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RE: Edgewater Seniors Residence - Development Variance Permit Application - Proposed Height, Loading Space, and Front and Side Yard Setback Variances

Dear Lainya,

Please accept our application for Development Permit and Development Variance permit for a proposed 7 storey, 160 unit, seniors residences located at 4979 Wills Road. The project is attempting to add to Nanaimo's rapidly changing architectural design vernacular and will complete the development of properties along Wills road on the Northwest basin of Long Lake. The proposal has variances requested for the overall building height, loading space requirements, front yard setback, side yard setback and rear yard setbacks.

Description of Proposal

The proposed development is a 7 storey concrete and structural steel structure located on an 11,580m2 irregularity shaped lot at 4979 Wills Road in Nanaimo. The proposed development is the continuation of development to create a campus of seniors care along with the Nanaimo Memory and Complex Care next door at 4989 Wills Road and will enhance the north end of properties fronting Long Lake. The site zoning is R8 Medium Density Residential which we are requesting variances to develop the site as indicated in our documentation, to its full potential, while respecting the natural ecosystems of the lake and forested foreshore areas existing on the property.

Site Context

The property is located in the Nanaimo North Town Centre commercial core in Nanaimo located on a secondary arterial street, Wills Road, on the shore of Long Lake. The heavily treed site has a significant exposed rock outcroppings, a large stand of mature coniferous trees, and an existing pedestrian walking trail. The immediate building context to the site are the Nanaimo Memory and Complex Care, WorkSafe BC regional offices, Multifamily residential buildings of varying heights, Long Lake Nurseries, Long Lake Plaza, Lakeview Park, and Nanaimo North Town Centre. The location of the site affords easy access to goods and services, public transportation, and recreation opportunities all within walking distance.

Planning Context

The proposed development site is within the 'corridor' designation in the official community plan. The corridor land use calls for Multi-unit residential development, public amenities and commercial services in mixed use developments. This development will provide commercial seniors congregate care in a location in immediate proximity to a designated town centre.

Height Variance

The proposed development is 7 stories high, which is one storey above the range of heights in the official community plan (OCP) for properties with this designation. The proposed height is 26.16m which is 12.16m above the current height maximum of 14m. The height is measured to the sloped roof portion of the building, which is in concentrated locations around the building with the main bulk of the massing height at 24.01m. The 14m height limitation for the property is challenging on a site with the existing topography of the proposed development, the shape of the property, and the effort to maintain as much of the property in a natural state as possible to extend the presences of



Lakeview Park on to the property. The varied topography of the site is such that it has several large rock outcrops of varying height, falls significantly towards the water, and with the existing access and building service elevations which were built during construction of the Nanaimo Memory and Complex Care building to serve this property are 12 - 16m above Long Lake. The building is 6 storeys from the street however due to the slope of the site towards the lake another storey is situated below the main floor to avoid significant amounts of fill which would be contrary to DPA3 guidelines. The massing design of the building- is a deliberate attempt by the design team to leave as much of the property in its natural state to enable it to blend with the adjacent park which is reflected in the shape of the building and landscape design while staying within density criteria. The building is situated predominately over a rock outcrop which will be required to removed to maintain other natural areas on the property towards the east and south sides to enhance upon the existing access to Lakeview Park.

Siting Variance

The proposed siting of the building is a result of careful planning to maintain and enhance natural areas of the property, specifically the north east portion. The extensive natural areas on the site, the irregular shape of the lot line and the presence of two significant statutory right of ways running through the property also present equal and separate challenges when trying to develop to the prescribed floor area ratio of 1.25: 1. Development Permit Area 3 guidelines also factor in to the siting of the building to avoid significant sections of filling the site. Although the setback variances are significant at some locations the shape of the building is such that the setback variance is for a small portion of the building whereas the majority of the massing is within setback requirements. Due to the shape further examination may be required to determine actual setbacks based on zoning bylaw definitions.

Loading Space Variance

Based on the gross floor area of the building the parking bylaw requires 3 defined loading spaces. Our project has provided a single defined loading space, in immediate proximity to the parking area overhead door, and we have taken care to ensure that deliveries to the building that would typically require a loading space can be accomplished by parking in areas immediately adjacent to the entry in the driveway access. The areas in which this can be accommodated along the driveway to the property permit emergency vehicle access to the main entry to the building. The requirement to define these areas as dedicated loading spaces would detract from the flexibility of the driveway design. Similar to the siting variances noted above the effort to maintain natural areas elsewhere on the site has limited the ability to provide a large vehicle access to the property which limits our ability to provide for the required number of loading spaces.

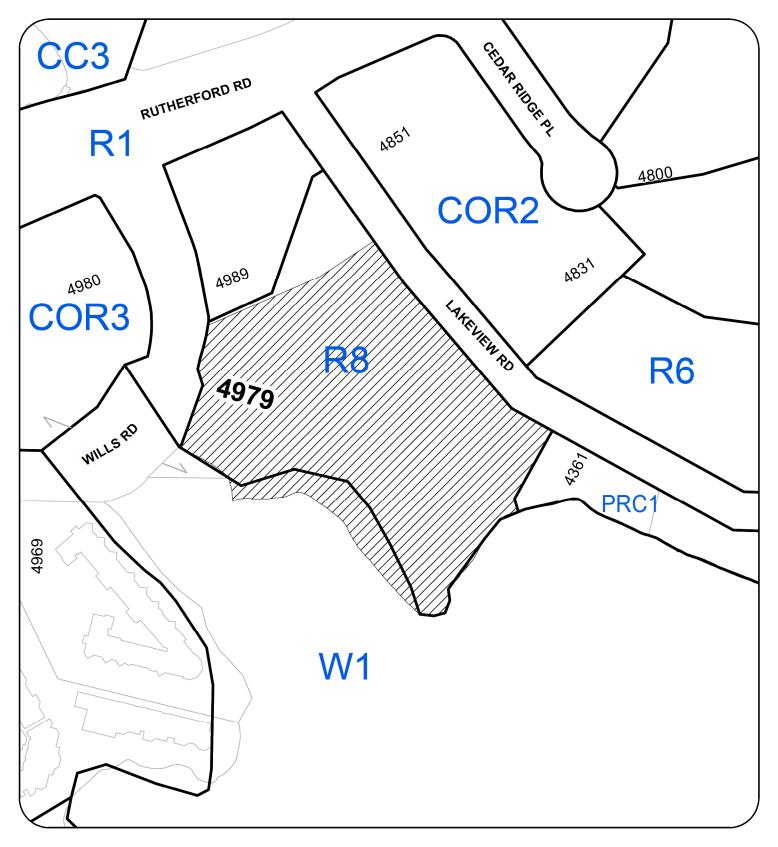
We trust that this will help in your review of the proposed development and we hope that you can support the proposed variance requests as part of this marquee development in the Nanaimo North Town Centre corridor.

Kind Regards,

Silvia Bonet, Architect AIBC

Kyle Shick, Project Manger

LOCATION PLAN



DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. DP001123 LOCATION PLAN

Civic: 4979 WILLS ROAD Legal: LOT 2, DISTRICT LOT 17 WELLINGTON DISTRICT PLAN EPP45424







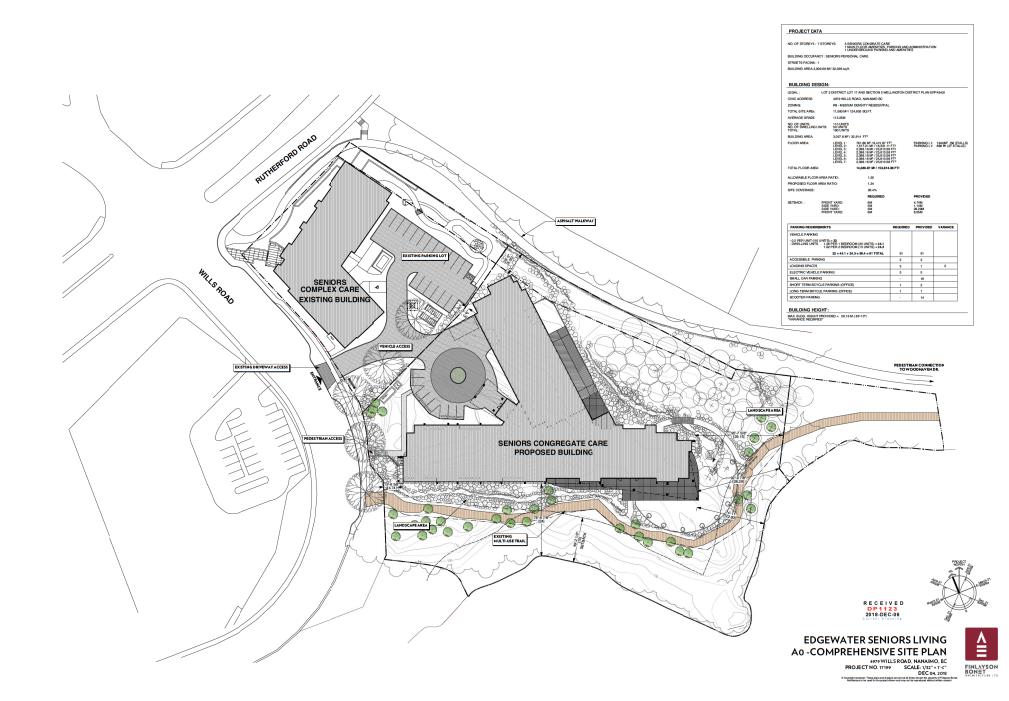
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Current Planting & Standarden













Suggested	Plant	List
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	Common Name	Latin Name	Size
Large Trees	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides var. 'Emerald Queen'	8cm Ca
	Katoura Tree	Cercicliphyllum japonicum	8cm Ca
	Autumn Flowening Cherry	Pronos automnalis	8cm Ca
	Western Red Cedar	Thuga phicata var. 'Excellsa'	2.2m H
Small Trees	Vine Maple	Acer circinatum	Gcm Ca
	Red Japanese Maple	Acer painstum var.'Bloodsgood'	Gcm Ca
	Saskatoon Berry	Amelanchier almfolia	Gcm Ca
	Serbian Spruce	Picea omonika	2.2m H
	Japanese Snovbell	Styrax japonica	Gcm Ca
Large Shrubs	Escallona	Escallona var. Pink Princess'	#5 Pot
	Oregon Grape	Mahonia aguifolium	#5 Pot
	Ninebark	Physocarpus opulifolius var./Diabild	#5 Pot
	Lily of the Valley Shrub	Pieno japonica var./Forest Flame	#5 Pot
	Mock Orange	Philadelphio lewon	#5 Pot
	Rhododendros	Rhodoslendron var. Pink Walloper	#5 Pot
	Spring Flowering Viburium	Viburrum tinus var. Spring Bouquet'	#5 Pot
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Medium Shrubs	Vanegated Degwood	Cornus alba var. Ivory Halo'	#2 Pot
	Winged Burning Bush Ratal	Evonymus aluta var. Compactal	#5 Pot
		Gaulthena shallon	#1 Pot #2 Pot
	Heavenly Barrinoo Rhododendros	Nandina domestica var. 'Gilf Stream' Rhododendron var. 'Umque' # 'Christmas Cheer'	#5 Pot
	Red Flowense Current		#2 Pot
	Ked Flowense Currant Nootka Rose	Ribes sanguneum var. King Edward* Rosa nutkana	#2 Pot
	Mountain Blueserry David Viburnun	Vaccinum ovatsm Viburnim davidii	#2 Pot #5 Pot
	David Viburiun	Viburnim davidii	#5 Pot
Small Shrubs	Evergreen Azilea	Azalea japonica var. Gumpo White'	#2 Pot
Oman Omapo	Deer Fern	Electrum sprcant	#1 Pot
	Autumn Forn	Dryopteris enthrosora	#1 Pot
	Winter Flowering Heather	Enca darlyensis var.'Arthur Johnson'	#1 Pot
	Creeping Euosymus	Evonymus fortune: var. Emerald Garety	#1 Pot
	Cascade mahona	Mahonu nervosa	#1 Pot
	Dwarf Piens	Piens japonica var./Debutante'	#2 Pot
	Dwarf Mugo fine	Pinus mugo pumilo	#2 Pot
	Sword Fern	Polysboum munitum	#1 Pot
	Dwarf Rhodocendron	Rhododendron var./Bow Bells'	#2 Pot
	Dwarf Bridal Wreath	Spirea japonica var. Shirobana'	#1 Pot
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Vines	Evergreen Clematis	Clematis armandii	#5 Pot
	Montana Clematis	Clematic montana var. Uackmanni 4 'Elizabethi	#5 Pot
	Vinginia Creeper	Parthenocessus quinquefolia var, Engelmanii	#1 Pot
Ground Covers	Bearberry	Anctostaphylos uva-ursi var. Vancouver Jade'	#5P4 P
	Dunchberry	Cornus canaderess	
	Trailing Cotoreaster	Cotoneaster dammen	#5P4 Pi
	Wintergreen	Gaulthena procumbers	#5P4 P
	Mountain Crarberry	Vitro idaca minus	#5P4 P
Perennials	Astilloe	Astilbe chinensis var./Pumla/	#SP5 P
. C. Cillians	Bloody Craneshill	Geranium sanguneum var. "Shephend's Warning"	#5P5 P
	Yellow Dwarf Daylily	Hemerocallis var. Eene Weene'	#525 B
	Purple Dwarf Raylily	Memerocallis var. Little Grapette	#5P5 P
	Coral Bells	Heuchera micrantha var. Bressingham Bronze'	#SP5 Pa
	Sweet Ins	Ins pallida var. Vanegata'	#5P5 P
	English Lavencer	Lavandula angustifoka var. Murstead'	#SP5 P
	Japanese Vanogated Sedge	Carex morroweii var. 'Aureo-vanegata'	#SP5 P
Bulbs	Winter Crocus	Crocus chrysanthus sp.	Bulb
	Snowdrops	Gallanthus rivallis	Bulb
	Daffodil	Narcissus var. Tete a Tete'	Bulb
	Tulip	Tulipa closiana	Bulb

- (H) PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

- ♦ Shade Arbour c/w climbing roses
- Fence and shrubs for screening P WALKING LOOP • Flowers for seasonal interest

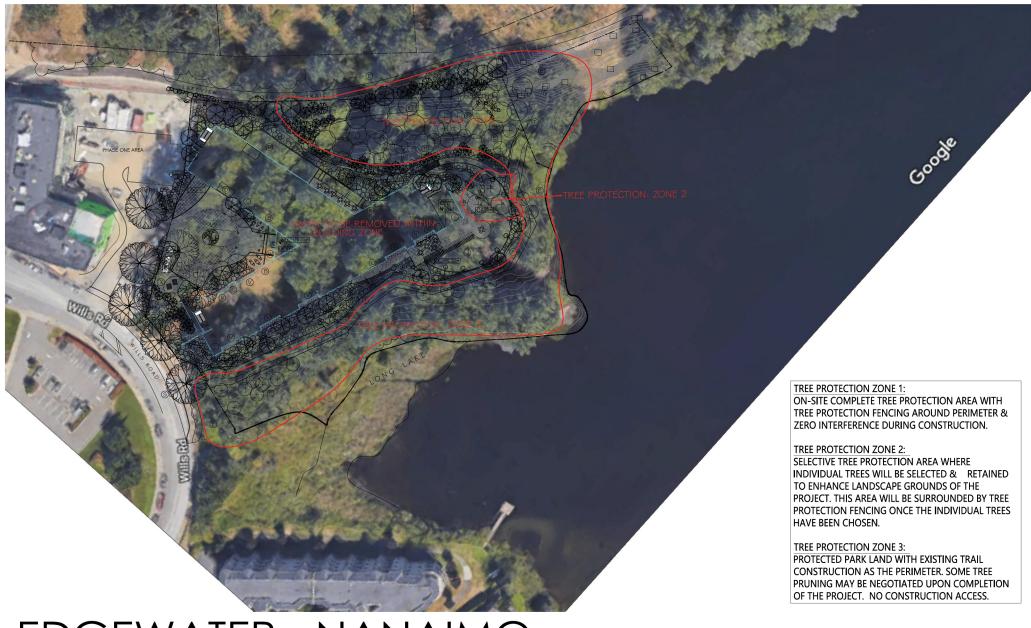
- (L) RAIN GARDEN & DRY STREAM
- M STORMWATER WATERFAL
- N PRIVATE DINING TERRACE ♦ Patio tables c/w Umbrellas
- MEDIA ROOM PATIO
 - ♦ Rain garden for security ♦ Rocking Chairs
- @ PROTECTED NATURE AREA
- R BUFFER TREE PLANTING

- S BOULEVARD TREES ♦ Deciduous Street Trees
- 1 LONG LAKE TRAIL
- O CAFETERIA DECK OVER
- (V) BALCONY
- W PORTE COCHERE

EDGEWATER - NANAIMO LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLAN SCALE: 1/32"=1'-0"



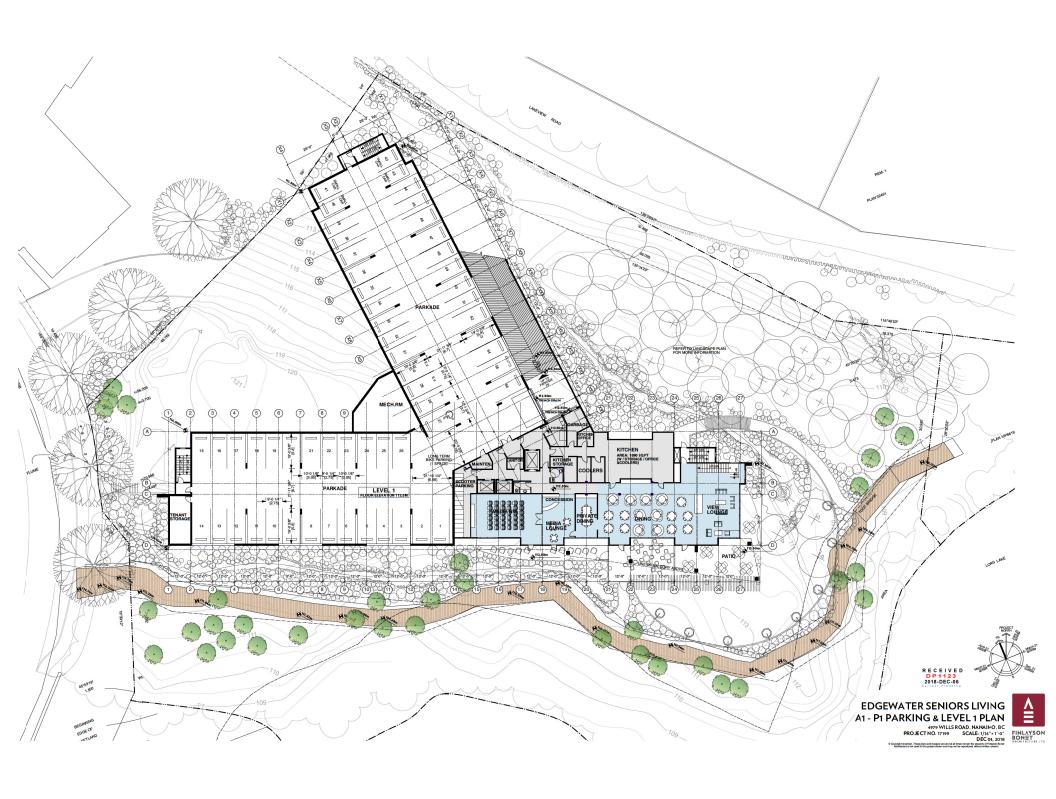




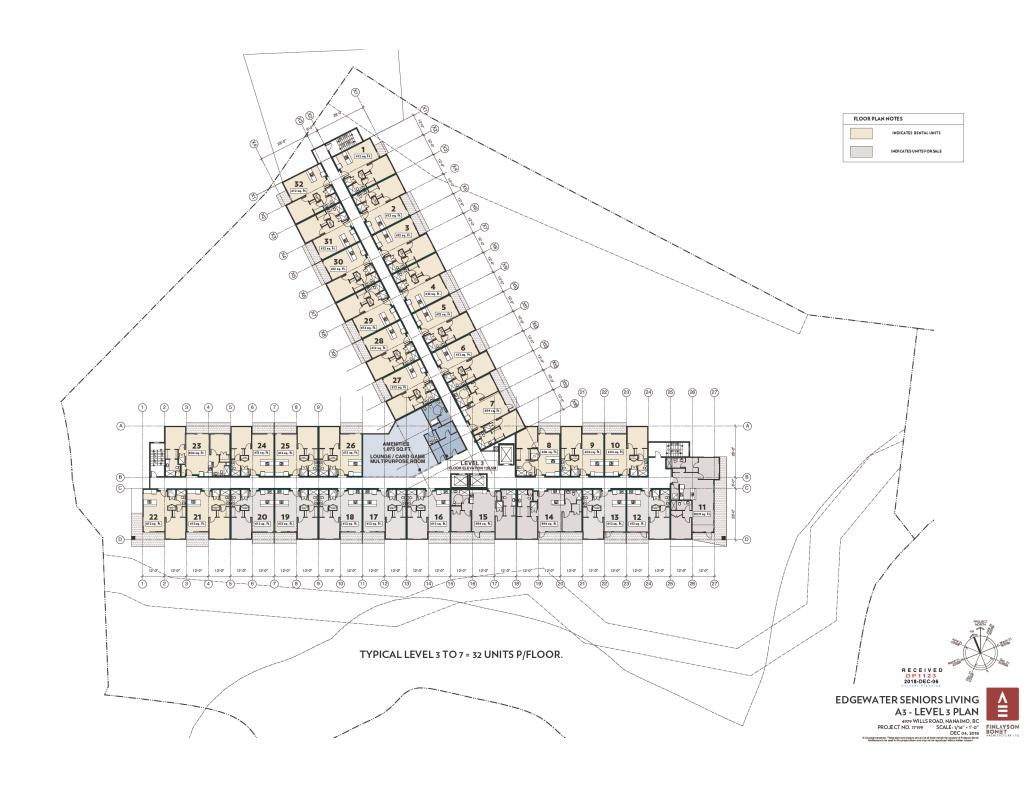
EDGEWATER - NANAIMO
TREE PROTECTION PLAN
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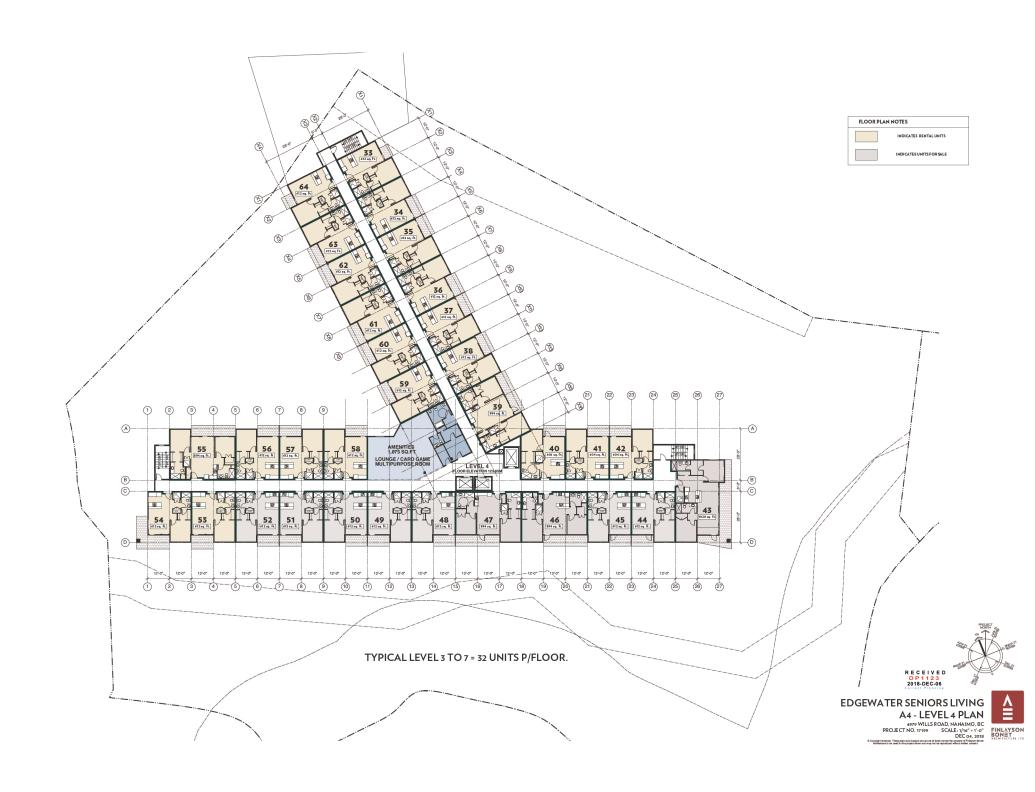


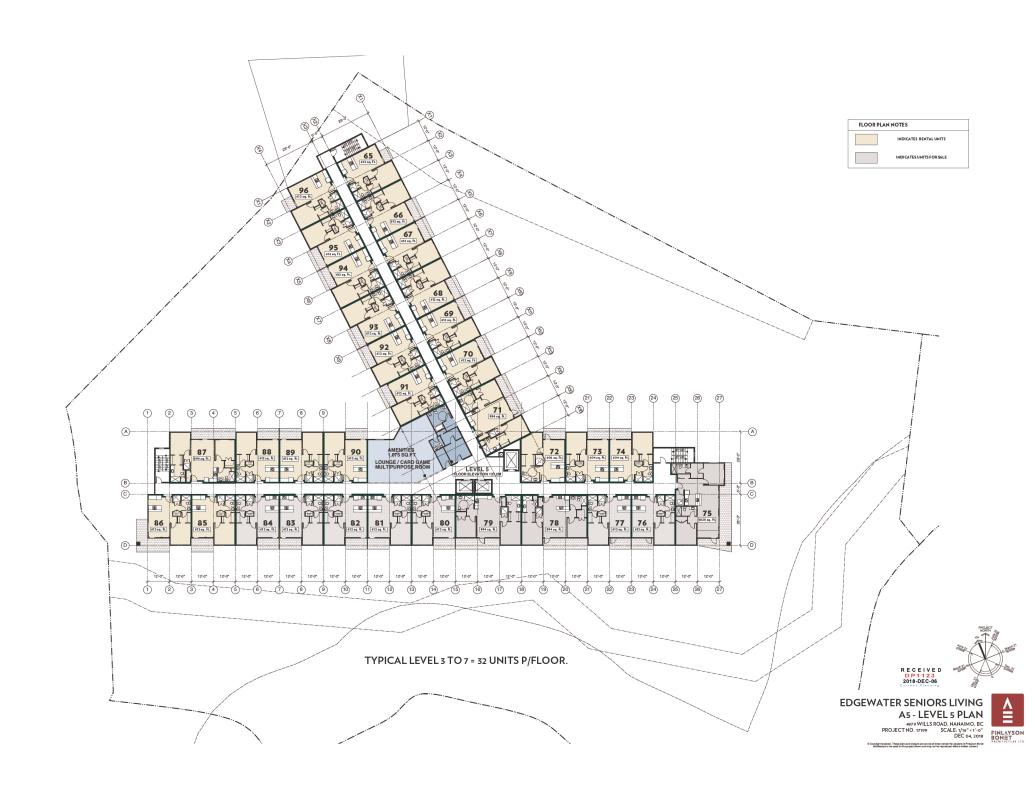


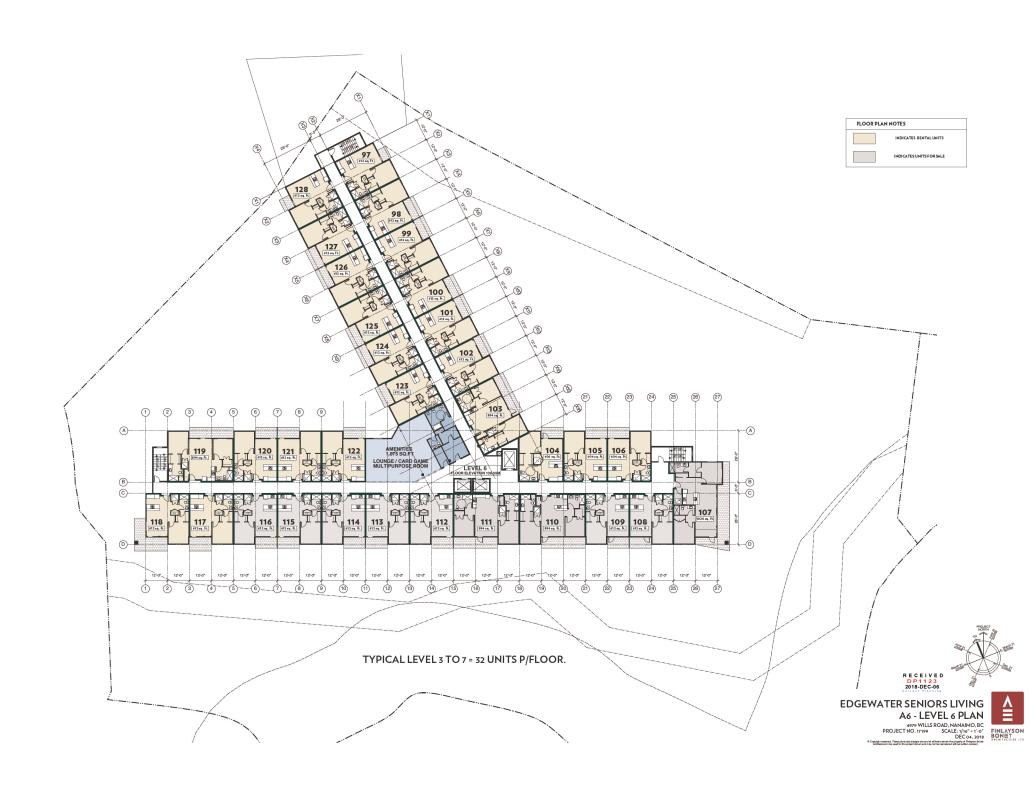


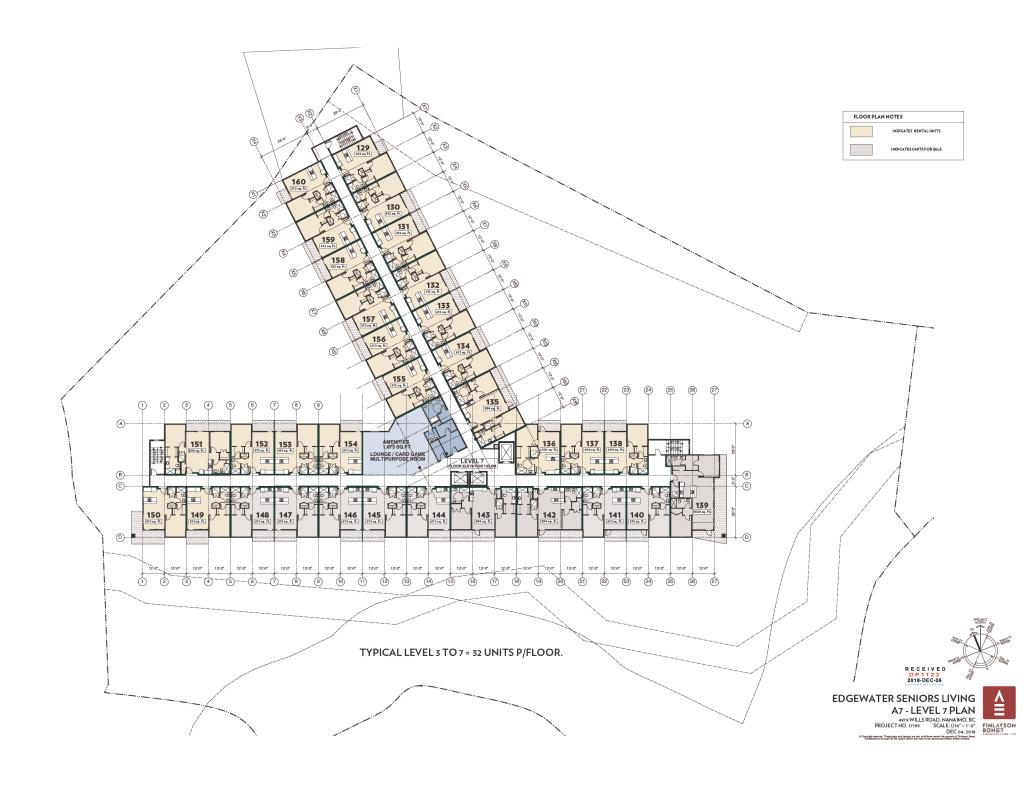




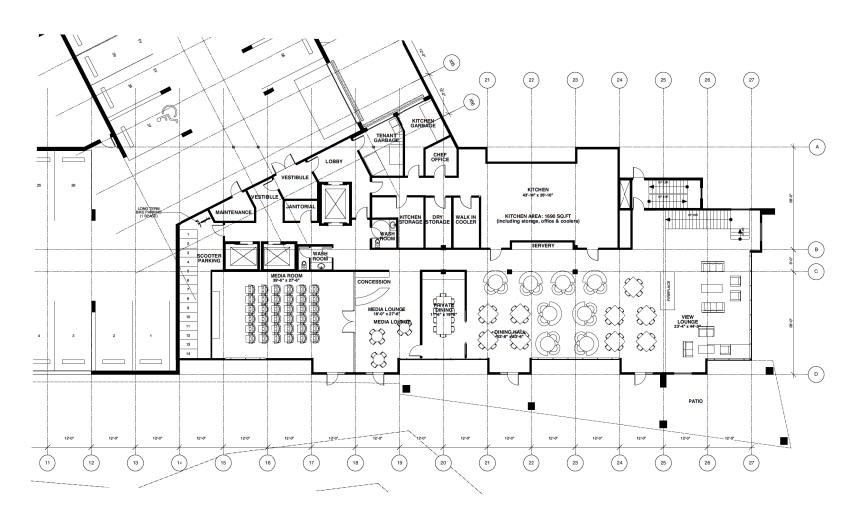








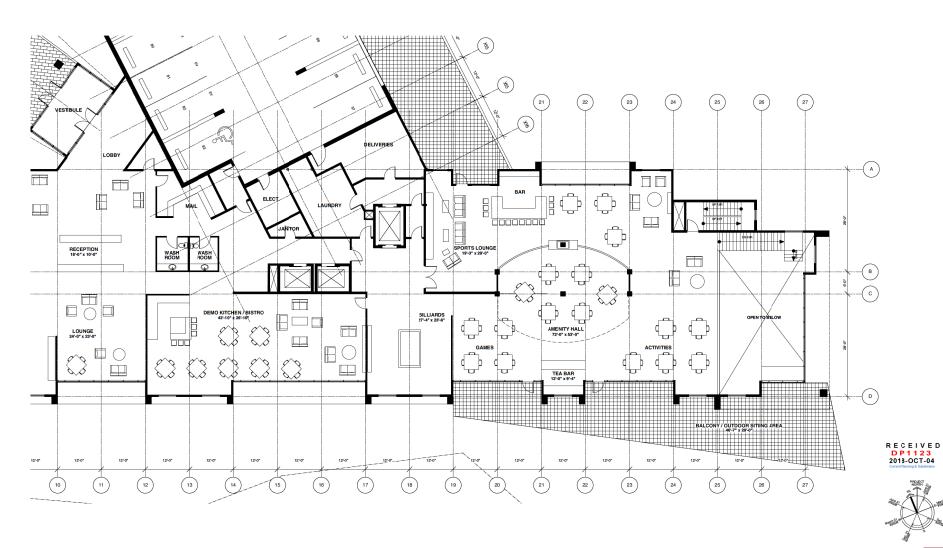




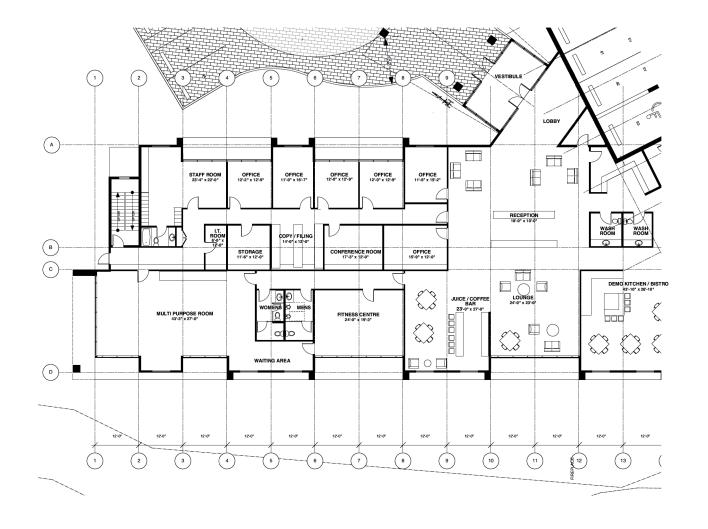


















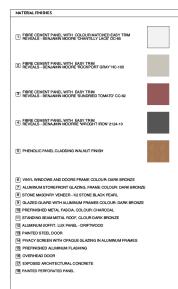


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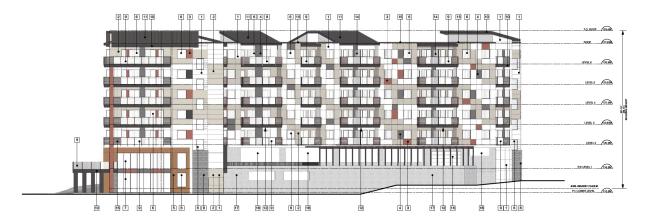




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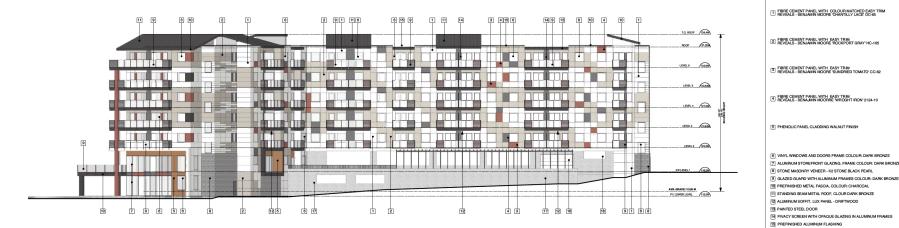




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