

AGENDA DESIGN ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

April 22, 2021, 5:00 PM
Board Room, Service and Resource Centre,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC

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1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

[Note: This meeting will be live streamed and video recorded for the public.]

- 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
- 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

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Minutes of the Design Advisory Panel Meeting held in the Boardroom of the Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo BC, on Thursday 2021-APR-08.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Development Permit Application No. DP001220 - 4961 Songbird Place

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To be introduced by Lisa Brinkman, Planner

A development permit application was received from Westmark Construction Ltd., on behalf of 486407 BC Ltd., for the development of a multi-family residential development consisting of 108 units at 4961 Songbird Place. The subject property is legally described as Lot 4, District Lot 17, Wellington District, Plan VIP60166, except that part in Plan VIP65179.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Discussion: Meeting Protocol

Sky Snelgrove, Steno Coordinator / Legislative Services to be in attendance.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

MINUTES

DESIGN ADVISORY PANEL MEETING BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE 411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC THURSDAY, 2021-APR-08, AT 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Members: Charles Kierulf, AIBC, Chair (joined electronically)

Councillor Brown (joined electronically)
Tony James, AIBC (joined electronically)
Kevin Krastel, At Large (joined electronically)
Marie Leduc, At Large (joined electronically)
Kate Stefiuk, BCSLA (joined electronically)

Absent: Gur Minhas, At Large

Staff: L. Rowett, Manager, Current Planning Section

C. Horn, Planner, Current Planning Section

L. Nielsen, Recording Secretary

1. <u>CALL THE DESIGN ADVISORY PANEL MEETING TO ORDER:</u>

The Design Advisory Panel Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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 Design Advisory Panel Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Thursday, 2021-MAR-11 at 5:03 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) <u>Development Permit Application No. DP1218 – 41/45 Haliburton Street</u>

Introduced by Caleb Horn, Planner, Current Planning Section

Presentations:

1. Matt Hansen, principal of Matthew T. Hansen Architect presented the project and spoke regarding site and neighbourhood context, and provided an overview of the proposed architectural plans and building features.

- A minor height variance is requested to accommodate the five storey building and rooftop patio
- Street level units will have individual patios separated by landscape buffers and fences, with secure direct access from the street
- All parking is underground with access provided from Haliburton Street along the north end of the property
- The underground parking area will provide bike parking area and electric vehicle charging receptacles
- Studio, 1 and 2 bedroom units each take advantage of views and natural light where possible
- Each unit will have access to outdoor space (patio or deck space)
- Heritage elements include: strong building base and massing, high quality detailing (ie. custom brackets, dentils, curved cornices)
- The upper two floors are stepped back to reduce building massing on the west elevation as recommended by the South End Neighbourhood Plan Design Guidelines
- Exterior materials include brick cladding, Hardie panel siding, granite tile, and cedar soffits in an overall earth tone colour palette
- Materials change and soften on the upper two levels
- The south stairwell is capped with a lighthouse form, an illuminated lantern room with pergola shaped roof
- Crime prevention methods include secured street level patios and street lighting
- 2. Cameron Murray, Landscape Architect of Topographics Landscape Architecture, presented the landscape plan, and spoke regarding the proposed planting plan, hedges, trees, and amenity spaces.
 - Existing trees along Haliburton Street will be retained where possible
 - A rooftop garden courtyard is proposed to include container and mixed low level meadow plantings and a couple of small trees for shade
 - Gardening space for residents may be provided on the east side
- 3. Scott Jensen, Engineer in Training of Herold Engineering Ltd., provided an overview of the proposed civil site servicing plans and spoke regarding building and parkade access, water and sanitary service, and the proposed storm water management plan.

Panel discussions took place regarding the following:

- A question was raised regarding the need for building setback variances for the front & year yard
 - Staff clarified that setbacks are measured to building not to underground parking structure, and no setback variances are anticipated
- Underground parking and building height variance allowance
- The possibility of carrying the scale and textural elements from the west elevation (front side) of the building to the remaining elevations

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- The possible consideration of reducing the heaviness of the building's roof overhand
- The building's fit to the existing neighbourhood and similarity to a newly constructed building along Haliburton Street
- The possibility of adding more trees to the landscape plan
- Street frontage upgrade requirements for Haliburton Street
- The inclusion of lighting to the proposed plans
- The possible addition of a green screen/wall to the north side

It was moved and seconded that Development Permit Application No. DP1218 be accepted as presented with support for the proposed height variance. The following recommendation was provided:

- Consider carrying the form and character of the west elevation around to all sides of the building.
- Consider an alternate design and a lighter shade for the roof overhang fascia

The motion carried unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

Charles Kierulf, Chair announced Sky Snelgrove, Steno Coordinator of Legislative Services will attend the meeting of 2021-APR-22 to discuss meeting protocol and the City's Conflict of Interest Policy. Panel members were encouraged to review the policy prior to the meeting.

Kevin Krastel suggested the City revisit and review the Urban Design Guidelines due to changes occurring in the downtown area.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:07 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion

carried unanimously.	F	
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STAFF DESIGN COMMENT

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. DP001220 - 4961 Songbird Place

Applicant: WESTMARK CONSTRUCTION LTD

Architect: DARYOUSH FIROUZI ARCHITECTURE INC

Owner: 486407 B.C. LTD.

Landscape Architect: VICTORIA DRAKEFORD LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

SUBJECT PROPERTY AND SITE CONTEXT:

Zoning	COR1 Residential Corridor
Location	The subject property is located to the southeast of the North Nanaimo Town Centre, between Rutherford Road and Songbird Place.
Total Area	1.25ha
Official Community Plan (OCP)	Map 1 – Future Land Use Plan - Corridor Map 3 – Development Permit Area No. 9 - Commercial, Industrial, Institutional Multiple Family and Mixed Commercial/Residential development
Relevant Design Guidelines	General Development Permit Area Design Guidelines

The subject property is currently vacant and includes a wetland on the eastern portion. The wetland requires a 15m aquatic setback. The lot is triangular in shape with a narrow access at Songbird Place and increased width to the south with frontage on Rutherford Road. Due to the wetland location and the unique shape of the property, the developable area is limited to the southwest portion.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The applicant is proposing a five-storey residential building with 108 rental units and underground parking. The subject property is zoned COR1 which permits a floor area ratio of 1.0, and a floor area ratio of 0.74 is proposed for the development. The unit composition is as follows:

Unit Type	Number of Units	Unit Size
One bedroom	68	63.6 m ²
Two bedroom	32	84-85 m ²
Three bedroom	8	94.7 m ²
Total	108 units	

Site Design

The proposed building is L-shaped, with one section facing Rutherford Road and the other section facing the wetland area. The siting of the building is outside of the 15m aquatic setback. Driveway access is from Songbird Place, and access to the underground parking area is provided at the north end of the building. A landscape buffer, surface parking, and the garbage/recycling/organics enclosure is provided along the northwest property line.

Staff Comments:

- The siting of the building creates an active frontage along Rutherford Road, and is located outside of the aquatic setback area.
- The applicant is to show the proposed location of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations for electric vehicles and bicycles.
- Consider siting the garbage/recycling/organics enclosure near or inside the underground parking garage.

Building Design

The L-shaped building is proposed to be five storeys in height, with horizontal and vertical accent walls, and a blend of exterior materials and colours to break the building massing. The exterior building materials are proposed to be cement board panel and 'wood-like' cement board plank, with vinyl windows and aluminum balcony railings. The lobby, building entrances, and amenity room are on the first storey in the centre of the building with the primary entrance facing the surface parking area, and a secondary entrance facing Rutherford Road. The underground parking area contains 89 parking spaces, bicycle storage rooms, and a fitness room.

Staff Comments:

- Find ways to reduce the overall perceived massing of the building (i.e. grounding the base of the building with robust façade materials such as stone or brick).
- Consider ways to better distinguish the primary entrances to the building.
- Consider simplifying the rhythm of the exterior façade elements (i.e. glass railings on the balconies, less variation along the roofline, window placement/size/mullions, and exterior architectural elements).
- Consider a roofline that will provide better weather protection for balconies, and ensure the balconies on the southwest corner of the building extend to maximize southern exposure.
- Ensure rooftop equipment is screened.

Landscape Design

Three pedestrian connections are provided from the Rutherford Road sidewalk to building entrances. Two pedestrian path connections, an outdoor amenity space and retained grove of arbutus trees are located by the east building entrances. The path at the west end of the property winds through a landscaped area and raingarden to the surface parking area. A painted line pedestrian path is provided along the driveway to Songbird Place. A landscaped buffer with evergreen trees is proposed along the full length of the west property line. Approximately 75% of the property is protected wetland, riparian area. The vegetation management of the riparian area will include removing invasive species and any debris, maintaining the soil, and replanting approximately 25% of the area with indigenous plants.

Staff Comments:

- Consider revising the circular courtyard drop-off area to allow for a greater separation and landscape buffering between the first storey patios and the pedestrian paths.
- Consider using pavers for the parking spaces near the circular drop-off area to improve the aesthetic.
- Ensure continuous accessible connections from the main building entrances to Songbird Place and Rutherford Road. These walkways should be raised or textured with a different surface material where shared with a drive aisle or crossing the entrance to the underground parking garage.
- Consider increasing the size of the outdoor amenity areas to allow more seating and a play area for children.
- Provide details of site lighting, and ensure lighting is located along pedestrian pathways and in outdoor amenity spaces.

PROPOSED VARIANCE

Building Height

The maximum allowable building height is 18m, and the proposed building height is 18.39m, a proposed variance of 0.39m.

Minimum Front Yard Setback

The minimum required front yard setback is 3.5m. The proposed front yard setback for a small portion of the building is 2.45m, a proposed variance of 1.05m.

Parking

A maximum of 40% of the required parking spaces may be small car parking spaces (45 small car spaces). It is proposed that 41% of the parking spaces are small car parking spaces for this development (46 small car spaces), a proposed variance of 1% to the permitted small car parking spaces.



Reference: 2755 January 28, 2021

Dear Mr. Caleb Horn
Development Planner
Planning & design Section
Community Development

Building Design & Variance Rationale for 4961 Songbird Place, Nanaimo BC

The proposed project is rezoned in recent years to Corridor Zone CO1 and located in intersection of Rutherford Road and Rutherford mall Entry but the access to property is through Uplands Drive and Songbird Place. Which goes around existing pond.

Around 10 years ago we design and built 63 units Apartment building cross pond, the project build completed when the Market was very slow but project did very well, which approved the location of project it is promising and well located to all amenities in area,

The access to Site is very unique going around pond and tree and this will give nicer feel when you entering to property, also units facing to pond will also going to enjoy nice view, The property shape changed the design team to go with similar building shape "L" which will provide different angle view to outdoor and just ¼ of units will looking toward the mail and other unit will looking either Long like, mountain or pond.

This project is somehow similar to project cross pond but it is larger numbers of unit and will be Rental building, with more than 80% parking requirement underground and 5 Storey of wood frame building.

The design of façade is very simple cementite Panel and plank with Wood looking plank to warm up the color palate,

Mixed line of Horizontal and Vertical used to break up building mass and larger decks in corner also help to reduce the box shape of building,



This Project will providing mixed of One Bedroom and Two bedroom units, there are also

Amenity room facing to Rutherford Road in Main floor provided, the Fitness room with

nice outdoor space provide at lower portion of land close to intersection which also

covered exterior side of parking structure.

We are looking for Three Minor Variances for this project

Variance Rationale:

Parking

- Small Parking percentage from 33% to 41%, As most of unit are One bedroom,

- Building Height:

Allowed building height with 4m bounce for more 75% underground parking is 18m

and building height from average ground finish at 8 corner of building is 18.39m

we asking for 0.39 m height Variance

- The Last Variance is front minimum setback at Rutherford Road, the min. Setback

id 3.5m and because road in bending one corner of building will be 2.45m from

property line, we asking for 1.05m just in one corner of building to be varied,

Please feel free to contact us if there is any additional information required by City of

Nanaimo,

Sincerely,

Daryoush Firouzli

Architect AIBC, RAIC, AIA, MArch

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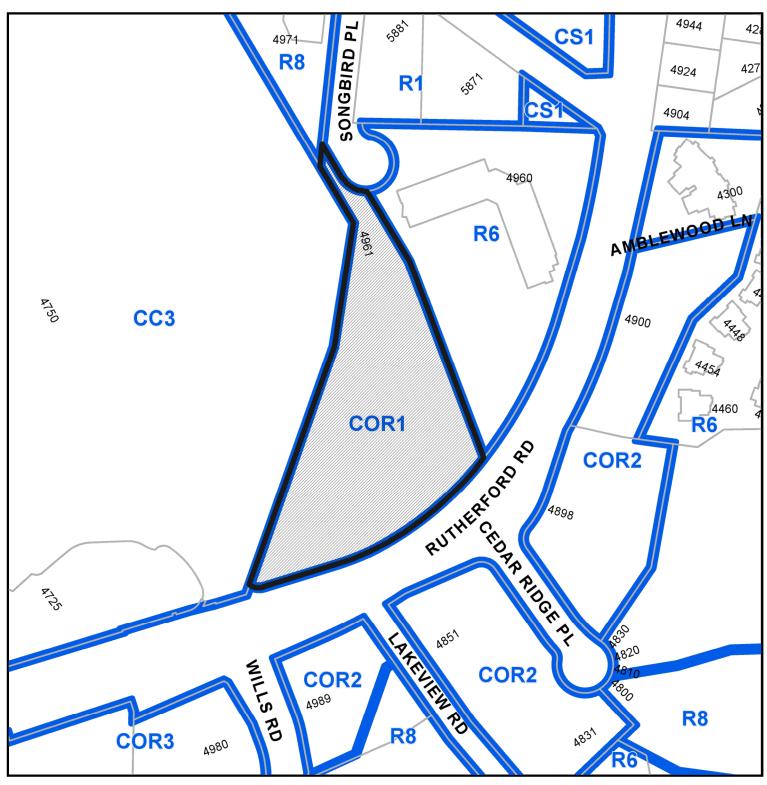
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LOCATION PLAN





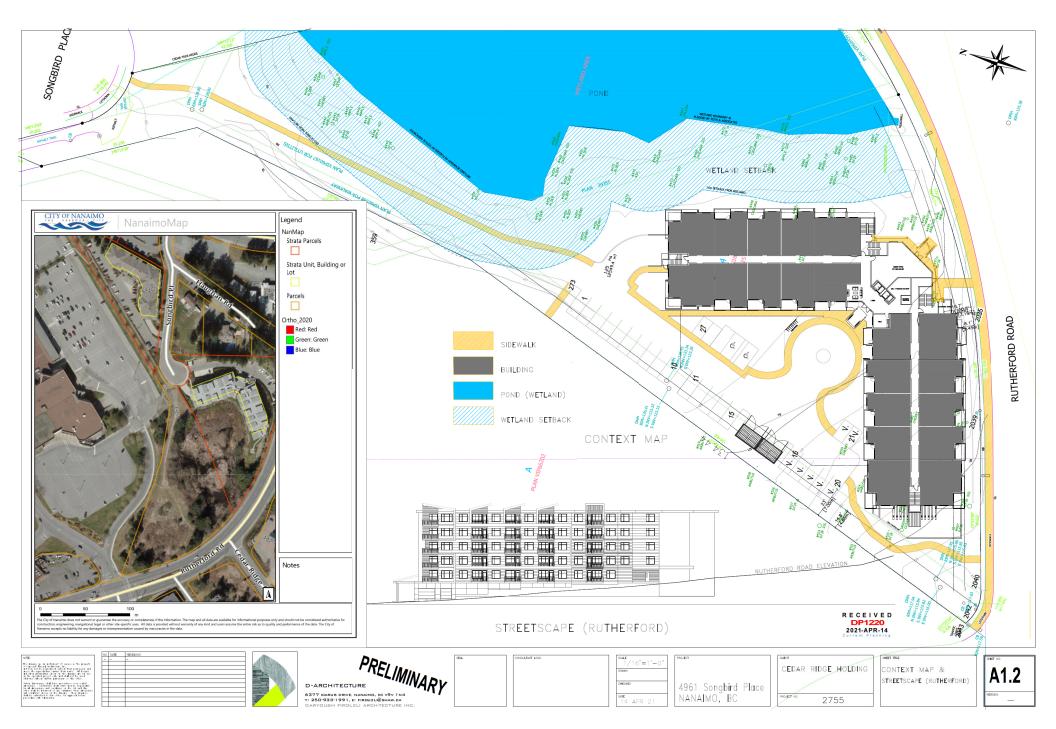
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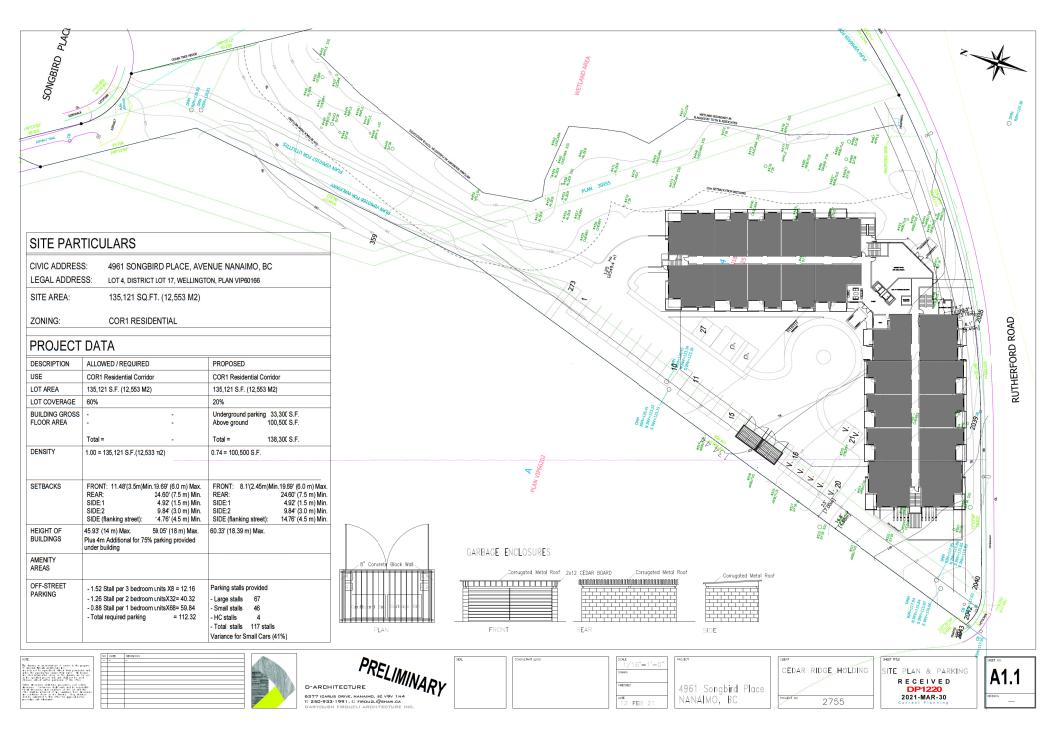
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LEGAL: LOT 4, DISTRICT LOT 17, WELLINGTON, PLAN VIP60166 EXCEPT THAT

PART IN PLAN VIP65179





















4961 Songbird Place NANAIMO, BC

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BUILDING ELEVATION

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STATING CRADE

BUILDING ELEVATION #4 (West)

BUILDING ELEVATION #5(North)



BUILDING ELEVATION #6 (East facing Wetland)



BUILDING ELEVATION #7
Southeast

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BUILDING ELEVATION













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RENDERING MODEL FOR REVIEW 2755

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RENDERING MODEL FOR REVIEW

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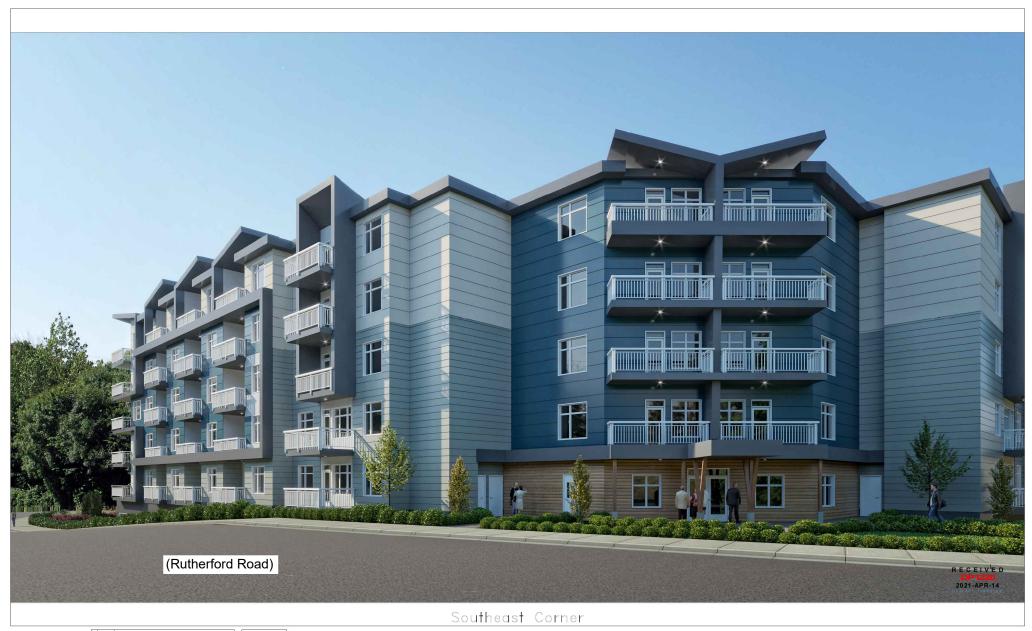
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Rutherford Road view



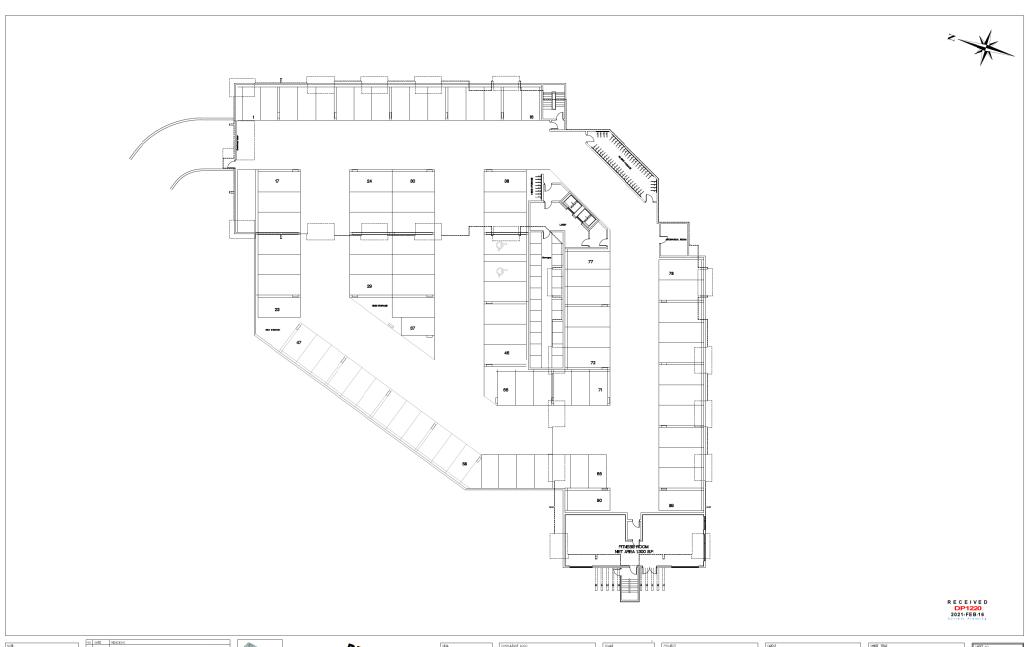


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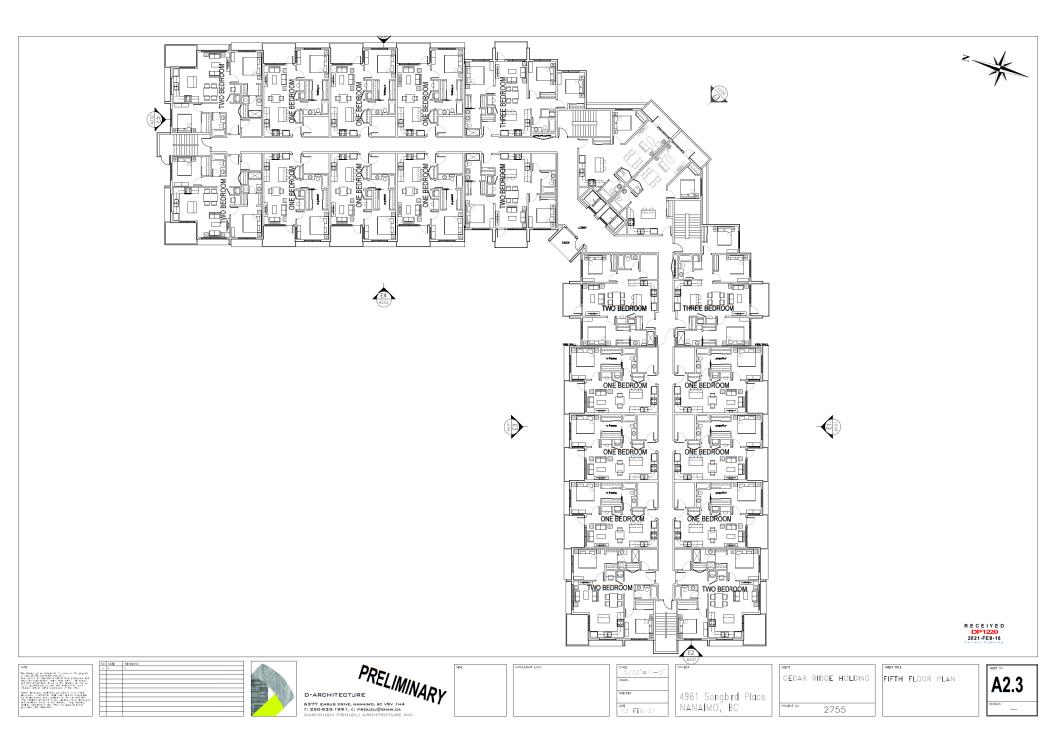


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UNDERGROUND PARKING

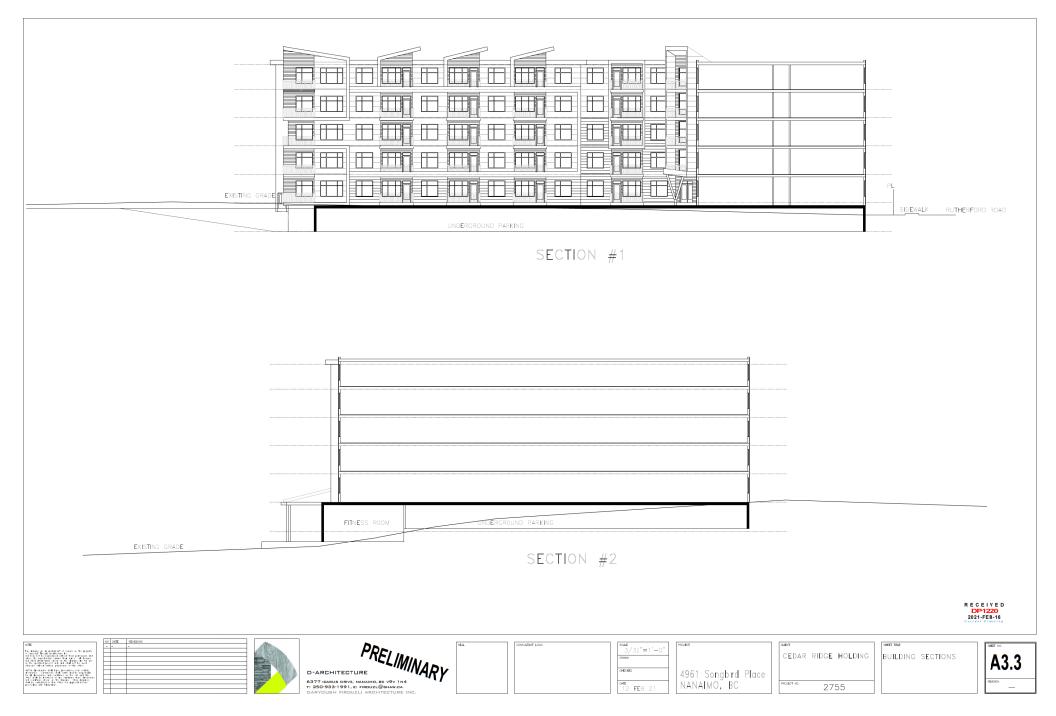












DESIGN RATIONALE

The site is bounded by Rutherford Road to the south, Nanaimo North Town Centre to the west and a concominium to the north. Half of the project site consists of a constructed wetland (Aquaparian, Oclober 24 2018). Much of the riparian vegetation, while impacted by garbage left by encampments, is intact. This garbage will be cleared out and the areas replanted with native plants.

This small welland, still well vegetated, provides important habitat for upland and aquatic bird species, such as red-winged blackbirds, hummingliotids, aerial insectivores and ducks; amphibians, reptiles and small mammals, both terrestrial and aquatic such as muskrats, racoon, milce, voles etc. (Aquaparian 2018).

Research (Douglas Tallamy) shows there is a direct link in the decline of common resident bird species due to the lack of insect prey that results from the use of non-native plants in landscape design and installation. Therefore, the design the planting scheme around the development will reflect the importance of this habitat, and use at least 70% native plants in the design.

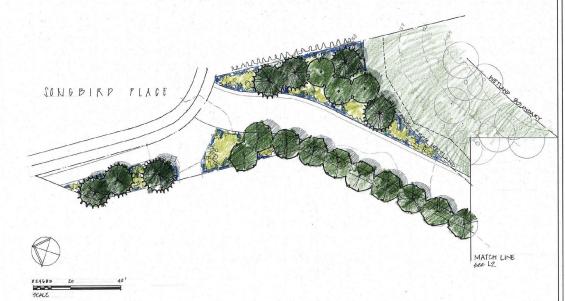
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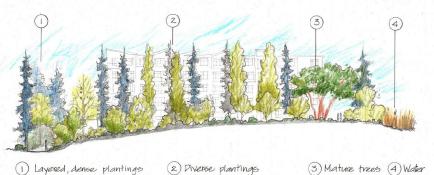
Rutherford Streetscape. The proposed scheme will mimic the character of the current street edge of evergreen trees. The native firs, codar and arbutus will be replaced by trees with narrow growth habits, such as Sorbian Spruce and columnar beach. These will provide a visual barrier, while allowing glimpses into and out of the site.

On the south east corner of the building an amenity area in the building opens out onto an outdoor seating space, which in turn leads to a bird watching area by the setback to the pond. A small path leads you out to Rutherford Road.

At the tool of the hill, pedestrians can enter the site via a woodland trail past the raingarden. The raingarden is part of the stormwater management plan. This area forms a mini woodland area at the corner of the mall entrance and Rutherford. These trees will form a finit from the streetscape plantings to the existing arbutus which will remain on the west side of the

Vehicles enter the site via Songbird Place. The tree lined driveway leads to a central garden of low plants, on the podium with sidewalks, bollard lights and a seating area. This area creates a south facing space for neighbours to meet or wait for friends. Evergreen hedges in 2' high planters will provide privacy for the outdoor living spaces of the ground floor apartments. These patios will have access directly into the entrance gardens.





Bench

Site furnishings



Bike Rack



Bollard Lighting

Design for a bird friendly landscape



Birds of Nanaimo













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