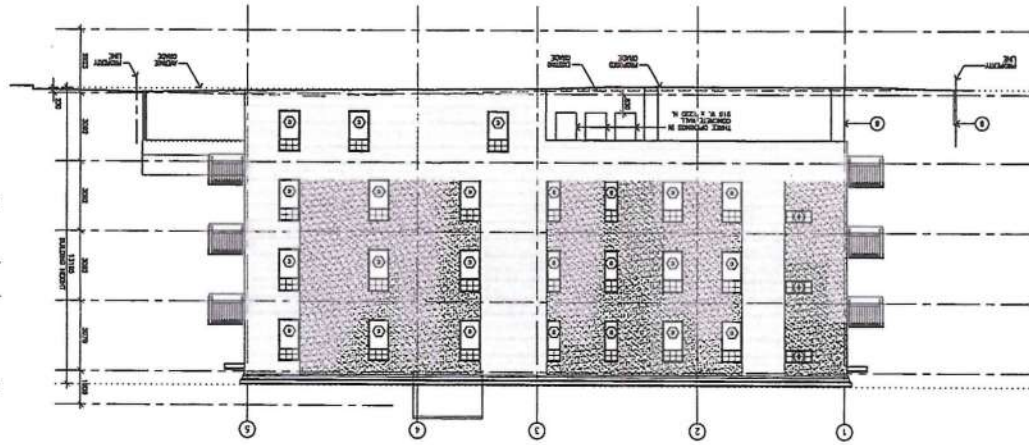
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1015 ROCKLAND AVENUE

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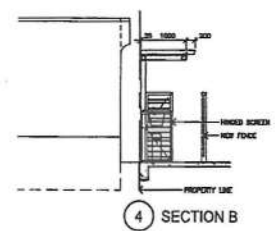
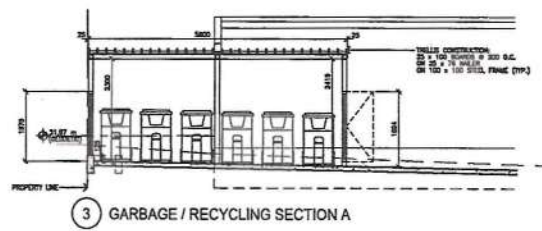
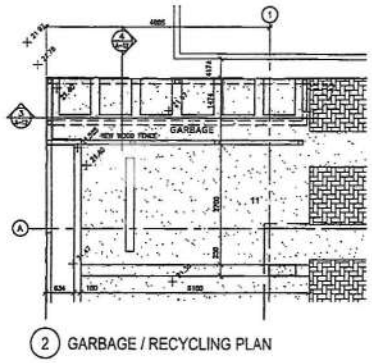
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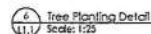
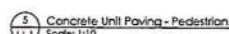
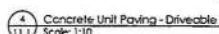
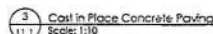
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## Planning and Land Use Standing Committee Report

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**Date:** October 2, 2013      **From:** Helen Cain, Senior Planner  
Development Services

**Subject:** **Rezoning Application #00394 and Development Permit Application #000300 for 1015 Rockland Avenue** - Applications to rezone lands from the R3-AM-1 Zone to increase permitted density and construct a 14-unit apartment building

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### Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to present Council with information, analysis and recommendations regarding a Rezoning Application and Development Permit Application for the property at 1015 Rockland Avenue. The property is located in the R3-AM-1 Zone (Mid-Rise Multiple Dwelling District) which permits a maximum density of 1.2:1 floor space ratio (FSR) for a multiple dwelling without underground parking. The applicant proposes to rezone the land to increase density to 1.79:1 FSR and to construct a new 14-unit strata-titled apartment building with surface parking.

The following points were considered in assessing this application:

- 1015 Rockland Avenue is located across the street from the south edge of the Urban Core in Fairfield, as identified in the *Official Community Plan 2012* (OCP)
  - the OCP designates the property as Urban Residential where the envisioned density is generally up to 1.2:1 floor space ratio (FSR), but sites within walking distance (200 m) of the Urban Core are eligible for additional density up to 2:1 FSR for new development that "significantly advances plan objectives".
- The proposal is consistent with Development Permit Area 16 – General Form and Character objectives for high quality design and transition to lower-scale residential areas and the *Design Guidelines for Multi-Unit Residential, Commercial and Industrial Development, 2012*.

An early version of the proposal had a density of 1.57:1 FSR where the first storey of habitable floor space was sunken below grade (i.e. a basement) and was, therefore, excluded from the initial density calculation. The applicant raised the building to street level in response to staff comments with respect to design considerations and this revision resulted in the current density of 1.79:1 FSR. Due to a series of unique events related to this specific proposal, staff do not recommend that the applicant be required to address the increase in density and do not recommend an economic land lift analysis.

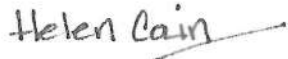
Given the high quality of design, staff recommend that this proposal does not require a review at the Advisory Design Panel and that it should move forward for consideration at a Public Hearing, subject to the conditions related to vehicle parking and guaranteed rental of strata units.



**Recommendations**

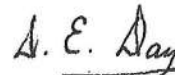
1. That Rezoning Application #00394 for 1015 Rockland Avenue proceed for consideration at a Public Hearing, subject to:
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2. Following consideration of Rezoning Application #00394, that Council authorize the issuance of a Development Permit for 1015 Rockland Avenue, in accordance with:
  - (a) plans stamped Development Permit #000300 dated May 15, 2013;
  - (b) development meeting all *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* requirements;
  - (c) final plans to be in accordance with the plans identified above to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.

Respectfully submitted,



Helen Cain  
Senior Planner  
Development Services

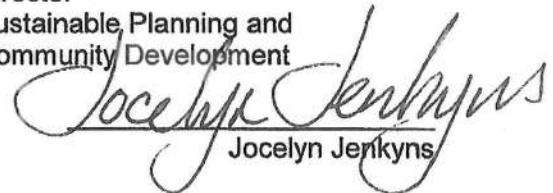




Deb Day  
Director  
Sustainable Planning and  
Community Development

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

HC:aw

  
Jocelyn Jenkins

## **1.0 Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to present Council with information, analysis and recommendations regarding a Rezoning Application for the property at 1015 Rockland Avenue. The applicant has submitted a concurrent Development Permit Application.

## **2.0 Background**

### **2.1 Description of Proposal**

The applicant proposes to rezone the property at 1015 Rockland Avenue to permit increased density from the maximum 1.2:1 FSR in the existing R3-AM-1 Zone (Mid-Rise Multiple Dwelling District) to 1.79:1 FSR and the development of a four-storey, 14-unit apartment building that will be strata titled. This proposal also includes the demolition of a single-family dwelling.

The site plan, architecture and landscape of the proposal include the following features and details:

- reduced parking standard from 20 to 12 spaces
- bicycle storage exceeding the standard of 14 to 23 spaces in total
- cantilevered building form, over surface parking, on rear elevation
- narrow setbacks softened with landscape strips
- siding: mix of brick veneer and stucco in shades of grey
- windows and doors: metal clad wooden windows and sliding balcony doors, and stained wooden front door with twin metal columns
- balconies: decorative metal railings
- hardscape: mix of permeable and non-permeable surfaces and textures for front patios and pathway, and rear surface parking
- trees and plantings: retention of a street tree and new on-site trees and plantings
- perimeter fence: wood picket with clear stain.

With regard to the proposed increase in density and relaxation of vehicle parking standards, the applicant is willing to provide car share memberships to the owners of five of the 14 strata units. This will help mitigate the negative impacts of intensification on the existing street parking.

### **2.2 Land Use Context**

The subject property is located in an area of transition in Fairfield where the north side of Rockland Avenue is the southern boundary of the Downtown Core Area. Residential infill of low-to-medium density is well-suited to the south side of the 1000-block of Rockland Avenue, where the place character is predominantly apartment buildings that are relatively large in scale.

### **2.3 Community Consultation**

The applicant consulted with the Fairfield Gonzales Community Association on December 17, 2012. A letter from the Land Use Committee is attached to this report.

## 2.4 Existing Site Development and Development Potential

The data table (below) compares the proposal with the existing R3-AM-1 Zone (Mid-Rise Multiple Dwelling District). The proposed new four-storey apartment building is less stringent than the standard zone in criteria identified with an asterisk (\*) below.

Zoning Criteria	Proposal	Zone Standard R3-AM-1
Site area (m <sup>2</sup> ) – minimum	674.4*	920
Lot width (m) – minimum	18.43	n/a
Total floor area (m <sup>2</sup> ) – maximum	1210.62*	809.28
Density (Floor Space Ratio) – maximum	1.79:1*	1.2:1  (1.6:1 FSR with enclosed parking, maximum 40% site coverage & minimum 50% open space)
Height (m) – maximum	13.2*	12
Storeys – maximum	4	4
Site coverage (%) – maximum	58*	30
Open site space (%) – minimum	14.6*	30
Setbacks (m) – minimum north (front)  south (rear)  west (side) east (side)	4.88* (building) 4.87* (building) 3.35* 1.2*	10.5 (building) 6.6 (building) 6.6 6.6
Parking – minimum	12*	20
Visitor parking – minimum	1*	2
Bicycle storage – minimum	23	14
Bicycle rack – minimum	6	6



## **2.5 Legal Description**

Lot 1125, Victoria City.

## **2.6 Consistency with City Policy**

### **2.6.1 Regional Growth Strategy**

The proposal contributes to the *Regional Growth Strategy* goal of adding to the supply of housing within the boundaries of the City.

### **2.6.2 Official Community Plan, 2012**

The proposed development is consistent with the relevant land use policies of the *Official Community Plan 2012* (OCP). The property at 1015 Rockland Avenue is designated as Urban Residential in the OCP, which envisions multi-unit residential buildings up to nine storeys and density generally up to 1.2:1 FSR. Increased density up to a total of approximately 2:1 FSR may be considered in strategic locations, including walking distance from the Urban Core. The subject site at 1015 Rockland Avenue is located across from the south edge of the Urban Core.

In accordance with the OCP, the new apartment building is subject to DPA16 General Form and Character. The objectives of DPA 16 are:

4. (a) *To support commercial, industrial and multi-unit residential developments that provide a sensitive transition to adjacent and nearby areas with built form that is often three storeys, or lower.*
- (b) *To integrate commercial, industrial and multi-unit residential developments in a manner that is complementary to established place character in a neighbourhood or other areas, including its heritage character.*
- (c) *To enhance the place character of established areas and their streetscapes through high quality of architecture, landscape and urban design that responds to each distinctive setting through sensitive and innovative interventions.*
- (d) *To achieve more livable environments through considerations for human-scaled design, quality of open spaces, privacy impacts, safety and accessibility.*

The proposed development at 1015 Rockland Avenue is broadly consistent with DPA 16 objectives for infill with a high-quality design that enhances place character.

## **2.7 Consistency with Design Guidelines**

The proposal is subject to review under DPA 16 General Form and Character. Building form, character and finishes, and landscaping details are controlled and regulated in relation to the *Design Guidelines for Multi-Unit Residential, Commercial and Industrial Development, 2012*. Relevant guidance includes: context and transition; streetscape and relationship to the street; human scale; exterior finishes; open spaces and landscaping; parking, access and circulation. The proposed development responds well to the design considerations as summarized below.

### **2.7.1 Area-wide Context and Transition between Areas**

The form and massing of the new apartment building is appropriate in relation to the adjacent buildings and streetscape along the 1000-block of Rockland Avenue, where the proposed development is a good fit with the existing place character of low-rise, large apartment buildings.

### **2.7.2 Streetscape, Relationship to the Street and Orientation**

The proposed apartment building is similar to other apartment buildings in the immediate context with respect to height, roofline and massing, but is smaller in size and scale than adjacent buildings. The front elevation is visually and physically connected to the street through patios, a canopy to mark the main entryway, trees and plantings to soften the interface between private and public realm.

### **2.7.3 Human Scale, Massing, Height and Architectural Features**

The new apartment building will be human-scaled in contrast to the larger size and massing of existing older apartment buildings on this block of Rockland Avenue, where several of these buildings have car-oriented features such as a carport on the west side of the subject property. The proposal will enhance place character through the front elevation that will add pedestrian interest through the canopy feature over a pathway to the main entrance, projecting balconies and the two enclosed private patios which are visible from the public street.

### **2.7.4 Exterior Finishes and Landscaping**

A mix of exterior finishes, including stucco and brick veneers and metal balcony railings, are proposed for the principal facade. Although the open site space available for landscaping is limited, the proposed trees and plantings in the front yard will help to create a positive street presence and shrubs within the narrow east side setback provide screening for privacy. The landscape strip along the rear property line will break up the hard surfaces, providing visual relief in combination with the variety of textures and patterns in the surface treatment.

### **2.7.5 Parking**

A number of vehicle stalls are proposed beneath the cantilevered portion at the back of the building, where there are additional surface parking spaces away from public view. A visitor bicycle rack is clearly visible, located at the front property line, which reinforces a visual and physical connection between the proposed apartment building and the street.

## **3.0 Issues**

There are no outstanding issues with respect to the Development Permit Application. However, the following issues are associated with the Rezoning Application:

- transportation demand management
- increased total floor area and density.



#### **4.0 Analysis**

##### **4.1 Transportation Demand Management**

The applicant is willing to provide car share memberships to the purchasers of five strata units to help offset the reduction from the vehicle parking standards in the *Zoning Regulation Bylaw Schedule C*. Staff have no objection to this proposal because the reduced number of spaces combined with the proposed car share memberships will lessen the impact on the availability of street parking. However, the provision of one parking space for visitors is not adequate. The site plan should be amended to meet the *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* standard of two stalls.

##### **4.2 Increased Total Floor Area and Density**

An early version of this proposal included a below-grade bottom floor. Because a basement (which is sunk partially or completely below grade with a ceiling of no more than 1.2 m above grade) is not calculated in floor area in the *Zoning Regulation Bylaw*, the density was approximately 1.57:1 FSR. In response to staff feedback with respect to design considerations, the applicant raised the building above grade to strengthen its relationship to the street which increased the total floor area and density to 1.79:1 FSR. Although the raising of the building involves a further increase in density, the removal of the basement results in a better street relationship. Furthermore, the resulting height and massing are well-suited to the immediate streetscape where place character is primarily older apartment blocks with greater massing.

#### **5.0 Resource Impacts**

There are no resource impacts that are associated with this development.

#### **6.0 Options**

##### Option One: (Staff Recommendation)

1. That Rezoning Application #00394 for 1015 Rockland Avenue proceed for consideration at a Public Hearing, subject to:
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2. Following consideration of Rezoning Application #00394, that Council authorize the issuance of a Development Permit for 1015 Rockland Avenue, in accordance with:
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Option Two: (Decline)

That Rezoning Application #00394 and Development Permit #000300 for 1015 Rockland Avenue be declined.

## 7.0 Conclusions

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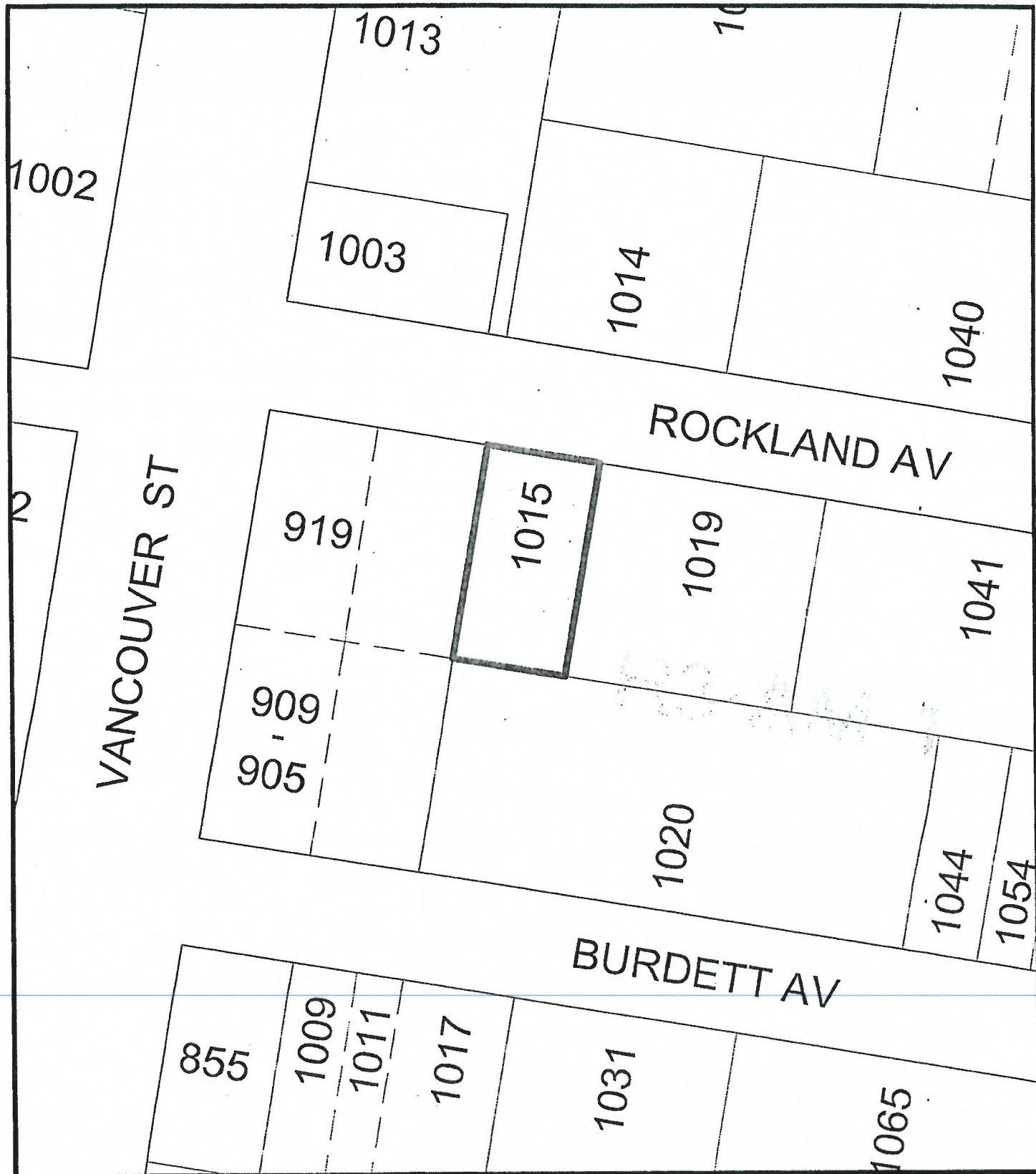
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- Aerial photo
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1015 Rockland Avenue  
Rezoning #00394  
Bylaw #







May 15, 2013

City of Victoria  
No. 1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Attn: Mayor and Members of Council

Re: Revised Rezoning and Development Permit Application for 1015 Rockland Avenue, Victoria, BC



Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

Further to the initial Rezoning and Development Permit Application submitted on February 1, 2013, this revised application responds to all departments' comments made within the Application Review Summary dated February 27, 2013. Included in this revised letter, and for simplicity, is an appendix outlining how each department's comments have been addressed.

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The building's traditional siting, symmetrical design, and landscape features also contribute to an effective relationship to the street. The front yard setback balances the setbacks of the two adjacent apartment buildings, and is reflective of the setback of the carport along the property's west property line. In addition, the building's unified design with a similarly symmetrical landscape design will enhance the streetscape rhythm along this block of Rockland Avenue.



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#### **PROJECT BENEFITS & AMENITIES**

The primary benefit of our proposal to the community is to help establish a placemaking concept for this block of Rockland Avenue. In order to achieve a sensitive transition and cohesive feel, this proposal builds upon the established character and sense of place of the surrounding neighbourhood. This is achieved through a sensitive comprehensive design approach including high-quality architecture, an attractive and complimentary landscape design, and a traditional siting of the building, all of which also promote an improved streetscape.

To contribute further to the placemaking of this neighbourhood, this location encourages a connection to the Urban Core by promoting alternate modes of transportation. Residents of this neighbourhood are within easy walking distance of recreation centres, parks, and shops, and have easy access to "Frequent Transit" routes, resulting in a very walkable and livable community. While each resident will be able to walk or take advantage of nearby public transit, twenty-eight secure bicycle parking stalls (2.0 per unit) will also be available for residents' use to further encourage a reduced reliance on cars. And to further reinforce a livable and environmentally conscious community, this proposal will be targeting a minimum BuiltGreen® Silver designation.

#### **CONCLUSION**

While undergoing the planning and design of this project, careful consideration has been given towards supporting the objectives established within the recently adopted Official Community Plan. Attention has also been given towards not only the adjacent buildings, but also to the neighbourhood as a whole.

We are dedicated to building homes with uncompromising standards, and this project will be no different. Resulting, we feel, is a high-quality and well-designed infill development that will continue to positively contribute to this area of Fairfield for many years to come.

Sincerely,



Mike Miller  
President

## APPENDIX A

The following provides a summary of the Application Review issued by the City of Victoria on February 27, 2013, and the comments stated in red outline how we have addressed each comment with our revised application.

### APPLICATION REVIEW SUMMARY

For: 1015 Rockland Avenue  
Date: February 27, 2013  
Rezoning Application # 00394  
Development Permit # 000300

#### Development Services Division Comments:

Area Planner: Helen Cain, Telephone #: (250) 361-0282

- The application should consider providing an independent economic land lift analysis to quantify the value of the increased density above the lower general amount identified in the Official Community Plan. This information will help City staff and Council to assess the application in relation to its advancement of the Official Community Plan objectives and will assist the applicant in fully communicating the details of the proposed project. Before commissioning the economic land lift analysis, please discuss the details related to methodology and client-consultant relationship with the Area Planner.

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We have revised our proposal to decrease the density by 675 square feet (62.67 m<sup>2</sup>) resulting in an FSR of 1.79. In order to achieve this we have reduced the width of the building and reduced the depth of the main floor plan. The amount of open site space has also been increased with our revised proposal through reducing the building's footprint and incorporating additional landscaping along the property's east side yard and in the rear yard.

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We have increased the east side yard setback to 1.2m, and have incorporated additional landscaping along this side yard to ensure livability between our proposal and the adjacent



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If the site plan were to be "flipped", our proposed building would be uncomfortably close to the adjacent building to the west. We feel our site plan as currently configured addresses this concern in the best possible way.

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The viability of providing underground parking for this proposal is economically prohibitive.

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A wider landscape strip has been incorporated within the east side yard setback, and a new landscape strip has been located within the rear yard along the south property line.

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#### **Engineering and Public Works Department Comments:**

Contact: Craig Standberg, Phone: (250) 361-0296

The comments below are a result of the Engineering review:

#### **Items Required Prior to Planning and Land Use Standing Committee:**

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**Permits and Inspections Division Comments:**

Contact: Avy Woo, Phone: (250) 361-0241

The following are preliminary review items. There are some significant code issues and the architect should complete an overall code concept review or engage in the services of a code consultant to perform such a review:

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February 1, 2013

City of Victoria  
#1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1P7

Attn: Mayor and Members of Council

Re: Rezoning and Development Permit Application  
1015 Rockland Avenue, Victoria, BC

**Abstract**  
DEVELOPMENTS INC.

**Received**  
City of Victoria

**FEB - 1 2013**

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Lastly, particular attention has also been given towards the potential for privacy impacts on neighbouring buildings. The subject property's rear yard, and consequently the building's rear elevation, is surrounded by and is overlooking the carports and surface parking areas of each of the adjacent multi-family buildings. The building's west elevation is overlooking the carport and surface parking area of 919 Vancouver Street, and a large distance separates our proposal's west elevation from the rear elevation of 919 Vancouver Street. Our proposal's east elevation is looking onto the west elevation of 1019 Rockland Avenue, which is a 4 storey apartment building. This building's west elevation only contains the windows of a stairwell, mitigating any privacy concerns for the residents. Overall, we feel our proposal is effectively sited and oriented to mitigate concerns over privacy impacts upon neighbouring residential uses.

### **PROJECT BENEFITS & AMENITIES**

The primary benefit of our proposal to the community is to help establish a placemaking concept for this block of Rockland Avenue. In order to achieve a sensitive transition and cohesive feel, this proposal builds upon the established character and sense of place of the surrounding neighbourhood. This is achieved through a sensitive comprehensive design approach including high-quality architecture, an attractive and complimentary landscape design, and a traditional siting of the building, all of which also promote an improved streetscape.

To contribute further to the placemaking of this neighbourhood, this location encourages a connection to the Urban Core by promoting alternate modes of transportation. Residents of this neighbourhood are within easy walking distance of recreation centres, parks, and shops, and have easy access to "Frequent Transit" routes, resulting in a very walkable and livable community. While each resident will be able to walk or take advantage of nearby public transit, twenty-three secure bicycle parking stalls (1.6 per unit) will also be available for resident's use to further encourage a reduced need for cars. And to further reinforce a livable and environmentally conscious community, this proposal will be targeting a minimum BuiltGreen® Silver designation.

### **CONCLUSION**

While undergoing the planning and design of this project, careful consideration has been given towards supporting the objectives established within the recently adopted Official Community Plan. Attention has also been given towards not only the adjacent buildings, but also to the neighbourhood as a whole.

We are dedicated to building homes with uncompromising standards, and this project will be no different. Resulting, we feel, is a high-quality and well-designed infill development that will continue to positively contribute to this area of Fairfield for many years to come.

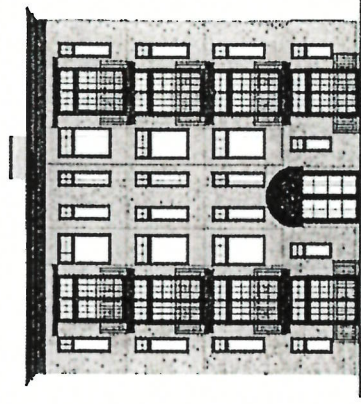
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Miller', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mike Miller  
President



1015 ROCKLAND AVENUE  
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Original Submission: 02/01/2013  
Revised Submission: 05/15/2013

DRAWING LIST

- A 1 Site Plan and Project Data
- A 2 Basement and Main Floor Plans
- A 3 Second, Third, and Fourth Floor Plans
- A 4 Elevations
- A 5 Building Sections
- A 6 Streetscape
- A 7 Renderings - NW and NE
- A 8 Renderings - SW and SE
- L 1 Landscape Plan
- S 1 Site Servicing Plan

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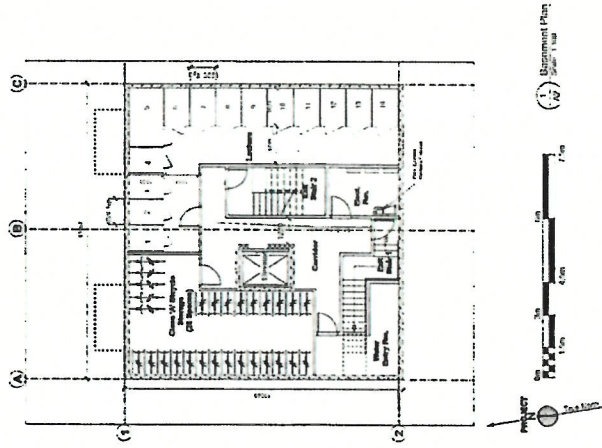
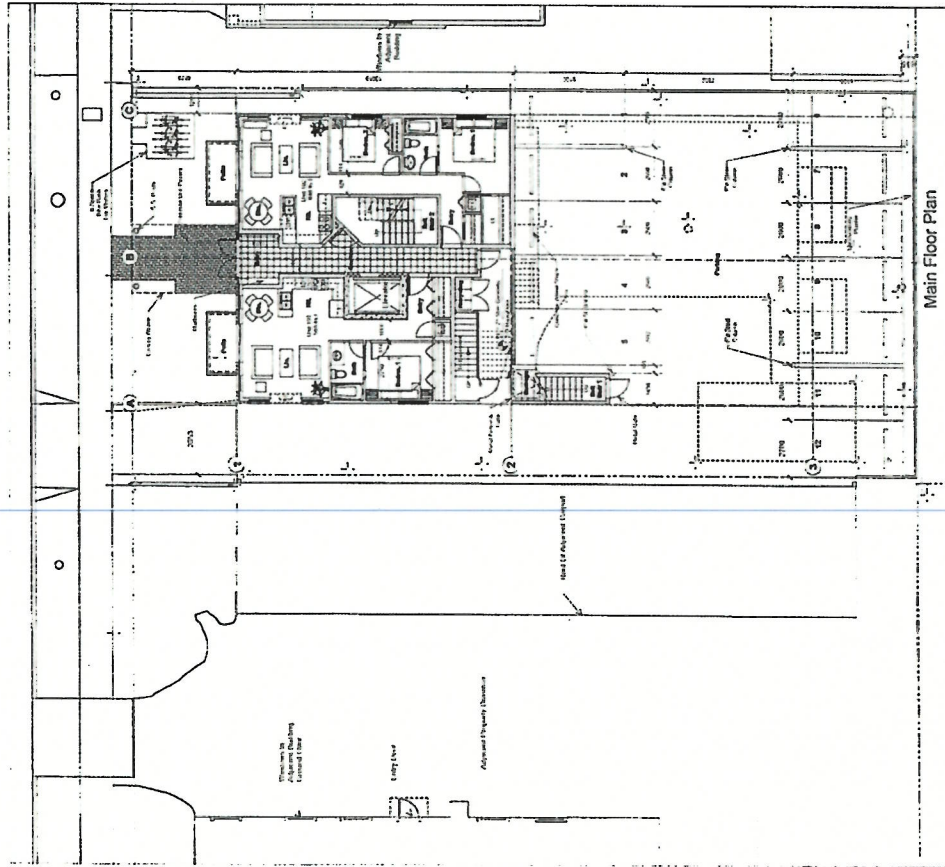
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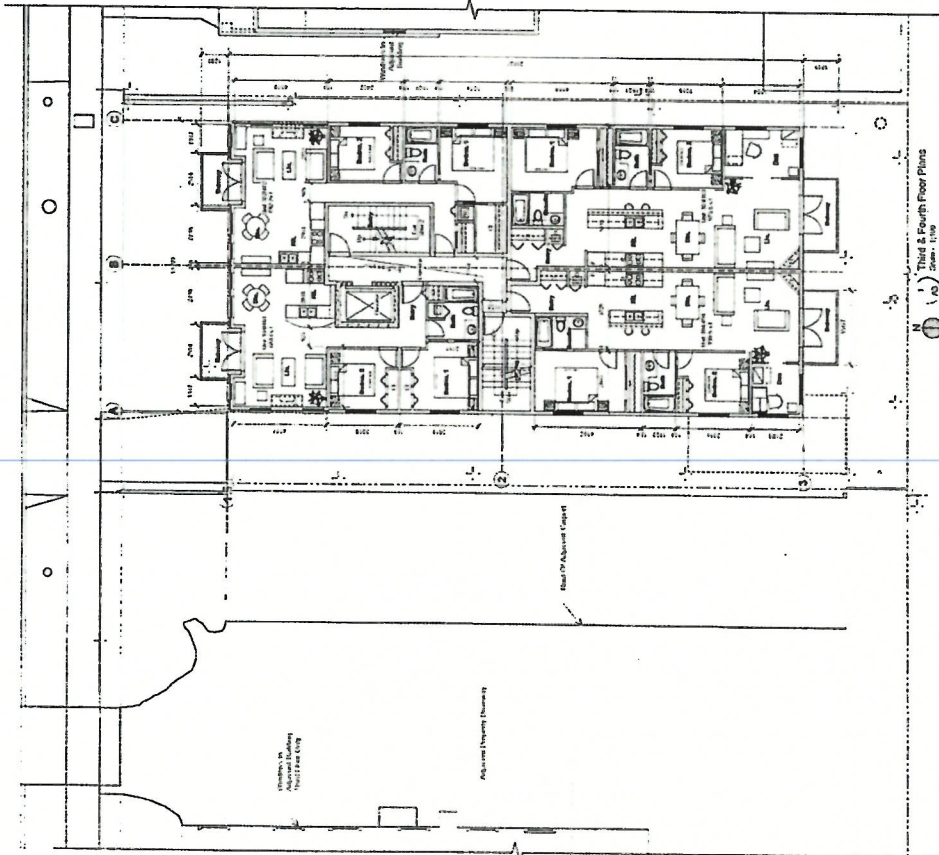
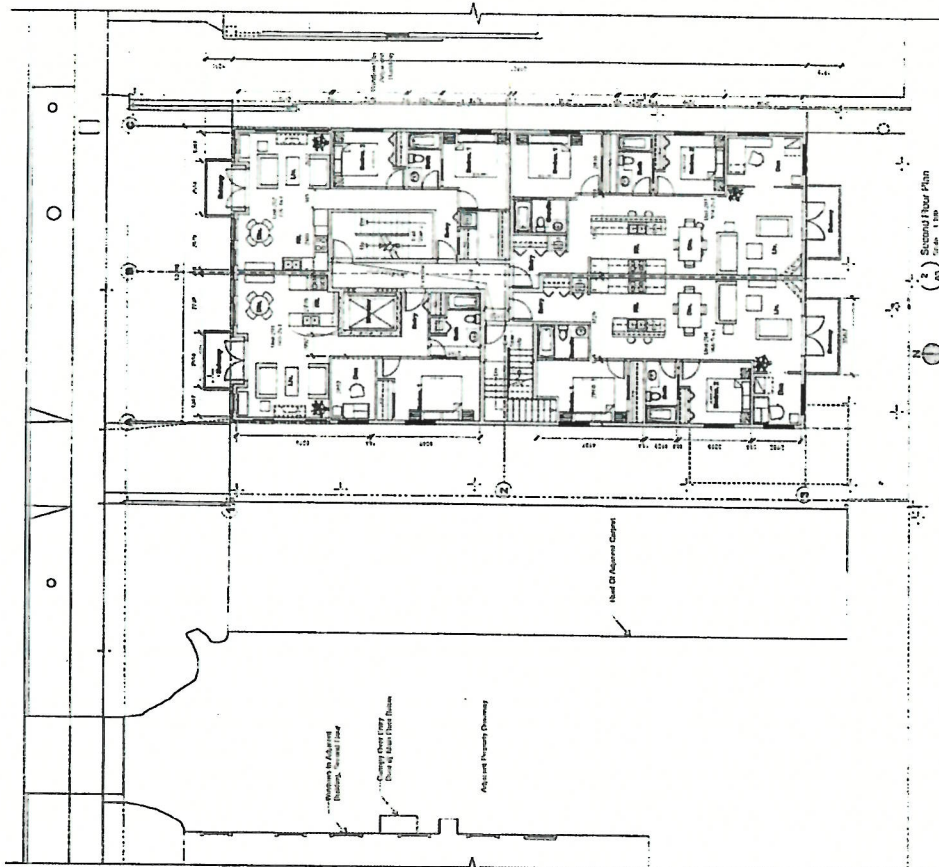
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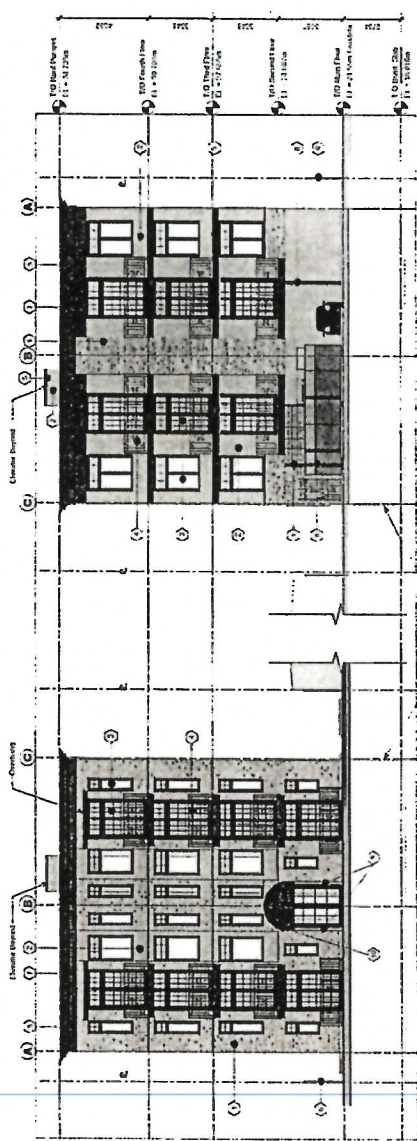
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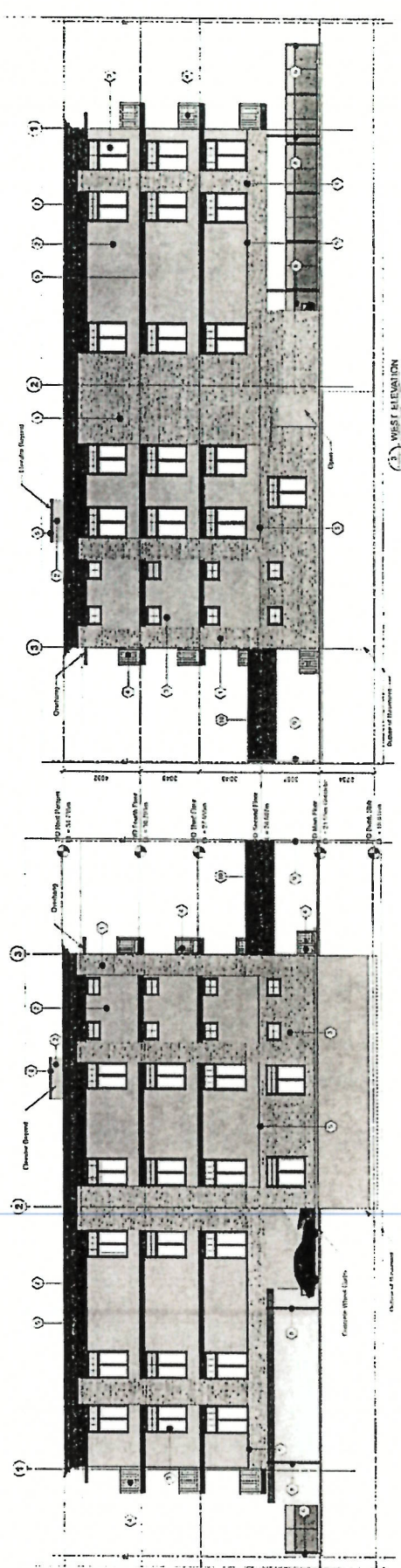
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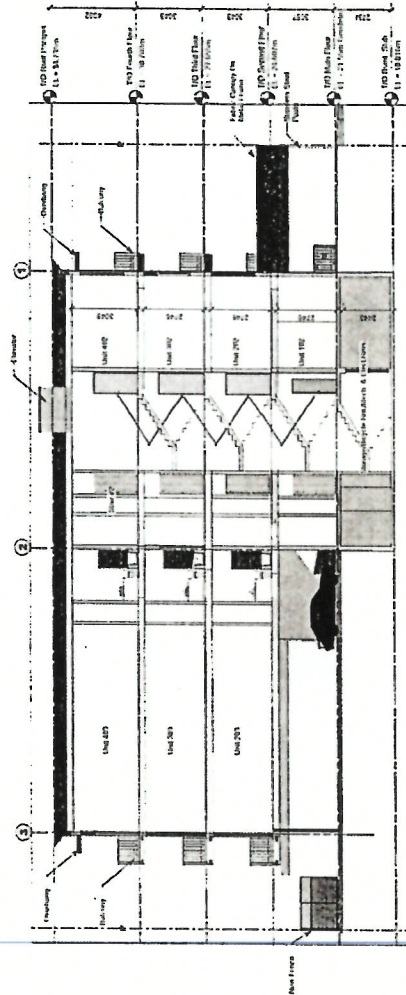
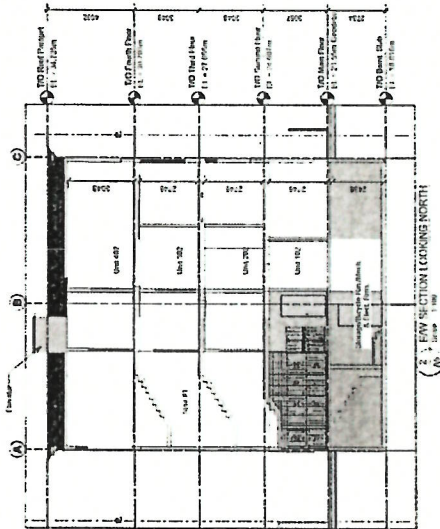
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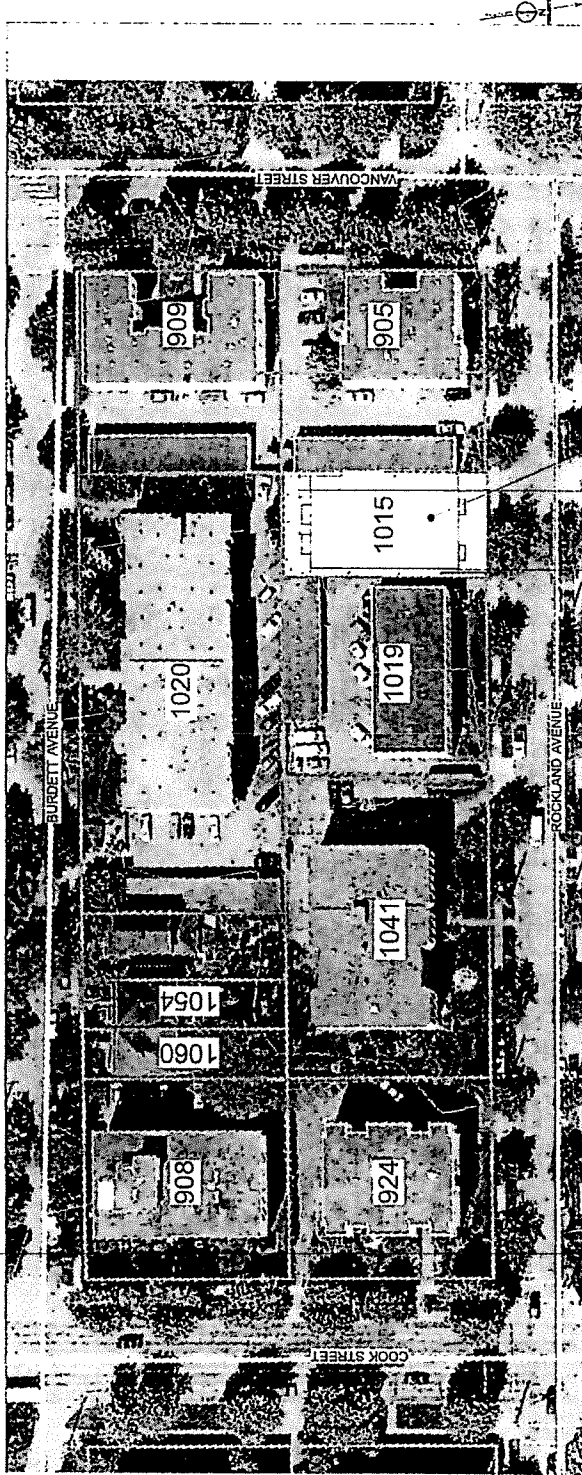
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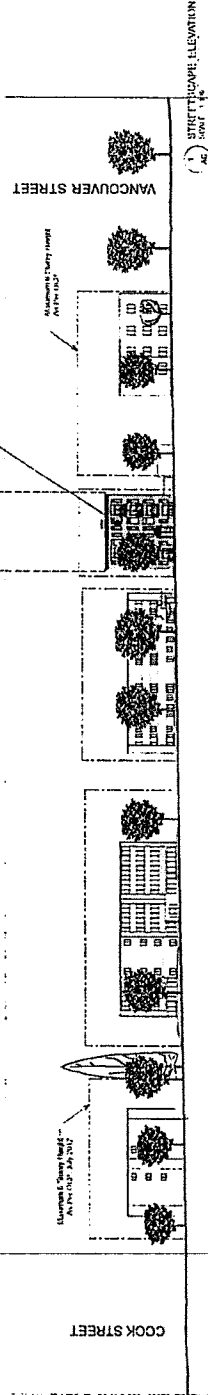
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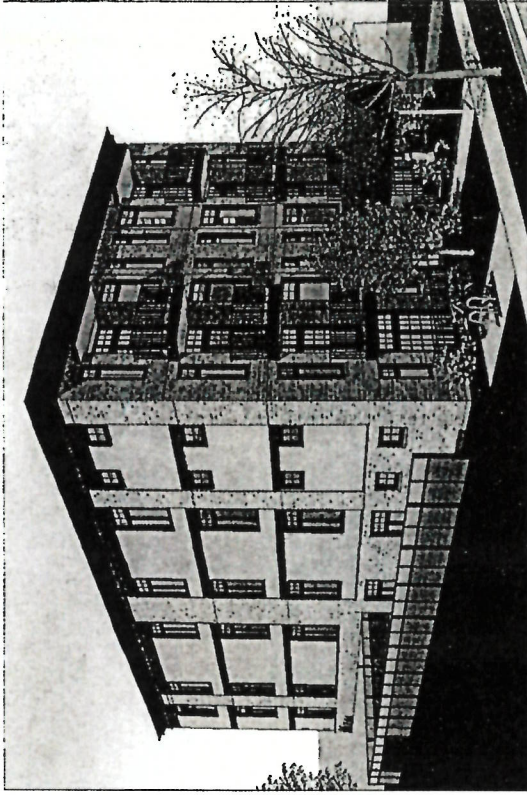
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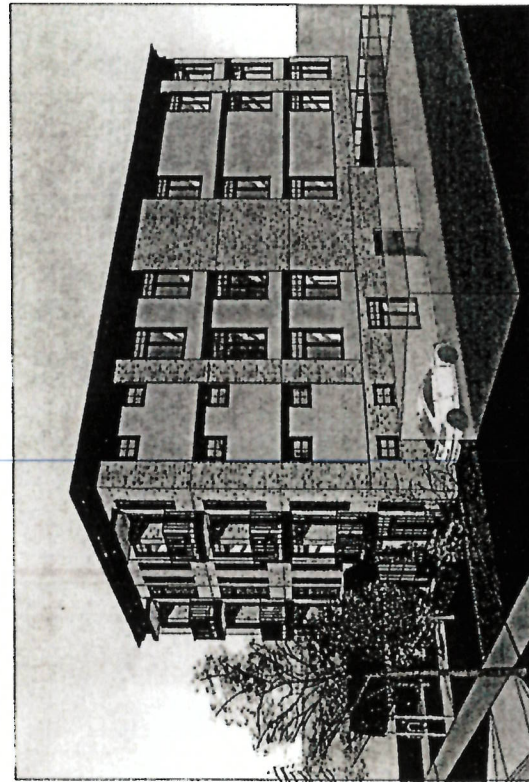
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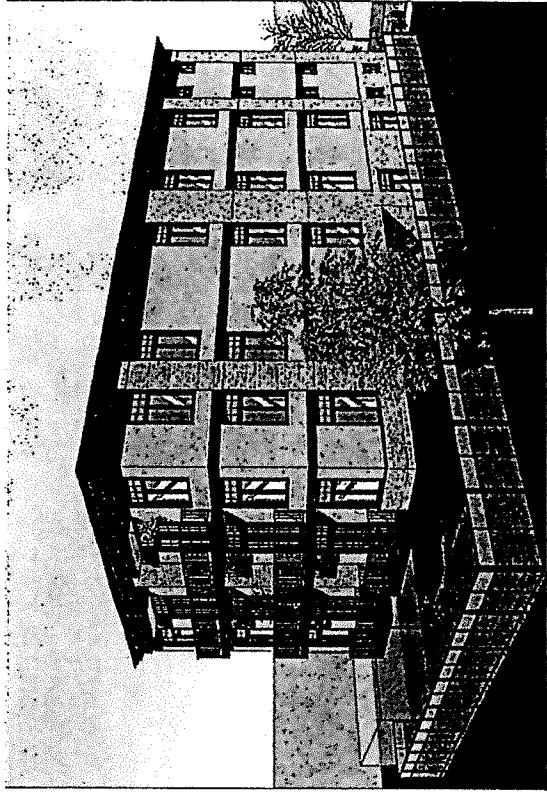
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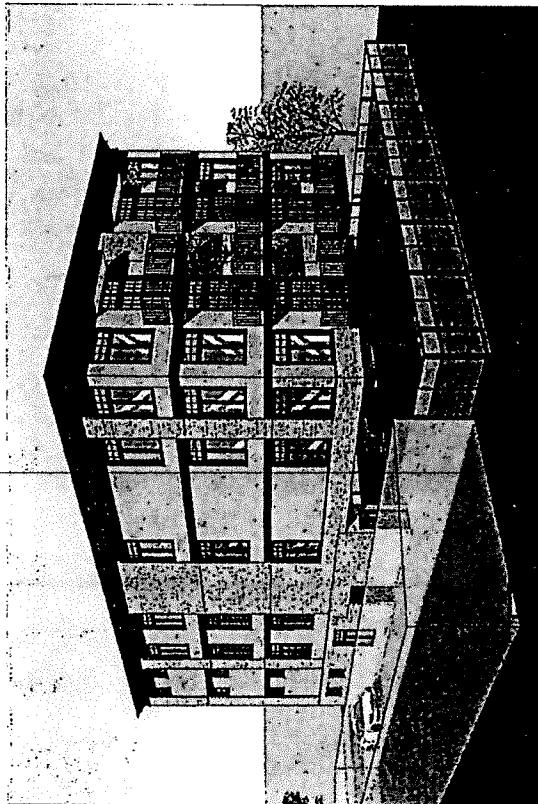
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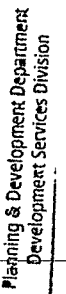
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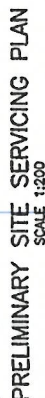
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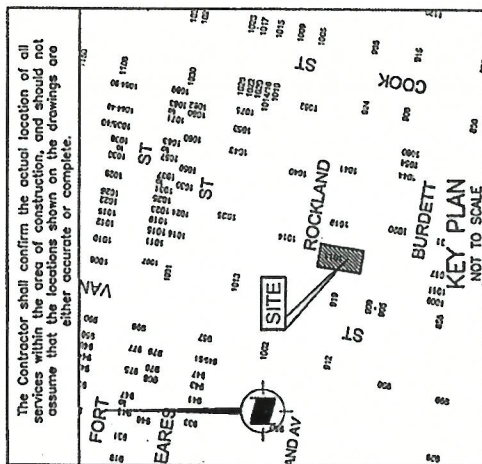
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FULL LEGAL: LOT 1125, VICTORIA CITY

The Manhattan - 1015 Rockland Ave.  
Preliminary Site Servicing Plan  
Drawing: 477-01  
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**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY MEETING  
FAIRFIELD-GONZALES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
7-PM, Dec 17 2012**

**DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FOR 1015 ROCKLAND AVENUE.**

Meeting attendance: 14 area residents and/or owners (8 addressed the meeting)  
4 representatives of developer, Abstract Developments Inc.  
Meeting chairs: Joan Kotarski & George Zador FGCA

Mike Miller, President of Abstract gave an extensive overview of the proposed project comprising of an attractive 4-storey structure with 14 one and two bedroom strata units and 12 on-site parking stalls. The proposal calls for the rezoning of the building lot, presently a single-family dwelling, the only remaining one among all apartment buildings in the city block, referred to as an "orphan lot."

Comments were favourable regarding the style and quality of construction, the reputation of Abstract was mentioned as "we trust your past good performance". There was no specific opposition to the project except as in the following:

Multiple concerns about added traffic on an already busy street.

Multiple concerns about existing shortage of on-street parking, to be further taxed by cars not accommodated in the planned 12 parking stalls.

Comments about the "undesirable" increase in density of the area and subject project's increased site coverage (from 30 to 50%)

Developer was asked if they have other planned projects in the area....answer, "no".

The lively meeting ended at 8:25 pm.

Minutes recorded by:

George Zador.

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## FROM THE DESK OF CAROLE ELLIOTT

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DATE: December 17, 2012

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To: Fairfield Association Land Use Committee

RE: Rezoning of 1015 Rockland Avenue

I am the owner of 1003 Vancouver; the yellow house on the corner of Vancouver and Rockland Avenue. This house which is on the **primary Heritage list** contains 8 very affordable and well maintained suites. All but one of my tenants is under the age of 35, most are in their 20s.

I am very concerned about the parking on Rockland Avenue. The narrow lot that my house sits on has provision for 3 very tight parking spaces. The tenants in the other suites must park with a city permit (my house has 5) on Rockland Avenue. If we do not at least adhere to the city's normal requirements for parking I know there will be even more problems with parking in the 1000 block of Rockland Ave than we have now. I believe, at present my young tenants are using 4 of these permits and another tenant has just inquired with regard to getting a permit as she is purchasing a car.

No matter how we try to encourage walking and biking it always come down to the tenants having both a bike (my bike room is jammed) and a motor vehicle or a scooter as well.

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Thank you for taking the parking problems into consideration on this preliminary rezoning.

I added to this sheet I handed to the developer This is too big for such a small lot.