



LOW HAMMOND ROWE ARCHITECTS

City of Nanaimo
Current Planning | Development Services
455 Wallace Street
Nanaimo BC, V9R 5J6

## Re: **DEVELOPMENT\_RATIONALE**

On behalf of Ballenas Housing Society, we are providing this rationale in support of the application for Development Permit of properties located at 55/65/69/73 Prideaux Street. Currently, Ballenas owns and operates the existing low rise buildings on the 4 properties. The current existing buildings are in poor repair and at the end of its life cycle. As such, Ballenas has decided that the optimal solution will be to consolidate and redevelop the properties to better serve the community with a new facility that will provide more units and will be designed to the latest construction and sustainability standards. The first step was rezoning the properties in 2023 to allow for greater density and building height.

#### **Description of Proposal**

The proposal is for a six storey, affordable rental building providing 29 studios, 70 one bedrooms, and 17 two bedrooms for total of 116 units. All units will be adaptable or accessible and will house seniors and families. Parking will be provided in an underground parkade, freeing up the rest of the site to provide a generous outdoor amenity space for the residents with a combination of hardscape and landscaping to allow for various activities.

#### Context: Site

The site is located within low to medium density mixed use neighbourhood. To the west separated by the railroad tracks and green space as a buffer is the residential neighbourhood. To the north, east and south a mix of commercial and residential. To the north of the site is 619 Comox Road. A 5 storey building owned and operated by Ballenas Housing Society. The goal is to create a vibrant community with outdoor amenity space connecting the two properties.

#### **Context: Planning**

The land use designation for the proposed development is Primary Urban Centre. The proposed 6 storey building is consistent with this designation in form and character. The siting of the building has been carefully considered to optimize the site and respond to the neighbourhood.

The project meets the Design Guidelines outlined in the General Development Permit Area Design Guidelines and Nanaimo's Old City Multiple Family Residential Design Guidelines. Locating the ground oriented units close to the sidewalk improves the pedestrian experience in the area.

#### **Design Approach: Planning and Massing**

The design of the proposed building allows for an efficient compact design to compliment the surrounding neighborhood. In keeping with the design guidelines, the ground floor units are connected to the street level with patios. The building massing is divided into two blocks to break up the linear volume. One block is set back further to articulate the massing. At mid-block, the massing is broken up by a distinctive entry sign to emphasize the main entrance. The top floor is set back to minimize the impact of the building height.

A well-crafted combination of materials and massing creates a dynamic composition that compliments the urban setting of the site. The material palette is a combination of white horizontal siding, grey panels, and copper metal panels. Vertical elements such as the staircase and elevators are accentuated with the darker grey panels. White horizontal siding creates a base field colour punctuated by the copper panels. Vertical sunshades on the west façade provides another layer of texture to the façade.

### Design Approach: Setbacks and Height

In order to maintain a sustainable compact footprint and to provide as much landscaping, we are proposing a 6 storey building. By designing a building with a flat roof, we are able to keep the 6 storey height as low as possible. We will be requesting a front yard setback of 2.5m. By setting the building back 1.5m from the street face, a large outdoor amenity space will be provided at the back of the building. This will also all for a better ground floor connection for the residential patios and public sidewalk.

#### **Parking**

62 parking spaces will be provided underground with 6 spaces provided above ground for a total of 68. We will be requesting a variance of 57. In addition, we have provided 75 long term bike storage which is 17 more than the bylaw required amount. Please refer to the Traffic Study Report for further rationale for the variance requested.

#### Sustainability

The project will be constructed to meet BCBC Energy Step Code Level 4. This will have an estimated annual energy savings of over 50%. The proposed building will achieve this through continuous exterior insulation, high performance glazing, airtight building envelope, LED fixtures throughout, and high efficiency mechanical systems.

#### Conclusion

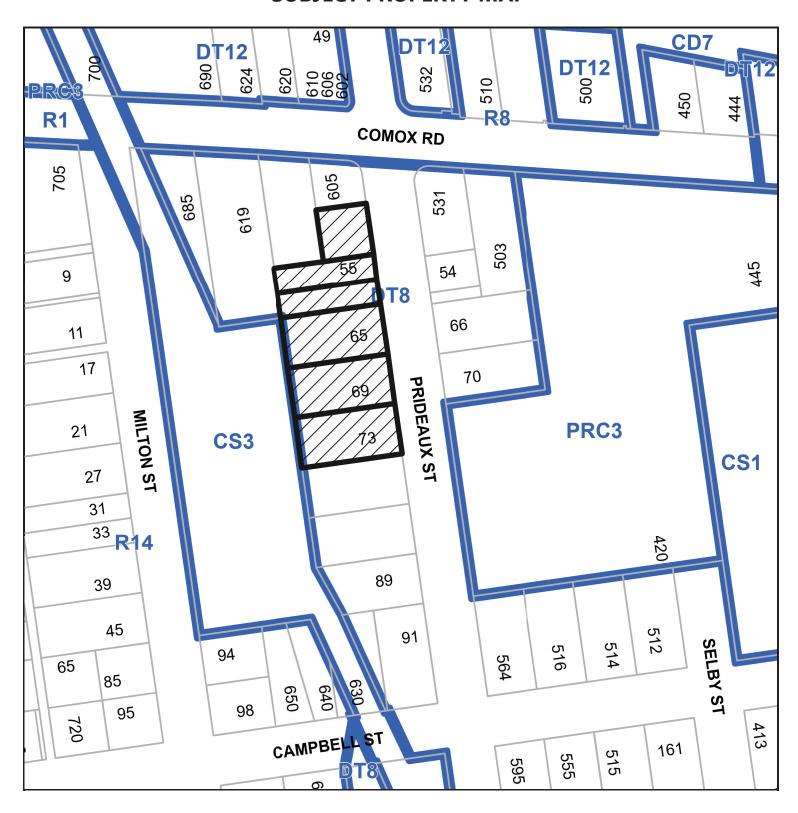
We believe our proposal is a suitable response to its surrounding context, and that the requested parking and front yard setback variance is supportable from a planning perspective. We hope you also agree with our proposal and are in support of this exciting new development.

Sincerely,

**Low Hammond Rowe Architects Inc** 

Jackson Low, Architect AIBC, MRAIC Principal

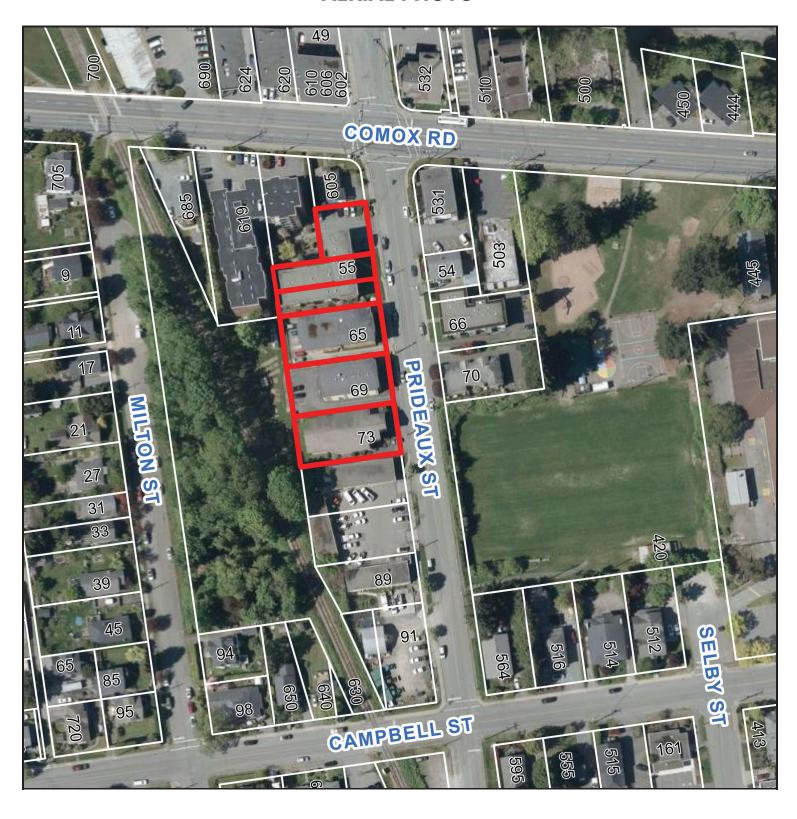
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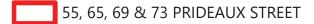


55, 65, 69 & 73 PRIDEAUX STREET

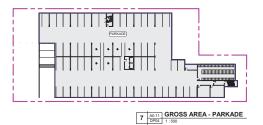
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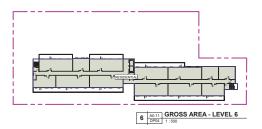


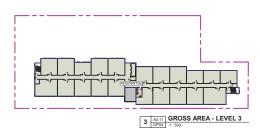


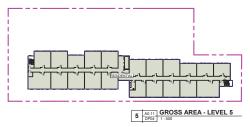
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Level	Name	Area (sqm)	Area (sqft)	
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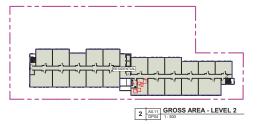


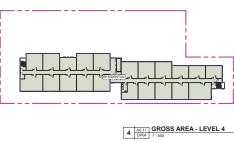
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LEVEL 1	RESIDENTIAL	1204.8 m²	12968.35 ft <sup>2</sup>	
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LEVEL 2	RESIDENTIAL	1312.75 m²	14130.32 ft²	
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LEVEL 3	RESIDENTIAL	1312.75 m²	14130.32 ft <sup>2</sup>	
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LEVEL 4	RESIDENTIAL	1312.75 m²	14130.32 ft <sup>2</sup>	
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LEVEL 5	RESIDENTIAL	1312.75 m²	14130.32 ft <sup>2</sup>	
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LEVEL 6	RESIDENTIAL	1054.19 m²	11347.25 ft²	
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Grand total: 7		9810.17 m²	105595.79 ft <sup>2</sup>	

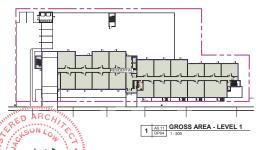










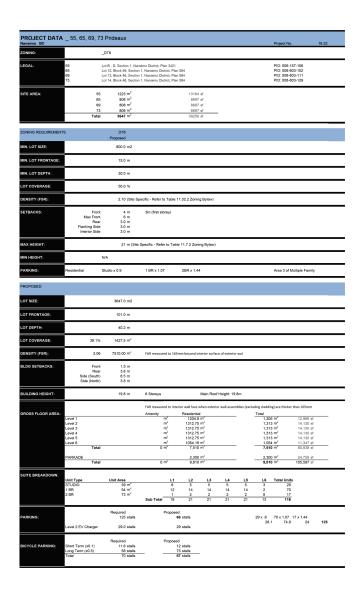


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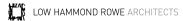


**TRACKSIDE** 55, 65, 69, 73 PRIDEAUX, NANAIMO, BC











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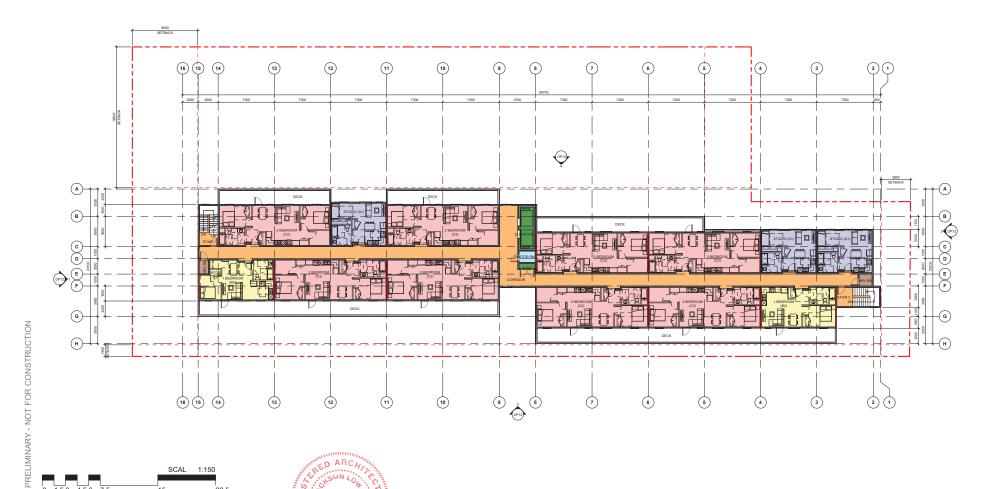




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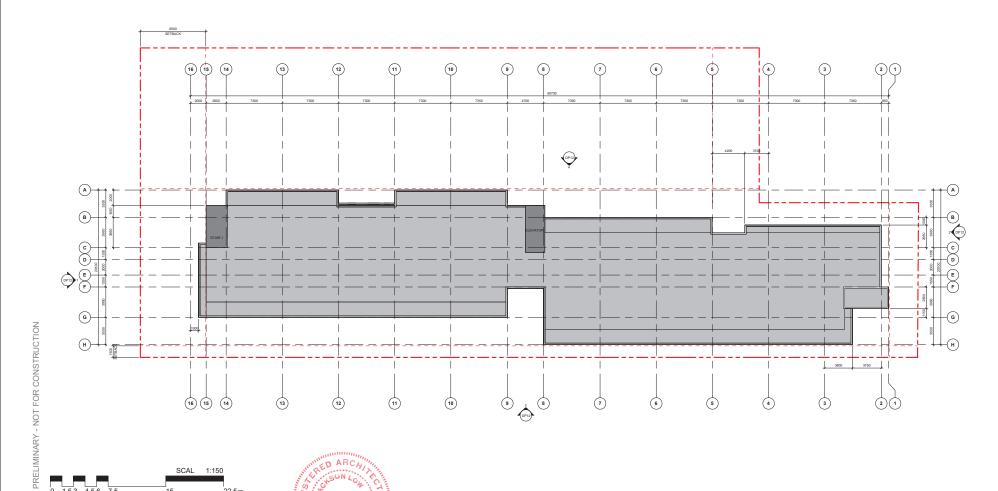
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ENTRANCE VIEW

AERIAL VIEW





REAR VIEW

PARKADE ENTRANCE VIEW





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# **Trackside Multi-Family**

55, 65, 69, 73 Prideaux, Nanaimo, BC

## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS

ISSUED FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT - DECEMBER 17, 2024

#### LANDSCAPE DRAWING SCHEDULE

L0.00 Cover Page

L1.01 Landscape Plan

L1.02 Landscape Details

- 1. Fence Type 01 1.80m High Black Metal Fence
- 2. Fence Type 02 1.07m High Black Metal Fence
- 3. Recessed Wall Lighting
- 4. Bollard Lighting
- 5. Bicvcle Rack

L2.01 Planting Plan South

L2.02 Planting Plan North

L2.03 Plant Legend, Plant List, and Planting Notes

L3.01 Tree Management Plan

L3.02 Tree Protection Fencing

#### **KEY PLAN**



#### **DESIGN RATIONALE**

Trackside is a Ballenas Housing Society residential development located on Prideaux Street near the intersection of Comox Road in the Old City neighbourhood of Nanaimo. The site is approximately one acre, with the E&N Rail forming a prominent rear-yard boundary. Four existing structures will be replaced with a single new building situated in a healthy, restorative landscape.

The new landscape is inspired by the Coastal Douglas Fir ecosystem, and is designed to provide a communal backyard that offers an outdoor refuge for residents. Incorporating generous, thoughtful outdoor spaces in an affordable housing development demonstrates compassion for each resident's need for access to a safe, comfortable space outside

The landscape at Trackside represents a major improvement in the social and ecological function of the site, and is possible due to locating virtually all parking underground. Designing a functional landscape atop an underground parkade presents specific constraints, manifested in the key elements highlighted on the Landscape Plan.

The design concept for the Trackside development rests on three fundamental ideas:

- That outdoor spaces are to be shared equitably, promoting a sense of home and
- That urban landscapes are to be productive and restorative, promoting good health and wellbeing; and
- That engaging urban landscapes merge architectural and ecological functions, integrating

#### LANDSCAPE DESIGN PRECEDENTS













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#### LANDSCAPE PLAN

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Refer to Sheet L1.02 for Landscape Details

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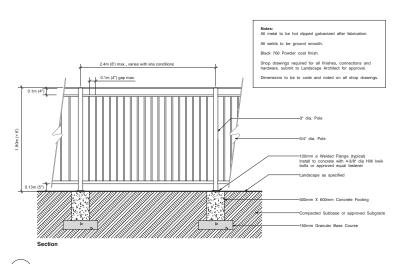
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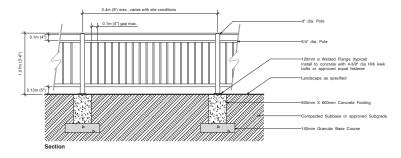
PROJECT 2001 TRACKSIDE 55, 65, 69, 73 PRIDEAUX STREET NANAIMO. BC LANDSCAPE PLAN





1 Fence Type 01 - 1.80m High Black Metal Fence L1.02

Notes: All metal to be hot dipped galvanized after fabrication Black 700 Powder coat finish. Dimensions to be to code and noted on all shop drawings.



2 Fence Type 02 - 1.07m High Black Metal Fence



120-277V AC 848 Lumens (3000K) 5" (127mm) 13" (330mm) 5-1/2" (198mm) Powder Coated Bronze Matte 3mil thickr

3 Recessed Wall Lighting
L1.02 Scale: NTS

BEGA Exterior Bollard Light 99558 (or eq.)

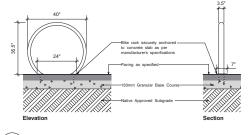
120-277V AC 1682 Lumens (3000K) 43-3(8" (1101mm) 9-7(8" (251mm) 5-1/2" (244mm) Powder Coated Bronze Matte 3mil thick



4 Bollard Lighting
L1.02 Scale: NTS

Loop 2 Space Bike Rack LBRP-1-SS (Stainless) (or eq.) Quantity: 7 Wishbone Site Furnishings 210-27090 Gloucester Way Langley, BC 1-866-626-0476 604-626-0476 www.wishboneltd.com Specifications: Surface Mount (INST-1 Stainle

up to 2 35.5" (902mm) 40" (1016mm) 16 LBS (7.25kg) Stainless Steel



5 Bicycle Rack
L1.02 Scale: NTS Elevation / Section

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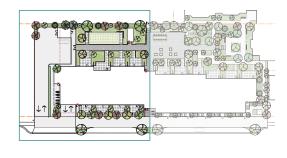
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PROJECT 20011 TRACKSIDE 55, 65, 69, 73 PRIDEAUX STREET NANAIMO. BC LANDSCAPE DETAILS

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Refer to **Sheet L2.02** for Planting Plan (North) Refer to **Sheet L2.03** for Plant Legend, Plant List, and Planting Notes

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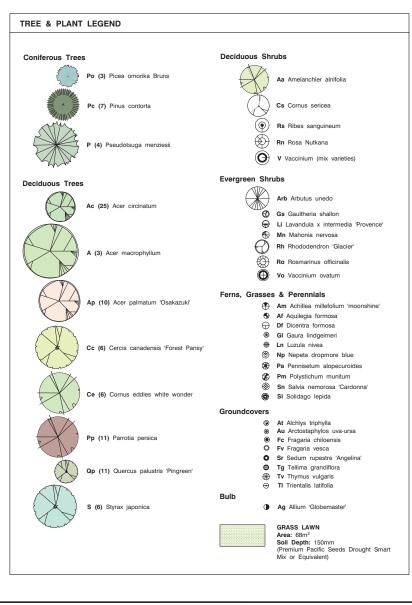
PLANTING PLAN SOUTH

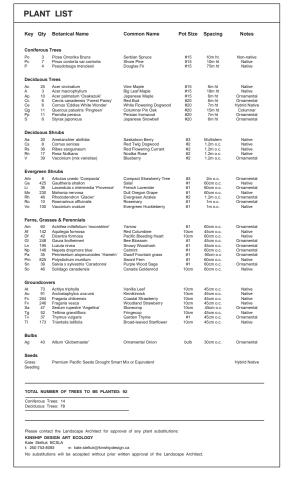




#### PLANTING NOTES

- All landscape installation and maintenance to meet or exceed the current edition of the Canadian Landscape Standards as a minimal acceptable
- Growing medium to meet or exceed the properties outlined in the Canadian Landscape Standard per Section 6 Growing Medium, Table T-6.3.5.3. Properties of Growing Media Level 2 "Groomed" 2P.
- Growing Medium Depths (unless otherwise specified):
   Tree Planting Areas: 1 cu. m. per tree
   Shrub & Ground Corex Areas: 450mm (18") depth
   Seeded Areas: 150mm (6") depth
- Mulch to be Compost per Section 10 Mulching of the Canadian Landscape Standard. Mulch depth to be 50mm minimum depth over all tree, shrub,
- All plant material shall match type and species as indicated on the planting plan. Contact the Landscape Architect for approval of substitutions. No substitutions will be accepted without prior written approval of the Landscape Architect.
- Check for locations of water lines and other underground services prior to digging tree pits. Excavated plant pits shall have positive drainage. Plant pits when fully flooded with water shall drain within one hour after filling.
- No plants requiring pruning or major branches due to disease, damage or poor form will be accepted.
- 10. All tree, shrub, groundcover and lawn areas shall be watered via an underground automatic irrigation system utilizing Smart (ET/Weather-based) irrigation control. Irrigation emission devices to be high efficiency low volume rotary nozzles or drip irrigation equipment.





Refer to Sheet L2.01 for Planting Plan (South) Refer to Sheet L2.02 for Planting Plan (North)

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> PLANT LEGEND, PLANT LIST, PLANTING NOTES

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## **EXISTING SITE AERIAL PHOTO**

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#### TREE MANAGEMENT LEGEND



TREES TO BE REMOVED ON DEVELOPMENT PARCEL 73, 69, 65, 55, PRIDEAUX STREET (3)

01 Pinus Omamental Pine (DBH: 15cm)

02 Pinus sylvestris Scotch Pine (DBH: 24cm)

03 Sequoladendron giganteum 'Pendula' Weeping Giant Sequoia (DBH: 26cm)



TREES TO BE REMOVED ON 619 COMOX AVE (4) 04 Prunus Ornamental Cherry (DBH: 38cm)

05 Magnolia Omamental Magnolia (DBH: 25cm) 06 Cornus kousa Chinese Dogwood (DBH: 18cm) 07 Ilex aquifolium English Holly (DBH: 25cm)



TREES TO BE RETAINED ON 619 COMOX AVE (2)

08 Cornus kousa Chinese Dogwood (DBH: 16cm)





TREE TO BE RETAINED ADJACENT TO PARCEL (1)

10 Acer Macrophyllum Big Leaf Maple (DBH: 130cm)





PARCEL BOUNDARY

TOTAL NUMBER OF EXISTING TREES ON DEVELOPMENT PARCEL 73, 69, 65, 55, PRIDEAUX STREET (3)

TOTAL NUMBER OF TREES TO BE REMOVED ON DEVELOPMENT PARCEL 73, 69, 65, 55, PRIDEAUX STREET (3)

TOTAL NUMBER OF TREES TO BE REMOVED ON 619 COMOX AVENUE (4)

TOTAL NUMBER OF TREES TO BE REMOVED ON BOTH PARCELS (7)

TOTAL NUMBER OF PROPOSED TREES (92)

Coniferous Trees (14)

(See sheet L2.01, L2.02, and L2.03 for tree species, quantity, and location)

DEVELOPMENT SITE AREA: 0.36 Hectares

Refer to Sheet L1.01 for Landscape Plan

Refer to Sheet L2.01 for Planting Plan (South)

Refer to Sheet L2.02 for Planting Plan (North)

Refer to Sheet L2.03 for Plant Legend, Plant List, Planting Notes

Refer to Sheet L3.02 for Tree Protection Fencing

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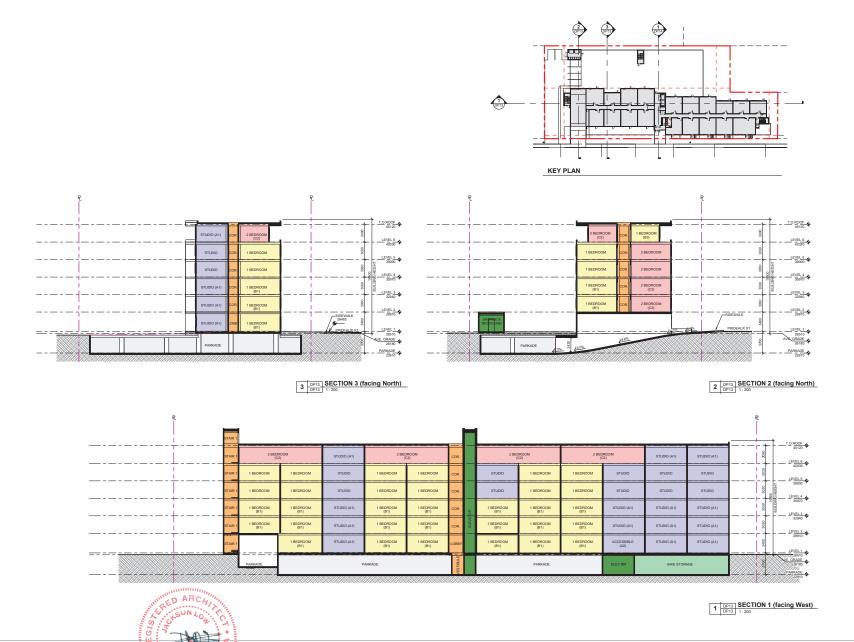
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