

## AGENDA BOARD OF VARIANCE MEETING

July 3, 2025, 4:00 PM Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC

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### 1. CALL THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF VARIANCE TO ORDER:

- 2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:
- 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
- 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Board of Variance Meeting held in the Boardroom of the Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Thursday, 2025-JUN-05 at 4:04 p.m.

#### 5. PRESENTATIONS:

#### a. Board of Variance Application No. BOV00788 - 532 Selby Street

Section 11.5.1 of the "City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500" sets out the minimum setback requirements for a principal building. Where a side lot line abuts a residential zone, the minimum side yard setback is 4.5m. The applicant requests to reduce the minimum required (east) side yard setback from 4.5m to 1.6m to allow the construction of a single residential dwelling. This is a variance request of 2.9m.

- 6. REPORTS:
- 7. OTHER BUSINESS:
- 8. ADJOURNMENT:



#### MINUTES

#### **BOARD OF VARIANCE MEETING**

## Thursday, June 05, 2025, 4:04 P.M. Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC

- Present: Nelson Allen, Chair Brian Anderson, At Large Michael Bassili, At Large Jaime Dubyna, At Large Kyle Wickland, At Large
- Staff: L. Rowett, Manager, Current Planning K. Mayes, Planner, Current Planning G. Hunter, Community Development Clerk A. Bullen, Recording Secretary

## 1. CALL THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF VARIANCE TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting of the Board of Variance to order at 4:04 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 Board of Variance Meeting held in the Boardroom of the Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Thursday, 2025-MAY-01 at 4:01 p.m. be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

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## 4. **PRESENTATION**:

## a. Board of Variance Application No. BOV00787 – 520 Vancouver Avenue

Introduced by Nelson Allen, Chair.

Isaac Bowden, Owner, spoke regarding Board of Variance Application No. BOV00787 – 520 Vancouver Avenue. Highlights included:

- Intend to address fire separation by replacing exterior cladding
- Proposing to raise the house, as this portion of the building currently sits on posts without a structural foundation
- Noted concerns regarding the structural integrity of the existing house
- A request for a variance of 0.43m, as a portion of the house currently encroaches into the setback area

Nelson Allen, Chair, opened the floor for discussion. Highlights included:

- Clarification that the building footprint would extend toward the rear of the property
- Confirmation that removing the encroaching portion of the house is an option if the variance is not approved
- Discussion regarding the historic subdivision of the lots
- Consideration of the heritage value of the home and the surrounding neighbourhood

Nelson Allen, Chair, opened the floor to the public.

Steve Clark, 522 Vancouver Avenue, expressed support regarding the application.

Staff provided clarification regarding setback regulations in 1932, noting that zoning varied depending on when different areas were amalgamated into the City. Therefore, the existence of setback requirements at that time must be assessed on a property-specific basis.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Variance finds that hardship exists in the case of application BOV787 at 520 Vancouver Avenue, due to the tightness of the property and the existing conditions. The motion carried unanimously. Board of Variance Minutes 2025-JUN-05 Page 3

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Variance approve application BOV787 at 520 Vancouver Avenue to vary section 7.5.1 of the Zoning Bylaw, to reduce the minimum (north) side yard setback for a principal building from 1.5m to 0.43m for a portion of an existing single residential dwelling to raise the building approximately 1.2m in height, there being evidence of undue hardship. The motion carried unanimously.

### 5. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 4:19 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:** 

RECORDING SECRETARY



**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT** 

# **BOARD OF VARIANCE**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Variance will be held on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC to hear the following appeal:

APPEAL NO:	BOV00788
Applicant:	Skyangels Properties Ltd.
Civic Address:	532 Selby Street
Legal Description:	PARCEL D (DD 9529N) OF LOT 13, BLOCK 16, SECTION 1, NANAIMO DISTRICT, PLAN 584
Zoning:	Old City Mixed Use (DT8)
Requested Variance:	Section 11.5.1 of the "City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500" sets out the minimum setback requirements for a principal building. Where a side lot line abuts a residential zone, the minimum side yard setback is 4.5m.
	The applicant requests to reduce the minimum required (east) side yard setback from 4.5m to 1.6m to allow the construction of a single residential dwelling. This is a variance request of 2.9m.

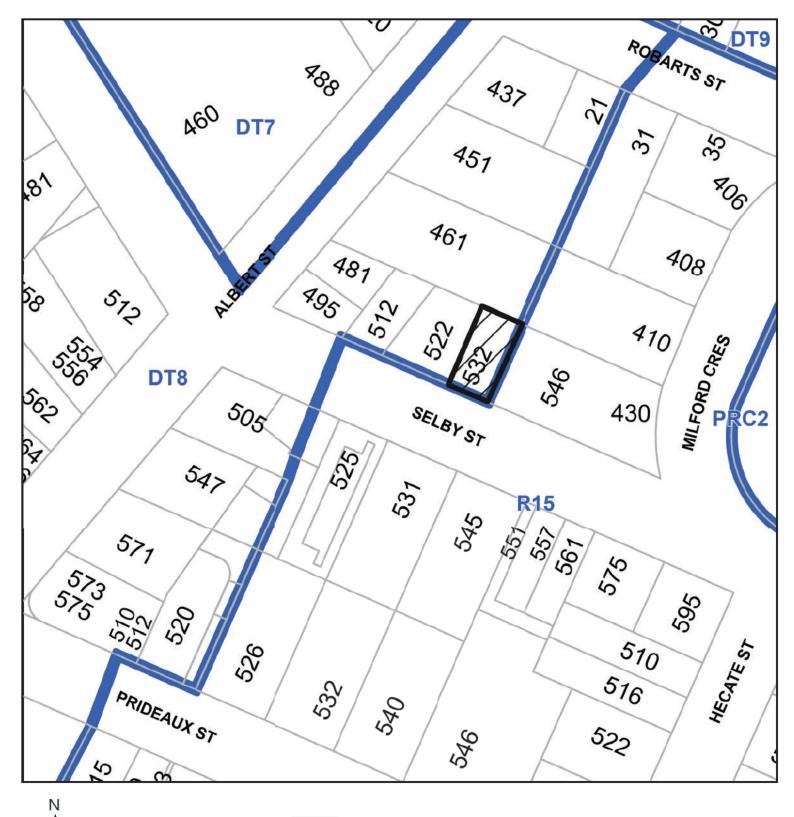
You are being notified as an owner or tenant of land that is adjacent to the property that is the subject of this application. If you deem your property to be affected by the proposed variance, and wish to address this appeal, you will be given the opportunity to be heard at the Board of Variance meeting. Members of the public may submit comments in writing or attend the meeting in-person.

For questions, please contact Kristine Mayes, Planner by email at <u>Planning@nanaimo.ca</u>, or by phone at 250-755-4460 ext. 4355.

*WRITTEN SUBMISSION:* Written comments must be submitted by email to the above address no later than 2:30 p.m. July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

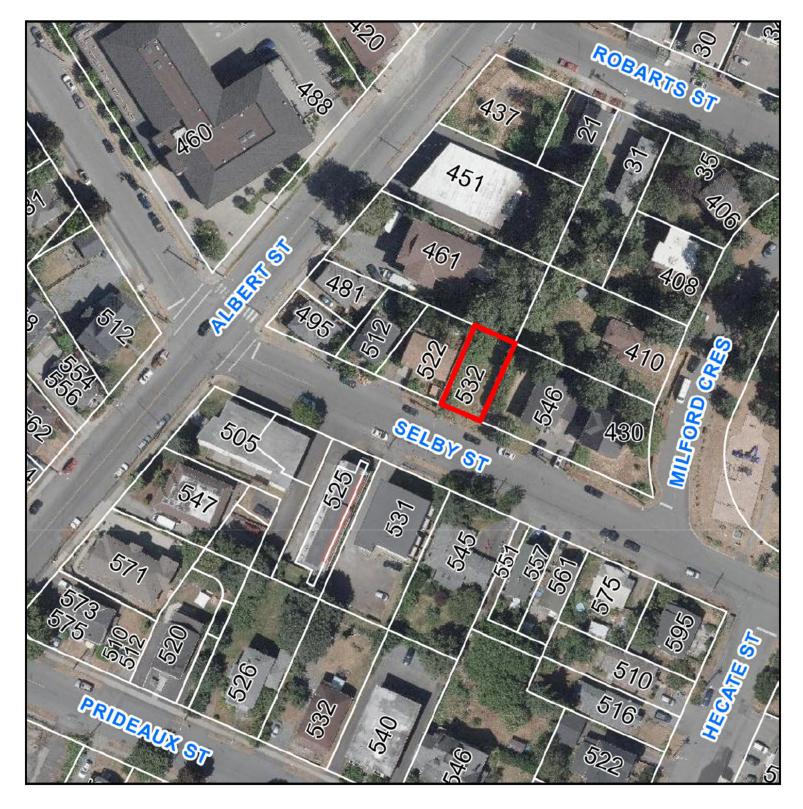
**ATTEND IN-PERSON:** To address this appeal in person you must attend this meeting, in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

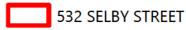
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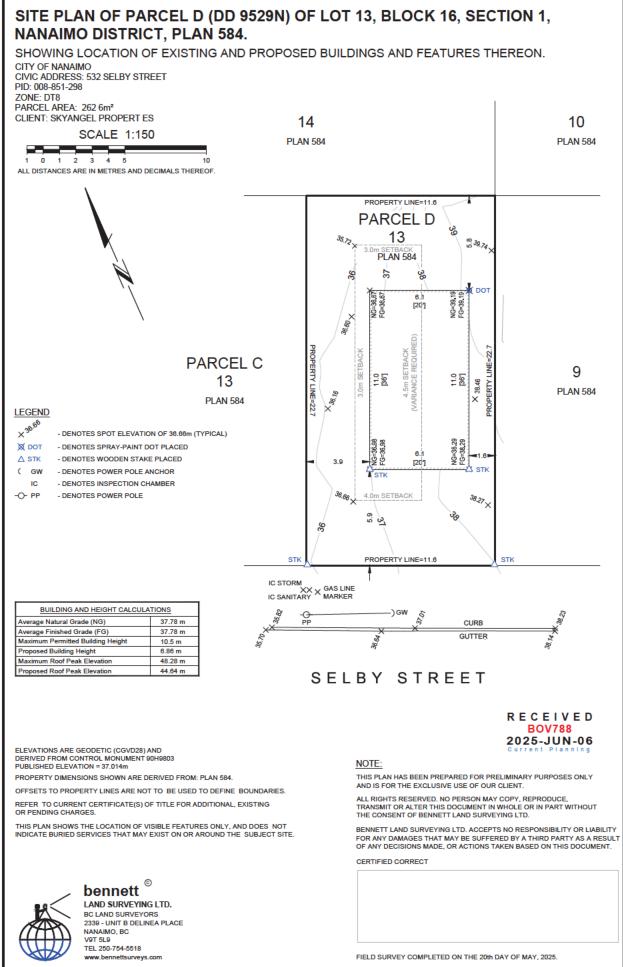


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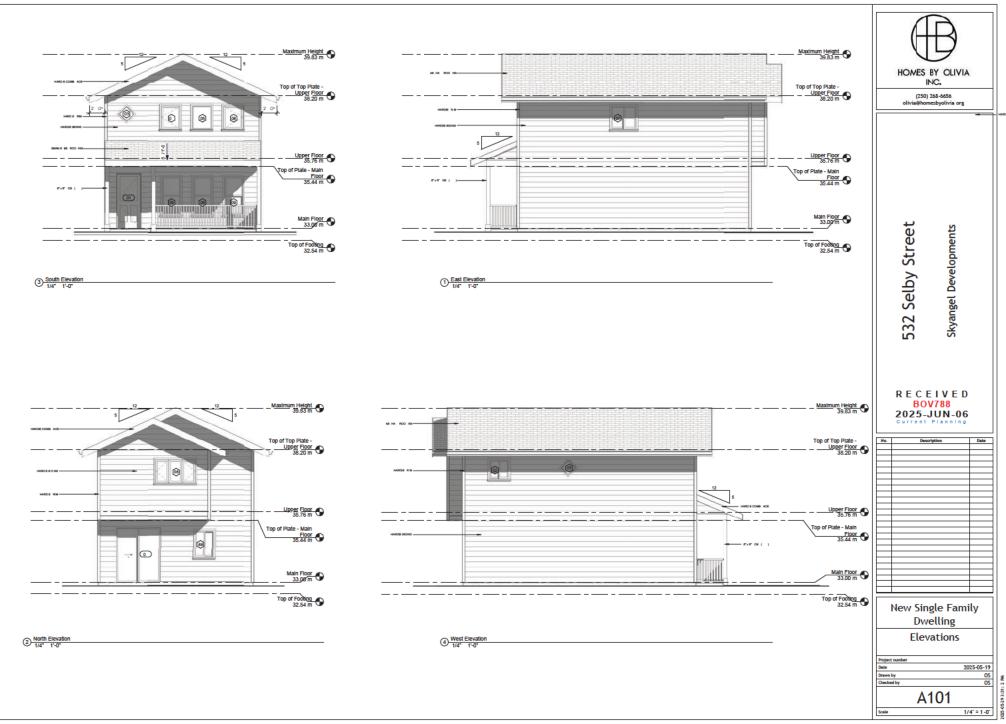
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Letter of Rationale

We as builders are interested in buying this property: - 532 Selby Street Nanaimo, B.C. However, with the set-backs of 4.5m, it will allow for a home only 13' wide.

We are asking only for a small home of 20' wide which we need set-backs of 1.6 m.

I will be at the meeting to answer any questions.

Thanking you, Potential Buyer