

AGENDA DESIGN ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

May 9, 2019, 5:00 PM Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC

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1. CALL THE MEETING OF THE DESIGN ADVISORY PANEL TO ORDER:

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

a. Minutes of the Meeting held 2019-APR-25

Minutes of the Open Design Advisory Panel meeting held in the Boardroom of the Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo BC on Thursday, April 25, 2019.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Development Permit Application No. DP1132 - 4474 Wellington Road

A development permit application was received from 0927199 BC Ltd, for the proposed construction of a three-storey mixed use building with under-thebuilding parking. Unit composition is as follows: fourteen office units and eight residential units. The subject property is legally described as Lot 8, Section 5, Wellington District, Plan 18939.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

MINUTES

OPEN DESIGN ADVISORY PANEL MEETING SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE BOARDROOM, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC THURSDAY, 2019-APR-25 AT 5:00 P.M.

- PRESENT: Members: Gur Minhas, Chair Councillor Tyler Brown Martin Hagarty Steve Johnston Charles Kierulf Kevin Krastel Marie Leduc Kate Stefiuk
 - Staff: Lainya Rowett, Manager, Current Planning Madeleine Koch, Planner, Current Planning Dave Stewart, Planner, Current Planning Natasha Tiwana, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN DESIGN ADVISORY PANEL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Open Design Advisory Panel Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. <u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA:</u>

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda, be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Design Advisory Panel held in the Boardroom, 411 Dunsmiur Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Thursday 2019-FEB-28 at 5:00 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

4. <u>PRESENTATIONS:</u>

(a) <u>Development Permit Application No. DP1130 - 6340 McRobb Avenue</u>

Dave Stewart, Planner, Current Planning Section, introduced the project, Phase 1 of a two-phase development; a six-storey multi-family residential building, comprised of 66 residential units and underground parking. Mr. Stewart spoke regarding an existing covenant on the property which will require an amendment.

Reza Salehi, Architect of Salehi Architect Inc., presented the project and spoke regarding: site context, architectural plans, parking plans and security, and exterior materials.

Caelan Griffiths, Landscape Architect of PMG Landscape Architects Ltd., presented the landscape plan and spoke regarding the following:

- Patios and lawns are raised to achieve soil volumes and storm water management.
- Private patio spaces are planned for each ground level unit.
- Ornamental grasses and perennials will be used specifically around patios and entrance for privacy.
- Plantings will be used to highlight and frame site features and provide wayfinding (ie. trees at front entrance).

Patrick Ryan, Civil Engineer of Herold Engineering Ltd., presented the proposed civil site servicing plan for the project.

Panel discussions took place regarding:

- The variety of design elements and need for of consistent rhythm of architectural elements/features.
- The possibility of softening the south property edge to blend more with north Nanaimo character.
- The need to include bike rack siting on the site plan.
- The urban condition and building proximity to the road; and, the need for more cohesiveness as a neighborhood.
- The possibility of using trees and open space to create a sense of community onsite.
- The importance of privacy screens for shared balconies.
- The proposed glazing and ensuring it does not impact Step Code requirements.

It was moved and seconded that Development Permit Application No. DP1130 be accepted as presented. The following recommendations were provided:

- Look at reducing the proposed number of design elements to provide a consistent architectural rhythm for the building;
- Consider ways to provide a better transition to the natural space adjacent to the south property line; and, increasing the number of evergreen trees throughout the site to reflect north Nanaimo's character; and,
- Look at ways to strengthen the main entrance.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Stewart vacated the meeting at 6:00pm.

(b) Development Permit Application No. DP1135 - 3200 Island Highway N

Madeleine Koch, Planner, Current Planning Section introduced the project which is comprised of four commercial lease spaces including a drive-thru restaurant. There are no proposed variances for this application.

Paul Chiu, Architect of Urban Design Group Associates presented the project and spoke regarding: the proposed site/building design, site context, parking, vehicle movement, pedestrian access and the landscape plan.

• Suggested north/south connection to the main mall building.

- Infill planting will screen headlights from the highway; and a landscape island is incorporated in the drive-thru area.
- Composite tiles are added to the building to add visual interest.
- Sight lighting will be accommodated through the use of wall packs and soffit lighting.
- The garbage enclosure is located along the highway side of the site.

Panel discussions took place regarding:

- Vehicle movement and interaction with pedestrian activity.
- Adding a pedestrian walkway in front of the building for easier access.
- Ways to add visual interest to the north elevation.
- Suggestion to preserve the ground cover at the base of the proposed vines for root protection purposes. Added plantings encouraged.
- The possible addition of trees along the pedestrian walkway.
- The loading zone and parking calculation requirements for future tenants.
- The preservation of sightlines within the planted island in the drive-thru area.
- Suggestion to use split-face concrete around the garbage enclosure.

It was moved and seconded that Development Permit Application No. DP1135 be accepted as presented. The following recommendations were provided:

- Look at ways to improve the pedestrian link/connection across the drive aisles and from east to west through the overall parking area;
- Preserve the ground covering and add vines on the north side; and, consider increased plantings;
- Incorporate split face block around the garbage enclosure; and,
- Screen any rooftop mechanical units that may be required for the project.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

It was moved and seconded at 6:51 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER

STAFF DESIGN COMMENT

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. DP001132 – 4474 WELLINGTON ROAD

Owner / Applicant: 0927199 BC LTD

Architect: D-ARCHITECTURE INC

Landscape Architect: MYSTIC WOODS LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Subject Property:

Zoning	COR3 – Community Corridor
Location	The subject property is located on the east side of Wellington Road, between Jordan Avenue and Jingle Pot Road.
Total Area	3,126m ²
Official Community Plan (OCP)	Map 1 – Future Land Use Plan – Corridor Map 3 – Development Permit Area DPA No. 9 – Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Multiple Family, and Mixed Commercial / Residential Development
Relevant Design Guidelines	General Development Permit Area Design Guidelines

Site Context

The subject property is a panhandle lot located on Wellington Road adjacent to the E&N railway corridor. The Island Highway and Long Lake are on the opposite side of the railway from the subject property. The property slopes downhill from Wellington Road to the highway. The surrounding neighbourhood is a mix of industrial, commercial, and residential uses. The current zoning of properties along the north side of Wellington Road is Community Corridor (COR3) which could allow for redevelopment for a wide range of uses.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The applicant is proposing to construct a three-storey mixed use building with offices on the first two floors and residential units on the third floor. An under-the-building level for parking is belowgrade on the west elevation and above grade on the east elevation. Additional surface parking is proposed to the west of the building.

The building's gross floor area is 2,388m² and includes:

- 1,642m² for office use; and
- 746m² for residential use.

The unit composition includes:

- Fourteen office units ranging in size from 67m² to 176m²;
- Three 2-bedroom residential units ranging in size from 86m² to 102m²;and
- Five 1-bedroom residential units ranging in size from 64m² to 69m².

The building's floor area ratio is equal to 0.76.

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Background

A previous development permit application, DP783 (submitted in 2012 and cancelled in 2015), proposed a mixed-use building with a similar design to the current proposal, but with fewer residential units and a shared driveway access with the neighbouring property to the south.

<u>Site Design</u>

The proposed building is sited towards to the rear of the lot, making the building more visible from the Island Highway than from Wellington Road. Due to the panhandle nature of the lot, building presence along Wellington Road is not possible. However, the applicant proposes to incorporate an entry sign parallel to the to the driveway access to provide interest and wayfinding from Wellington Road.

A surface parking lot with 21 spaces and a loading bay is proposed to be located between the building and the neighbouring lot in front of the subject property. The garbage enclosure is located at the north end of the surface parking lot. An additional 39 parking spaces are provided below the building with a sloped drive aisle entering from the south.

A concrete sidewalk is proposed along the north side of the driveway to connect the building with Wellington Road.

Staff comments:

- Confirm access to the garbage enclosure area adjacent to a parking stall.
- Relocate the loading bay away from accessible parking spaces and primary pedestrian access.
- Provide a continuous sidewalk from Wellington Road to the building entrance with a safe crossing of the surface parking lot entrance.
- Consider appropriate lighting in parking area and along drive aisle.
- Consider landscape islands to break up the rows of surface parking.
- Indicate the location of required short-term bicycle parking near the primary building entrance.

Building Design:

The building design reflects its mixed use nature as it transitions from office use at the ground level to residential use on the top floor. The exterior of the first floor appears commercial in character while the second floor offices possess large balconies that are replicated by the balconies for the residential units on the third floor. The offices and residential units share a common lobby on the ground floor and an overhead entry feature. Building materials generally include concrete walls, hardie plank siding, metal cladding, and culture stone veneer.

The massing of the building takes advantage of views towards Long Lake to the east, and the staggered facades on the east and west elevations optimize corner units, while providing visual interest. Despite being sited to the rear of the property, the east elevation acts as a 'front' façade since it is most directly visible from the public realm, along the Island Highway and E&N Trail.

Staff comments:

• Consider further distinction between the primary building entrance and secondary unit entrances on the first floor.

 Consider ways to address the blank exterior wall of the basement floor facing the Island Highway.

Landscape Design

The landscape design includes a 3m wide spruce hedge along the north property line, a terraced landscaped area along the east property line, two outdoor patio areas in the southeast corner of the property, and a ± 1 m wide landscaped buffer along the west property line and to the north of the driveway access. There is no landscaping proposed along the south property line as the driveway access abuts the lot line, but a 1.8m high solid wood fence is proposed along the property line. The existing retaining wall and vegetation along the west property line will be retained.

Staff Comments:

- Consider opportunities to increase the landscape buffer along the west property line and the driveway aisle to a width of 1.8m.
- Consider increasing the landscaping along the east property line to further screen the retaining walls and exterior basement wall without impacting views from the upper floors.
- Consider including landscaping to climb portions of the fence along the south property line.
- Consider an additional level of screening to surround the garbage enclosure.

PROPOSED VARIANCES

Minimum Rear Yard Setback

A rear yard setback variance is requested to reduce the minimum rear yard setback from 7.5m to 3.18m, a proposed variance of 4.32m.

Maximum Building Height

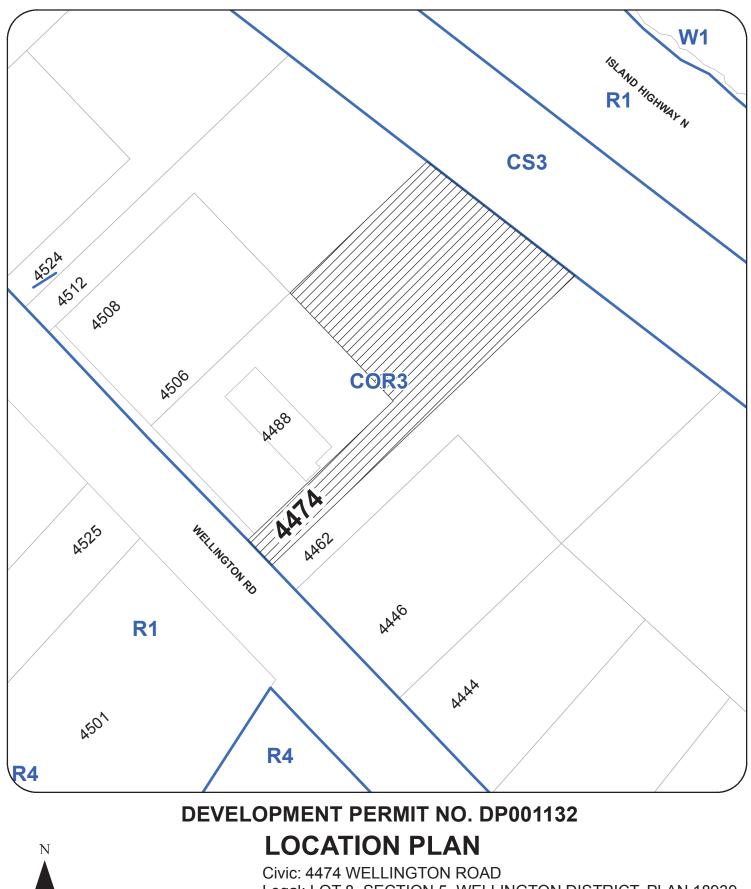
A building height variance is requested to increase the maximum building height from 14m to 14.15m. Note: in the COR3 zone the maximum building height is increased to 18m if at least 75% of the required parking is located below or beneath the building. The proposed building includes only 68% of the required parking below the building, therefore a variance is required for the additional height.

Parking

A variance is required in order locate a surface parking lot to the front of the building.

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LOCATION PLAN



Legal: LOT 8, SECTION 5, WELLINGTON DISTRICT, PLAN 18939

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Subject Property

Reference: 2863

May 2nd 2019

DESIGN RATIONAL

4474 Wellington Road, Nanaimo, BC, Mixed used

4474 Wellington Road property have panhandle access from Wellington Road with a beautiful view to Long Lake at West. There is around 10% slope from East to West. Property Zoned COR3 and Our Client looking to develop good quality office building with some Residential at top.

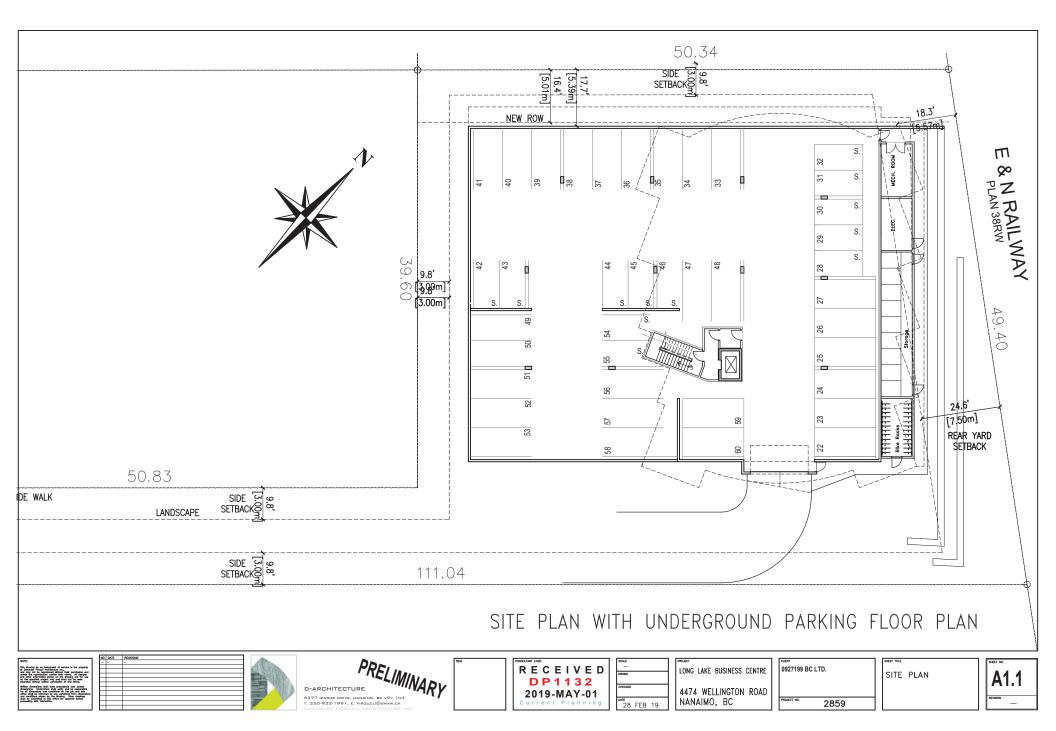
Design Idea starts to use the most from view in West and also consider the modular design to most friendly use of material. Offices designed rectangular and rotated to increase the exterior wall in the West which will also use as an entrance to individual office units at main floor (East).

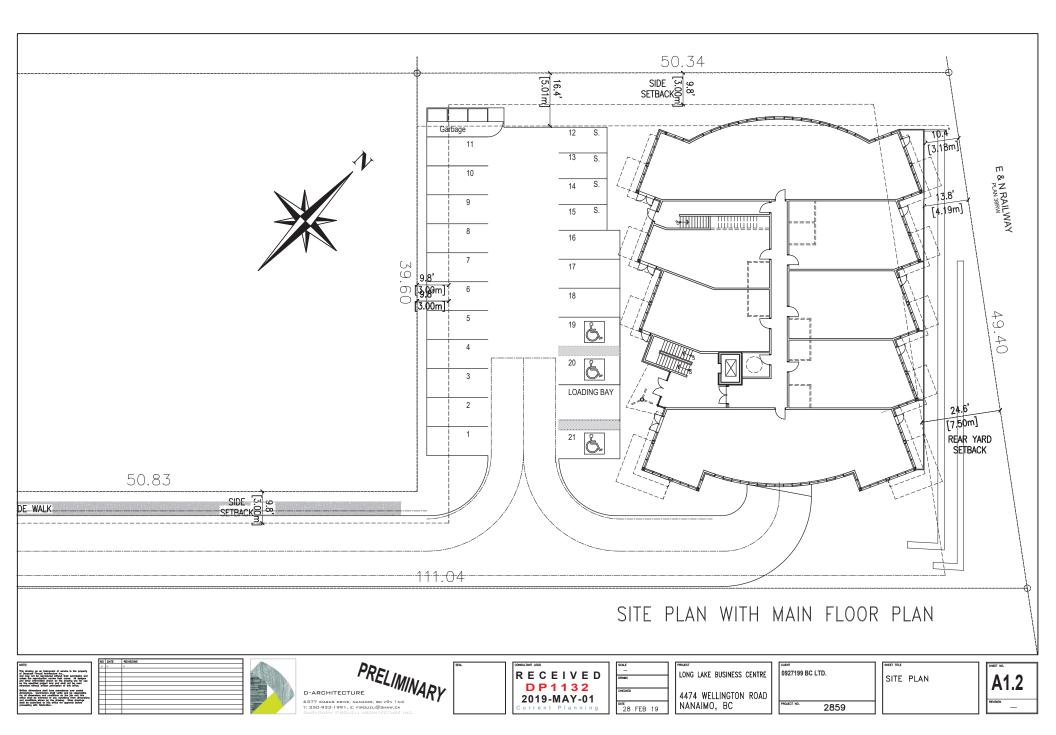
We are looking for two variances in this building:

- 1- Setback at Rear set back required 7.5m because property line in West is in angle our building at Northwest corner is 3.18m away from property line there is E & N Rail and after that is HWY.
- 2- Building Height is 14m and our building is 14.15m from average finish floor around the building.

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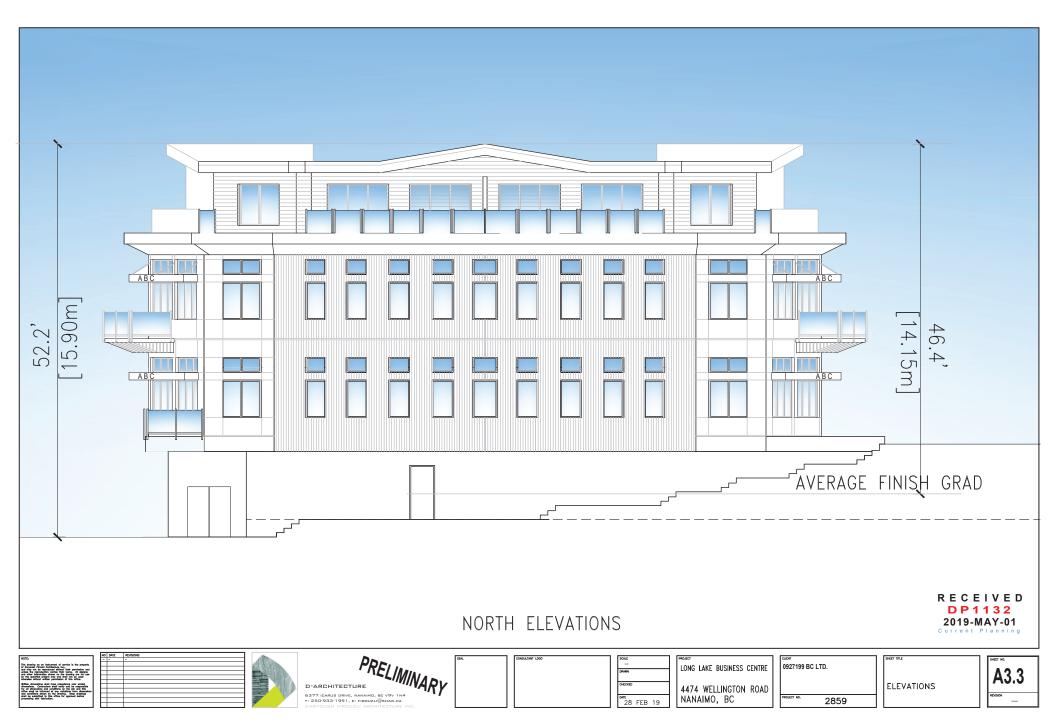


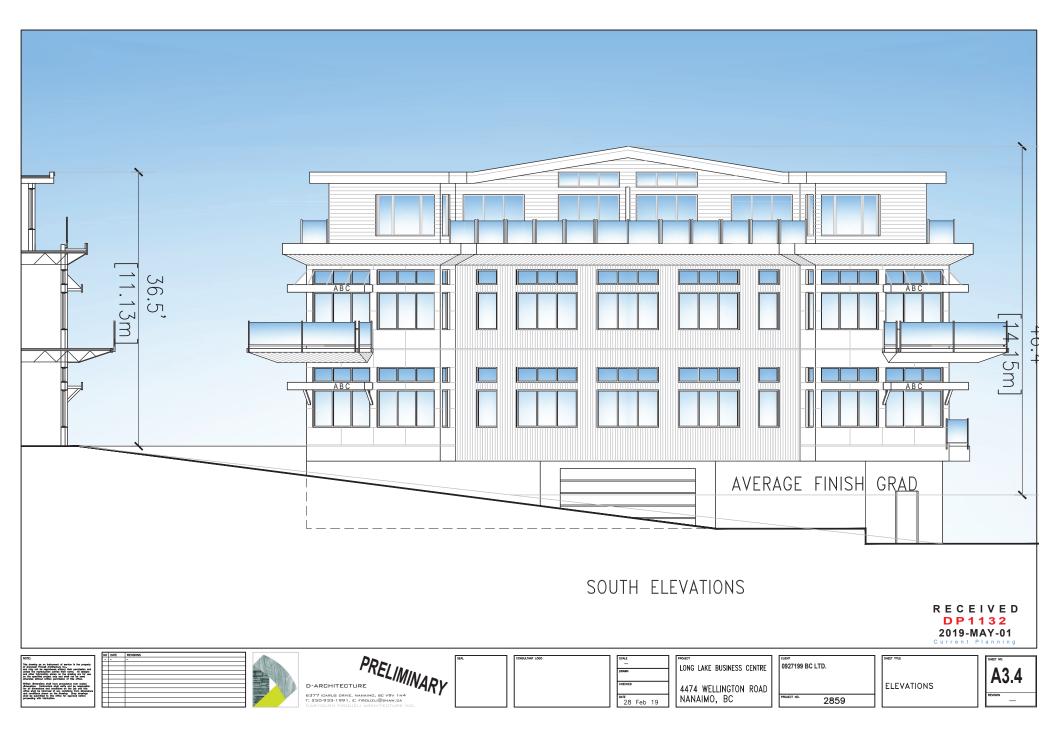


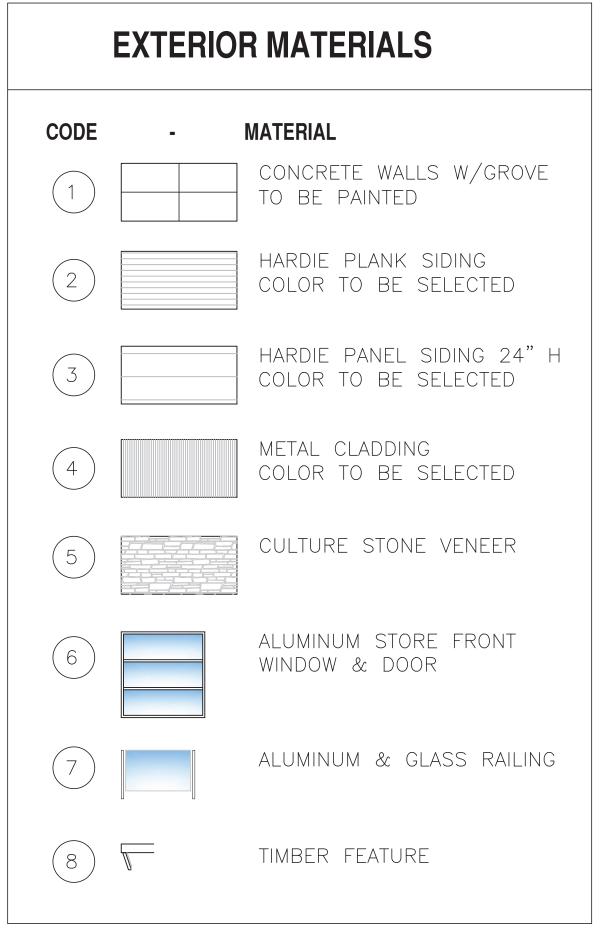










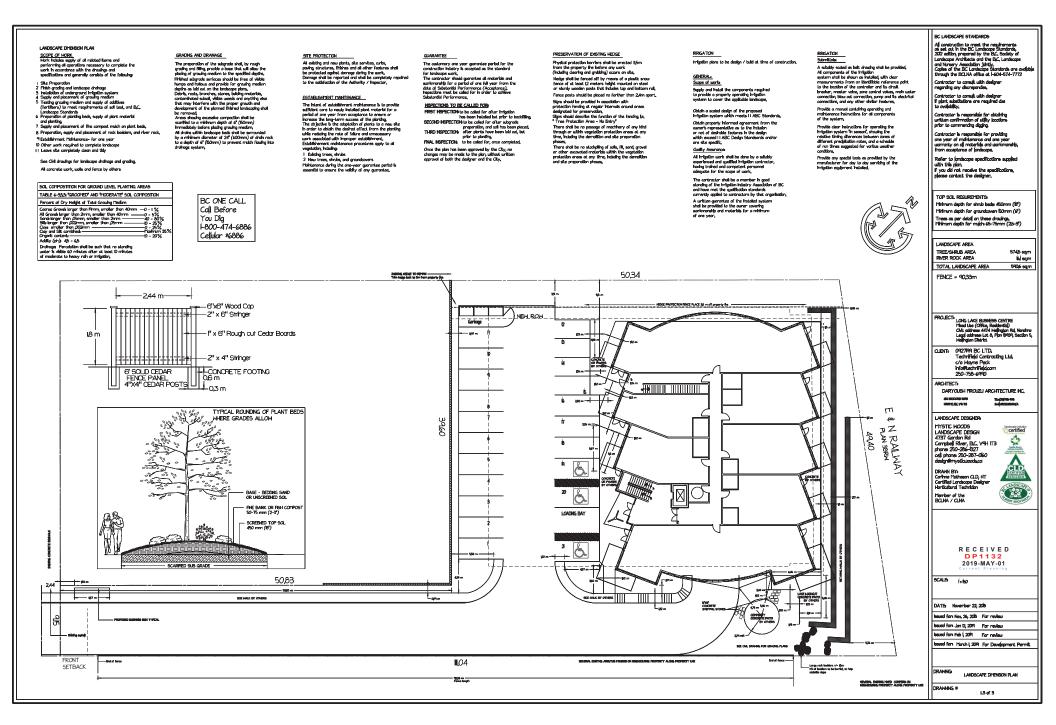


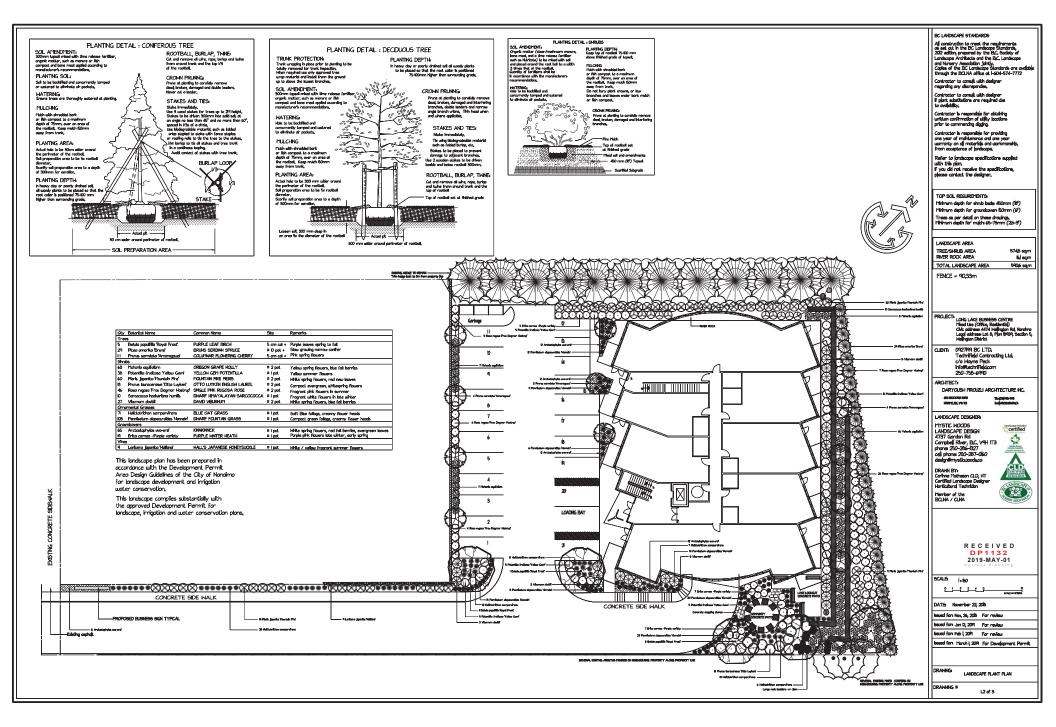


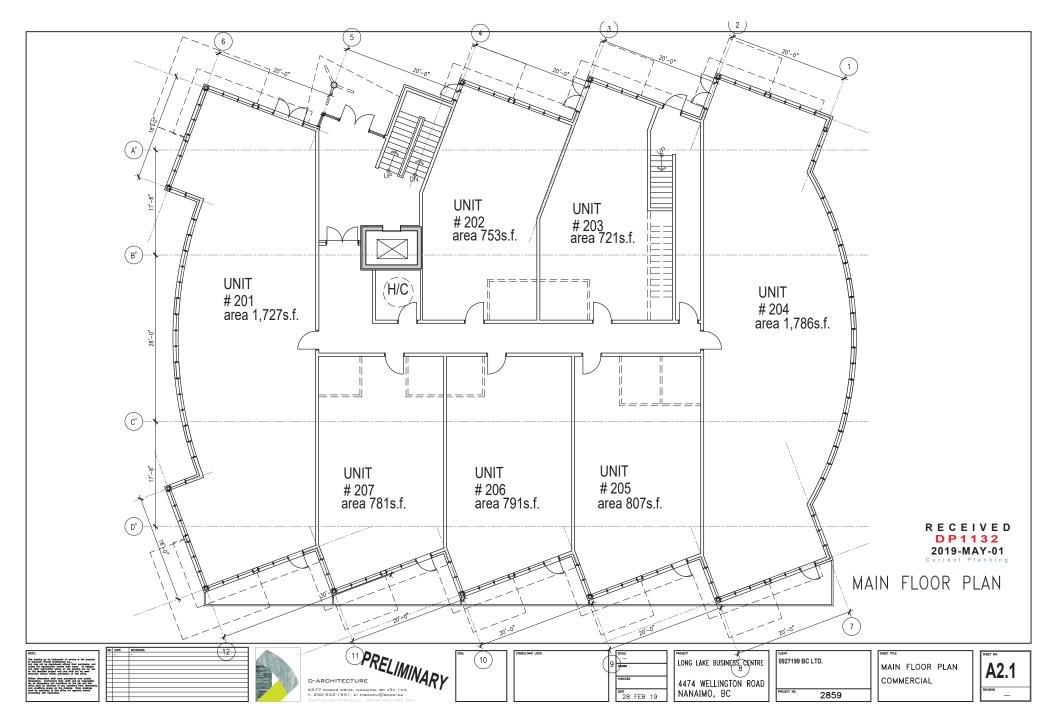


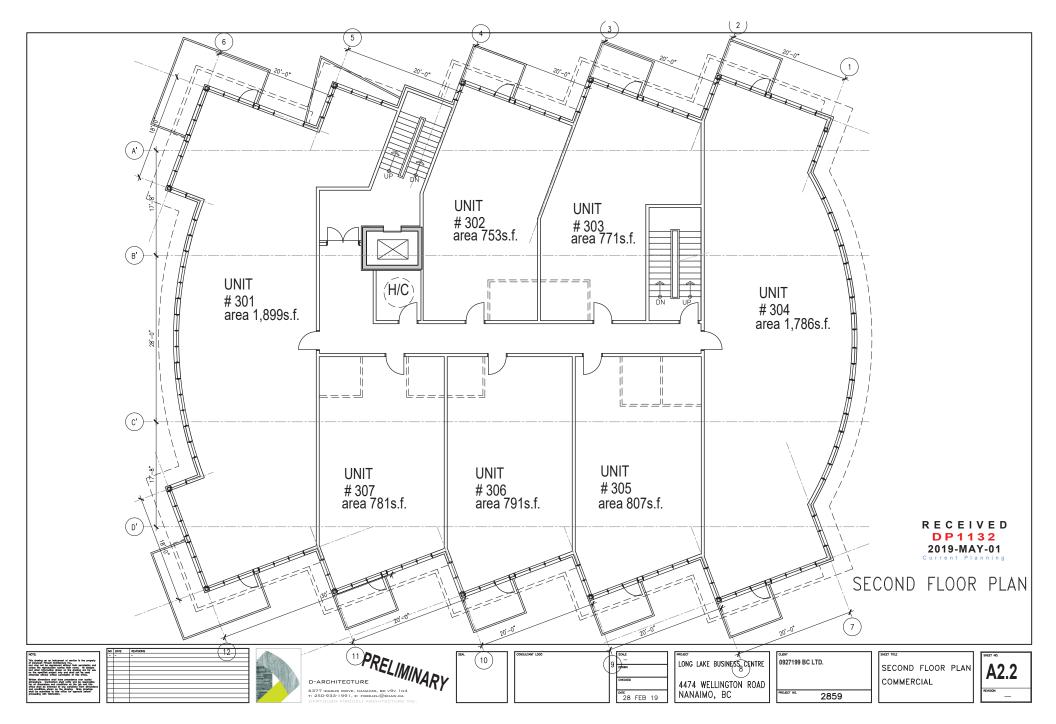


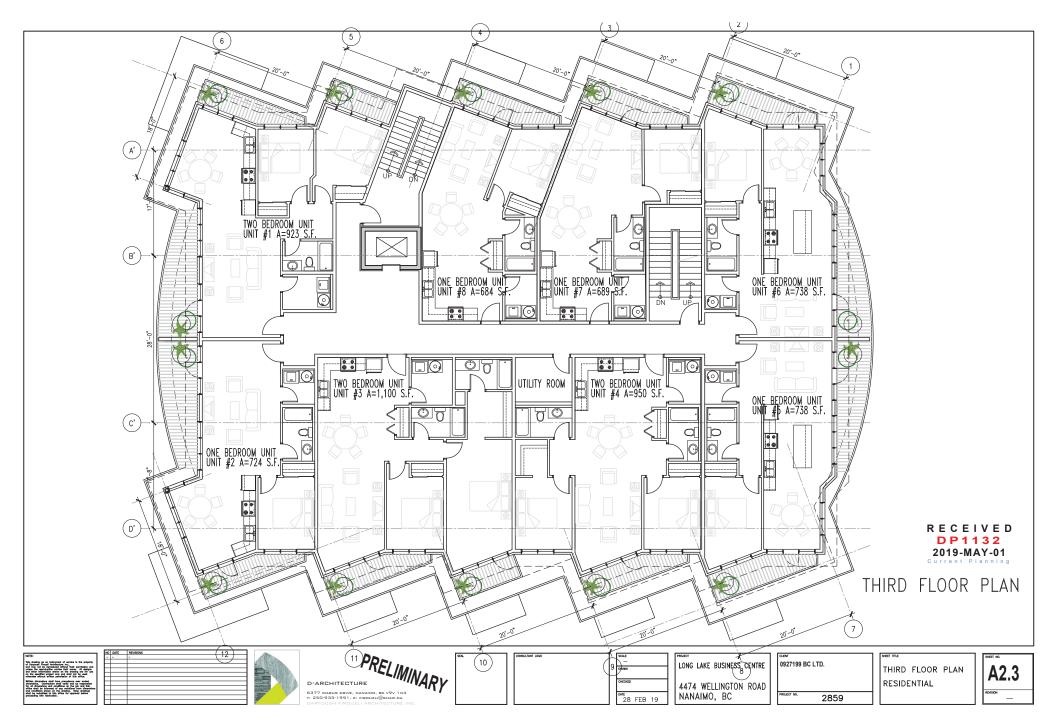


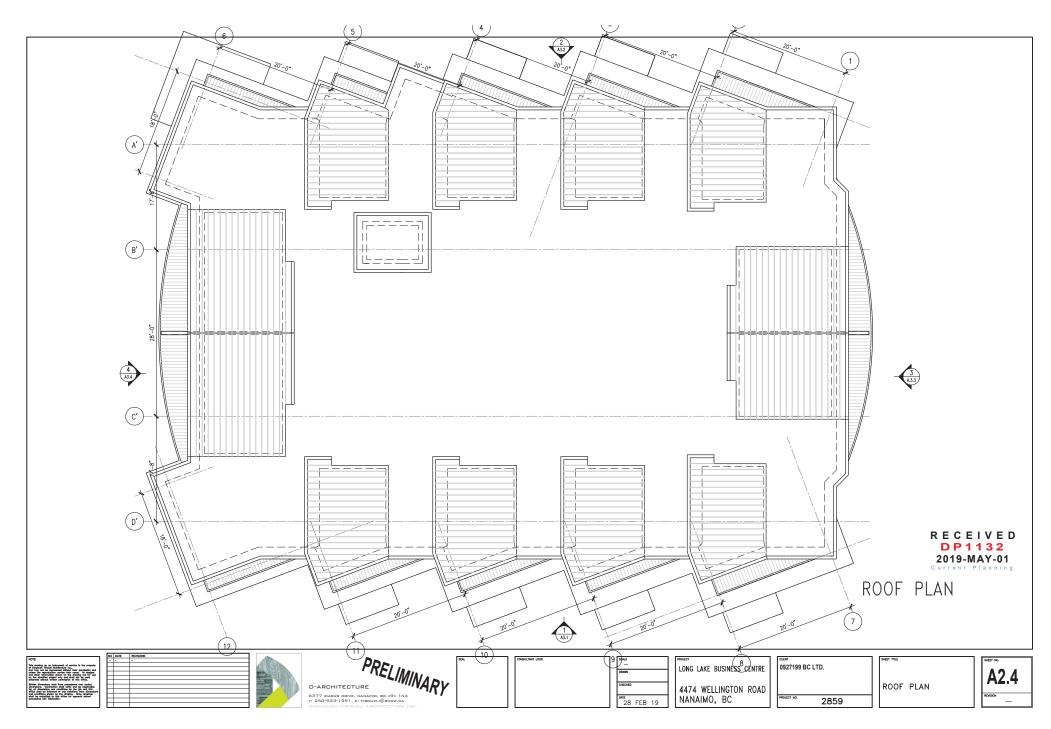


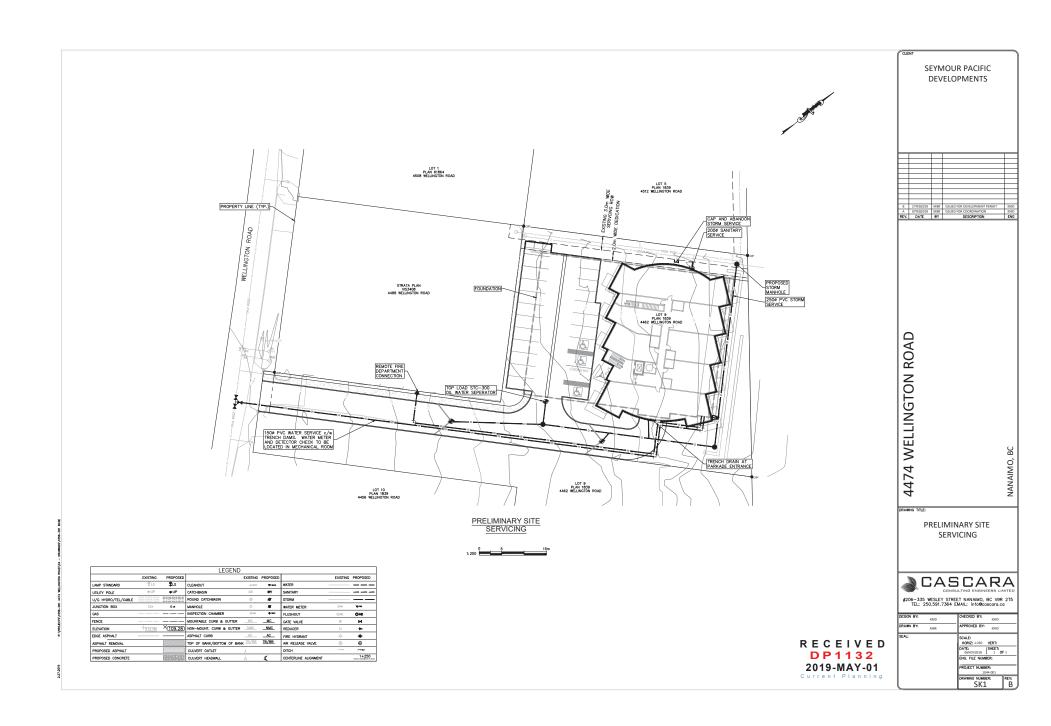


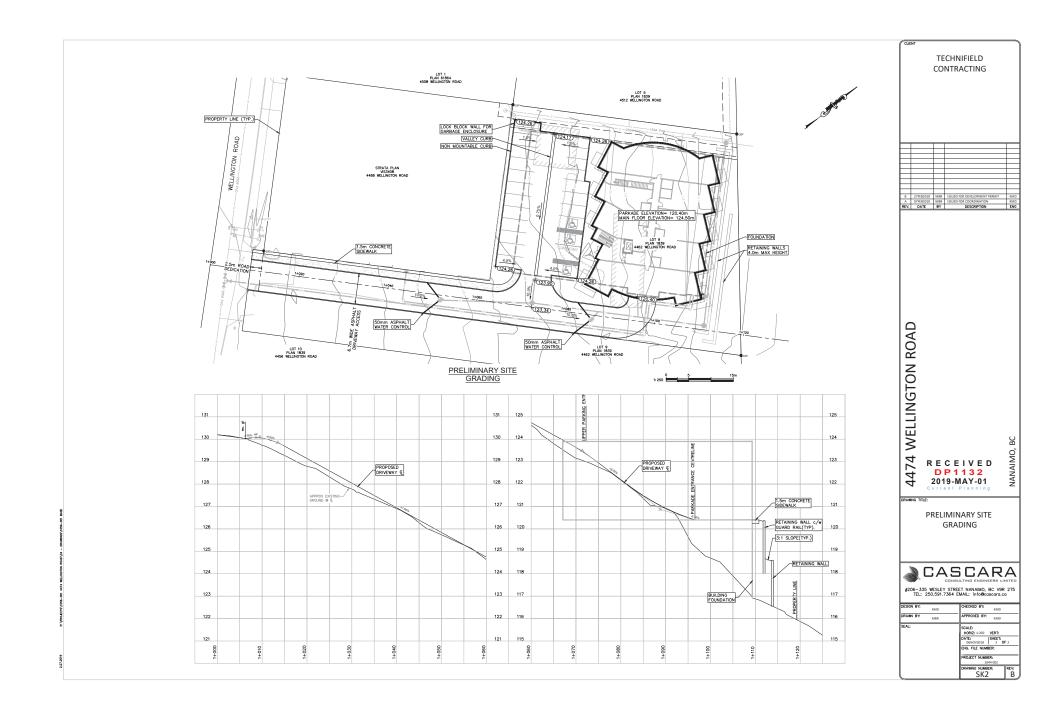












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