

Staff Report

File Number: DP001013

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PLANNING AND SUBDIVISION

SUBJECT DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. DP1013 – 4931 WELLINGTON ROAD

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To present for Council's consideration a development permit application for the redevelopment of an automobile dealership (Volkswagen) at 4931 Wellington Road.

Recommendation

That Council issue Development Permit No. DP1013 with the following variances:

- increase the maximum front yard setback from 6m to 8.77m, a proposed variance of 2.77m; and,
- increase the principal building facade, from 50% to 100%, to be set back further than the maximum front yard setback.

BACKGROUND

A development permit application, DP1013, was received from Daryoush Firouzli Architect on behalf of 593745 BC Ltd. to permit the redevelopment of an existing auto dealership.

Subject Property

Zoning	COR3 – Community Corridor		
Location	The subject property is located at the corner of Wellington		
	Road and Mostar Road.		
Total Area	9,500m ²		
Official Community Plan	Map 1 – Future Land Use Plans – Corridor; Map 3 –		
(OCP)	Development Permit Area No. 9 - Commercial, Industrial,		
	Institutional, Multiple Family and Mixed		
	Commercial/Residential development.		
Relevant Design Guidelines	General Development Permit Area Design Guidelines		

DISCUSSION

Proposed Development

The proposed commercial development is an automobile dealership (Volkswagen).

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The existing, onsite two-storey building, located in the centre of the subject property that historically housed a number of automobile uses is to be demolished in two phases.

The phased demolition of the existing building will allow the auto dealership to function during construction of the new facility. The existing one-storey auto detailing facility and recycling centre will remain on the property.

The new two-storey building accommodates the following functions:

Basement Level:

Underground inventory parking for 56 vehicles

Main Floor:

- 10 service bays
- 4 reception bays
- Parts sales area

Second Floor

Administration offices / staff facilities

Roof

Roof deck (69m²) for staff use

Site Context

The subject property is located on a prominent corner (southwest corner of Mostar and Wellington Roads).

The existing Volkswagen showroom is located on the lot to the south at 4921 Wellington Road. The property is not part of the application, however, the showroom is proposed to be relocated into the new development.

The owner is discussing the construction of works and services in front of 4921 Wellington Road and exploring the opportunity to complete the property edges and connect the existing sidewalk at 4911 Wellington Road.

Site Design

The existing building is being used by the service section of the dealership. The proposed building will occupy the approximate footprint of the existing building. Building construction is to be done in two phases in order for the business' service component to remain operational.

The building siting allows for good site access for fire truck, car carrier off-loading and customers.

The internal showroom and outdoor display areas are organized at the prominent corner.



Landscape Plan

The landscape plan balanced the corporate image of the parent company which allows maximum visibility into the site, and community requirements for creating streetscapes with green edges to enhance the public realm at this important suburban corner.

Building Design

The building design is representative of Volkswagen's corporate branding model. The 'white frame' provides the visual framework for brand identity. The organization of all architectural features: glazing, wall sections, exterior finishes, is a function of corporate branding.

PROPOSED VARIANCES

Maximum Front Yard Setback

The maximum front yard setback is 6m. The proposed building setback is 8.77m, a proposed variance of 2.77m. The proposed building setback allows appropriate space for the outdoor display area.

Principal Building Frontage

Where only one principal building exists on the lot, no more than 50% of the front face of a building facade shall be set back further than the maximum permitted front yard setback (6m).

As 100% of the principal building facade is set back further than the maximum front yard setback, the proposed building siting will allow the owner to use the existing building footprint while construction proceeds in two phases.

The building siting also allows for an outside auto show area which is a requirment of Volkswagen, the parent company.

DESIGN ADVISORY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

At its meeting held 2016-SEP-08, the Design Advisory Panel accepted DP1013 as presented, with support for the proposed variance, and provided the following recommendations:

- Consider continuing exterior elements from the east elevation (Wellington Rd) to enhance the north elevation (Mostar Rd) in order to better relate to the street.
- Consider ways to improve the appearance of the building's north facade.
- Consider adding weather protection canopies to all pedestrian entranceways.
- · Consider ways to enhance the customer plaza/seating area.

The applicant has upgraded the Mostar Road building elevation so the building architecture works with the architectural vocabulary of the corporate branding and showroom design.

The outdoor customer plaza has been enhanced with additional landscape materials. Weather protection was not added as requested, due to corporate design policies.



- The proposed development meets the intent of the applicable design guidelines and conforms to the zoning regulations with the exception of requested variances.
- Staff supports the two proposed setback variances as the proposed building siting works well with the corner siting.

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A: Permit Terms and Conditions

ATTACHMENT B: Location Plan ATTACHMENT C: Site Plan

ATTACHMENT D: Site Data
ATTACHMENT E: Building Elevations
ATTACHMENT F: Landscape Plan

ATTACHMENT G: Aerial Photo

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ATTACHMENT A PERMIT TERMS & CONDITIONS

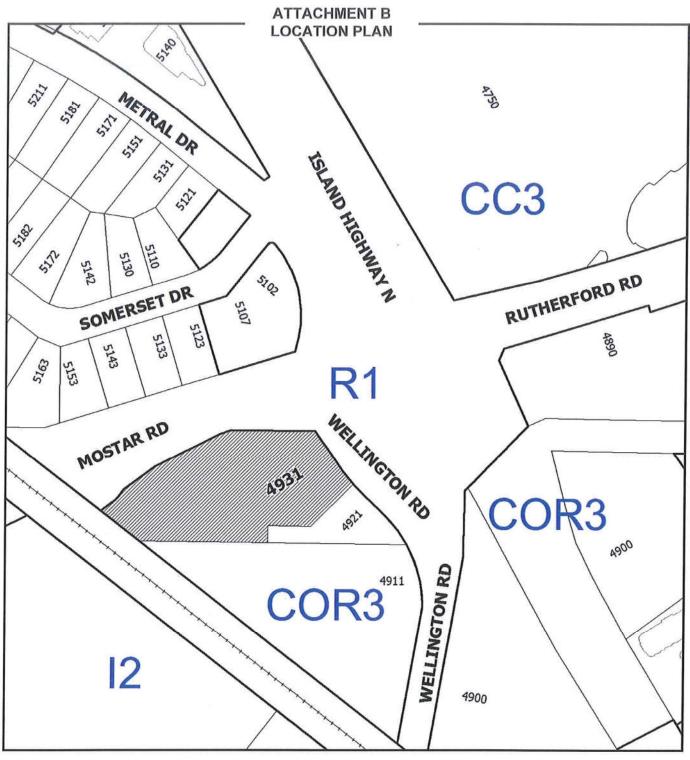
TERMS OF PERMIT

The City of Nanaimo "ZONING BYLAW 2011 NO. 4500" is varied as follows:

- 1. Section 9.5.1 Siting of Buildings to increase the maximum front yard setback from 6m to 8.77m.
- 2. Section 9.5.4 to increase the percentage of the principal building facade to 100% so that it may be set back further than the maximum 50% front yard setback.

CONDITIONS OF PERMIT

- The subject property is developed in accordance with the Site Plan prepared by D-Architecture, received 2016-DEC-14.
- The development is in general compliance with the elevations prepared by D-Architecture, received 2016-DEC-14.
- 3. The subject property is in general compliance with the landscape plan and specifications prepared by Victoria Drakeford Landscape Architect dated 2016-DEC-14.



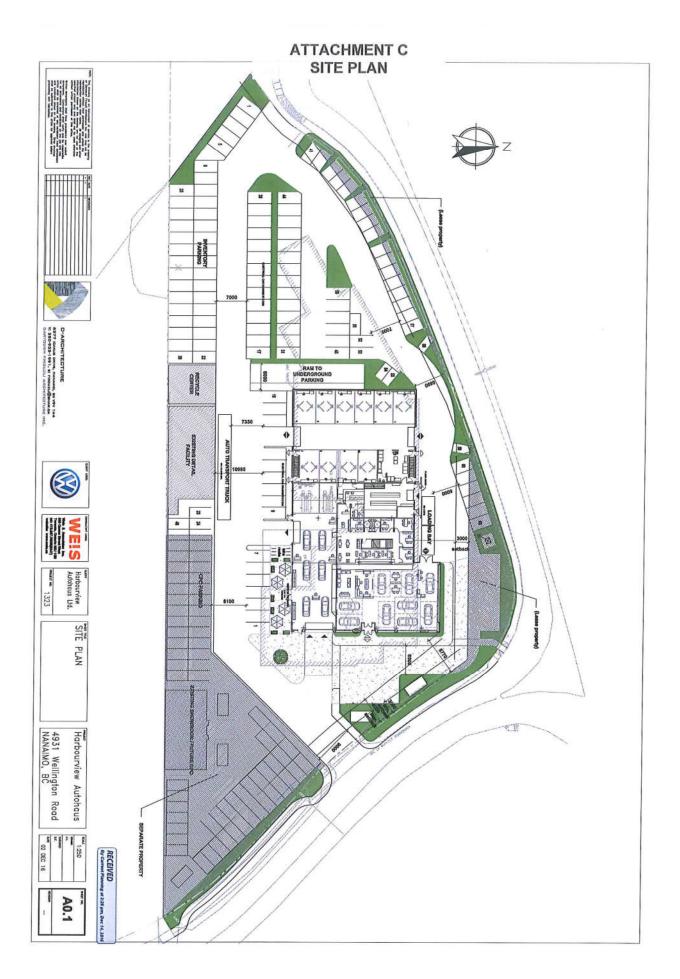
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LOCATION PLAN

Civic: 4931 Wellington Road Lot 1, Section 5, Wellington District, Plan 34365, Except Part in Plan VIP65613





ATTACHMENT D SITE DATA

SITE PARTICULARS

CIVIC ADDRESS:

4931 Wellington Road, Nanaimo, BC

LEGAL ADDRESS:

LOT 1, SECTION 5, WELLINGTON DISTRICT, PLAN 34365, EXCEPT PART IN PLAN VIP65613

SITE AREA:

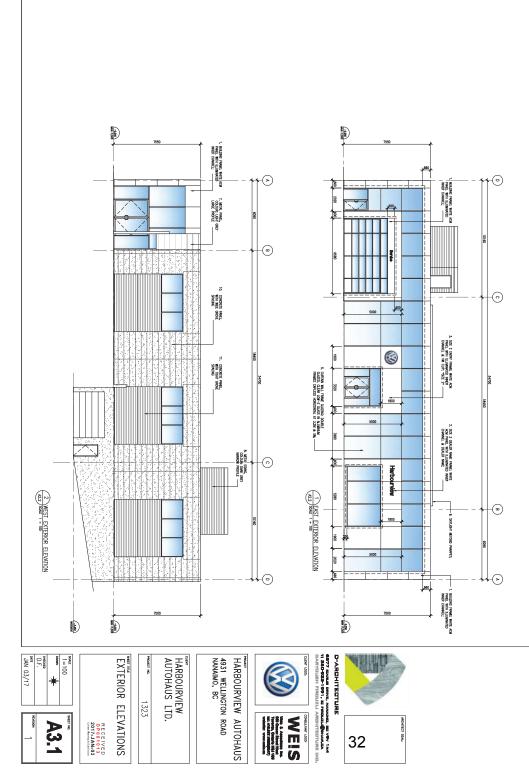
2.35 Acres

102,257 sq.ft. (9,500 m2)

ZONING:

COR3 (Community Corridor)

PROJECT	DATA			
DESCRIPTION	ALLOWED / REQUIRED (COR3)		PROPOSED	
USE	Automobile Sales, Service and Rental		Automobile Sales, Service and Rental	
LOT AREA	1,000 m2		9,500 m2	
LOT COVERAGE	60% = 5,700 m2		18% (1,807m2)	
DENSITY	0.75 = 7,125 m2		0.39 = 3,685 M2	
BUILDING GROSS FLOOR AREA			BASEMENT FLOOR: GROUND FLOOR: SECOND & THIRD FLOOR: EXISTING BUILDINGS AREA: TOTAL AREA:	1,140 m2 1,700 m2 500 m2 345 m2 3,685 m2
SETBACKS	FRONT Min.: FRONT Max.: REAR: SIDE 1: SIDE 2:	9.84' (3.0 m) Min. 19.7' (6.0 m) Mox. 24.60' (7.5 m) Min. 0' (0.0 m) 9.84' (3.0 m) Min.	REAR: SIDE 1:	28.77" (8.77 m) Min. required Variance 9.06" (2.77m)
HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS	45.93 s.f (14m)		32.48 s.f (9.9m)	
AMENITY AREAS				
OFF-STREET PARKING	1 space per 10m2 of sales area 1 space per Service bay Plus 5 additional space	30 stalis 10 stalis 5 stalis	Provided 55 stalls for customer & sta	di .
	Total parking required 54 stalls		117 stalls for inventory including und	lerground parking



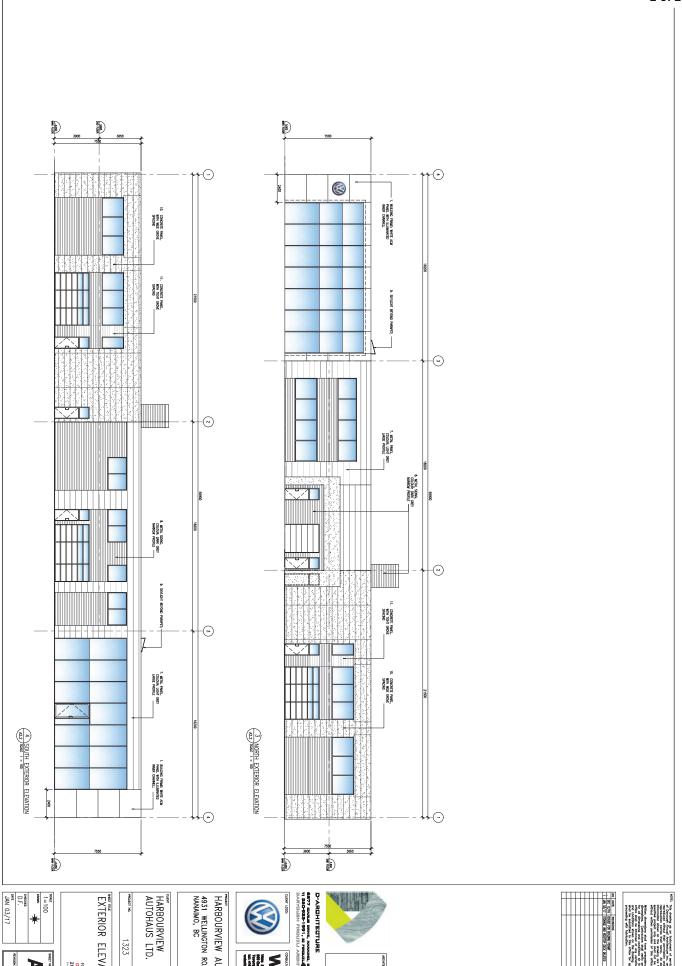
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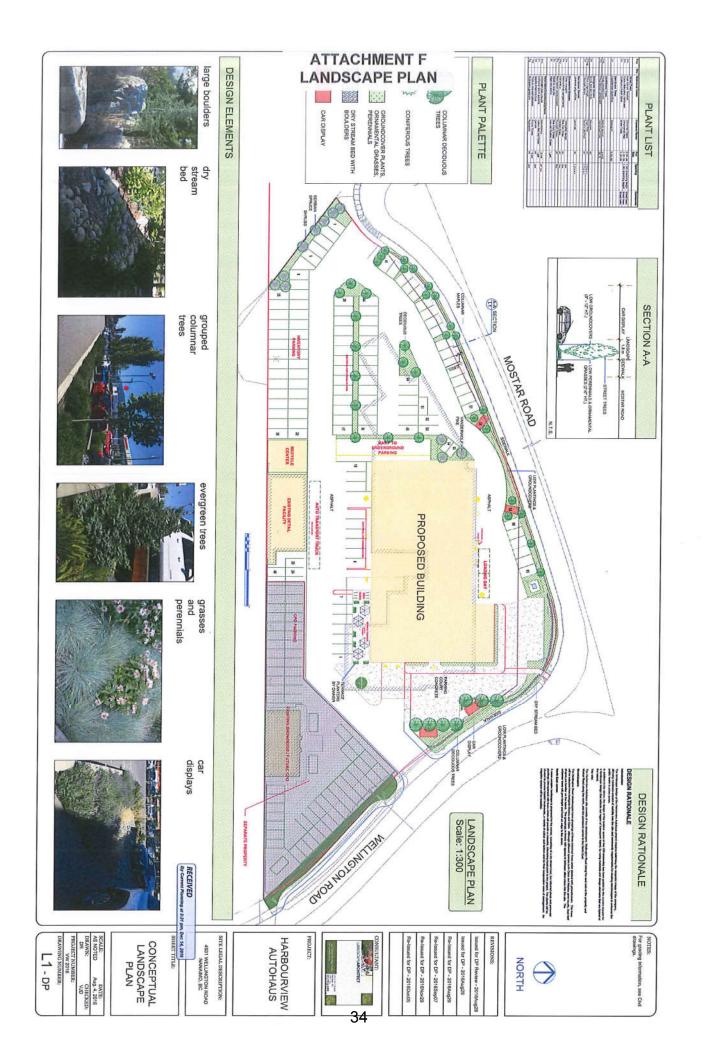




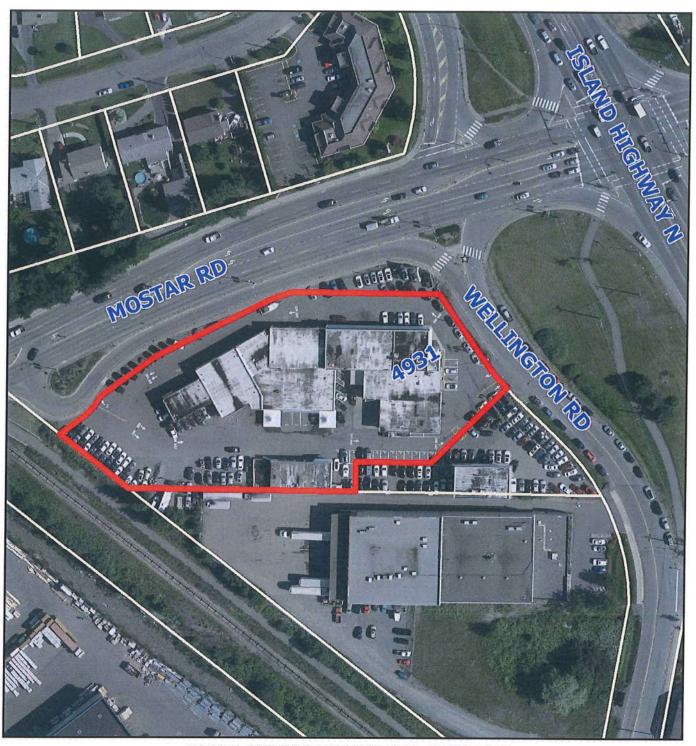








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