Date: June 11, 2020

### Design Rationale – Development Permit Application – 4951 Jordan Ave. – Nanaimo

Project and Rationale Overview.

The commercial development project being proposed is located on an urban site, at Jordan Ave. and Mostar Rd. This rationale document examines the proposed development using the General Development Permit Guidelines.

#### Overview.

The project is a redevelopment of a former commercial site, zoned for Industrial use. The property faces 2 sloping streets. Fill will be placed and retained in the lower portion of the site. The development consists of 3 commercial buildings, housing 6 tenants. K2 Stone is the anchor tenant, located in Building 1 with a commercial stone, fenced yard in the back corner of the site.

On-site parking is addressed with a combination of underground and surface parking. The parking is located in a central courtyard, with the buildings located around the perimeter. The perimeter setbacks are fully landscaped including water features at the entry to the site. Landscape planters are also included in the center courtyard.

# Part A - Review of Development with respect to the General Development Permit Guidelines.

#### Part 1 – Development Objectives

- To improve the character of commercial development in the neighborhood. Locate buildings to relate more to the street and soften the dominance of commercial parking areas.
- To provide a high level of design and quality of construction.
- To encourage pedestrian, bicycle and transit utilization.
- To integrate the site with the adjacent properties by creating appropriate links and buffers.

#### Part 2 – Design Principals

 The development must relate to the street. The buildings are set close to the street and sidewalk. Walkways enter the side from various locations. Large windows, multiple entrances, roof overhangs and landscaping blend the edge between public and private spaces.



- The design of the buildings, roads and landscaped areas are durable and permanent in their design and use of materials. The proper design of drainage and water management are important on this site.
- The character and form of the buildings are familiar, and offer considered signage locations, matching high quality, durable building materials, suited to the buildings industrial use.
- The site will be well lit with low-level, non-glare, full cut-off type lighting appropriate to its function. The building windows overlook the streets and sidewalks, creating a safer environment.
- CEPTD (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) principals will continue to be incorporated as the design is developed in more detail.

#### Part 3 – Design Guidelines

### Site Design

- 1. Parking
- The bylaw requires 29 stalls. 30 surface stalls are provided with an additional 24 underground stalls for a total of 54 stalls.
- Small clusters of surface parking stalls are distributed around the site. This avoids creating large paved areas, difficult to shade.
- Slopes of the driveways, parking areas and sidewalks have been carefully designed to meet the design standards and to integrate with the contours of the site.

#### Loading.

- Loading zones are provided within the central courtyard, away from view from the street.
- These are located so as not to block or impede pedestrian or another vehicle access.
- 3. Pedestrian Circulation
- Paths have been provided on-site to separate pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
- Pedestrians can access the site from multiple points.
- A central pedestrian plaza is located within the parking courtyard, in-front of Building 3 and at the corner of Jordan and Mostar, at Building 2.
- Small seating areas are included in the landscape design. Overlooks onto the feature waterfall at the K2 building are located at the main entry to the site.
- 4. Bicycle facilities.
- Bicycle parking for staff and customers is included.
- A secure bike-room is located in Building 3, connected to the underground parking.
- A covered outdoor rack is located at the Building 3 plaza.

- 5. Open Space and Site Design
- The buildings will have a presence along both streets, with the entrance centrally located. The open space is located along the perimeter in the setbacks and within the parking area.
- 6. Landscaping Refer to 4-Site Landscape Architecture Concept Plan and Design Rational that form a part of this application. The landscape design is deeply entrenched into the overall site and building designs.
- 7. Setbacks and Buffers
- The buildings are setback from the property lines by distances that mostly meet the required building setbacks within this zone. These buffers are fully landscaped with the walkways integrated. A minor setback variance forms a part of this application, for Buildings 1 & 2.

# **Building Design**

- 1. Form
- The 3 buildings share the same architectural style, materials, massing and detailing.
   Variety is created by their varying roof heights, variation in materials, especially the use of K2 stone.
- The building masses are all 2 story buildings. The sloping site creates 1 story facades along the site's perimeter and 2 story facades within the courtyard.
- Outdoor areas including pathways, plazas and a private roof deck on Building 1, facing the courtyard.
- The building placement is organized along the perimeter roads, creating a street-frontage to each building. Various openings between the buildings allow a view penetration from the streets.
- 2. Height
- The buildings are within the allowable building height for this zone.
- The varied roof line, canopies, roof overhangs and building steps create interest.
- 3. Facades
- Building materials will be durable and of a high quality. A mixture of natural stone, woodlike siding, metal cladding and feature heavy timber will be used.
- The detailing of the buildings will be well considered to avoid premature failure of the building envelope.
- The building facades have protruding sections, overhangs, balconies, recesses and a light well. These create a pleasing building form, addressing human scale and avoiding tall, flat walls facing the public realm. Side and rear elevations are treated similarly, with careful treatment of materials and window placements.
- The individual commercial entrances each face the courtyard, are protected under an overhang and feature stone veneer. This creates a sense of human scale as one approaches and enters the buildings.

# 4. Building Siting

- The buildings are sited to take full advantage of the topography, commercial street frontage, access to light and integration with the natural environment through landscaping.
- The buildings are placed to form an inner courtyard used for parking, loading, access and a relaxing in the plaza, away from traffic.

#### 5. Signage

- All site signage will be integrated with the landscape. Landscape signs are planned for each building as well as the storefront commercial signage located on each façade.
- On-site signage will be designed as an integrated package and excess signage avoided.
- Signs will be lit, using non-glare fixtures. Overspill will be contained and the dark-sky concept for outdoor lighting will be respected.
- A sign program will put in place specifying the tenant design parameters.

End of Design Rationale

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# Setback Variance Rationale - Development Permit Application 4951 Jordan Ave. – Nanaimo

This project will require a Setback Variance in order to be constructed as designed.

I2 – Light Industrial ZoneMinimum setbackProposed setback

4.5 meters

3.07 meters –Bldg. 1

2.5 meters - Bldg. 2

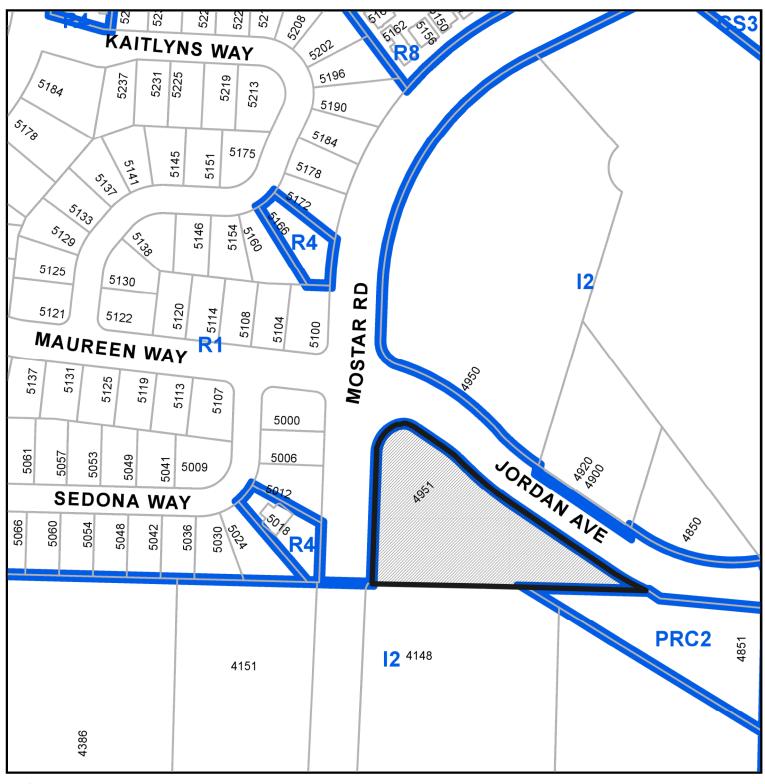
#### Discussion

On Building 1, the setback is encroached by 1.43 meters and 2 meters for Building 2. These variances are being requested to create variation in the building façades along Jordan Ave., thereby creating visual interest.

The variance for Building 1 will allow 3 offices and a lobby stair to be featured elements on this façade. The variance will allow the rhythm of the façade of Building 2 to be uninterrupted, creating an overall better appearance.

End of Variance Rationale

# **LOCATION PLAN**





# **DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. DP001203**

Subject Property

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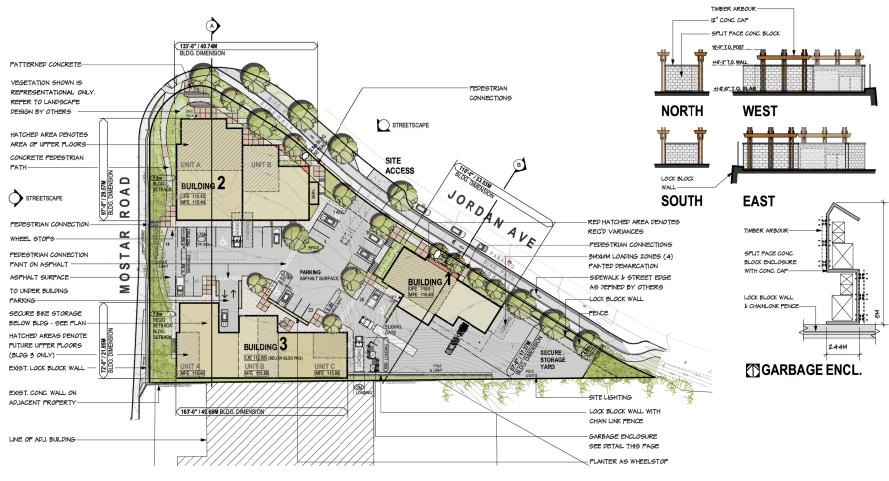
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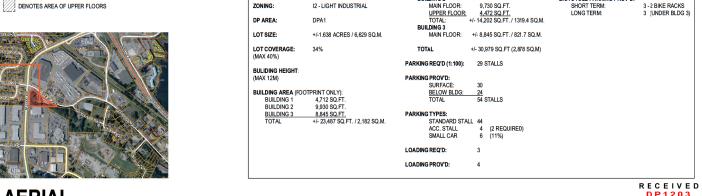
SITE PLAN





DENOTES AREA OF UPPER FLOORS





4951 JORDAN AVENUE

DISTRICT, PLAN EPP69857

PID: 030-081-360

LOT A. SECTION 5. WELLINGTON

FLOOR AREA:

BUILDING 1

BUILDING 2

MAIN FLOOR:

UPPER FLOOR:

4.712 SQ.FT.

3,220 SQ.FT.

+/- 7,932 SQ.FT. / 736.9 SQ.M.

BICYCLE PARKING REQ'D:

(0.1/100 SQ.M. GROSS)

BICYCYCLE PARKING PROV'D:

NOT REQUIRED

2020-JUN-17

SHORT TERM:

LONG TERM:

PRELIMINARY PROJECT DATA

CIVIC:

LEGAL:



SUBJECT SITE ·

# NORTH ELEVATION - ALONG JORDAN AVENUE

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WOOD & STEEL

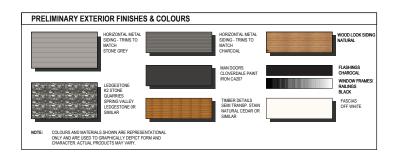
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SOFFIT LIGHTING

TIMBER DETAILS -ROCK FACED ELEMENTS

SIGNAGE

**EAST ELEVATION** 

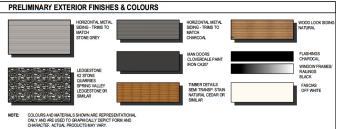




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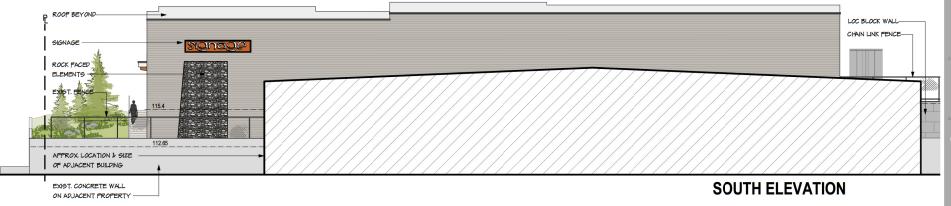
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# **NORTH ELEVATION**

# WEST ELEVATION - ALONG MOSTAR ROAD



# PROPERTY LINE OVERHEAD DOOR APPROX. LOCATION OF ADJACENT BLDG. CHAIN LINK FENCE LOCK BLOC WALL EXIST. CONCRETE WALL ON ADJACENT FROPERTY WALL ON ADJACENT FROPERTY LOCK BLOC WALL EXIST. CONCRETE WALL ON ADJACENT FROPERTY FROPERTY LOCK BLOC WALL EXIST. CONCRETE WALL ON ADJACENT FROPERTY FROPERTY

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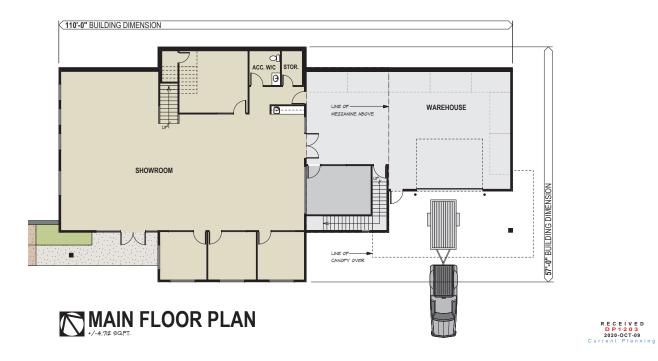
**STREETSCAPE** - ALONG JORDAN AVENUE



**STREETSCAPE** - ALONG MOSTAR ROAD



# UPPER FLOOR PLAN

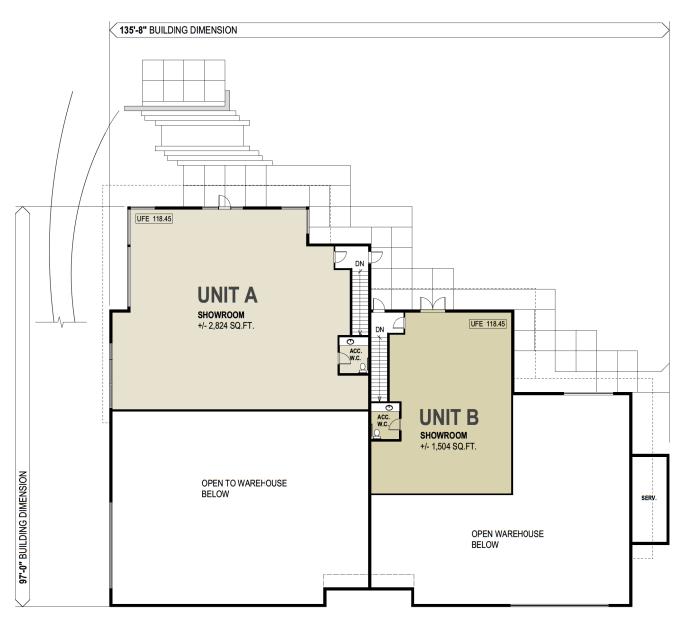




PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT 4951 JORDAN AVE NANAIMO B.C.



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**UPPER FLOOR PLAN** - BUILDING 2



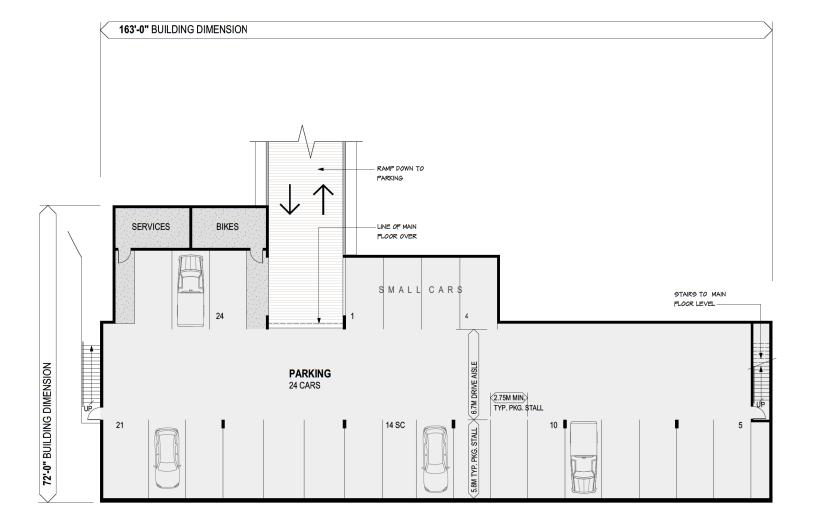


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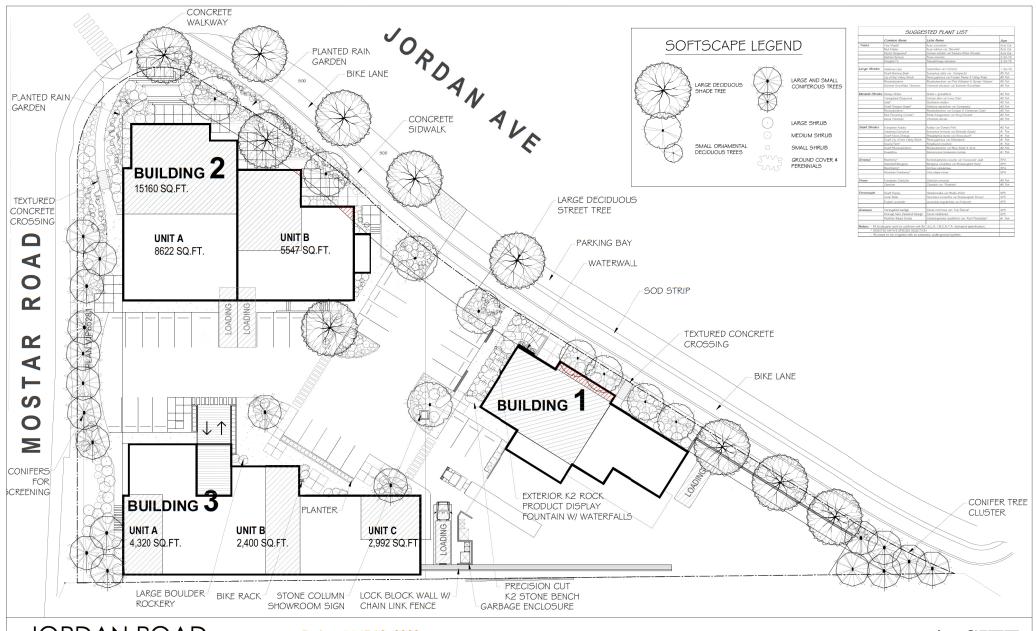


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# PARKING LEVEL - BUILDING 3



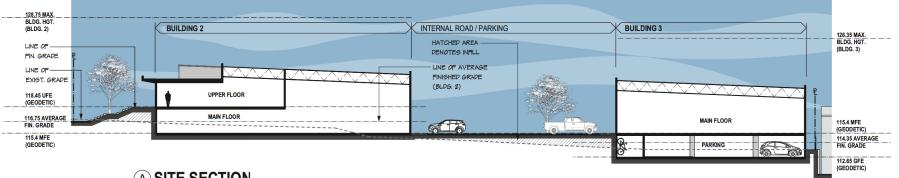
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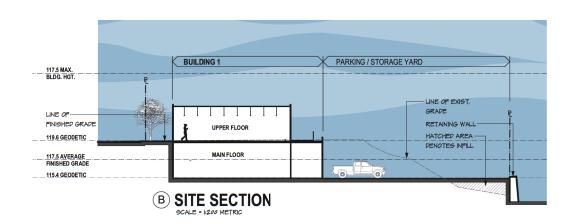
PRELIMINARY LANDSCAPE PLAN







# (A) SITE SECTION SCALE = 1:200 METRIC







# **AERIAL PHOTO**





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