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SUBJECT DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. DP1008 – 1015 PARK AVENUE

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To present for Council's consideration a development permit application for a 14-unit multiple family development at 1015 Park Avenue.

Recommendation

That Council issue Development Permit No. DP1008 at 1015 Park Avenue with the following variances:

- increase the maximum allowable building height from 9m up to 10.5m; and,
- increase the maximum allowable perimeter wall height from 7.32m up to 10.3m.

BACKGROUND

A development permit application, DP1008, was received from Ellins Architect Inc., on behalf of Portico Developments Ltd., to permit the development of 14 multiple family dwelling units on a steep slope lot.

Subject Property

Zoning	R10 – Steep Slope Residential		
Location	The subject property is located mid-block on Park Avenue		
	between Ninth Street and Tenth Street		
Total Area	1.92 ha		
Official Community Plan	Map 1 – Future Land Use Plan – Neighbourhood		
	Map 3 – Development Permit Area No. 5 – Steep Slope		
	Development; Development Permit Area No. 9 - Commercial,		
	Industrial, Institutional, Multiple Family and Mixed		
	Commercial/Residential Development		
Relevant Design Guidelines	Steep Slope Development Permit Area Guidelines		
	General Development Permit Area Design Guidelines		

The subject property is a 1.92ha triangular, steep slope lot. The site slopes up gradually from the northeast corner, rising to a flat-topped ridge that runs in a northwest/southeast direction. The ridge is flanked by a steep bluff to the southwest. An unnamed stream runs along the west side of the property at the bottom of the ravine.



The subject property is located in an older, low density residential neighbourhood that is undergoing redevelopment with new residential subdivisions.

DISCUSSION

Proposed Development

The proposed development consists of 14 multiple family dwelling units in a single detached format within the subject property.

Site Design

The Steep Slope Development Permit Area Guidelines encourages open space development, a design method that locates buildings on a portion of a parcel, allowing the remaining land to be retained as open space. The proposed site design concentrates development to the northeast corner of the site where there is less slope. The proposed site design meets the intent of the Steep Slope Development Permit Area Guidelines by minimizing the area of site disturbance and preserving the majority of the site, including the slope and riparian area in its natural state.

The site plan is organized around an internal drive aisle that steps up the slope in a series of small terraces that maximize unit privacy and view penetration into the site.

Park Dedication

The forested ridge area is currently being used by neighbourhood residents as an informal trailway. The Harewood Neighbourhood Plan identifies the ridge and riparian area of the subject property as a potential open space with a future multiple use path. The owner has indicated that he is willing to dedicate this area, approximately 1.5ha, as park. Parks staff has reviewed and accepted the proposal to acquire this land. Dedication of the park is noted as a condition of the development permit and will be provided prior to building occupancy. A statutory right-of-way will be registered on the title of the subject property to allow pedestrian access to the dedicated park over the subject property; the location and alignment of the access will be determined through detailed design. Additionally, the owner will install a two-rail fence along the boundary between the park and the development as a condition of the development permit.

Density Transfer

In accordance with the R10 zone, the maximum permitted density is 16 dwelling units per hectare excluding park dedication, which translates to 6 units permitted on the proposed development parcel (0.42ha). To achieve the proposed 14 unit development, 8 units of the 9 available units of density will be transferred from the park dedication area, exclusive of the watercourse leave strip area (0.57ha).

Building Design

The proposed building design is a three-storey contemporary west coast design with a shed roof in a single detached format. The units are designed with small building footprints to minimize the need for extensive slope manipulation.



The four units adjacent to the road are oriented with front doors facing Park Avenue to ensure street presence. The material palette includes horizontal vinyl cladding with units differentiated through a mixture of Hardie panel, vinyl board and batten, cedar shakes and corrugated metal that are used to highlight architectural features such as bay windows and unit entrances.

Landscape Design

The landscape plan uses the westerly bluff as a backdrop to the residential development. The rock bluff consists of a combination of urban forest and native understory.

Outdoor amenity space consists of private decks and patios. The area to be dedicated as park will provide additional open space. Planting areas will be used to define entrances and will supplement the rock bluff backdrop where soils permit.

Street trees will consist of Serbian spruce with interspersed dogwoods that are set back from the property line in order to avoid hydro lines and maintain the view corridor up Park Avenue as identified in the Harewood Neighbourhood Plan. The informal planting scheme includes a native plant palette with understory plantings, and boulders to create visual interest. The landscape plan will allow some views into the site while also providing a degree of privacy.

Harewood Neighbourhood Association

A referral request was forwarded to the Harewood Neighbourhood Association and no comment was received.

DESIGN ADVISORY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Design Advisory Panel, at its meeting held on 2016-AUG-25, accepted DP1008 as presented, with support for the variances, and provided the following recommendations:

• Consider ways to articulate the wall faces of Units 1 and 12 along Park Avenue.

The applicant addressed this recommendation by further articulating the elevation facing the road by adding a two-storey bay with a shed roof cap.

PROPOSED VARIANCES

Maximum Building Height

Variances to the maximum allowable building height are proposed as follows:

Unit #	Maximum Permitted Height	Proposed Height	Proposed Variance
1 and 12	9m	10.5m	1.5m
2, 3 and 4	9m	10.3m	1.3m
5, 6, 7 and 11	9m	9.6m	0.6m
13	9m	9.2m	0.2m
14	9m	9.3m	0.3m



As height is measured vertically from the lowest of either the average natural or finished grade level to the highest part of the building (the shed roof feature), the units on the flattest portion of the site (Units 1 and 12) require the greatest variance. All units, with the exception of Units 13 and 14 which face Park Avenue, are designed so that the shed roofs slope up with the land. This minimizes the appearance of the building height from the street and provides a more complementary design for the hill slope. The siting is not anticipated to impact views from neighbouring properties.

Maximum Perimeter Wall Height

Variances to the maximum perimeter wall height are proposed as follows:

Unit #	Maximum Perimeter Wall Height	Proposed Perimeter Wall Height	Proposed Variance
1, 8 to12	7.32m	10.1m	2.78m
2 to 7	7.32m	10.0m	2.68m
13 and 14	7.32m	10.3m	2.98m

The proposed perimeter wall height variances apply to portions of each unit and not every building elevation requires a variance. The over-height perimeter walls are less obvious from the street given the arrangement of units layered in front of each other, and their alignment to either side of the internal road sloping up the site. The impact of the over-height wall faces is also reduced by the design of the shed roofs that slope up the hill to mirror the site terrain. Additionally, the articulation of the front elevations of each unit and of the side elevations of Units 1 and 12 assists in reducing the overall visual impact of the over-height wall faces.

SUMMARY POINTS

- DP1008 is for a 14-unit multiple family development on a steep slope lot.
- The proposed development meets the intent of the General Development Permit Area Design Guidelines.
- The proposed site design allows for the preservation of a significant amount of open space that will be dedicated as park. This meets the intent of the Steep Slope Development Permit Area Guidelines for the protection of open space and the steep slope character.

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A:Permit Terms and ConditionsATTACHMENT B:Location PlanATTACHMENT C:Site PlanATTACHMENT D:Building ElevationsATTACHMENT E:Landscape PlanATTACHMENT F:Aerial PhotoATTACHMENT G:Density Transfer Plan



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ATTACHMENT A PERMIT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TERMS OF PERMIT

The City of Nanaimo "Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500" is varied as follows:

1. Section 7.6.1 – Size of Buildings – to increase the maximum allowable building heights as follows:

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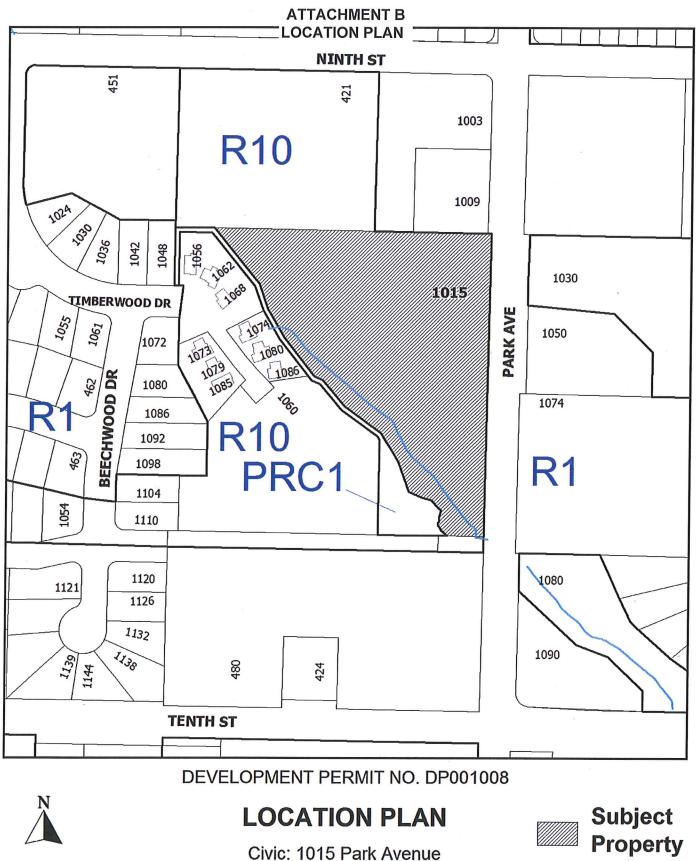
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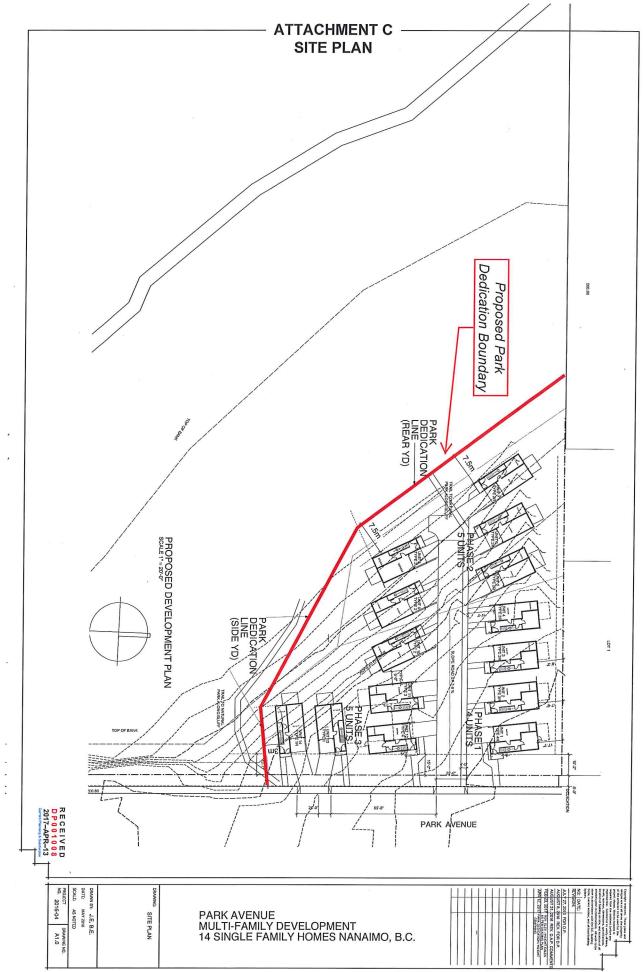
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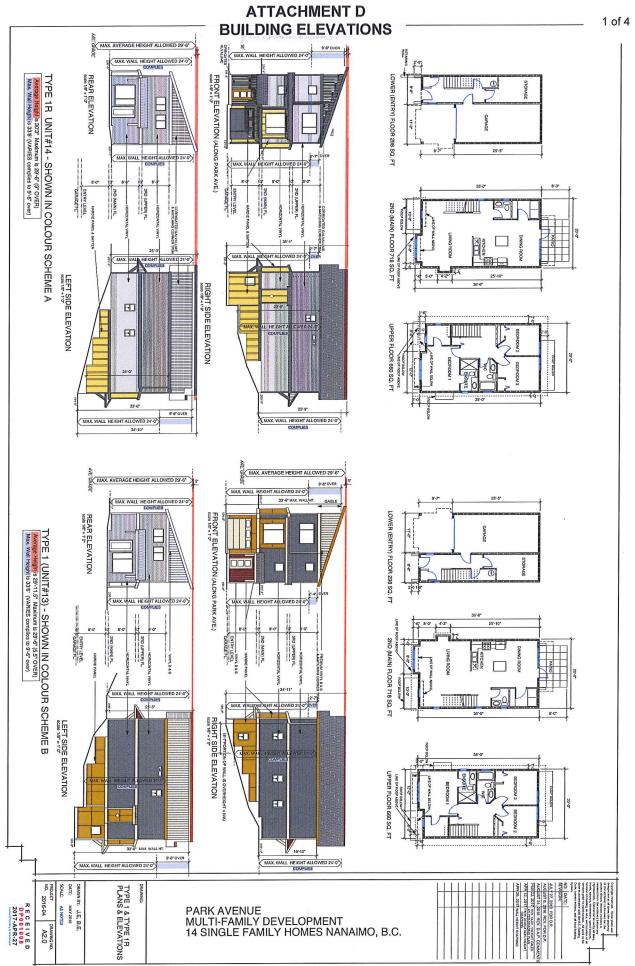
- 1. The subject property is developed in accordance with the Site Plan prepared by Ellins Architect Inc., received 2017-APR-13.
- 2. The development is in accordance with the Elevations prepared by Ellins Architect Inc., received 2017-APR-27.
- 3. The subject property is in general compliance with the Landscape Plan and specifications prepared by Victoria Drakeford Landscape Architect received 2017-MAR-13.
- 4. The park area, as indicated on the Site Plan prepared by Ellins Architect Inc. received 2017-APR-13, is to be dedicated at the applicant's expense to the City of Nanaimo as park prior to building occupancy in Phase 1.
- 5. The owner shall register a statutory right-of-way on the title of the common property prior to building occupancy in Phase 1 that grants public access over the subject property to the park and allows the City to install and maintain park improvements.
- 6. The owner shall install a two-rail open fence along the boundary between the park and the strata development as generally indicated on the Landscape Plan and Specifications prepared by Victoria Drakeford Landscape Architect received 2017-MAR-13 prior to occupancy in Phase 1.

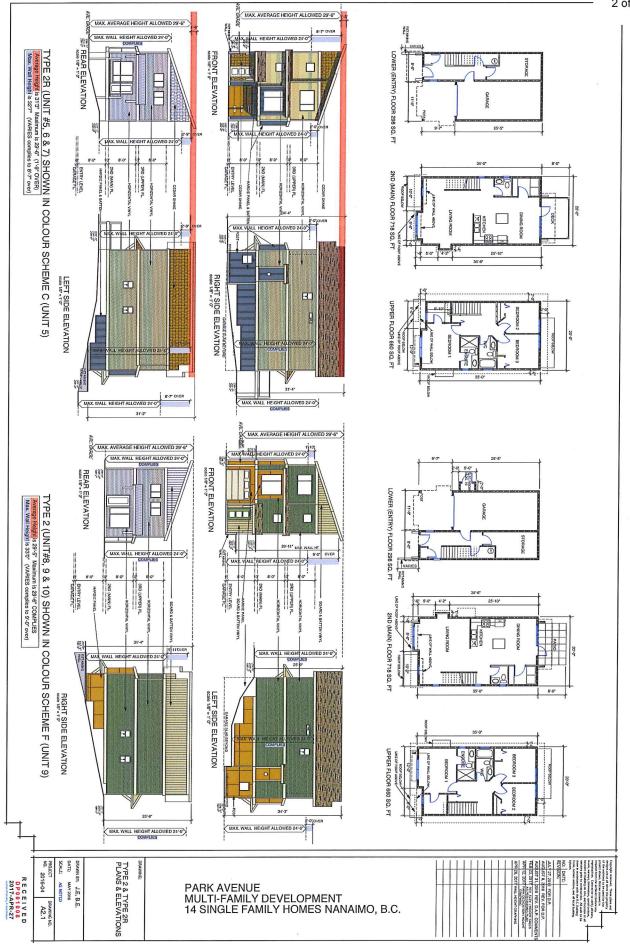
7. To achieve the 14 unit development on the proposed development parcel (0.42ha) a density transfer of 8 units is required from the park dedication area, exclusive of the watercourse leave strip as shown on the Density Transfer Plan prepared by Ellins Architect Inc. received 2017-MAY-30.



Lot 29, Section 1, Nanaimo District, Plan VIP82107







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Ce	Vel de la d	Cornus eddies white wonder	White wonder Dogwood	6 cm cal	
Ck	_	Cornus kousa	Chinese Dogwood	2.5m	Multistemmed
Carlos and a second		Evergreen Trees			
Po		Picea omorika bruns	Serbian Spruce	2m	
Pcc	1. N.N. 8.	Pinus contorta contorta	Shore Pine	1.5m	
Pfv	a commente	Pinus flexitus vanderwolf	Vanderwolf Pine	2m	and the second
Тр		Thuja plicata	Western Red Cedar	2m	hedge
		Shrubs			
Cs		Comus stolonifera	Red twigged Dogwood	1 gall	1.2m o.c.
Gs		Gaultheria shallon	Salal	1 gall	.6m o.c.
Hd	12 000000	Holodiscus discolor	Ocean Spray	I gall	1.2m o.c.
Mn		Mahonia nervosa	Oregon Grape	1 gall	.6m o.c.
Oe	1 28 28	Oemleria cerasiformis	Indian Plum	1 gall	1.2m o.c.
Rs	e herede	Ribes sanguineum	Red-flowering currant	1 gall	1.2m o.c.
Vo		Vaccinium ovatum	Evergreen huckleberry	1 gall	1.2m o.c.
		Groundcovers/perennials			
Αυυ		Arctostaphyllos uva ursi	Kinnickinnick	10 cm	.45 o.c. (walls)
Lg		Lithodora Grace Ward	Lithodora	1 gall	.6m o.c. (walls)
Nb		Nepeta dropmore blue	Catnip	1 gall	.6m o.c.
Тр		Thymus pseudolanginosus	Woolly Thyme	10 cm	.3 o.c.
		Ornamental Grasses			
Са		Calamagrostis aculifolia Karl Foester	Feather Reed Grass	1 gall	.6m o.c.
Hs		Helictotrichon sempervirons	Blue Oat Grass	1 gall	.6m o.c.
Ms	Carlo Carlo	Miscanthus sinensis Morning Light	Maiden Grass	1 gall	.6m o.c.
My		Miscanthus yaku jima	Maiden Grass	1 gall	1m o.c.

ATTACHMENT F AERIAL PHOTO



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ATTACHMENT G DENSITY TRANSFER PLAN

