

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2010-DEC-02 at 7:00 pm

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, 2010-DEC-02, commencing at 1900 hours (7:00 pm) in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC to consider a proposed covenant amendment application.

1. COVENANT AMENDMENT

Purpose: To amend an existing

covenant on the land.

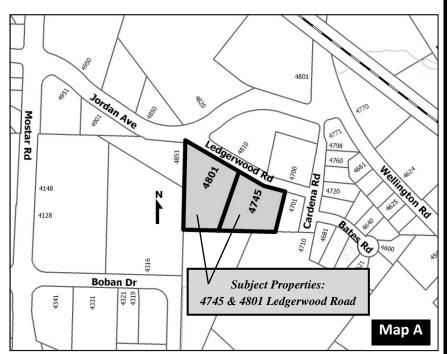
Location(s): 4745 & 4801

Ledgerwood Road

File No.: RA265

This application, if approved, will allow for an amendment to an existing covenant in relation to lot coverage, subdivision, and unit size, which were secured through a previous rezoning application (RA95-15).

The subject properties are legally described as LOT 1, SECTION 5, WELLINGTON DISTRICT, PLAN 11947, EXCEPT PART IN PLANS 16209 AND 25713 (4745 Ledgerwood Road) and LOT A, SECTION 5, WELLINGTON DISTRICT, PLAN 16209 (4801 Ledgerwood Road) and are shown on Map A.



PLEASE NOTE full details of the above-noted application are available at the City of Nanaimo, Community Safety and Development Division, located at 238 Franklyn Street.

The above application, relevant staff reports, and other background information may be inspected from 2010-NOV-19 to 2010-DEC-02, between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays, in the offices of the Community Safety and Development Division, 238 Franklyn Street, Nanaimo, BC.

All persons who believe their interest in property is affected by the proposed covenant amendment shall be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person, by a representative or by written submission, on the matters contained within covenant amendment application RA265 at the Public Hearing.

Please note the following:

Written submissions may be sent to the City of Nanaimo, Community Safety & Development Division, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6.

Electronic submissions (email) should be sent to **public.hearing@nanaimo.ca**, or submitted online at **www.nanaimo.ca**. These submissions must be received no later than 4:00 pm, 2010-DEC-02, to ensure their availability to Council at the Public Hearing.

Following the close of a public hearing, no further submissions or comments from the public or interested persons can be accepted by members of City Council, as established by provincial case law. This is necessary to ensure a fair public hearing process and provide a reasonable opportunity for people to respond.

For more information, please contact the City of Nanaimo, Community Safety and Development Division Phone: (250) 755-4429 Fax: (250) 755-4439 Website: www.nanaimo.ca 238 Franklyn Street, Nanaimo, BC



STAFF REPORT

REPORT TO: A. TUCKER, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, COMMUNITY SAFETY & DEVELOPMENT

FROM: J. HOLM, MANAGER, CURRENT PLANNING, COMMUNITY SAFETY & DEVELOPMENT

RE: RA265 - COVENANT AMENDMENT - 4745 & 4801 LEDGERWOOD ROAD

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. receive this report pertaining to a covenant amendment application to an existing restrictive use covenant which proposes the following:
 - a. remove the requirement for a boundary adjustment subdivision prior to development of the lands;
 - b. remove the maximum lot coverage restriction of 26% for Lot A and 28% for Lot B:
 - c. reduce the percentage of three bedroom and larger units required on the land from 10% to 5%; and
- 2. direct Staff to forward the item to the next scheduled Public Hearing, as per Council's policy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City has received an application from Mr. Sandy Bartlett, on behalf of 620182 BC Ltd., to amend an existing restrictive use covenant secured through rezoning application RA95-15. The applicant proposes to remove the existing requirement for maximum lot coverage of 26% for Lot A and maximum lot coverage of 28% for Lot B. The applicant also proposes to remove the requirement for boundary adjustment subdivision of the lands and to reduce the minimum percentage of three bedroom and larger units on the land from 10% to 5%.

Staff supports the application and recommends that Council approve the proposed covenant amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The subject property, which consists of two parcels addressed at 4801 & 4745 Ledgerwood Road, is approximately 1.28 ha (3.2 acres) in area and is located just off Jordan Avenue. The property, which is designated Light Industrial in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and lies within the Steep Slope Development Permit Area (DPA-5) was rezoned from Single Family Residential Zone (RS-1) and Light Industrial Zone (I-2) to Medium Density Multiple Family (Suburban) Zone (RM-5) through rezoning application RA95-15.

Existing Covenant Restrictions

Through rezoning application RA95-15 restrictive covenants were placed on title to the subject properties. The rezoning applicant at the time proposed three apartment buildings consisting of 120 residential dwelling units. Based on the development proposal under consideration at that time the covenants secured the following development restrictions relevant to the proposed amendments:

- the property be subdivided as proposed lots A and B (Attachment B);
- lot coverage not exceed 26% on Lot A;
- lot coverage not exceed 28% on Lot B; and
- at least 10% of the dwelling units on the land must have at least three bedrooms each.

Proposed Development

The City has received a development permit application (DP676) for the subject property from Mr. Ian Niamath Architecture. The development permit applicant proposes to construct 114 units within three buildings on the subject properties. The current development proposal contemplates consolidation of the two existing lots rather than a boundary adjustment subdivision, as previously proposed. In keeping with the intent of the Steep Slope Development Permit Area Guidelines, the applicant proposes to step the buildings down the slope, which runs north-south on the subject properties with Ledgerwood Road being the high point (Attachment C). In order to permit the proposed development the applicant is requesting amendments to the restrictive covenants.

Proposed Covenant Amendments

The applicant proposes amendments to the boundary adjustment subdivision requirement, maximum permitted lot coverage restrictions, and the requirement for a minimum 10%, three bedroom units.

The property is presently in Steep Slope Development Area (DPA-5). This development permit area, which guides development on sensitive steep slopes, was not in place at the time of rezoning application RA95-15. The boundary adjustment subdivision requirement and lot coverage restrictions applied through the restrictive covenant were an attempt to minimize the impact of the rezoning development proposal on the steep slope. The current RM-5 zoning permits up to 40% lot coverage. With the Steep Slope Development Permit Guidelines in place, development on steep slopes is addressed in a much more comprehensive manner than was available at the time of the rezoning application.

Staff is of the opinion that the proposed development is compliant with the intent of the Steep Slope Development Permit Guidelines and supports the removal of the current boundary adjustment subdivision requirement and restriction on lot coverage.

The applicant has identified that the current market conditions are not favorable to three bedroom and larger units and requests that the percentage of three bedroom and larger units required be reduced from 10% to 5% of the overall development. Rezoning application RA95-15 secured 10% of the units as three bedroom units in an attempt to address the City's Housing Policy for a variety of housing choices within the community and within developments by type, tenure and cost.

Given that market conditions and demographics have changed substantially in the 15 years since the consideration of the rezoning application, Staff is of the opinion that the current proposed development provides a range of housing type within the surrounding area. The shift to smaller units also reduces the entry price point. The tenure of the proposed development is strata titled.

Respectfully Submitted,

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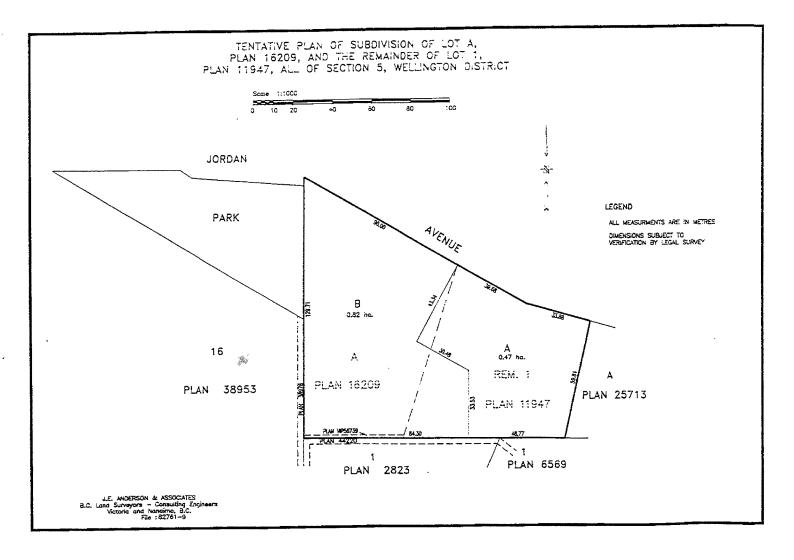
ATTACHMENT A



File: RA000265 Civic: 4745 and 4801 Ledgerwood Road

LOCATION PLAN





project data, site plan

ian a. niamath architect

