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Re: 3400 Barrington Road Design Rationale and Variance



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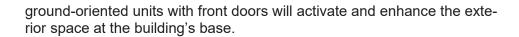
This development aims to complement the property's existing natural environment and remain consistent with the character of neighbouring developments, while adding 102 new rental homes to Nanaimo. By carefully positioning the building and preserving large rock formations, the new development's physical presence on Barrington Road is minimized, giving the impression of a structure gently integrated into the landscape.

The building's architectural language draws on traditional West Coast Modern design. Key elements include sensitive siting of the building, generous roof overhangs, a strong horizontal emphasis, large areas of glazing, and the use of durable, robust materials such as exposed timber, concrete, and fibre cement cladding. Prominent entrance structures on both the north and south sides serve as visual focal points—welcoming those arriving from the street and guiding residents returning from a forest walk from the north. Large expanses of glass are carefully positioned and oriented to capture views of the surrounding forest, while sightlines toward neighbouring properties are minimized. The exterior colour palette features dark, natural tones that blend into the heavily forested context.

A defining feature of the design is the inclusion of exterior balconies. Along the street-facing façade and the entrance forecourt, balconies are set back within the building's face to maintain privacy. On the north side, balconies are larger and more continuous, offering unobstructed views of the forest and wetlands.

The building will provide 102 rental homes, featuring a range of unit types including studios, one-bedroom plus den, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and three-bedroom options. Additionally, a certain amount of units will be made more accessible for people with mobility challenges.

The site design encourages pedestrian and bicycle use with a barrier-free path of travel from Barrington Road to the main entrance, as well as a pedestrian trail connecting the lower-level amenity space to the public trail system on the north side of the property. Significant landscaping is planned for both the southern forecourt and within the naturalized areas to the north. Dense plantings on the east side will help soften the development's impact on neighbours. On the south side of the building,



Steep Slope Development

The site is located in a steep slope development permit area. Every effort has been made to adhere to the City of Nanaimo's Steep Slope Development Guidelines. The intent is to minimize site disturbance, protect the natural environment, and ensure that the development harmonizes with the surrounding landscape, reflecting the setting's character and quality.

- Hillside Character: The building is situated on the edge of a natural depression on the hillside. From the south (street side), it will appear as a four-storey structure, with lower parking levels bermed into the slope.
- Retaining Walls: Retaining walls create stormwater retention areas and provide additional soil depth for new vegetation.
- Setbacks: The building footprint and construction areas are contained within all environmental setbacks.
- Natural Features: Existing rock formations and the tree canopy bordering Barrington Road will be retained to minimize visual and physical intervention along the street.
- Safe Circulation: A safe path of travel for pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles is maintained throughout the site.
- Trail Connections: A pedestrian connection at the north edge links to a public trail system and the amenity space located on the building's lowest level.
- Habitat Linkages: Open space on the north side of the property is preserved, ensuring continuous habitat corridors.
- Efficient Structure: The building's structure is efficient and elegant, minimizing site disturbance.
- Retaining Wall Height: Retaining walls are limited to a maximum height of 3 metres.
- Views from Barrington Road: Existing views of the site from Barrington Road remain largely unchanged.
- Geotechnical Engineering: All cut slopes conform to a geotechnical consultant's recommendations.
- Road and Driveway Layout: Road and driveway designs respect the hillside character, minimize impacts on neighbouring properties, and follow best-practice safety guidelines.
- Replanting: Any felled trees will be replanted to maintain existing biomass levels.
- Underground Services: All municipal services will be installed underground.
- Materials and Colours: Building materials and the chosen dark colour palette are selected to blend with the surrounding forest environment.



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Height Variance

We are seeking a 2.5 m height variance. From most vantage points, including Barrington Road, the building appears as a four-storey structure. The average height on the south elevation is approximately 13.7 m to the top of the parapet, consistent with the allowable zoning height of 14 m. Due to the steep slope of the site, the average grade calculation incorporates elevation points on the north side, where the parking structure is exposed.

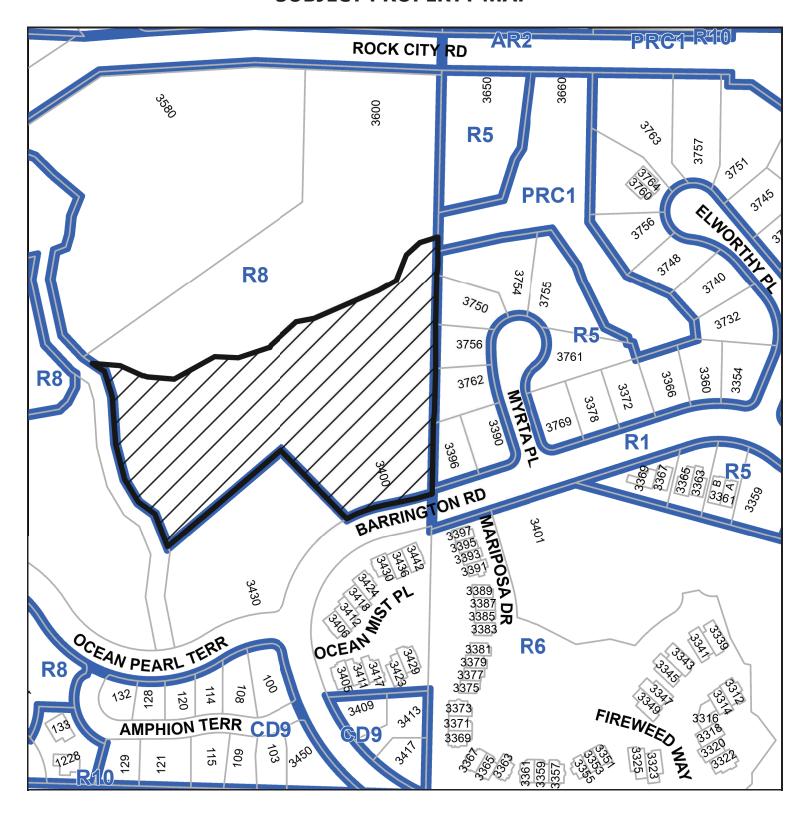
We believe the 2.5 m height variance should be granted because, from the street and the viewpoint of adjacent neighbours, the building effectively complies with the current zoning height restrictions. On the north and west sides, where the building reaches its full height, views are limited to unoccupied forested areas, ensuring minimal visual impact.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Loognan

Paul Koopman Architect AIBC dHKarchitects

SUBJECT PROPERTY MAP







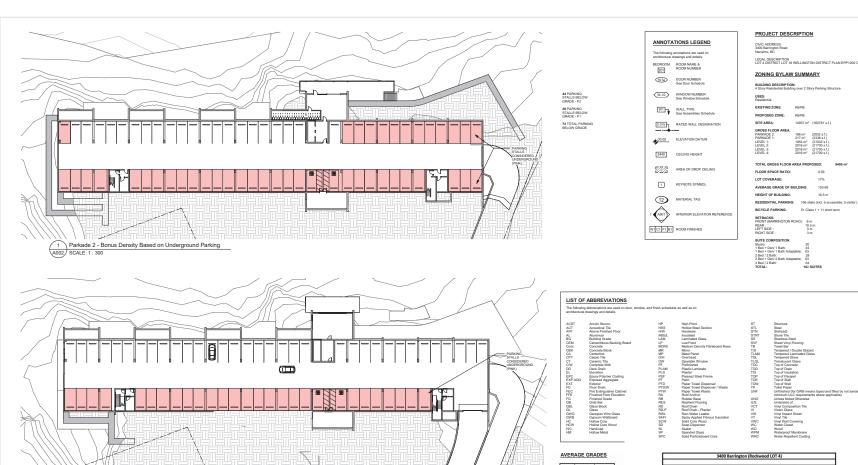
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	Point	Grade
1	A	119.29
2	В	116.30
3	C	116.30
4	D	116.30
5	E	118.50
6	F	120.50
7	G	123.50
8	Н	123.50
9	1	123.50
10	J	123.50
11	K	123.50
12	L	123.50
Total		1448.19
Average grade		120.68

	Required	Proposed
	R8 (4500.169)	Lot 4
Site area	N/A	14937
FAR Base	0.45	N/A
FAR Bonus	0.12	N/A
FAR Total	0.57	0.56
Gross Area (FAR) sm	8445	8405
Number of Storeys	N/A	4
Lot Coverage	40%	17%
Building Height	R8 14m	16.500
AVG Grade Res		120.68
Units	N/A	102
Parking Area 3	1900-01-00	_
3 BED	2	8
2 bed	1.8	56
1 bed	1.45	68
Studio	1.2	24
Total Required		156.0
Resident Provided Underground		72
Resident Provided Surface		84.0
Visitor	1 for 22 Units	5
Loading	x	0
Accessible Stalls	3 for 100 + 1	4.0
EV level 2 (240V)	25%	39.0
EV level 1 (120V)	75%	117.0
Total EV		156.0
Res Bike Short -exterior	0.1	10.2
Res Bike Long - interior	0.5	51
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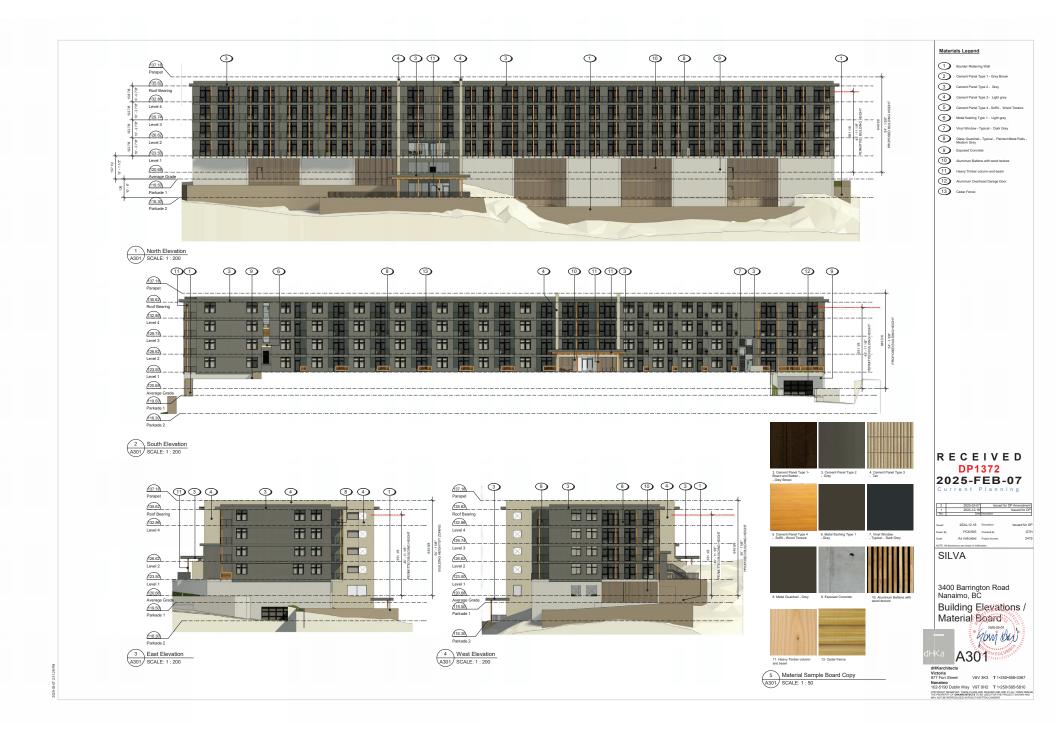
3400 Barrington Road Nanaimo, BC Project Data



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3 Average Grade Diagram A002 SCALE: 1 : 300

2 Parkade 1 - Bonus Density Based on Underground Parking
A002 SCALE: 1: 300





RENDERING OF SOUTH BUILDING ELEVATION AND FORECOURT



RENDERING OF NORTH - EAST BUILDING ELEVATION



RENDERING OF NORTH BUILDING ELEVATION AND AMENITY SPACE

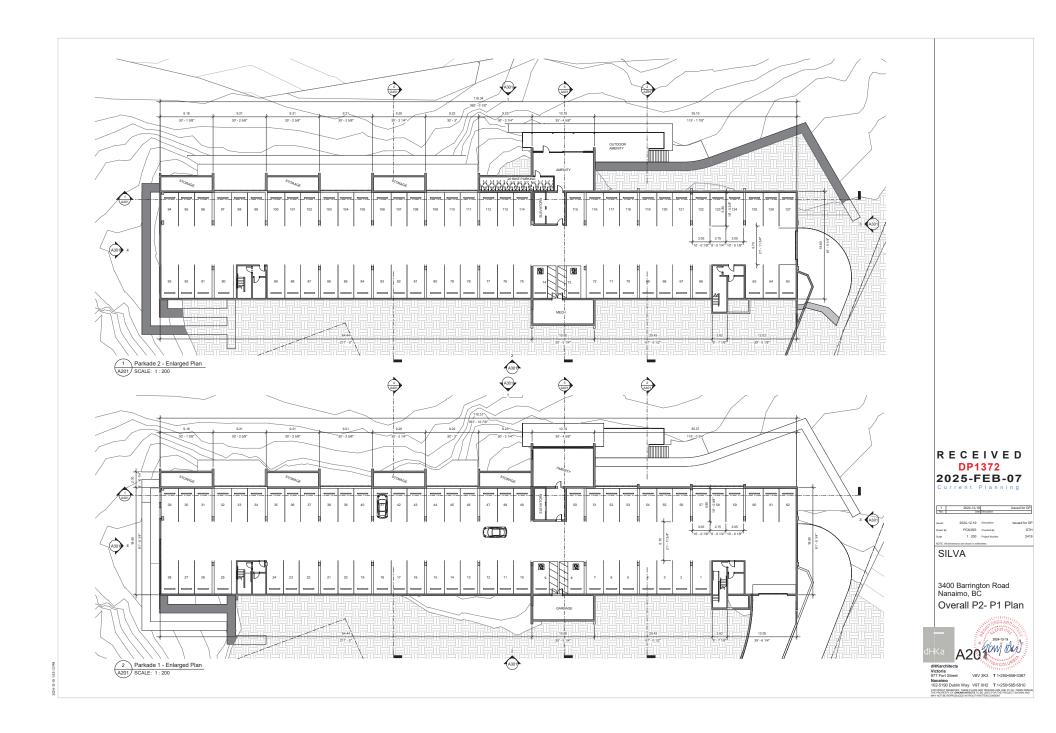


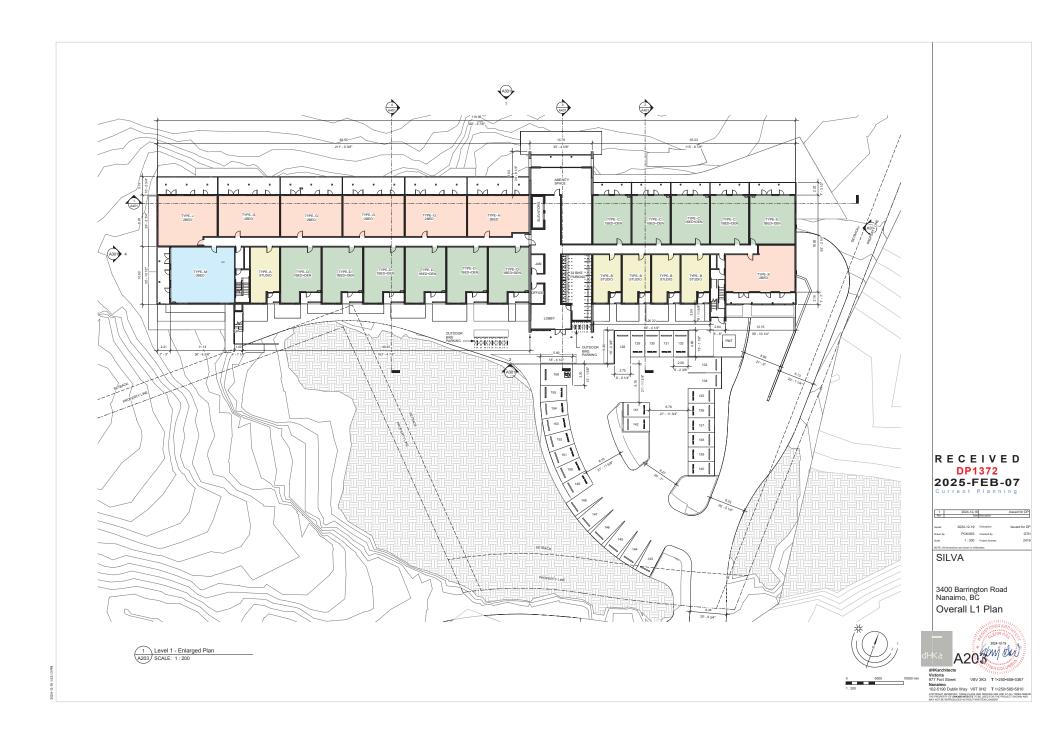
RENDERING OF NORTH - WEST BUILDING ELEVATION

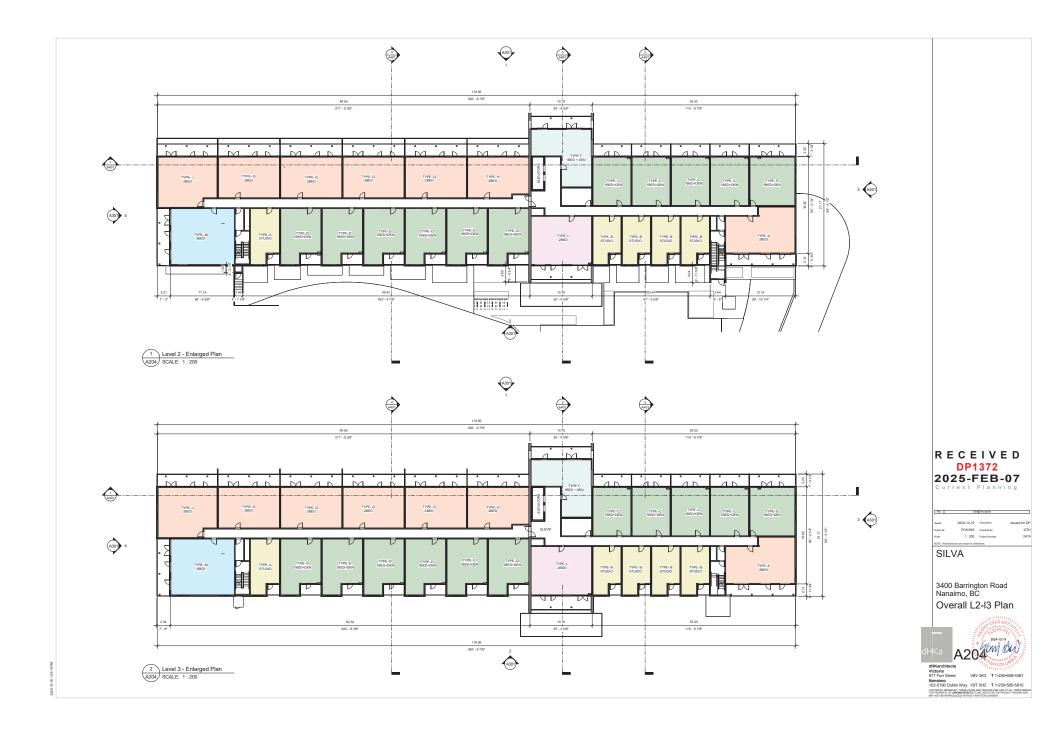


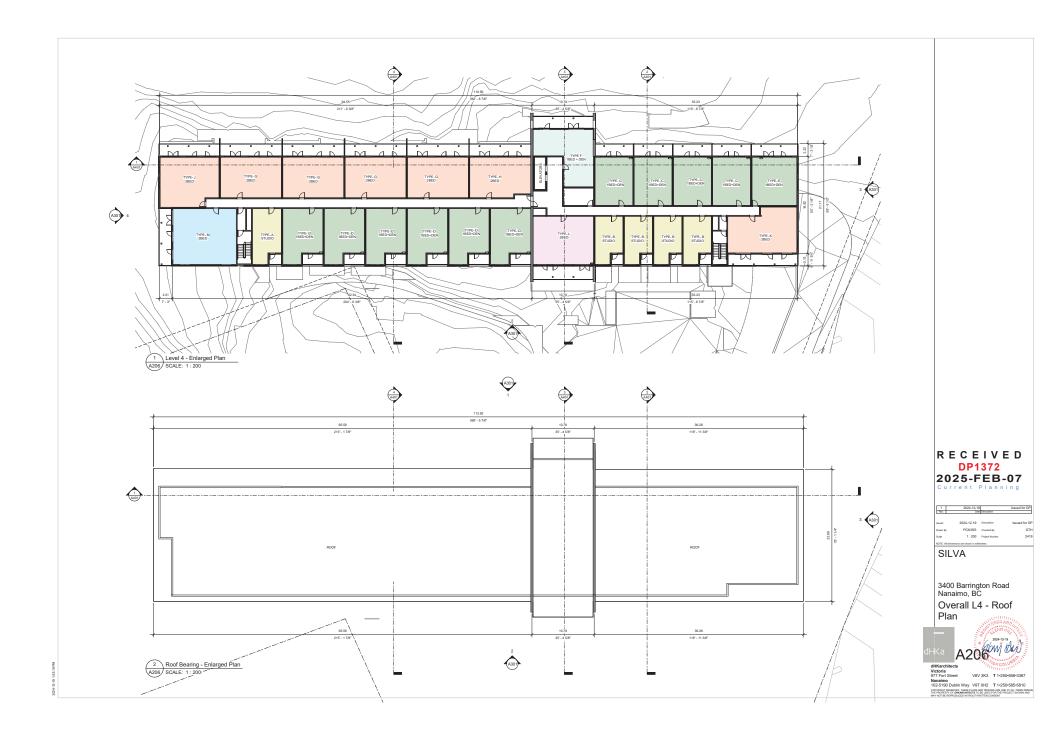
* REFER TO A301 BUILDING ELEVATIONS FOR MATERIAL LOCATIONS











SILVA MULTI-FAMILY

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS

ISSUED FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT - DECEMBER 19, 2024

DRAWING SCHEDULE

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L1.01 Landscape Context Plan

L1.02 Landscape Plan

L1.03 Landscape Details

- 1. Recessed Wall Lighting
- 2. Bollard Lighting
- 3. Timber Bench
- 4. Bicycle Rack

L1.04 Landscape Details

- 5. Split Rail Fence (MOESS)
- 6. Perimeter Board Fence

L2.01 Planting Plan (Southwest)

L2.02 Planting Plan (Southeast)

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L2.04 Planting Plan (Northeast)

L2.05 Plant Legend & List, Planting Notes

DESIGN RATIONALE

The landscape design for the multi-family residential project proposed for **3400 Barrington Road** in Nanaimo, BC draws inspiration from the dramatic natural landscape that characterizes the site. Across the parcel, rocky cliff faces and outcrops create striking topographic variations that amplify contrasting experiences of a contemporary urban landscape and immersion within a natural forest environment.

The underlying plant community is characterized by moss and fern-covered rock outcroppings and bluffs within a forest dominated by Douglas fir. The understorey is comparatively sparse, dominated by bouglas in: The understorey is comparatively sparse, dominated by mosses, as well as shrubs, ferns and groundcovers common to the Coastal Douglas fir biogeoclimatic zone. This offers an important reference ecosystem for the proposed planting design, which aims to return much of the landscape to a functional habitat following construction. Plantings in more formal areas along the front façade integrate layers of ornamental perennials into the native plant palette to add colour, visual interest and forage for beneficial birds and insects.

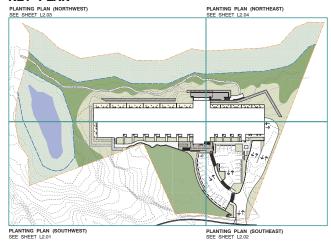
A main entry plaza and pedestrian walkway that connects to ground-oriented garden patios is shaped by a massive rock outcropping that defines the front portion of the parcel, capitalizing on the striking character of the natural

At the rear of the building, a Forest Lobby provides a social gathering space that allows for immersion in a forested landscape while retaining the comfort of a clean, contemporary architectural environment.

Owing to the site topography, boulder retaining walls create a series of terraces along the north and west façades of the building. These terraces provide space for planting and incorporate landscape as a valuable feature for managing rooftop rainwater.

Site furnishings include long timber benches for seating, and restrained bollard and recessed wall lights to announce ground-oriented entries, and for safety along paths and stairs. A simple gravel path provides a connection to an existing trail network off-site.

KEY PLAN



DESIGN PRECEDENTS













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LANDSCAPE PLAN

BEGA Recessed Wall Luminaire 24060 (or eq.)

120-277V AC 848 Lumens (3000K) 5" (127mm) 13" (330mm) Powder Coated Bronze Matte 3mil thickness



Recessed Wall Lighting
Scale: NTS 1 L1.03

BEGA Exterior Bollard Light 99558 (or eq.) Quantity: 21

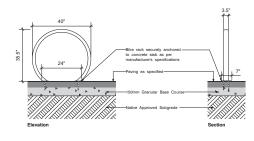


(2 L1.03) Bollard Lighting Scale: NTS

Specified Cedar may be substituted with reclaimed tin Salvaged timber from site is preferable. Contractor to coordinate with Landscape Architect. Quantity: 3 Timber Benches (1 x 1.5m Long, 1 x 2.0m Long, 1 x 3.0m long) -Timber 0.20m (8") x 0.25m (10") Fastened v Hilti Bolts -Wide-flange Beam Steel Bas Hot dipped galvanized

3 Timber Bench L1.03 Scale: 1:20 Elevation / Section Loop 2 Space Bike Rack LBRP-1-SS (Stainless) (or eq.) Quantity: 8 Wishbone Site Furnishings 210-27090 Gloucester Way Langley, BC 1-866-626-0476 604-626-0476 www.wishboneltd.com

Capacity Height Width Weight Finish up to 2 35.5" (902mm) 40" (1016mm) 16 LBS (7.25kg) Stainless Steel



4 Bicycle Rack
L1.03 Scale: NTS Elevation / Section

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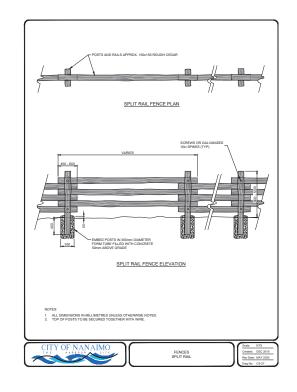
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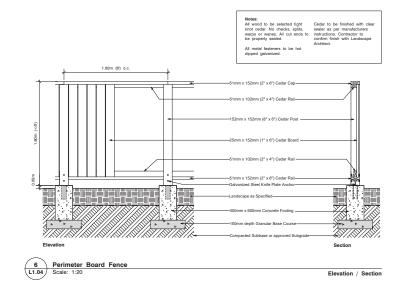
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5 City of Nanaimo (MOESS) Standard Split Rail Fence
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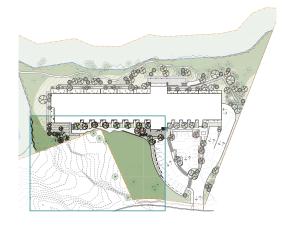
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PLANTING PLAN (SOUTHWEST)

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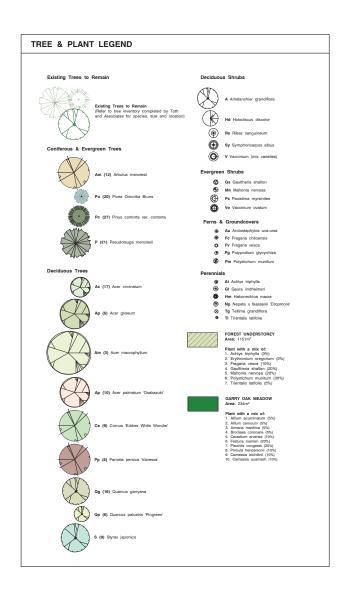
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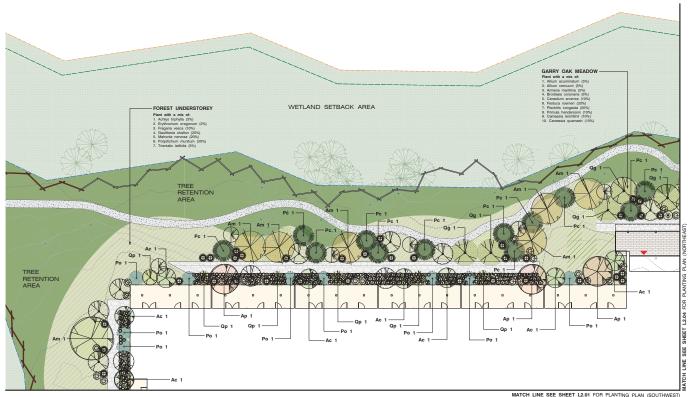
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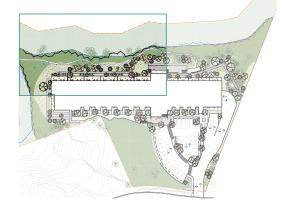
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PLANTING PLAN (NORTHWEST)

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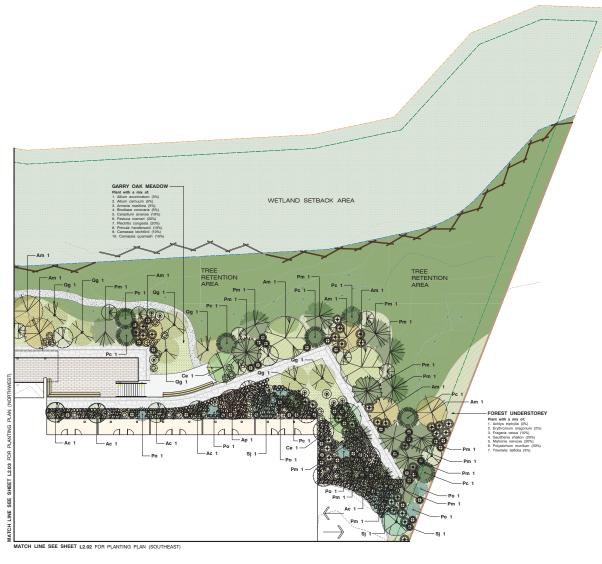
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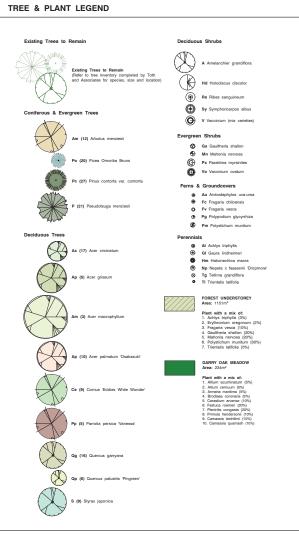
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PLANT LIST Key Qty Botanical Name Common Name Pot Size Spacing Notes Arbutus menziesii Picea omorika bruns Pinus contorta var.cont Native Ornamenta Native Native tous Tree 17 Acer circinatum 5 Acer griseum 3 Acer macrophyllum 10 Acer palmatum 'Osakazuki' 9 Cornus 'Eddies White Wonder' Parrotis persica 'Vanessa' 16 Quercus garryana Quercus palustris 'Pingreen' 9 Styrax japonicus 'JFS-D' Snowc Vine Maple Paperbark Maple Big Leaf Maple Japanese Maple White Flowering Dog Persian Ironwood Garry Oak Columnar Pin Oak Japanese Snowbell Native Ornamental Native Ornamental Hybrid-Native Ornamental Native Ornamental Ornamental #7 #20 #20 #20 #20 #15 #20 #20 Deciduous Shrubs 37 Amelanchier alnifolia 16 Holodiscus discolor 30 Ribes sanguineum 39 Symphoricarpos albus Ocean Spray Red Flowering Currant 2m o.c. 1.2m o.c. Native Native Evergreen Shrubs 556 Gaultheria shallon 403 Mahonia nervosa 127 Paxistima myrsinites 158 Vaccinium ovatum Salal Dull Oregon Grape Falsebox Evergreen Huckleberry 252 Arctostaphylos uva-ursi 244 Fragaria chiloensis 344 Fragaria vesca 273 Polypodium glycyrrhiza 1065 Polystichum munitum Coastal Strawberry Woodland Strawberry Licorice Fern Sword Fern 45cm o.c 45cm o.c 30cm o.c 60cm o.c nanias Aeliya triphylis Alium aduminatum Alium aduminatum Alium aduminatum Alium aduminatum Alium aduminatum Alium aduminatum Armeria maritima Berias Cerastium avversie Berias Cerastium avversie Hakonechioa macra Hakonechioa macra Hakonechioa macra Hakonechioa macra Tientalia jatifolia Native Native Native Native Native Native Ornamental Ornamental Native Ornamental Native Native Native 45cm o.c 60cm o.c 45cm o.c 45cm o.c 45cm o.c 45cm o.c Vanilla Leaf Hookers Onion Nodding Onion Sea Thrift Harvest Brodisea Field Chickweed Roemers Fescue Bee Blossom Japanese Forest Grass Sea Blush Catmint Broad-leawed Shoosingstar Fringecue 68 Camassia leichtlinii 68 Camassia quamash 30 Erythronium oregonu Great Camas 45cm o.c. 45cm o.c. 45cm o.c. Please contact the Landscape Architect for approval of any plant substitutions: KINSHIP DESIGN ART ECOLOGY Kate Stefluk BCSLA t: 250-753-8093 e: kate.stefluk@kinshipdesign.ca

No substitutions will be accepted without prior written approval of the Landscape Architect.



PLANTING NOTES

- All landscape construction to be in accordance with the City of Nanaimo Engineering Standards and Specifications.
- All landscape installation and maintenance to meet or exceed the current edition of the Canadian Landscape Standards as a minimal acceptable standard.
- 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 Cover Areas: 450mm (18") depth Seeded Areas: 150mm (8") 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, and groundcover planted areas.
- Plant material quality, transport and handling shall comply with the CNLA standards for Nursery Stock.
- 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.
- 8. Check for locations of water lines and other underground services prior to
- No plants requiring pruning or major branches due to disease, damage or poor form will be accepted.
- All tree, shrub, groundcover and lawn areas shall be watered via an underground automatic irrigation system utilizing Smart (ET/Weather-bringation control. Irrigation emission devices to be high efficiency low volume rotary nozzles or drip irrigation equipment.

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PLANT LEGEND & LIST, **PLANTING NOTES**

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