REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

2. Planning and Land Use Committee – May 28, 2015

6. Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00195 for 1070 Joan Crescent

It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Alto:

- 1. That Council refer Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00195 for 1070 Joan Crescent to the Heritage Advisory Panel for the meeting of June 9, 2015, for feedback on the proposed exterior alterations and additions to the Heritage-Registered property.
- 2. Following consideration of the *Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment* pertaining to Rezoning Application No. 00468 for 1070 Joan Crescent:

"That Council authorize the issuance of Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00195 for 1070 Joan Crescent, subject to the applicant providing seismic strengthening details of the existing chimneys prior to the Public Hearing for the Rezoning Application in accordance with:

- 1. Revised drawings date stamped May 11, 2015.
- 2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements.
- 3. Final plans to be generally in accordance with plans identified above as amended to the satisfaction of staff." <u>Carried Unanimously</u>

8.8 Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00195 for 1070 Joan Crescent

Committee received a report regarding a heritage alteration permit application for 1070 Joan Crescent. The proposal is to convert the existing Heritage-Registered residence to a Visitor Centre for the Craigdarroch Castle Society. The proposal includes the construction of an addition and the relocation of the existing garage for use as a Tea House.

- <u>Action</u>: It was moved by Councillor Madoff, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Committee recommends that Council consider the following motions:
 - "That Council consider referring Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00195 for 1070 Joan Crescent to the Heritage Advisory Panel for the meeting of June 9, 2015, for feedback on the proposed exterior alterations and additions to the Heritage-Registered property."

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Committee discussed:

 The application provides a way to maintain the character defining elements of the original structures and to adapt to the change in use.

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Councillor Isitt withdrew from the meeting at 10:25 a.m. due to a direct pecuniary conflict of interest as he is on the Board of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority who are the owners of the subject properties.



Planning and Land Use Committee Report For the Meeting of May 28, 2015

To: Planning and Land Use Committee Date: May 14, 2015

From: Murray G. Miller, Senior Heritage Planner, Community Planning

Subject: Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00195 for 1070 Joan Crescent

RECOMMENDATION

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

"That Council consider referring Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00195 for 1070 Joan Crescent to the Heritage Advisory Panel for the meeting of June 9, 2015, for feedback on the proposed exterior alterations and additions to the Heritage-Registered property."

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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:

- a. conditions respecting the sequencing and timing of construction;
- conditions respecting the character of the alteration or action to be authorized, including landscaping, siting, form, exterior design and finish of buildings and structures security;

c. 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 the Planning and Land Use Committee with information, analysis and recommendations for Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00195 for the property located at 1070 Joan Crescent. The proposal is to convert the existing Heritage-Registered residence to a Visitor Centre for the Craigdarroch Castle Society. The proposal includes the construction of an addition and the relocation of the existing garage for use as a Tea House.

Rezoning Application No. 00468 for consideration of new land uses associated with the proposed Visitor Centre will be considered by Council concurrently with Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00195 for 1070 Joan Crescent.

The following points were considered in assessing this Application:

- consistency with the Official Community Plan (2012)
- consistency with the Rockland Neighbourhood Plan (1987).

The proposed development is consistent with relevant City policies and the *Rockland Neighbourhood Plan*. Staff recommend that Council authorize Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00195 for 1070 Joan Crescent.

BACKGROUND

Description of Proposal

The Heritage-Registered property abuts the Heritage-Designated Craigdarroch Castle to the immediate south and opposite Joan Crescent from several Heritage-Registered/Designated properties, in an area that is predominantly in the R1-A Zone, Rockland Single Family Dwelling District.

The proposal is to convert the existing Heritage-Registered residence to a Visitor Centre for the Craigdarroch Castle Society and substantially reinstate the character of the place as it would have appeared in 1913. The proposal includes the construction of an addition to facilitate the transition from the Castle to the Visitor Centre to provide visitor centre services and the relocation of the existing garage for use as a Tea House.

Rezoning Application No. 00468 will be considered by Council concurrently with Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00195 for 1070 Joan Crescent.

ANALYSIS

The following sections provide a summary of the Application's consistency with the relevant City policies, regulations and guidelines.

Official Community Plan

The proposal is consistent with *Official Community Plan* (OCP) policies that support new additions that conserve and enhance heritage property, the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* and OCP policies that seek to maintain views of Craigdarroch Castle from the public realm.

In addition, the proposal is consistent with the Rockland Strategic Directions that include the conservation of historic architectural and landscape character of the neighbourhood and supporting the maintenance of existing dwellings through sensitive infill.

Development Permit Area 15C: Intensive Residential - Rockland

The proposed development is consistent with the objectives of the Development Permit Area where it aims to retain the large-lot character of Rockland.

The Development Permit Area guidelines to be considered in assessing the proposal are the *Advisory Design Guidelines for Buildings, Signs and Awnings* (1981) and *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* (the "Standards and Guidelines"). A summary of the Application's consistency with these Guidelines is provided below.

Advisory Design Guidelines for Buildings, Signs and Awnings

The proposal is consistent with the above Guidelines where they encourage new construction to complement flanking heritage buildings in areas where they predominate and where attractive streetscape, architectural and landscape features of the immediate area are identified and acknowledged.

Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada

The proposal is consistent with the above Standards where they recommend that heritage values and character-defining elements be conserved when creating any new additions and that new work be physically and visually compatible with, subordinate to and distinguishable from the historic place.

The proposal is consistent with the above Guidelines where they recommend removing a noncharacter-defining feature of the building's exterior form, reinstating the building's exterior form from the restoration period based on documentary and physical evidence, and designing an addition that is compatible in terms of materials and massing with the exterior form of the historic building and its setting.

Local Area Plans

The proposal is consistent with the *Rockland Neighbourhood Plan* (1987) where it encourages the conservation, maintenance and enhancement of heritage properties, where exterior changes and additions to heritage properties are in keeping with their heritage character.

CONCLUSIONS

The proposed development is consistent with relevant City policies and the *Rockland Neighbourhood Plan*. A key OCP policy also encourages that continued consideration be given to tools available under legislation to protect heritage property including designation. Staff

acknowledge that while the applicant noted in their letter that heritage designation was being considered by the Craigdarroch Castle Society in support of the Heritage Alteration Permit (and that such a designation would be consistent with the OCP), the applicant is not requesting that the residence be designated at this time. Staff recommend that Council authorize Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00195 for 1070 Joan Crescent.

ALTERNATE MOTION

That Council decline Heritage Alteration Application No. 00195 for 1070 Joan Crescent.

Respectfully submitted,

Murray G. Miller Senior Heritage Planner Community Planning Division

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Andrea Hudson Acting Director Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Jason Johnson Date:

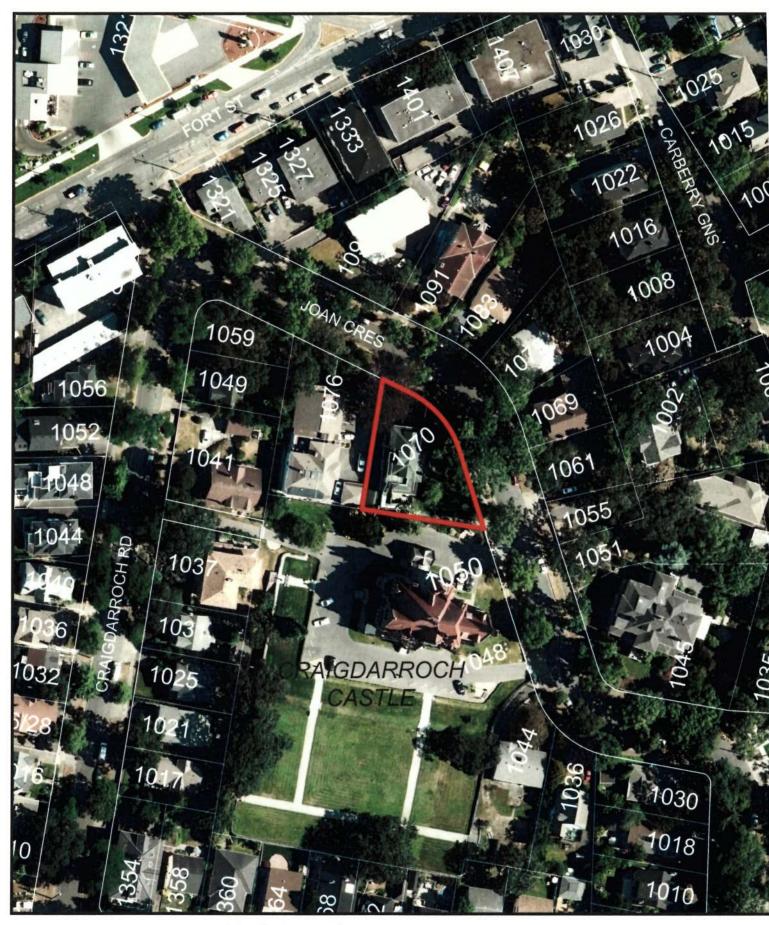
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List of Attachments

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- Aerial photograph
- Revised drawings date stamped May 11, 2015
- Statement of Significance (Exterior)
- Letters from Applicant dated December 16, 2014, and April 7, 2015.

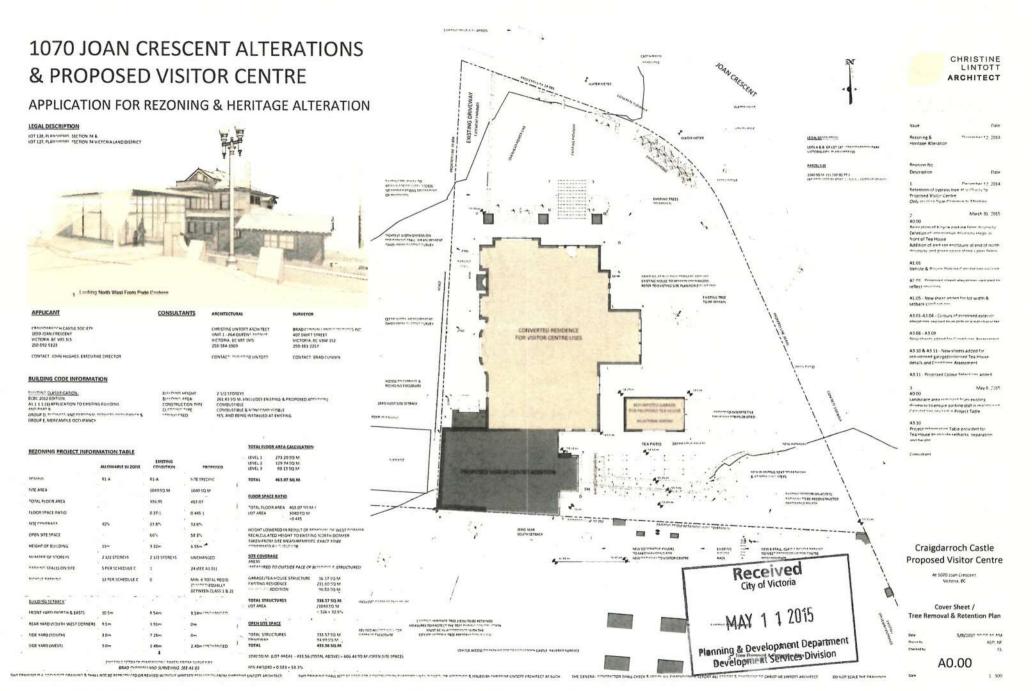




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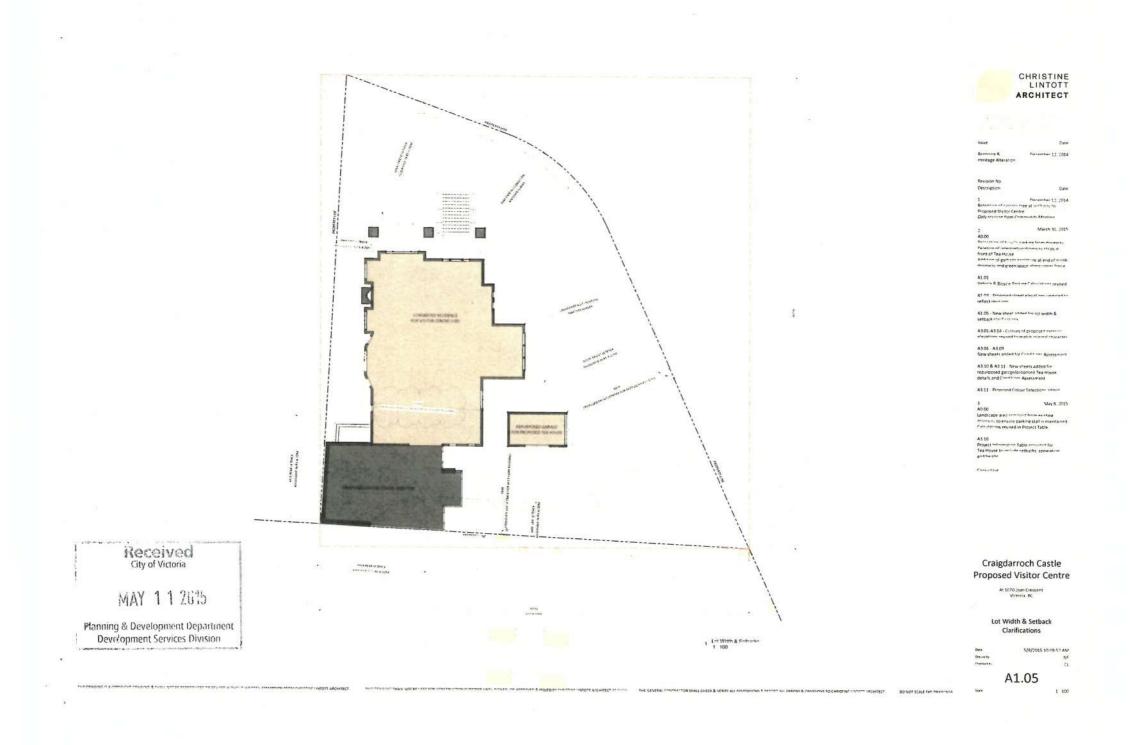
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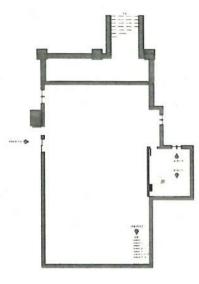
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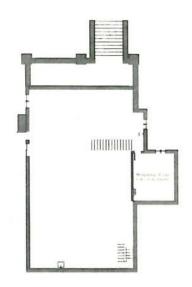
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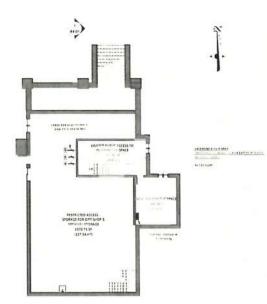






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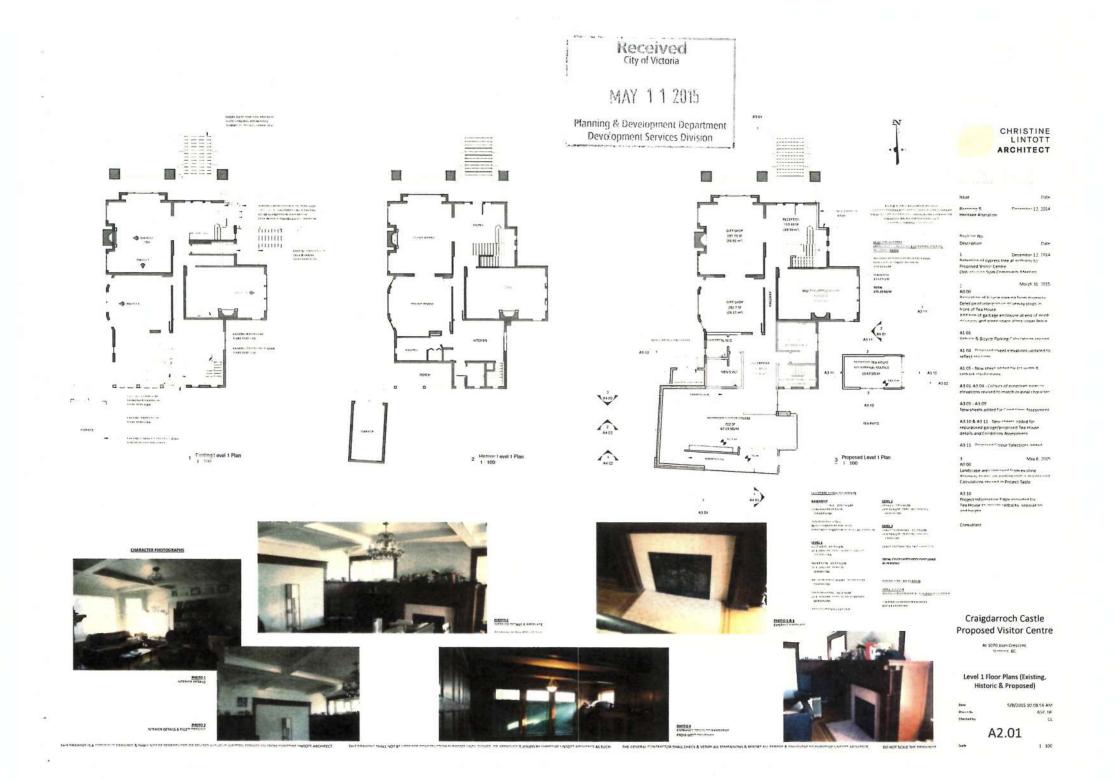


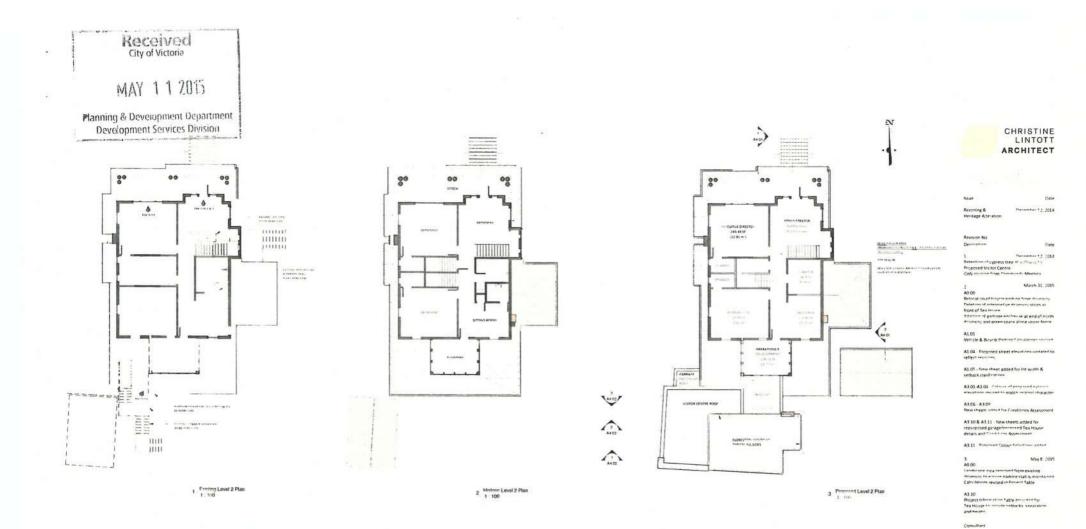
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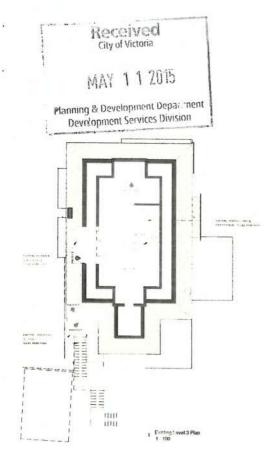
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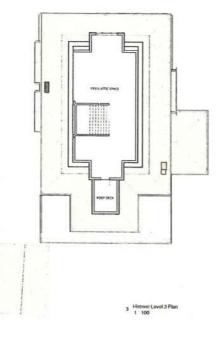


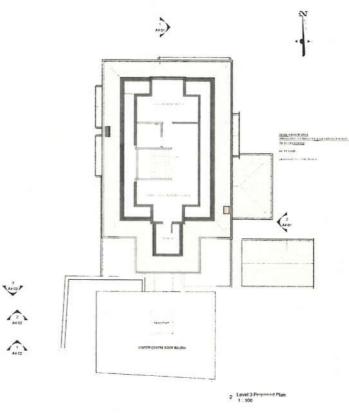
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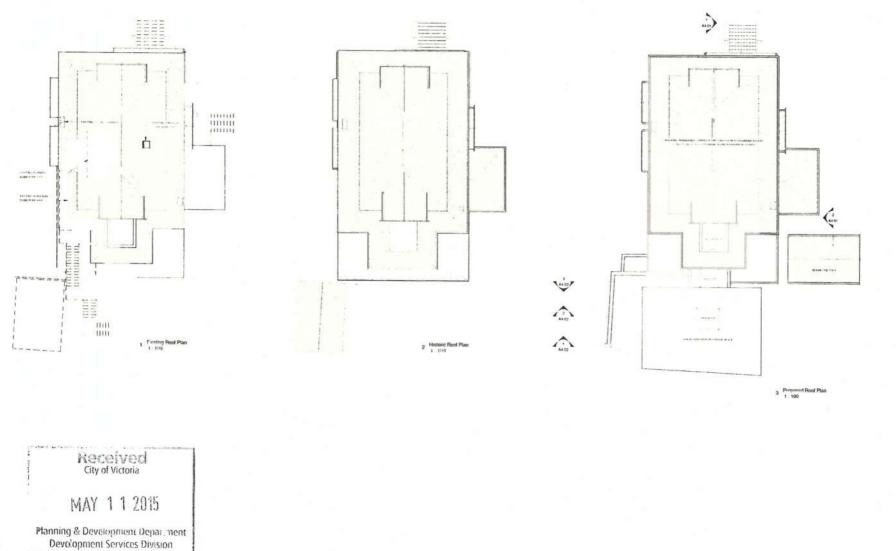
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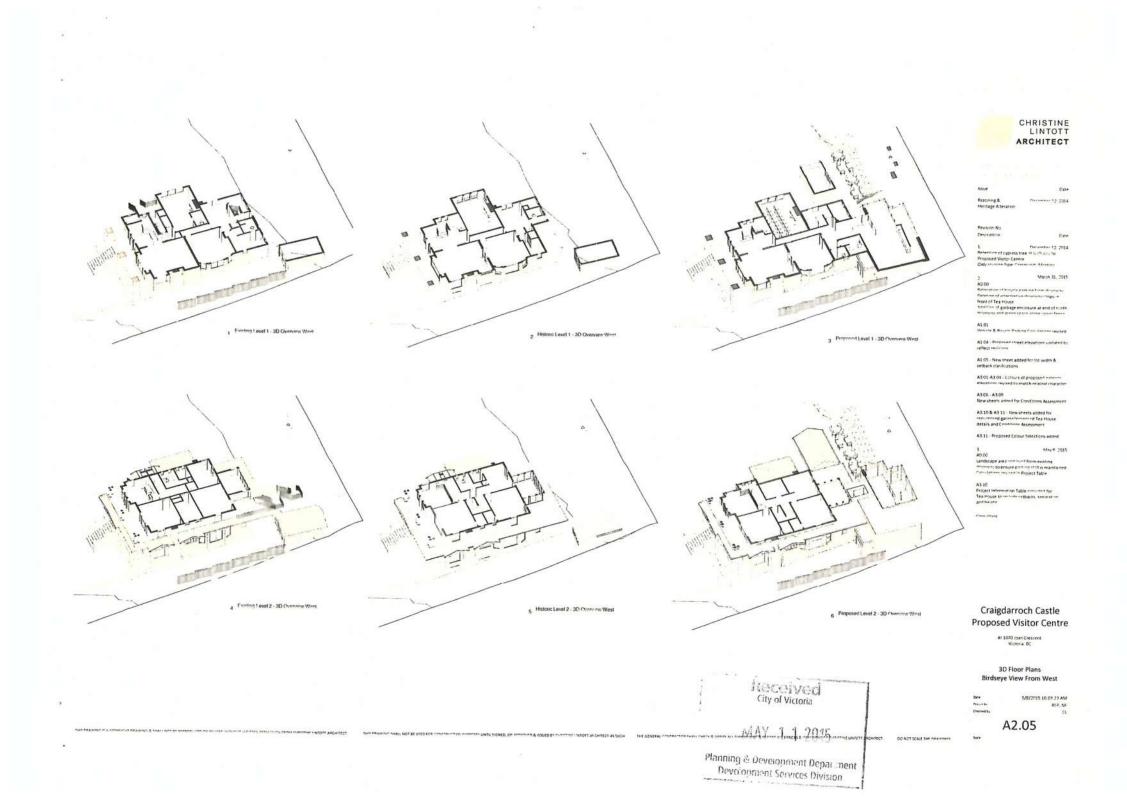
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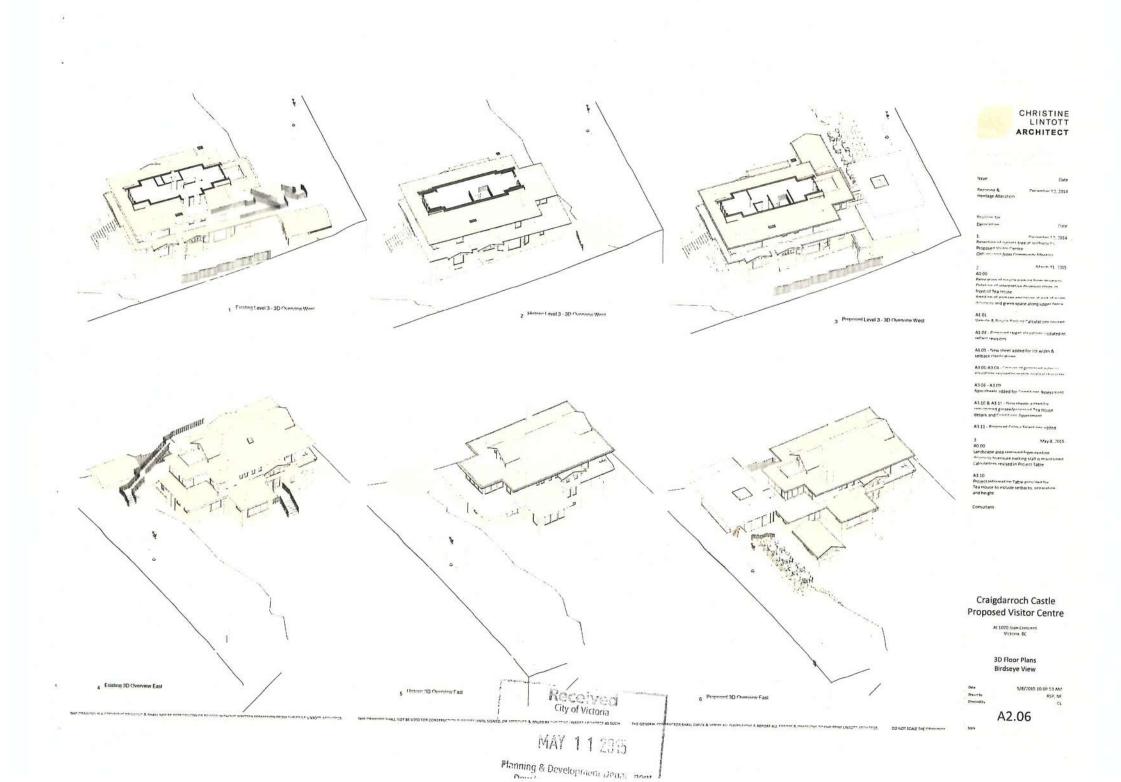
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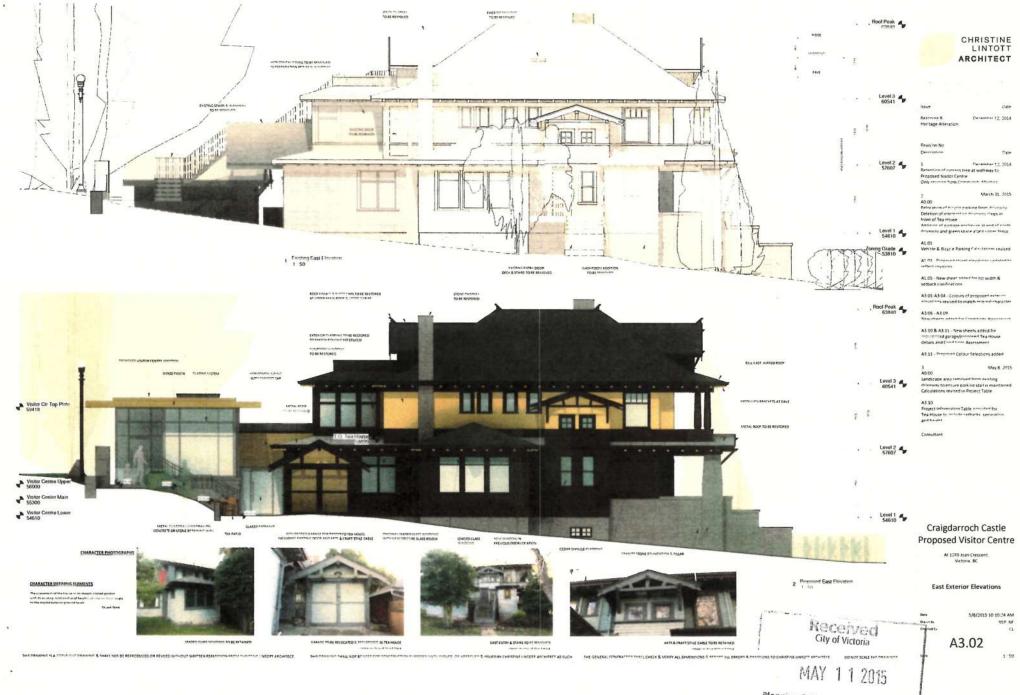
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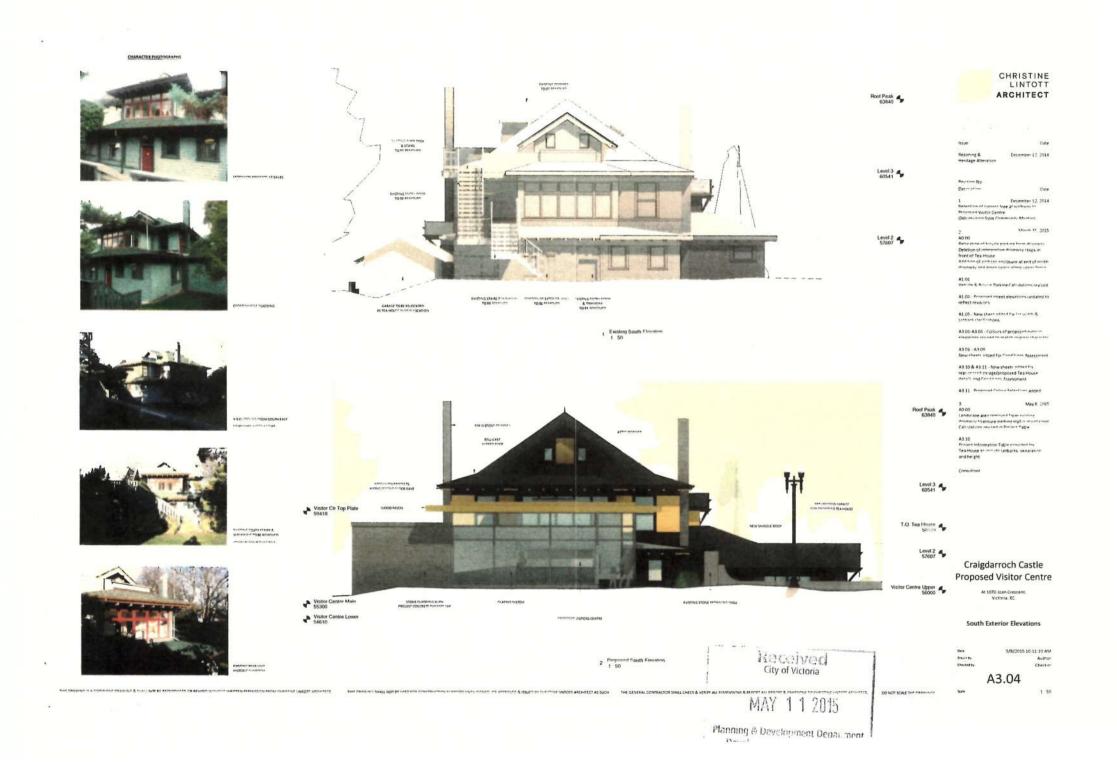
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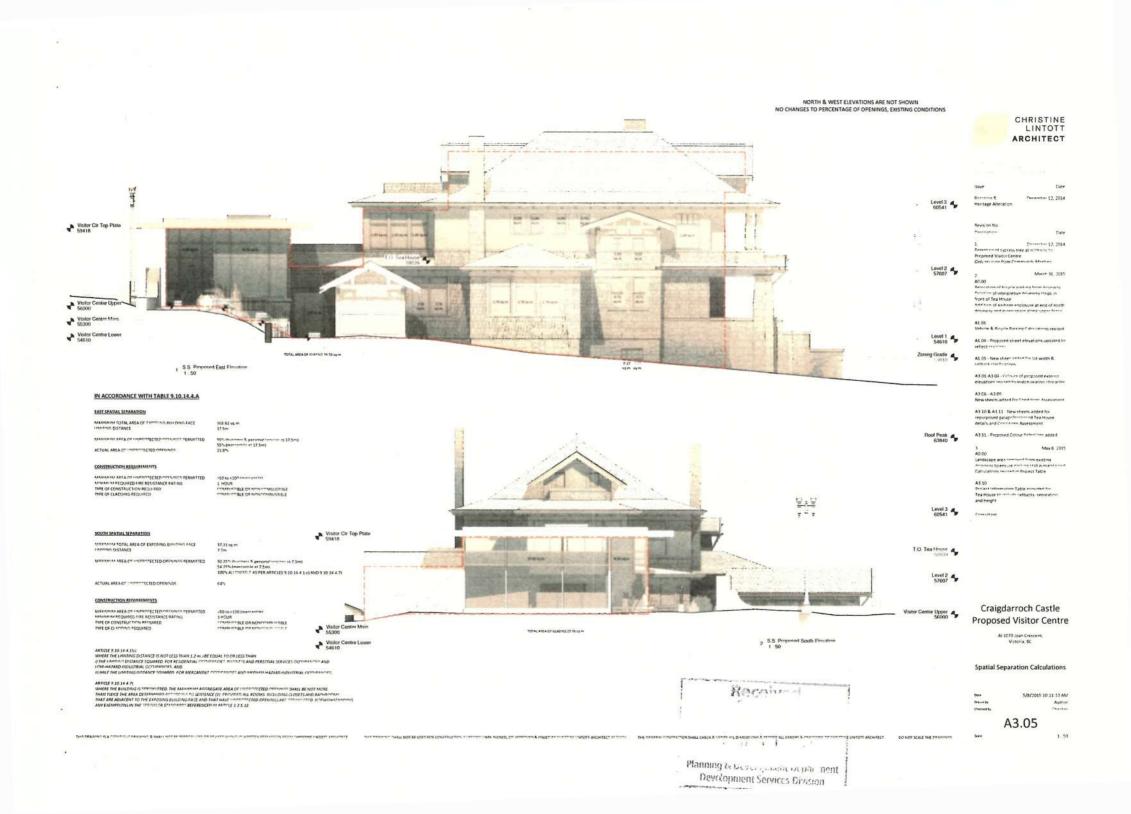


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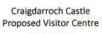






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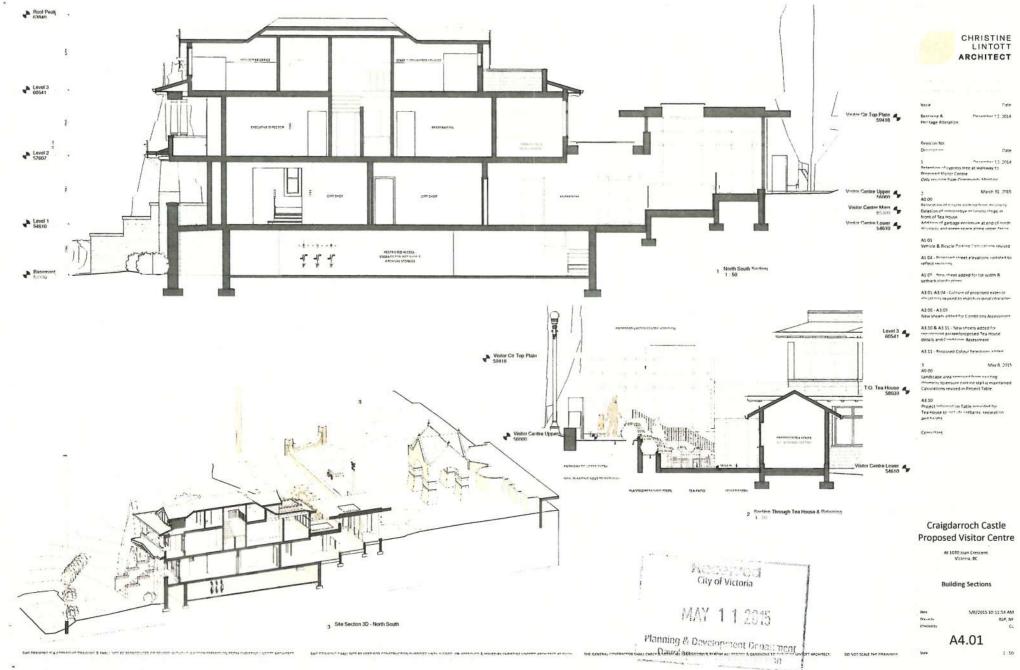
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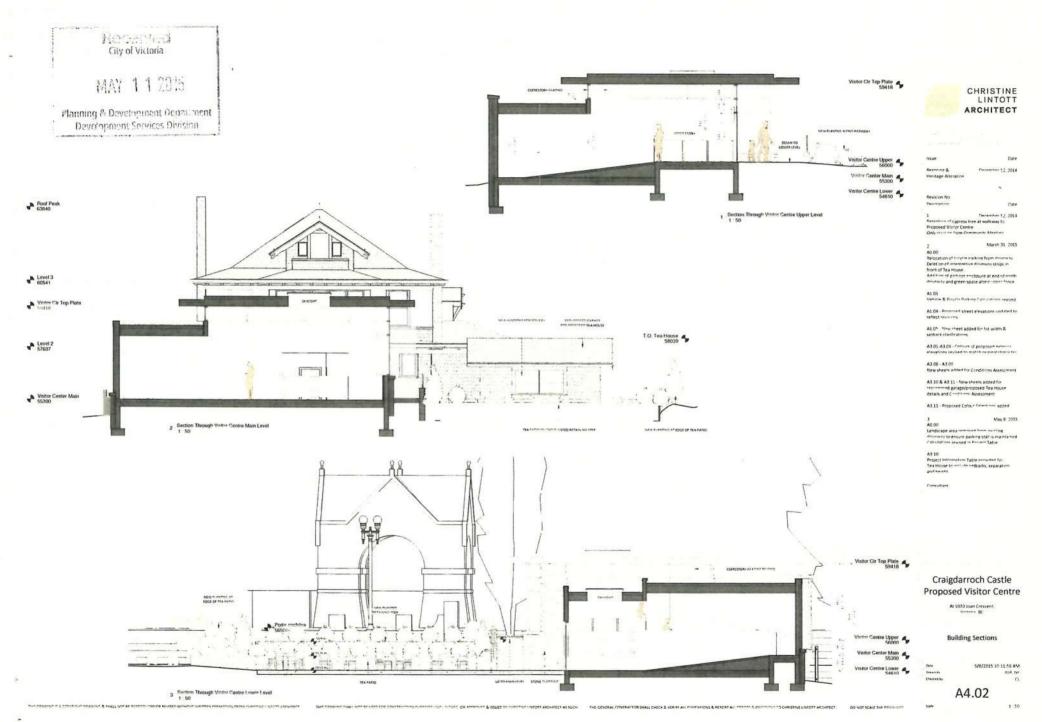
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Exterior Statement of Significance 1070 Joan Crescent (See accompanying Interior Statement of Significance for this building)

The home of Thomas P. McConnell and Emily McConnell Victoria, B.C. Canada. Built 1913.

Legal Description: Lots 127 and 128 Section 74 Victoria Plan 985

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Description of the Historic Place: For EXTERIOR of 1070 Joan Crescent

1070 Joan Crescent is a two-and-one-half storey, Arts & Crafts / Edwardian Classical style house in the historic Rockland neighbourhood of Victoria, B.C. The house is set back from the street, in a sloping garden with lawn, plantings, and a few mature trees. A paved driveway next to the west side of the house leads to a freestanding garage with an Arts & Crafts front gable at the rear of the property.

Heritage Values For EXTERIOR of 1070 Joan Crescent

1070 Joan Crescent is valued as an excellent example of a home built by a successful businessman in the pre-WWI period.

McConnell was a successful real estate agent who worked all over town and particularly in the Fernwood subdivision, making money in the land boom of the early 1900's. McConnell was formerly a salesman before entering real estate, living at 646 Niagara Streets in James Bay. McConnell also was a part owner of the "*Bees*" – Victoria's baseball team – and he raised prize-winning English setters.

This house is valued as representing the shift of what was desirable both in housing type, and in location, in Victoria as the city grew. 1070 Joan Crescent provided more luxurious accommodation than the McConnell's previous home in James Bay, as the grand estates of the Rockland area were being subdivided, providing building lots accessible and affordable to the upper middle class.

The house is also valued as a major historic element of the Craigdarroch neighbourhood. It was built on two lots in the former grounds of *Craigdarroch Castle* (1889). After Mrs. Dunsmuir's death in 1908, the 28-acre grounds were subdivided into 144 lots. Some were sold, others auctioned off with a chance to win the Castle. Two empty lots went through a couple of owners until purchased by Mr. McConnell early in 1913.

Thomas P. McConnell and his wife Emily built 1070 Joan Crescent in 1913. An \$8,000 building permit was dated February 1913. A \$100 permit for the garage was dated July 1913. Assessments in 1913/14 were \$9,000. The McConnell family lived in the house until 1917, when they moved to 403 Linden Avenue. Dr. Boak, a physician, lived here from 1917 to 1947. The house was divided into suites around 1959. Later uses include a guesthouse, rest home, light housekeeping suites and apartments.

1070 Joan Crescent is important for its architectural design. It was built using features from both Edwardian Classical and Arts & Crafts architectural styles. Prominent gables in Arts & Crafts style are found on all four façades. Classical columns support an upper front porch and modillion brackets support wide encircling eaves at the top of the second story. The bell-cast, hipped roof has attic gable dormers to the south, west and north. The front porch, now glassed-in, was originally open.

The stone garden wall is valued as an original landscape feature that relates to other garden walls in the Rockland neighbourhood, reinforcing a local landscape design element. The detached garage, with its Arts & Crafts main gable, is a rare survivor, and valued as representing the increasing importance of the automobile in early Victoria.

Character Defining Elements For EXTERIOR of 1070 Joan Crescent

• The prominent location of the house at the entrance to the Craigdarroch subdivision, and the visibility of two sides of the house and mature garden from the curved street; and the rear of the house from the publicly accessible grounds of Craigdarroch Castle

• The placement of the house in its steeply sloped garden with its existing relationship of heights of interior floor levels to the sloping exterior ground levels.

• The original detailed massing of all building facades dating to the time of construction, including porches, exterior staircase, gables; windows, and roof planes.

• All the historic exterior building materials dating to the time of construction, including the granite foundations, front stairway; porch pillars and chimney, extensive wood detailing, and wood shingle and rough-cast stucco wall coverings.

• The original and rare detached garage with Arts & crafts gable and shingle exterior.

• The original front retaining stone wall at the sidewalk, and garden stairs.

City-Wide Heritage Thematic Framework for 1070 Joan Crescent:

Theme 1: Coastal Settlement

1.2 Multi-Cultural Origins Chinese work/settlement 1.3 Pioneer Farms to First Suburbs Subdivision of Great Estate 1.4 City of Gardens & Landscapes Contribution to Gardens and Boulevards Theme 2: Gateway Economy 2.2 Resource base Local real estate industry 2.5 Historic Infrastructure Transportation (original automobile garage) **Theme 5: Cultural Fabric** 5.1 Architectural Expression

Edwardian Era Architectural Design

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CRAIGDARROCH CASTLE*

City of Victoria

Planning & Development Department Development Services Division

December 16, 2014

The City of Victoria Attention: Mayor and Council 1 Centennial Square Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

RE: 1070 Joan Crescent, Rezoning and Heritage Alteration Permit Application

In December 2012, Directors and Staff undertook a review of the Craigdarroch Castle Historical Museum Society's presentation plan that was originally developed in 2003. A room-by-room examination of the interpretative space inside Craigdarroch Castle was conducted in order to better understand its current use and how the remaining spaces should be incorporated into the visitor experience. The Society's mission is to preserve Craigdarroch Castle and bring its stories to life so the questions asked during this review were whether we could tell additional stories exclusively in the digital realm or could we continue to develop new content in the Castle while working around the existing offices and workshop? If not, then should we remove these operational activities to a Visitor Center and dedicate the Castle spaces to our mission?

As a museum with a National Historic Site designation we are constantly challenged to remain relevant to our visitors while preserving the Castle. In January 2013, with this in mind, the Board of Directors came to the conclusion that the best place for our stories to reside is inside the Castle and approved an updated presentation plan recommending removal of operational activities from the Castle. One of the driving factors behind this decision was the number one request of visitors that they be able to see what a period kitchen looked like. At this time the gift shop inhabits the rooms that were the kitchen and scullery and our lunchroom is in what was the Dunsmuir's pantry. These are important rooms that visitors have told us would add value to their experience and the Society plans to focus restoration and interpretation efforts on these as soon as we've relocated our operational activities. There are also new galleries to be developed in the rooms occupied by our Registrar, Curator and Visitor Service personnel.

In November 2013 Christine Lintott Architect was engaged to determine how the Society might develop a visitor centre on the property located at 1070 Joan Crescent. Over the last 12 months Christine and I, in consultation with staff and the Board of Directors have developed a comprehensive plan for developing this property. As we progressed with our planning we took time to have informal conversations with City of Victoria staff and the Rockland Neighbourhood Association Land Use Committee, culminating recently in hosting a formal CALUC meeting on November 5, 2014.

Description of Proposal

The proposal seeks to retain the existing residence and convert the use to that of a Visitor Centre for the Craigdarroch Castle Society. The residence is listed on the City of Victoria's Heritage Registry and as such the proposed conversion will be in keeping with those character defining elements defined by Heritage Consultant, Stuart Stark, in the attached Statement of Significance. A modest addition is proposed to the south and southwest corner of the residence, which will replace the various porches and external stairs that served the previous conversion of the residence to multiple suites. The proposed addition will comply with the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada. The proposal will rezone the existing R1-A zoned site to a site specific zone to support the proposed uses. A concurrent Heritage Alteration Permit will also be required.

Government Policies

The proposed conversion of the 1070 Joan Crescent residence is consistent with the goals of Placemaking – Urban Design and Heritage in the City of Victoria's Official Community Plan. Specifically,

- "cultural and natural heritage resources are protected and celebrated";
- "that heritage property is conserved as resources with value for present and future generations";
- "maintain views of identified heritage landmark building from the public realm through careful consideration of new development within a 90m or 180m radius";
- "conserve and enhance the heritage value, character and special features of...individual properties";
- "continue to support new additions that conserve and enhance heritage property, as consistent with the National Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada".

With respect to the Neighbourhood Directions for Rockland, Section 21 of the OCP, the proposal is . consistent with the strategic directions which seek to "continue to conserve the historic architectural and landscape character of the neighbourhood", and "support the maintenance of existing dwellings and large lot character through sensitive infill that preserves green space and estate features."

Project Benefits and Amenities

The proposal, as noted above, facilitates the further development of interpretive spaces within the Castle proper by hosting administrative and ancillary uses and activities that are currently housed within. The heritage restoration of key spaces within the Castle has a broader benefit to the community in celebrating this heritage landmark.

The sensitive conversion of the heritage residence at 1070 Joan Crescent to host new uses, which are publicly accessible, furthers the inventory of heritage value in the Rockland neighbourhood. The proposed uses reside within the Castle already, with the exception of the addition of a seasonal tea hut, which is intended to supplement the offerings for visitors to the site, as well as serving the immediate neighbourhood.

Need and Demand

The proposal alleviates the challenges of hosting ancillary uses and administrative space within the Castle proper. The addition ensures accessibility to interpretive installations and provides for visitor

support including storage of b_{n-d} s and access to washrooms. An enhanced b_{n-d} or experience allows for better management of visitor flow through the Castle.

In addition, the proposal provides an opportunity to offer accessible interpretive experiences within 1070 Joan Crescent, for visitors who are challenged to navigate the Castle proper. The residence will also supply much needed archival storage of historic fixtures and fittings, which are seasonally installed in the Castle.

Neighbourhood

The proposed conversion and addition is consistent with Part 2 of the Rockland Neighbourhood Plan. Specifically,

- "properties of heritage character and merit should be conserved, maintained and enhanced";
- "...man-made...landscape features such as rock outcrops, stone walls...should be retained";
- "neighbourhood views should be maintained, particularly public views towards buildings of architectural and heritage merit."
- "the architectural character of new development should complement nearby heritage sites";
- "the institutional, and semi-institutional land uses in Rockland contribute greatly to the neighbourhood's character and should be supported".

Impacts

The proposed conversion and addition complements the activities of Craigdarroch Castle and enhances the visitor experience. The intended consequence is that the flow through activities of Castle visitation will be more streamlined which should further reduce visitation impact to the surrounding neighbourhood. The conversion of this registered property solidifies its continued role in the neighbourhood as a character property, securing it from less compatible development proposals in the future.

Design and Development Permit Guidelines

The proposal will conform to the intent of the referenced applicable guidelines for DPA 15C: Intensive Residential – Rockland, generally, with respect to retention of the existing character building. It is notable that in this instance, a Heritage Alteration Permit is required and that the Statement of Significance is the foundation for considering specific form and character. The Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada is referenced with respect to the proposed addition.

Safety and Security

The proposal acknowledges key CPTED principles. The existing building on its site promotes natural surveillance. Walkways, fencing, lighting and signage promote movement to and from the building's entrances, creating strong connections to the street, overlook and visibility. The public realm is clearly delineated through paving treatments, connectivity, and building placement, reinforcing ownership/control thereby discouraging nuisance behavior. As a complementary use to Craigdarroch Castle, and its continued use as an attraction, the proposal will be assured of quality maintenance and upkeep, thereby discouraging negative activity.

Transportation

The proposed conversion and addition of 1070 Joan Crescent, in conjunction with Craigdarroch Castle proper, exceeds the minimum vehicle parking standards of Schedule C with the existing parking provided on the Castle grounds, a total of 24 spaces. An inventory of the uses and the attributable demand is provided below:

Parking Calculations per Schedule C

Craigdarroch Castle (Lot A) – Commercial Exhibit 4 spaces or 1 space/232m2 of lot area = 13 spaces

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Retail	1 space/37.5m2 = 2 spaces
Office	1 space/65m2 = 3 spaces
Commercial Exhibit	4 spaces or
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Patio	1 space/5 seats = 6 spaces
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Gross Total - minimum required 19 spaces to maximum required 29 spaces

In addition, the proposal meets the bicycle parking standards of Schedule C with provisions for both staff and visitors.

The proposal seeks to enhance the current pedestrian experience by more overtly denoting entrance for visitors to the historic precinct, providing greater accessibility and visibility.

Heritage

The existing residence, as noted above, is a registered property on the City of Victoria's Heritage Registry. The Craigdarroch Castle society is considering seeking designation of the property as part of the overall proposal for Rezoning and support of the Heritage Alteration Permit.

Summary

The proposed conversion and addition to the 1070 Joan Crescent residence represents a sensitive, complementary project within the Rockland Neighbourhood. Support of the proposal will aid in furthering the core activities of the Craigdarroch Castle society in expanding the interpretive installations within the Castle proper. The conversion itself represents an excellent opportunity to further the Society's preservation activities and to celebrate another one of the neighbourhood's assets.

Sincerely,

John Hughes, Executive Director Craigdarroch Castle Historical Museum Society



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April 7, 2015

The City of Victoria Attention: Mayor and Council 1 Centennial Square Victoria, BC V8W 1P6 City of Victoria

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RE: 1070 Joan Crescent revised proposal for Rezoning and Heritage Alteration Application.

In response to the Application Review Summary dated Wednesday, January 14, 2015, we are pleased to submit our revised proposal for the above noted development. The subject of this letter is to provide an itemized update and clarification of new information on the proposal and should be reviewed in conjunction with the revised, bubbled drawings.

Specifically, the conditions to be met prior to the Planning and Land Use Committee are:

1. Further consideration of the voluntary designation of the heritage property.

Heritage designation will not be pursued at this time.

- 2. Please identify the vehicle and bicycle requirements for all proposed uses.
- Vehicle calculations have been revised on A1.01, per Schedule C and in conjunction with comments from staff review on the Zoning Plan Check sheet. Bicycle requirements have been clarified on A1.01.
- 3. Please confirm whether the proposed finished floor level of the proposed Visitor's Centre Addition could be lowered sufficiently to impact the extent of ramps inside the addition – as this could enhance the relationship between the proposed addition and the hipped roof of the existing residence to the north.

The upper floor level of the addition has been located to provide an accessible entry and transition from the Castle porte-cochere level to the main level of the Visitor Centre. The interior ramping will serve to organize queuing large groups of guests before ticketing and Visitor Centre services.

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4. Please provide a detailed relocation plan for the existing garage/proposed Tea House.

The intent is to relocate the superstructure of the existing garage in its entirety. The existing foundation is not reusable and the garage will be placed on a new concrete foundation. The slope of the wood framing is to be retained and new framing will be filled in for connection to the new foundation. Special consideration will be taken to ensure the slope is represented for interpretive purposes. Additional detail of the garage is provided on sheets A3.10 & A3.11.

5. Please reconsider the appearance and detail of the north face of the proposed Visitor's Centre addition, having regard to the character and appearance of the existing garage at this location.

Appearance of the north elevation has been considered and revised to accommodate a proposed garbage enclosure at the end of the driveway. The enclosure is to be in keeping with the proposed addition, with shingle and stone cladding and discrete wood doors. In addition, a proposed green space has been shown in the upper driveway with a path for the roll out bins to be brought to the street while loading is retained at the northern portion of the driveway. A suitable tree is to be planted and will be visible from the large openings in the west wall of the residence.

6. Please complete the elevation drawings, depicting the existing garage.

Additional details are provided on sheets A3.10 & A3.11.

7. Please reconsider the treatment of the lower portion of the exterior wall for the proposed relocated garage so as to be more in-keeping with its existing/historic character.

The stone foundation originally proposed has been deleted and shingle cladding is to extend to top of the new concrete foundation, which will have limited visibility.

8. Please provide the findings of the Envelope Review.

This work has not been engaged to date. The existing house is occupied by tenants. The intent is to retain and restore existing materials wherever possible. Replacement will only occur as a result of finding deterioration beyond repair.

9. Please provide a condition assessment for historic materials that are proposed to be replaced.

A condition assessment has been performed with participation from Heritage Consultant, Stuart Stark. Additional sheets A3.06 – A3.11 for condition assessment details are provided.

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10. Please consider the seismic strengthening of the existing stone chimneys.

The chimneys with be seismically strengthened/restrained as required, the scope of which will be delineated as part of the Building Permit application process.

11. Please revise the Statement of Significance so that it is consistent with the Canadian Register of Historic Places Writing Statements of Significance and reflects the relevant themes set out in the Victoria Heritage Thematic Framework.

Revised Statement of Significance provided. Interior and exterior provided as two (2) separate documents.

12. The proposed class 2 bicycle parking obstructing the driveway must be relocated on the site and must include a minimum of 6 stalls. At least 50% of these stalls should be horizontal. A 2.0m driveway width is not appropriate.

The bicycle parking has been deleted from the driveway location and relocated next to the existing bicycle location at the porte cochere level. A new 6 stall (horizontal) rack is to be provided similar to the existing rack. Preference is to group bicycle parking to allow clear visibility of location and not restrict access to new work or impede landscaped grounds. The existing driveway is existing/non-conforming; specifically, its' functionality relies on the informal access "shared" between the site and the adjacent property to the west.

13. The proposed rezoning and potential increase in density for this property may contribute to an overtaxing of the sanitary sewer system.

An inventory of existing plumbing fixtures and proposed fixtures has been provided on A1.01, clarifying a reduction of fixtures associated with the proposal.

14. An arborist report will be required detailing the impacts of the proposal on the existing trees on the subject property, as well as neighbouring property (1050 Joan Crescent). The arborist report is to detail construction impacts and the proposal and the mitigation measures required to successfully retain the trees as indicated.

Arborist report attached for reference.

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15. Given the unique nature of applying current codes to existing buildings of historical importance it is preferred that code compliance is achieved by involving inspections staff early in the process. It has been noted that sprinklers will be installed throughout but the exiting looks like it will be something that requires consideration. A code approach should be submitted to initiate discussion regarding code conformance.

The alterations and restoration to the existing building will be governed by Division A – Appendix A, Section A-1.1.1.(1) Application to Existing Buildings. Due consideration will be taken to ensure fire, life, and safety systems meet the intent of current Code compliance where practical, while placing sensitivity in preserving historical elements and character. Both the existing building and the proposed addition will be sprinklered, and the addition will be constructed to meet all current Code requirements.

Additional comments have been made in the Application Review, Zoning Plan Check and are noted as follows:

- a) Lot Width & Setbacks: New sheet A1.05 provided and setbacks revised in the Project Information Table on A0.00.
- b) Vehicle & Bicycle Parking: Revised and clarified in item 2 listed above.
- c) Garage Detail: New sheet A3.10 & A3.11 provided.

Additional refinements have been made to the drawing set and are noted in the attached "Revisions to Rezoning Submission" list. This involves restoring the building to the original 1913 form and character which includes the removal of a later washroom addition on the east façade, return to original paint colours, and restoring materials such as metal roofing and leaded glass windows in locations noted.

We trust that the above responses to the Application Review Summary further support the proposal for this sensitive, neighbourhood-scaled building. We welcome the opportunity to appear before the Planning and Land Use Committee and to continue our work with staff to realize this important project.

Sincerely,

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