

Design Rational

Project Overview: This proposal outlines the design rationale for a five-unit townhouse development at 415 Prideaux Street, Nanaimo, situated within the Old City neighborhood. The design aims to complement the existing character of the area while providing contemporary, high-quality housing.

Neighborhood Context: The site is located along downtown at old city neighbourhood. The adjacent neighbors are single family and multi family homes. Additional row house style townhomes are scheduled to be integrated into the community at a future date. This integration will provide a nicely balanced density and scale.

Site Design Concept:

The site plan maximizes the use of the land while preserving and maximizing green and open space. This is achieved through several key strategies:

- Landscaped Courtyards and Communal Green Spaces: Incorporated to enhance the residential experience and provide opportunities for outdoor recreation and a strong sense of community.
- **Biodiverse Landscaping:** Native plantings will be prioritized to support local biodiversity, minimize maintenance needs, and contribute to the overall aesthetic appeal.
- Efficient Site Planning: The arrangement of the five townhouses optimizes sunlight exposure and privacy for each unit while minimizing the overall footprint of the development. This approach maximizes the usable green space available.

Proposed Building Designs:

- Five townhouses are designed to maximize natural light and provide a sense of ownership.
- Two rear units each feature a private rear yard.
- Three front units each feature a private front yard.
- All units include private entry areas.
- Abundant windows in each unit offer expansive views of the site, creating a strong sense of community ownership.

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Character and Form:

The design of the five townhouses is guided by the principles of providing diverse housing options while respecting the existing neighborhood's scale and character. This is achieved through:

- **Strategic Higher Density Placement:** Higher-density multi-family units, such as the proposed townhouses, are positioned to minimize impacts on established view corridors and are situated with rear lane access. This approach reduces disruption to the existing residential areas by maintaining the integrity of the street frontages, preserving desirable front yards, and minimizing interaction from the main street.
- **Maintaining Neighborhood Character:** The design respects existing singlefamily areas, preserving their architectural and historical significance. This includes encouraging the adaptive reuse of older homes for small-scale businesses or professional offices. Specific design elements contributing to this are:
 - Roof Design: Varied rooflines (gable and sloped) utilizing shingles and metal roofing materials create visual interest while maintaining neighborhood character.
 - **Textural Variety:** Shingle and horizontal plank siding add visual texture, breaking up the building mass and reducing its perceived scale.
- **Gradual Density Increase:** Small-scale multi-family development (maximum fourplex) is strategically located in areas already featuring multiple suites, acknowledging the neighborhood's evolving density. This measured approach minimizes potential impacts on existing city services. Should any infrastructure upgrades be required to accommodate the increased density, the developer will contribute to the associated Development Cost Charges (DCC).
- **Residential Scale and Proportion:** The townhouse design prioritizes a residential scale consistent with the surrounding neighborhood, ensuring the new development complements rather than overwhelms existing structures.

This integrated approach aims to create a balanced and harmonious community while respecting the neighborhood's unique character and architectural assets.

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SUBJECT PROPERTY MAP



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415 PRIDEAUX STREET

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KITCHEN 9'9³" X 11'7"

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CLOSET 3'3' X 28'

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