City of Nanaimo

REPORT TO COUNCIL

DATE OF MEETING: 2015-APR-20

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PLANNING & DESIGN SECTION

RE: DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. DP852 - 440 SELBY STREET

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. provide direction with respect to the requested parking variance to reduce the required parking to 35 stalls, and
- 2. issue Development Permit No. DP852 at 440 SELBY STREET with the following variances:
 - to reduce the required front yard setback to 0m;
 - to reduce the required rear yard setback to 3.24m;
 - to increase the building height to 16m; and
 - to reduce the required number of loading zones to 0.

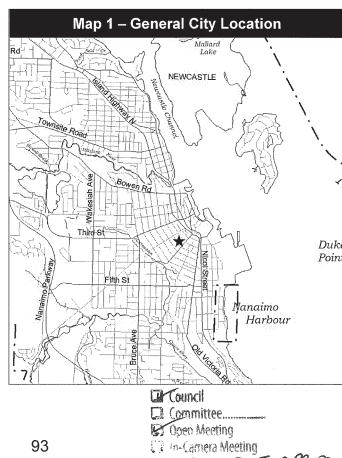
PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council authorization to issue a development permit to construct a 3-storey, 45-room hotel.

BACKGROUND:

A development permit application was received from IAN NIAMATH ARCHITECT on behalf of JASBIR and JASPAL SAROYA.

Staff and the Design Advisory Panel (DAP) support the application including the variances with respect to building siting and scale. Staff recommends that Council approve the development permit and provide direction with respect to the proposed parking variance.



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Subject Property

Zoning	DT7 – Downtown, Quennell Square
Location	The subject property is located on the east side of Selby Street, one lot north of the intersection of Selby and Albert Streets. The subject property is on the western edge of the Downtown Urban Node. The Old City Neighbourhood (Development Permit Area DPA No. 8) starts on the west side of Selby Street.
Total Area	1,258.19m ²
Official Community Plan (OCP)	Map 1 – Future Land Use – Downtown Urban Node; Map 3 – Heritage Conservation Area 1 – Applications for new projects are subject to the requirements of Development Permit Area DPA No. 9 – Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Multiple Family and Mixed Commercial/Residential Development.

DISCUSSION:

Proposed Development

The proposed 3-storey hotel has 45 rooms and a total floor area of 2,391.6m². The proposed hotel will include ancillary meeting rooms, a spa/salon and a 36-seat restaurant.

A vehicle access on the south side of the subject property provides access to 25 parking spaces under the building.

The main entrance to the hotel is announced and weather protected by a second storey deck which reaches out to the street edge. A flagpole with a roof detail for the second floor deck provides verticality to the architecture of the main entry feature.

The front façade of the hotel is sited 6m from the front property line. The siting allows for an accessible ramp adjacent to

Map 2 – Subject Property Location

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the hotel entrance. The building siting also allows for a reasonable building relationship so that the building mass does not overwhelm the Selby Street streetscape. The Selby Street streetscape on the east side is very fragmented with three old School District buildings and a large gravel parking area at the corner of Selby and Franklyn Streets.

The subject property has a narrow frontage of 17m. To maximize the number of hotel suite units, the units are double loaded and accessed by a common corridor spine on all three floors.

Hotel amenities, such as; spa, conference room and restaurant are to be limited for use by hotel patrons.

Landscape Plan

The proposed plantings for the front yard soften and add texture to the hotel entrance.

The landscape plan along the side and rear yards is designed to provide screening for the under-the-building parking and privacy to the backyard of the neighbouring property to the east (437 Wesley Street).

Proposed Variances

Required Front Yard Setback

The required minimum front yard setback is 4.6m. The hotel entry feature is sited 0m from the front property line, a proposed variance of 4.6m.

BC Hydro has confirmed the siting of the architectural feature for the entry is okay and will not interfere with the hydro lines fronting the subject property.

Required Rear Yard Setback

The required rear yard setback is 7.5m. The building is sited 3.24m from the rear property line, a proposed variance of 4.26m.

In order to maximize the number of hotel units on the small lot, the hotel requires a linear building footprint. The building encroachment into the rear yard has a limited impact as the neighbouring property located at 437 Wesley Street (the social housing building which abuts Wesley Street) has a physical separation between the buildings of 17.5m.

Maximum Allowable Building Height

The maximum allowable building height is 14m. The building, with the exception of the two peaked-roof architectural features, is below the maximum allowable building height of 14m by 0.7m. The main building height is 13.39m.

The two peaked-roof architectural features complete the vertical articulations of the front hotel façade and have a height of 16m. The two architectural features cover only 7% of the total flat roof area. The proposed height variance is 2m.

Required On-site Parking

The on-site parking requirement for a hotel is 1 parking space per hotel room, or 45 spaces. The site can only accommodate 25 parking spaces; leaving a deficit of 20 parking spaces.

The subject property is within the cash-in-lieu parking area (Bylaw 7013). This allows for a cash-in-lieu of parking contribution in the amount of \$3,000 per parking space that is not provided on-site. If an applicant cannot provide on-site parking, the intent of the bylaw is to ensure the applicant contributes financially to shared City-owned facilities within the vicinity of the respective subject property.

The required contribution is \$3,000/parking space. The subject property has an on-site parking deficiency of 20 parking spaces. The deficiency would be addressed by a cash-in-lieu contribution of \$60,000.

The applicant commissioned a traffic impact study (MMM Group Limited) which recommended that the required parking be reduced to 31 spaces. As such, the cash-in-lieu contribution would be reduced to 6 parking stalls.

Parking Demand for Restaurant and Conference Room

The traffic study concluded that the restaurant and conference room in the hotel would largely service the hotel patrons. Staff's position supports the study's conclusion regarding this item. The restaurant and conference room components are considered to be included in the hotel parking ratio; a requirement of 1 parking space/hotel room. The parking calculation would be limited to the hotel rooms (45 parking spaces).

Peak Parking Demand

The traffic consultant used the *Peak Parking Demand Evaluation* to conclude that the hotel parking demand is 31 parking spaces. The key findings of the study are based on assumptions regarding seasonal demand for parking, and the availability of onstreet and off-street parking facilities in Nanaimo.

Staff's review of the parking ratios for hotels identified that hotel parking rates already include adjustments for seasonality. The rate of 1 parking space per hotel room is consistent with urban hotel parking rates (ITE Parking Generation – 4th Edition 2010). In addition, many of the adjacent parking facilities identified within the traffic study are supported by the cash-in-lieu system. Contributions made toward these parking facilities from benefiting developments, such as the hotel, is the basis of this system.

Staff (Transportation and Planning & Design) does not agree with the peak parking demand conclusion, which reduces the hotel parking calculation from 45 parking spaces (1 parking spaces/room) to 31 parking spaces (0.69 parking spaces/room), and reduces the cash-in-lieu contribution to 6 parking spaces (\$18,000) from 20 parking spaces (\$60,000).

Staff does not support the rationale of the traffic impact study to vary the parking to 31 spaces. Within a cash-in-lieu area, the method to provide for parking is through on-site parking and cash-in-lieu contributions. A parking variance of 14 spaces, to support the applicant's proposal for a 6 space cash-in-lieu contribution, would not be recommended by Staff as it does not provide for the necessary parking for the hotel nor does it meet the intent of the parking bylaw.

Staff recommendation respecting parking is for a 20 parking space (20 x \$3,000) cash-in-lieu contribution in order to satisfy the parking requirements for the proposed hotel development.

Subsequent to Staff's technical review of the requested variance, the applicant has proposed to reduce the parking variance by increasing the required parking from 31 (as supported in their traffic impact study, to 35). If supported, this would represent a 10-stall parking variance.

Based on this revised proposal, the options available to Council are as follows:

	Variance	Required Parking With Variance	Parking On Site	Cash-In-Lieu Of Onsite Parking
Option 1 No variance; 45 stalls required.	0	45	25	\$60,000 (20x\$3000)
Option 2 Variance as per applicant's traffic impact study.	14	31	25	\$18,000 (6X\$3000)
Option 3 Alternate variance proposed by applicant.	10	35	25	\$30,000 (10x\$3000)

DAP Recommendation

The Design Advisory Panel, at its meeting held on 2013-AUG-29, accepted DP000852 as presented and provided the following recommendation:

- Consider refining the plaza/canopy to incorporate weather protection; and,
- Consider improving the integration of the wheelchair ramp into the plaza,

with support for the requested variances.

The applicant has redesigned the entrance canopy and front plaza to provide weather protection and accessible access.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Anderson MANAGER

PLANNING & DESIGN SECTION

Concurrence by:

DIRECTOR

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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ACTING GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

CITY MANAGER COMMENT:

Given the findings of the applicant's traffic impact study, the proximity of the property to the downtown core and as the variance will not result in a change to the number of parking stalls provided on the site, I am recommending that Council support the applicant's revised request to vary the required parking by 10 from 45 to 35 stalls (Option 3).

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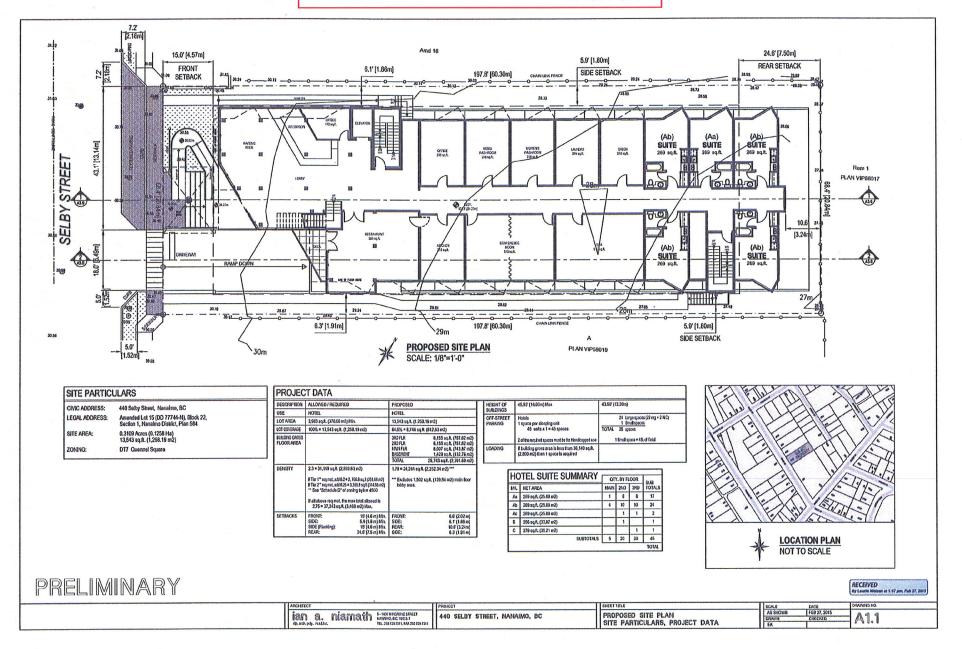
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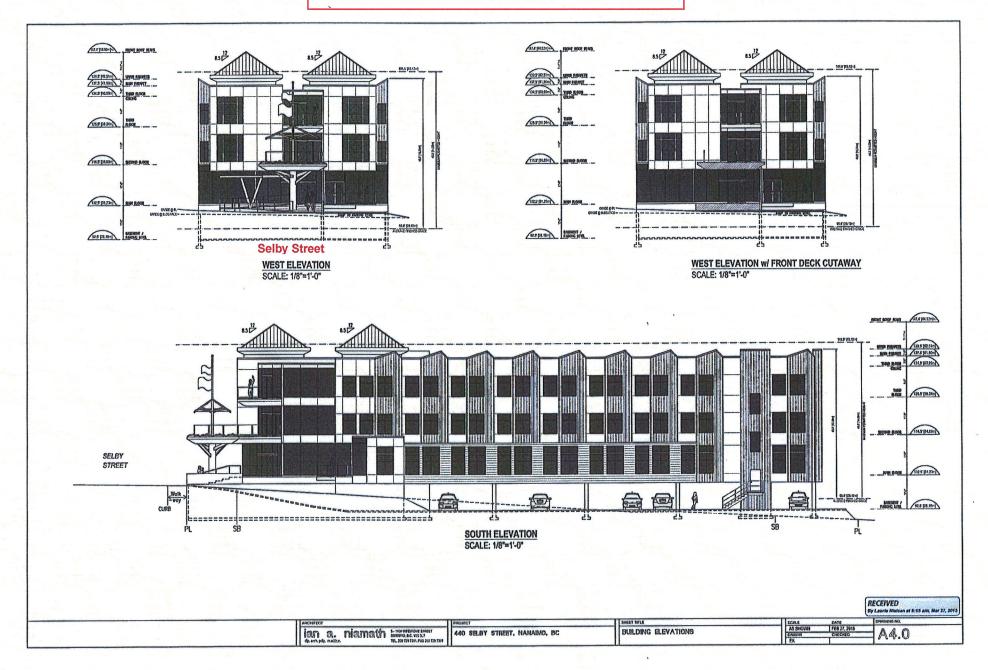
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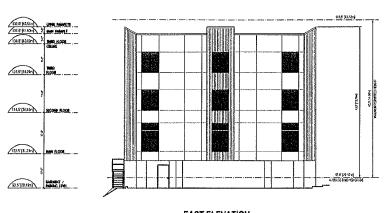


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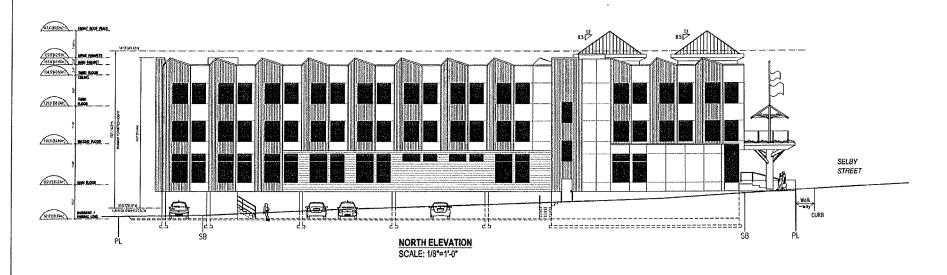
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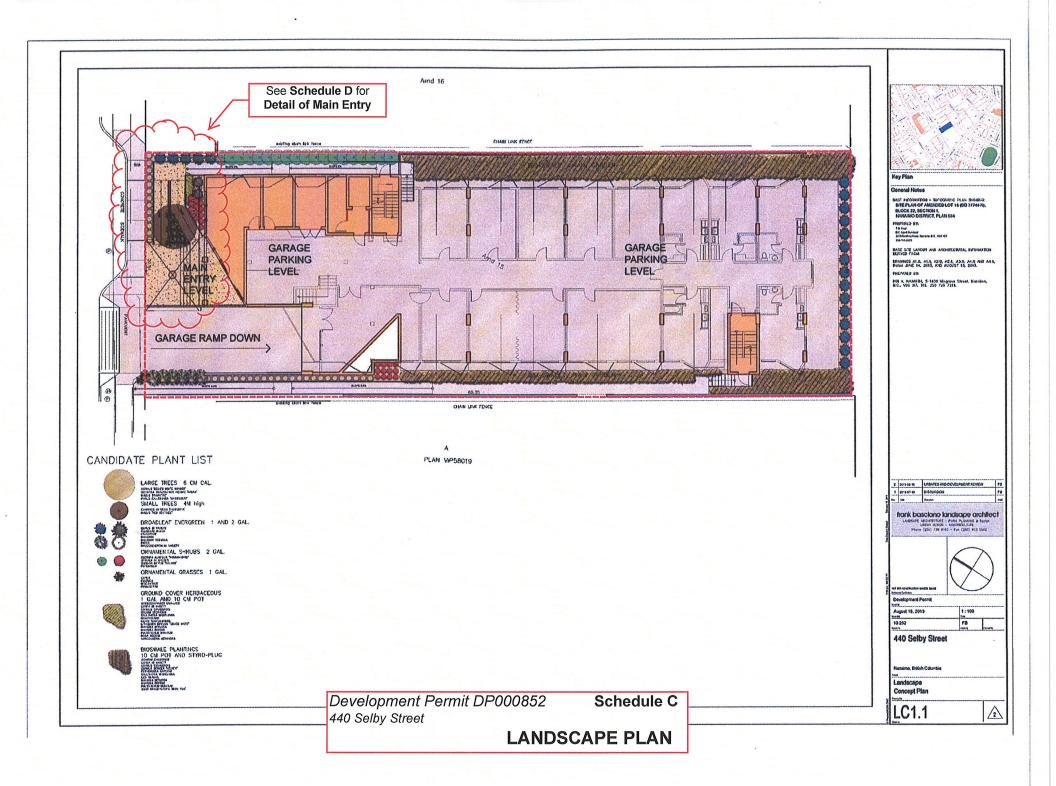


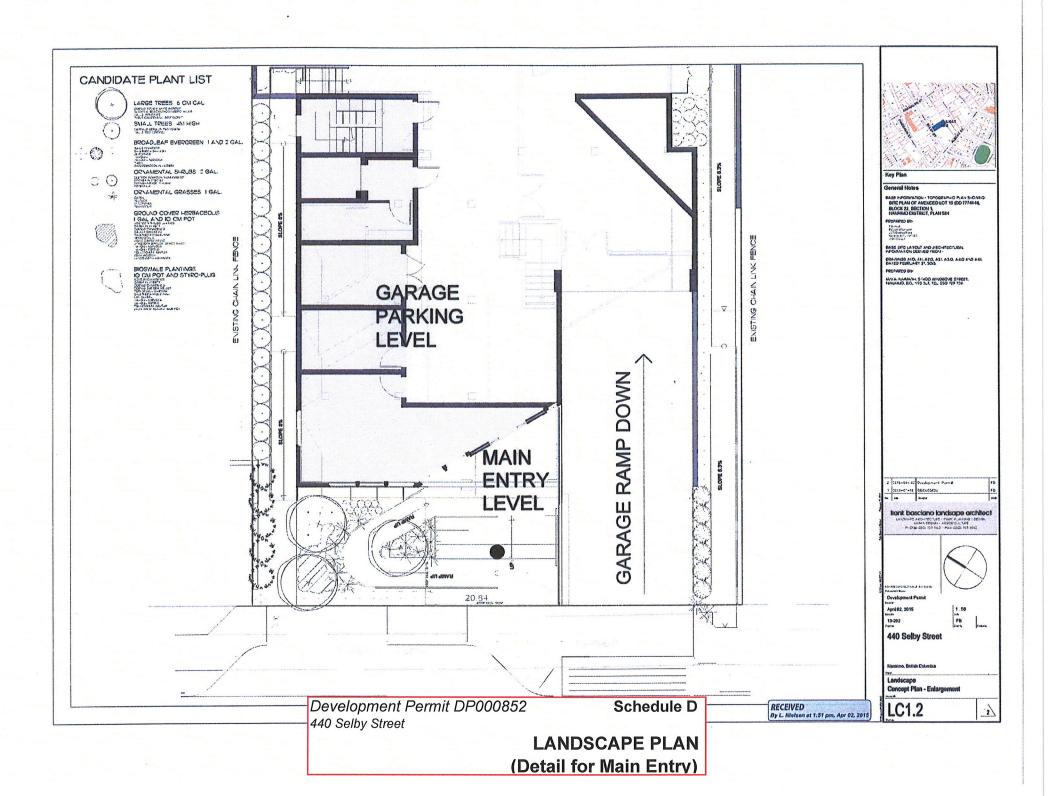


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