

# **Staff Report for Decision**

File Numbers: DP001209 and HA04

DATE OF MEETING February 22, 2021

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SUBJECT DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. DP1209 AND

**HOUSING AGREEMENT HA04 – 702 NICOL STREET** 

# **OVERVIEW**

# **Purpose of Report**

To present for Council's consideration, a development permit application and housing agreement for a personal care facility with 59 supportive housing units at 702 Nicol Street.

### Recommendation

That Council issue Development Permit No. DP1209 at 702 Nicol Street, subject to the City receiving a Freeze Release from the Ministry of Environment, with the following variances:

- increase the maximum permitted building height from 14m to 15.6m;
- increase the maximum permitted fence height from 1.8m to 3.3m in the rear yard;
- reduce the minimum required landscape buffer width from 1.8m to 0m on portions of the side property lines; and
- reduce the minimum required parking spaces from 12 spaces to 7 spaces.

#### And that:

- 1. "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2021 No. 7322" (to secure unit affordability) pass first reading;
- 2. "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2021 No. 7322" pass second reading;
- 3. "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2021 No. 7322" pass third reading; and
- 4. Council direct Staff to register a covenant on the title of the land to reinforce the terms of the housing agreement.

# **BACKGROUND**

A development permit application, DP1209, has been received from S2 Architecture Interior Design on behalf of the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation (BC Housing) for a four-storey personal care facility with 59 supportive housing units and an accessory community meeting space at 702 Nicol Street.

**Subject Property and Site Context:** 

Zoning	Community Corridor (COR3)	
Location	The subject property is located on the corner of Nicol Street and Robins Street in South Nanaimo, in close proximity to transit and downtown services.	
Total Area	2,430 m <sup>2</sup>	
Official Community Plan (OCP)	Map 1 – Future Land Use Plan – Urban Corridor Map 3 – Development Permit Area No. 9 - Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Multiple Family and Mixed Commercial/Residential development	
South End Neighbourhood Plan	Map 1 – Neighbourhood Land Use – Corridor Mixed Use	
Relevant Design Guidelines	General Development Permit Area Design Guidelines South End Neighbourhood Plan – Urban Design Framework and Guidelines	



The subject property is located in south Nanaimo on a vacant site bounded by Nicol Street, Robins Street, and a lane. The surrounding neighbourhood includes Value Lodge Hotel, single family homes, and retail services.

# **DISCUSSION**

The applicant is proposing a four-storey personal care facility which includes 59 supportive housing units, and an accessory community meeting space.

### Site Design

The building is set back 4.5m from the front property line along Nicol Street, and the primary building entrances face Nicol Street. Two outdoor amenity areas, bike storage building, and garbage/recycling enclosure are proposed at the rear of the property. Vehicle access to the property is from Robins Street, and seven parking spaces are provided on site. The lane at the rear will be improved and widened along the length of the property.

# **Building Design**

A four-storey modular wood-frame building is proposed. The main floor of the building will contain the community meeting space (128m²), staff offices, kitchen, laundry, lounge, dining area and three units. The upper three storeys of the building contain 56 units.

Generous glazing is proposed for the first storey facing Nicol Street. A canopy extends along the length of the front façade, which defines the ground floor and provides weather protection for the primary building entrances. The raised entry area is accessed by both stairs and a wheelchair ramp. The exterior façade materials consist of fibre cement paneling and wood-like fibre cement plank. The arrangement of the wood and white fibre cement panels on the façades of the building provide interest and break the massing of the building.

A floor area ratio (FAR) of 1.25 is proposed, with a total building gross floor area of 3,049.6m<sup>2</sup>. The COR3 zone allows a base density of 0.75. In accordance with the COR3 zone and Schedule D of the "City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500" (the "Zoning Bylaw"), the applicant is proposing to achieve an FAR of 1.25 by providing amenities outlined on Attachment A to this report, such as:

- Building construction that will meet the requirements of Step 3 of the BC Energy Step Code, which exceeds the requirement specified in "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224" by two steps;
- Providing an enclosed building for the storage of 22 bikes; and
- Two charging stations for electric bikes.

### Landscape Design

A landscape buffer with shrubs and trees is provided in sections around three sides of the property. Street trees will be placed along Nicol Street. Two outdoor amenity areas are provided: one separate outdoor area for a family, and a larger outdoor area is for the other residents. A cedar fence, 1.8m in height, is located around the outdoor amenity areas and will be sited on the proposed retaining wall at the rear of the property (along the lane). The larger outdoor amenity area contains benches and vegetable garden planters. A hard surface



pedestrian path is located around the building with connections to the Nicol Street and Robins Street sidewalks. Exterior lighting will be placed to illuminate the entrances and the pedestrian walkways.

The proposed development meets the intent of the design guidelines in the South End Neighbourhood Plan and the General Development Permit Area Design Guidelines.

### Housing Agreement Bylaw 2021, No. 7322

The applicant is proposing to enter into a Housing Agreement with the City to ensure two commitments for the development:

- 1. That 100% of the units will be occupied by low- to moderate-income individuals and that if, in the future, rent is charged to those individuals, the rent shall not exceed the shelter allowance provided by the BC Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. Meeting this criteria is one of the steps required for eligibility for a development cost charge reduction in accordance with the "City of Nanaimo Development Cost Charge Bylaw 2017 No. 7252". The applicant is exceeding the criteria by 50%.
- 2. That 100% of the units shall not be stratified or sold independently for at least 15 years after the date of issuance of the occupancy certificate for the building. The applicant is proposing to meet this criteria as one of the conditions for achieving additional density (Zoning Bylaw, Schedule D). The applicant is exceeding the criteria by 50%.

The attached "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2021 No. 7322" would authorize the City of Nanaimo to enter into a housing agreement with the property owner to ensure the above-mentioned two commitments. Once registered on the property title with a covenant, the housing agreement would be bound to the property in perpetuity.

# **Design Advisory Panel**

The Design Advisory Panel, at its meeting held on 2021-JAN-14, accepted DP1209 as presented with support for the proposed variances and provided the following recommendations:

- Review all tree selections to ensure suitability for the local climate, and
- Give further consideration to Staff comments provided.

The applicant revised the landscape plan by incorporating tree species that are more suitable for the Nanaimo area. Also, the applicant responded to Staff comments by improving the pedestrian path to the Robins Street sidewalk, improving the façades of the building to create a more residential character and to add interest, improving the landscaping around the garbage enclosure, and by adding benches in the front yard area.

# **Community Consultation**

BC Housing hosted two neighbourhood meetings via Zoom in December 2020 to obtain community input related to building and landscape design. In response, BC Housing made the following revisions to the plans for 702 Nicol Street:



- Added more natural finishes to the building exterior to better blend with the neighbourhood;
- Revised the proposed fence design and the location of the gazebo in the rear yard area;
   and
- Added three parking spaces, such that a total of 7 parking spaces is provided.

# Freeze Release - Ministry of Environment

The subject property is the site of a former gas station, thus a Contaminated Sites Approved Professional has submitted a Freeze Release request to the Ministry of Environment, on behalf of BC Housing, requesting approval for the proposed residential use on the property. The City is required to receive the Freeze Release approval from the Ministry of Environment prior to issuance of the Development Permit.

# **Proposed Variances**

# **Building Height**

The maximum allowable building height is 14m, the proposed building height of the residential building is 15.6m; a proposed variance of 1.6m.

The subject property is designated as 'Corridor Mixed Use' in the South End Neighbourhood Plan, and a building height of four storeys is supported in this designation. In addition, due to the structural requirements of the individual modular units and the construction method used to join the units, a modular building is generally slightly taller than a similar building using traditional construction methods. Also, raised parapets have been added along the roofline to add character to the building.

# Fence Height

The maximum allowable fence height is 1.8m in the rear yard; the proposed combined height of the retaining wall with fence in the rear yard is 3.3m.

An existing retaining wall along the rear property line will be removed and the lane will be widened onto the subject property (with a statutory right-of-way). A new retaining wall 1.47m in height will be constructed, and a wood fence 1.8m in height is proposed to be located on the retaining wall to surround the outdoor amenity areas. It is anticipated a guardrail may also be needed on the retaining wall outside of the fence along the lane frontage.

# Minimum Landscape Treatment Level

The Zoning Bylaw requires a minimum landscape buffer width of 1.8m along the side property lines. A variance to the required landscape buffer width, from 1.8m to 0m, is proposed for portions of the north and south side property lines.

The landscape buffer variance along the north property line is adjacent to the 7 parking spaces. It is a constrained site, and to achieve the drive aisle width and standard parking space length, a variance to the landscape buffer width is required.



The landscape buffer variance along the south property line is adjacent to the utility box and part of the outdoor family amenity area. The utility box is screened with landscaping on two sides, and a fence 1.8m in height will screen the outdoor family area.

# Off-Street Parking

The minimum required off-street parking for the proposed development is 12 parking spaces (0.2 spaces per sleeping unit). The proposed number of parking spaces is 7; a variance of 5 parking spaces.

In accordance with the City's Policy for Consideration of a Parking Variance, the applicant provided a Parking Variance Report prepared by Watt Consulting Group (2021-JAN-11). The applicant has demonstrated that the proposed variance is supportable given the following justifications:

- Increasing the number of parking spaces on the property will reduce the area available for features such as outdoor amenity spaces, pedestrian walkways, the bike storage building, landscape buffers, and widening of the lane.
- The Watt Consulting Group report reviewed the parking demands of existing supportive housing developments in BC and concludes that the parking demands for the 702 Nicol Street development is 4 parking spaces for residents, 4 parking spaces for staff, and 5 parking spaces for visitors. The development provides 7 parking spaces onsite and the report indicates that on-street parking will need to be utilized for the remaining parking demand.
- Watt Consulting Group reviewed the on-street parking and concluded there is sufficient on-street parking available on Robins Street and Strickland Street, and that the on-street parking on these streets is currently under-utilized. Staff have reviewed the parking study and on-street parking capacity in this area and concur with this conclusion.
- In accordance with the Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan, the proposed development is supporting active transportation by providing an enclosed shelter for 22 bicycles, with two stations to charge electric bikes. Also, the property is within 130m of a bus stop for northbound trips to downtown, and within 300m of a bus stop for southbound trips to the Cinnabar Valley area and South Park Plaza.
- The subject property is located in a Mobility Hub buffer area (Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan), thus active transportation infrastructure such as bike lanes, bus routes, and sidewalks will continue to be improved in this area.

Staff support the proposed variances.

# **SUMMARY POINTS**

- Development Permit Application No. DP1209 and "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2021 No. 7322" is for a personal care facility with 59 supportive housing units at 702 Nicol Street.
- Variances are requested to allow an increased building and fence height, a reduction in the landscape buffer width, and reduced parking requirement.
- The proposed development addresses the City's design guidelines and Staff support the proposed variances.



# **ATTACHMENTS**

ATTACHMENT A: Permit Terms and Conditions

ATTACHMENT B: Context Map ATTACHMENT C: Location Plan

ATTACHMENT D: Site and Parking Plans

ATTACHMENT E: Building Elevations and Details

ATTACHMENT F: Building Rendering and Exterior Materials ATTACHMENT G: Building and Retaining Wall Sections

ATTACHMENT H: Landscape Plan and Details

ATTACHMENT I: Schedule D – Amenity Requirements for Additional Density ATTACHMENT J: Aerial Photo

"Housing Agreement Bylaw 2021 No. 7322"

# Submitted by:

# Concurrence by:

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Manager, Current Planning Director, Development Approvals

Dale Lindsay

General Manager, Development Services

# ATTACHMENT A PERMIT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### **TERMS OF PERMIT**

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

- 1. Section 6.10.2 Fence Height to increase the maximum allowable fence height from 1.8m to 3.3m in the rear yard.
- 2. Section 9.7.1 Size of Buildings to increase the maximum allowable building height from 14m to 15.6m.
- 3. Section 17.1.1 Required Landscaping to reduce the minimum required landscape buffer width from 1.8m to 0m on the north and south side property lines.

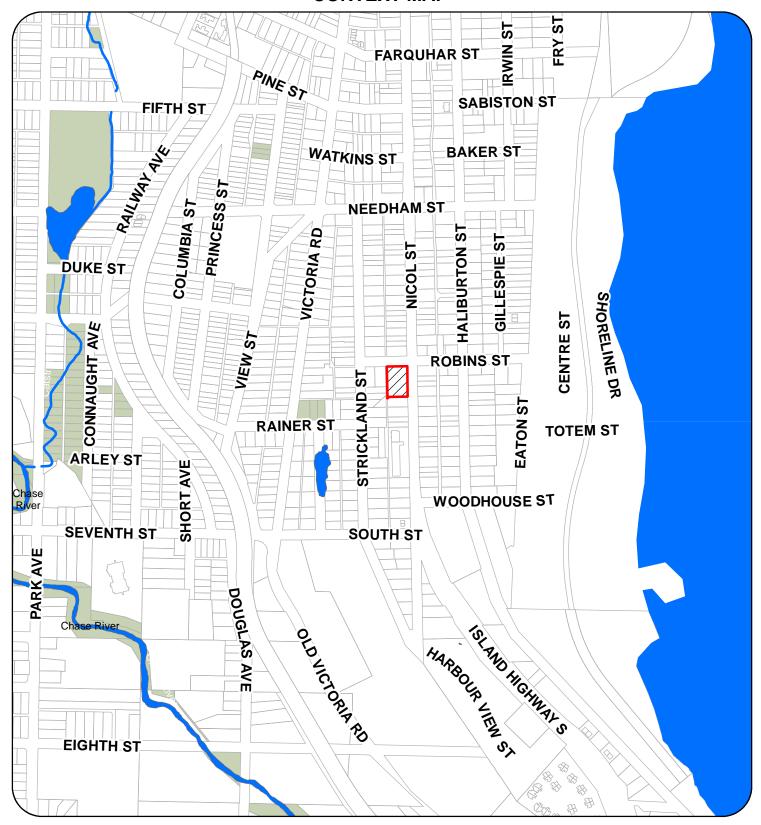
The City of Nanaimo "Off-Street Parking Regulations Bylaw 2018 No. 7266" is varied as follows:

1. Section 7.2 All Other Uses Parking Table – to reduce the minimum required number of off-street parking spaces from 12 to 7.

#### **CONDITIONS OF PERMIT**

- 1. The subject property is developed generally in accordance with the Site and Parking Plans prepared by S2 Architecture and Design, dated 2021-FEB-10, as shown on Attachment D.
- 2. The development is in substantial compliance with the Building Elevations and Details prepared by S2 Architecture and Design, dated 2021-FEB-10, as shown on Attachment E.
- 3. The subject property is developed in substantial compliance with the Landscape Plan and Details prepared by WSP Landscape Architecture, dated 2021-FEB-10, as shown on Attachment H.
- 4. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant must register a statutory Right-of-Way to allow for a public lane to be located on the property.
- 5. The subject property is developed in accordance with the 'Schedule D Amenity Requirements for Additional Density' prepared by S2 Architecture and Design, received 2021-JAN-15, as shown on Attachment I, and is to include the following items:
  - A letter from the coordinating professional submitted prior to Building Permit issuance outlining how the required items for additional density will be achieved; and,
  - A letter from the coordinating professional with accompanying evidence submitted prior to building occupancy demonstrating the required items have been provided.

# ATTACHMENT B CONTEXT MAP



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# ATTACHMENT C LOCATION PLAN





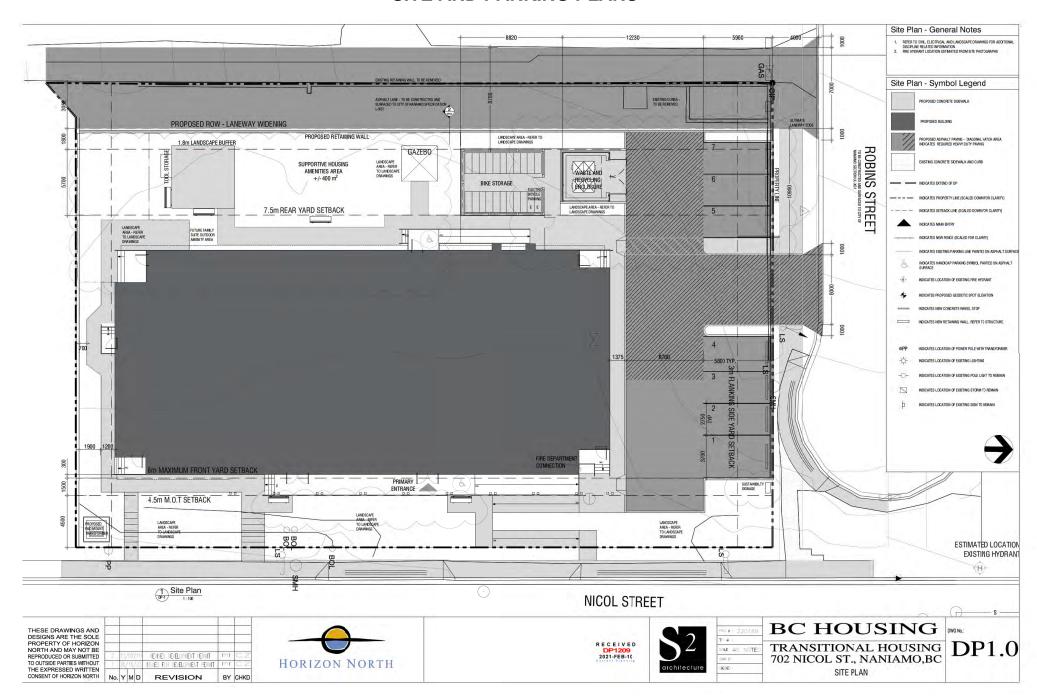
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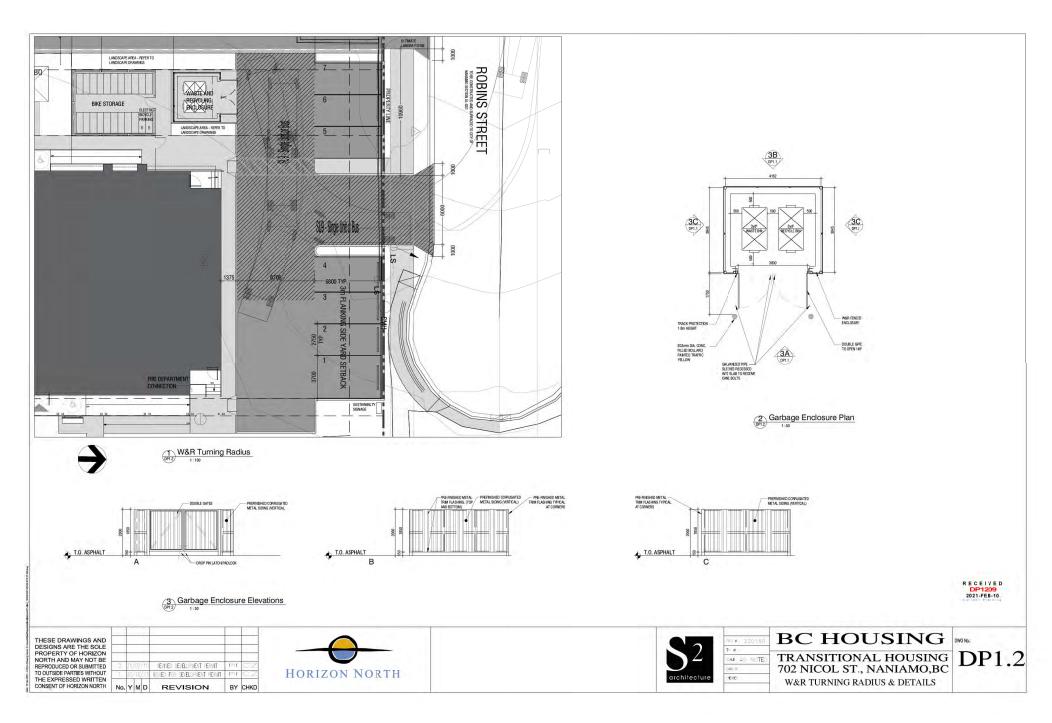
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**Subject Property** 

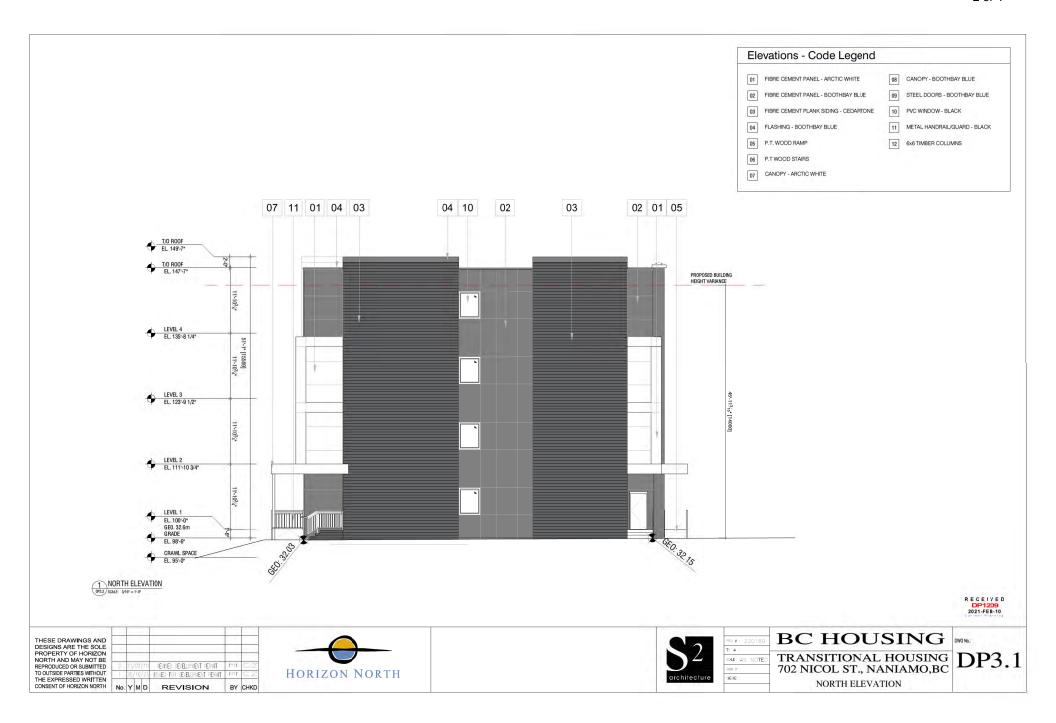
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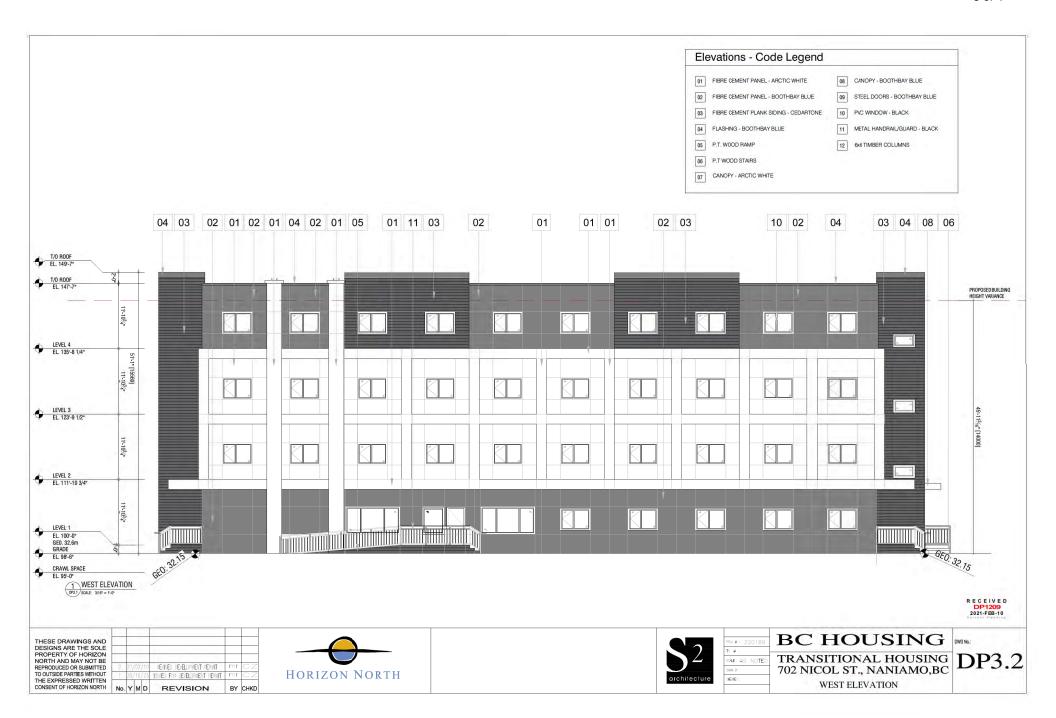


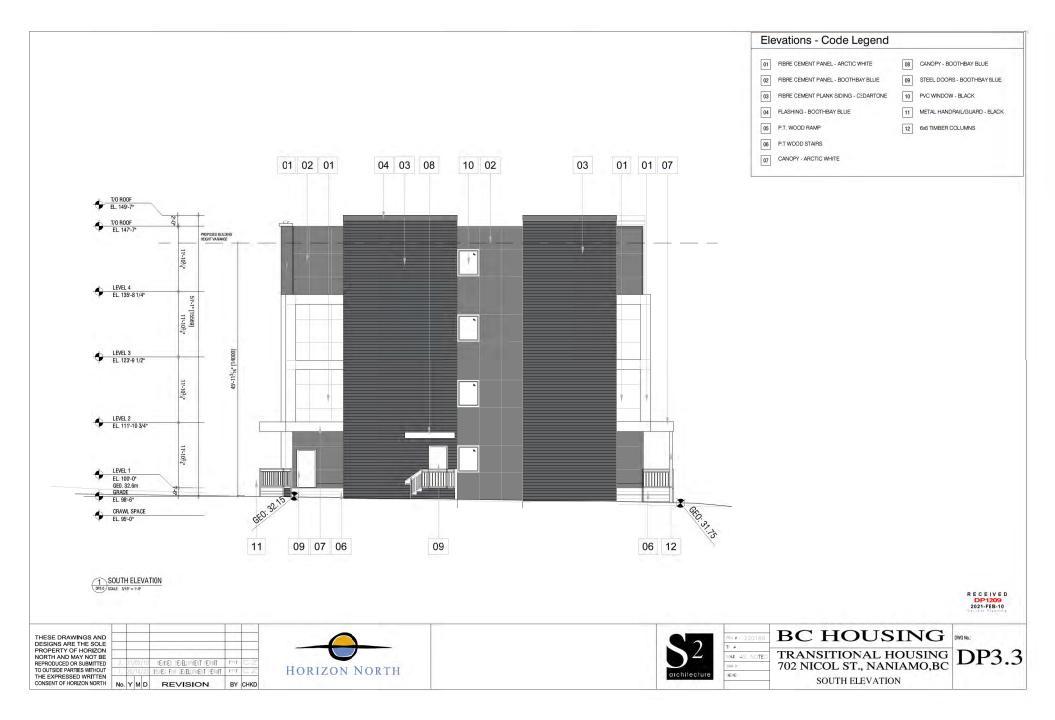


# ATTACHMENT E BUILDING ELEVATIONS AND DETAILS









# ATTACHMENT F BUILDING RENDERING AND EXTERIOR MATERIALS

# **MATERIAL BOARD**



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2. Fibre Cement Panel Boothbay Blue



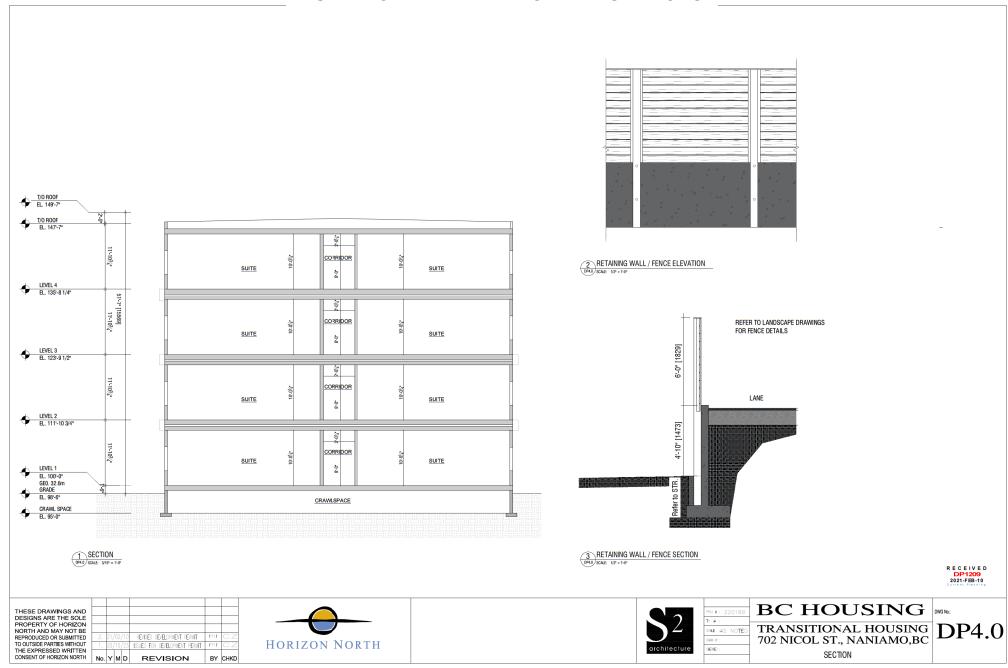
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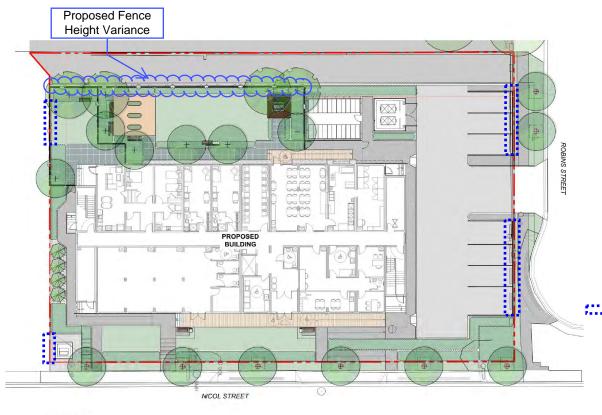
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# ATTACHMENT G BUILDING AND RETAINING WALL SECTIONS



# **ATTACHMENT H** LANDSCAPE PLAN AND DETAILS



# **BCH NICOL STREET**

702 Nicol Street, Nanaimo, B.C.

ISSUED FOR REVISED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

#### DRAWING LIST

L-00	COVER
L-01	EXISTING CONDITIONS & TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN
L-02	LANDSCAPE PLAN
L-03	PLANTING PLAN
L-04	DETAILS
L-05	DETAILS
L-06	DETAILS
L-07	DETAILS

WSP LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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Lisa Ng Landscape Designer Email: lisa.ng@wsp.com Phone: (604) 601-6836

= Proposed Landscape **Buffer Variance locations** 

#### LANDSCAPE

#### GENERAL NOTES

- Landscape installation to be compliant with Canadian Landscape Standards (full document applies), it is expected that Landscape Trades will have a current copy of the document (digital or hardcopy) present with them on site at all times.

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- Establishment watering to be compliant with Canadian Landscape Standards, Landscapes to be maintained at 75% moisture content explicitly in soils as defended in 'Establishment Watering' requirements of the Canadian Landscape Standard. Ensure landscape is watered adequately to prevent determent to plant health prior to use of irrigation system. If a water ban is in place within the city, north, Contract Administrator.
- All landscape and irrigation works to be constructed as per the City of Nanaimo standard details. Refer to MoESS Section 14 Landscape.





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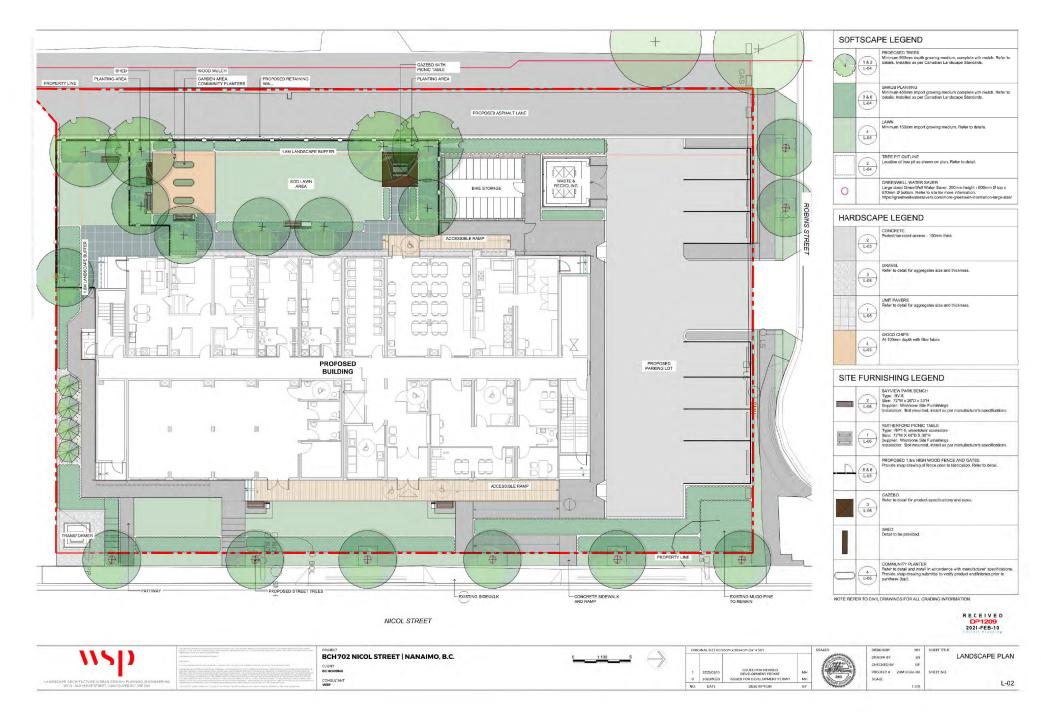


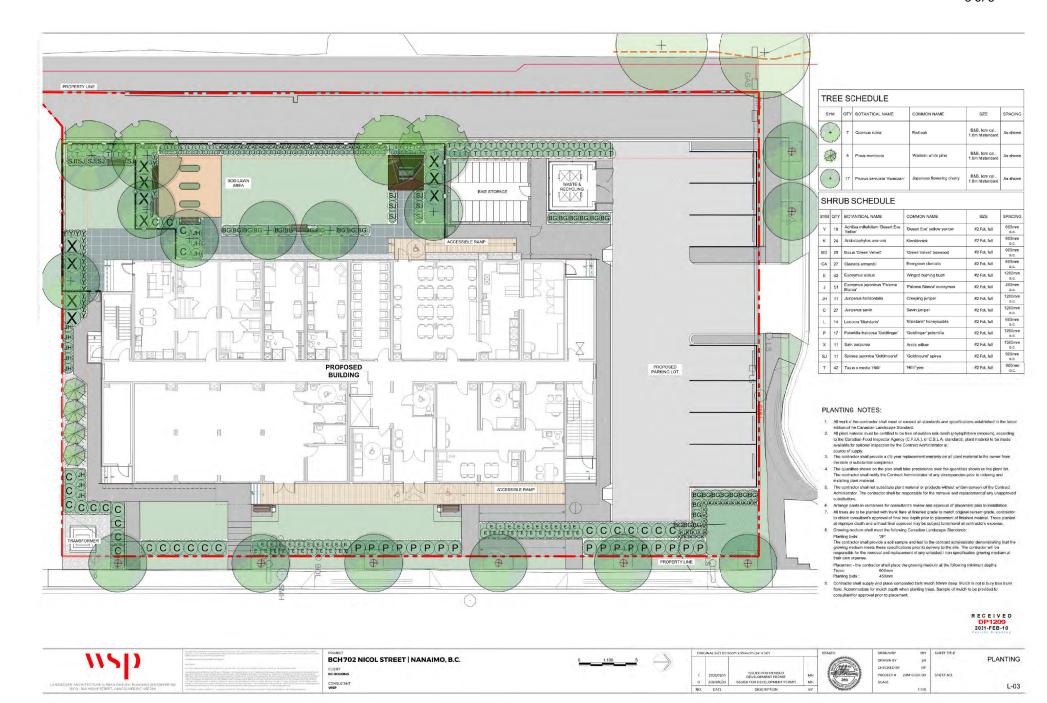
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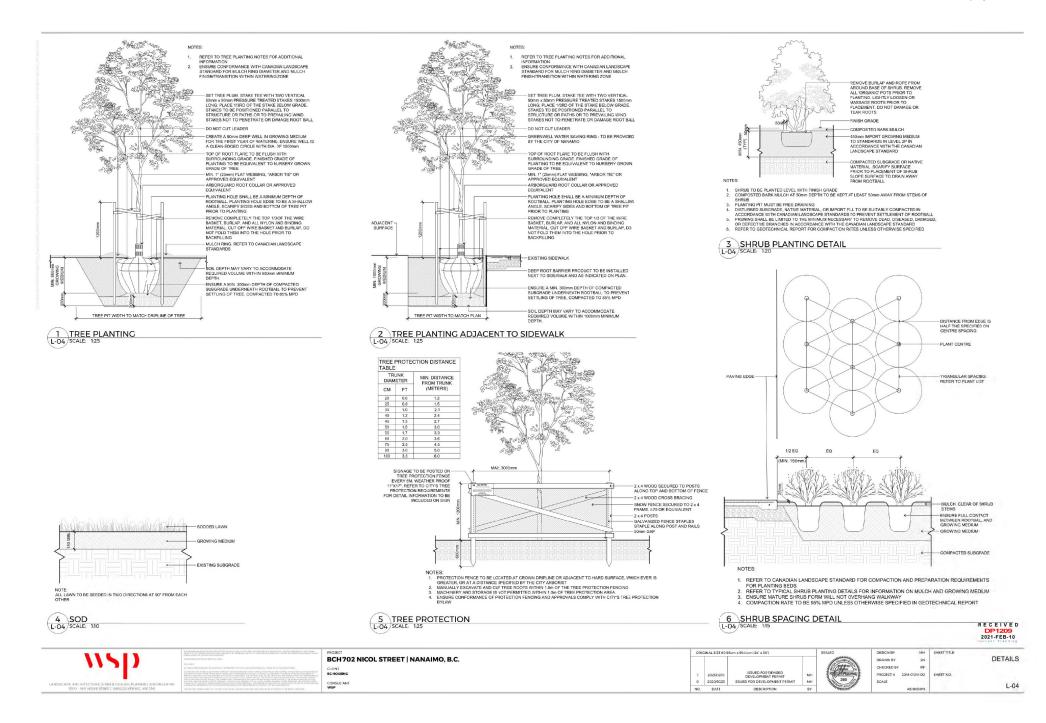


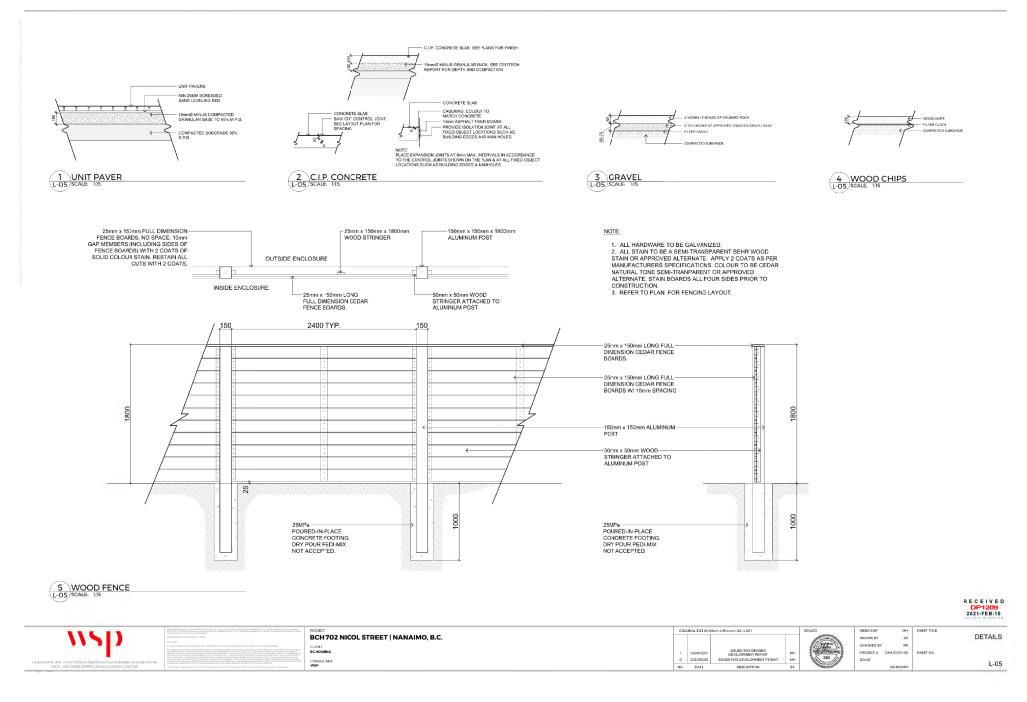
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# SCHEDULE D - AMENITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL DENSITY Schedule 1t

# Schedule D

# **Amenity Requirements for Additional Density**

In order for a development to include the additional Tier 1 density provided for within this Bylaw, the proposed development must achieve sufficient minimum points required in at least three of the categories set out in the following table which allocates points for amenities, affordable housing and the location of the development.

In order for a development to include the additional Tier 2 density provided for within this Bylaw, the proposed development **must achieve at total of 65 or more** points set out in the following table which allocates points for amenities, affordable housing and the location of the development.

Category 1: Site Selection (10 points required) Selected for Tier 1

Category 1. Site Selection (10 points required) Selected for their		
Amenity		Points
Α	The proposed development is located on a brownfield site.  This site is a previously rehabilitated brownfield site.	5
В	The proposed development is located on an existing street where the location does not require any new infrastructure such as storms drains, curbs or sidewalks.  Located on Nicol street, limited infrastructure work is proposed to remove curb buts along Nicol.	3
С	The proposed development is located within 200m of a park or trail network.  Knowles Park is located within 165m	1
D	The proposed development is located within 400m of any of the following:	1 point each
	<ul> <li>retail store; Alice's located within 129m</li> <li>daycare facility; Jolly giant Childcare located within 302m</li> <li>Nanaimo Regional District transit bus stop;         Haliburton @ Robins located within 115m         Victoria @ Rainer located within 200m</li> <li>any PRC (Parks, Recreation and Culture)-zoned property; and / or         Knowles Park located within 165m</li> <li>a CS-1 (Community Service One)-zoned property.         Bayview elementary School is located within 342m         Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre is located within 350m</li> </ul>	5
То	tal	14 / 20

Category 2: Retention and Restoration of Natural Features (8 points required)
Selected for Tier 1

	Amenity	Points
С	The proposed development includes at least 50% retention of natural soils.  Minimal site excavation or soil import is proposed for this development	1
E	The proposed development includes street trees.	1
_	Street Trees are located on both Nicol and Robins	
F	After re-planting, the proposed development does not result in a net loss of trees with a caliper greater than 6cm.  The proposed development will increase the number of trees with a caliper greater than 6cm.	1
G	Post development, the total amount of trees on the property, or adjacent road right-of-way or public space is at least 20% more than the number of trees on the property before development.  Prior to development 0 trees  The proposed development includes 32 trees  Estimated increase is greater than 20%	2
Н	Restore a minimum of 50% of the site area (excluding the building footprint) by maintaining pervious surfaces.  The pervious surfaces of the proposed development cover 56% of the site area excluding the building footprint. $935 / (2430 - 784.5) = 56\%$	3
I	The development includes permanent educational signage or display(s) regarding the protected or planted plants, trees, animal habitat or other natural features on the site.  The proposed development will include signage that will describe the proposed tree species and notable landscape features.	1
То	tal	9/16

Category 3: Parking and Sustainable Transportation (10 points required)

	Amenity	Points
Α	Long-term protected bicycle storage is provided and shower and change room facilities are provided to accommodate building employees where applicable.	3
	The proposed development includes a secure bicycle storage accessory building and will provide changing and shower facilities for staff.	
F	The proposed development includes covered and designated parking spaces for a motorized scooter or plug-in for an electronic bicycle or electric scooter, or a designated motorcycle parking space to accommodate the following number of spaces:  a) multiple-family residential developments: 1 motorized scooter or motorcycle space per 15 dwelling units; and b) non-residential uses: 1 motorized scooter or motorcycle space per 600m² of Gross Floor Area for the first 5000m² plus one space per 1500m² of additional Gross Floor Area; and a) a minimum of one electronic plug-in is provided to accommodate at least one electric scooter or electronic bicycle.	2
	The proposed development will include 4 bicycle stalls for electric scooter of bicycles within the bicycle storage building including 2 electronic plug-in for the parked vehicles.	
Н	Parking does not exceed minimum parking requirements within the City's Development Parking Regulations Bylaw.	2
I	The development includes signage or display(s) regarding sustainable transportation alternatives available on site or within the immediate area.  The proposed development will include signage that will describe the	1
	available bicycle parking.	
То	tal	8/20

Category 4: Building Materials (8 points required)

Amenity		Points
Α	Wood is the primary building material.	1
С	At least 50% of all wood products used in construction are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), the Canadian Standards Association – Sustainable Forest Management Standard (CSA-SFM), or recognized equivalent.  FSC certified wood is used as a standard for BC Housing. At least 50% of wood products will be certified.	3

E	The project developer has submitted a construction and waste management plan that, at a minimum, identifies the materials to be diverted from disposal and whether the materials will be sorted onsite or comingled.	2
	BC Housing design guidelines include a waste management plan meeting these requirements. This has been submitted for review by Nanaimo planning.	
Н	The development includes permanent educational signage or display(s) regarding the sustainable use of building materials used during construction of the project.	1
	The proposed development will include signage that will describe the use of sustainable building materials including FSC certified wood products.	
Total		7/16

Category 5: Energy Management (11 points required) Tier 1 selected category

Amenity		Points
В	The proposed development meets at least the requirements of Step 3 of the BC Energy Step Code and exceeds the requirement specified in the Building Bylaw by two steps.*  The energy model for the proposed development demonstrates achievement of step 3 of the BC Energy Step Code.	15
D	The development includes permanent education signage or display(s) regarding sustainable energy management practices used onsite.  The proposed development will include signage that will describe the energy efficiencies employed in order to achieve step code 3.	1
To	tal	16

Category 6: Water Management (8 points required)

	Amenity	Points
Α	At least 50% of the property is covered with a permeable surface area which may include a green roof.  At least 56% of the site is covered by a permeable surface.	2
В	The proposed buildings on the property include plumbing features which will use 35% less water than the BC Building Code standard.	2

	The proposed development will include plumbing fixtures that will use at least 35% less water than the building code standard.	
F	A water efficient irrigation system (such as drip) is installed.  The proposed development will include a drip irrigation system.	1
G	The proposed development includes a rain garden, cistern, bioswale or storm water retention pond on the property.	2
	The proposed development includes a storm water cistern.	
Н	The development site includes permanent educational signage or a display(s) regarding sustainable water management practices used on site.	1
	The proposed development will include signage that will describe the sustainable water management practices used on site including the use of permeable surfaces and water efficient landscaping.	
То	tal	8/16

Category 7: Social and Cultural Sustainability (10 points required)

Amenity		Points
С	The developer agrees to enter into a Housing Agreement with the City of Nanaimo to ensure that at least 50% of all residential units shall not be stratified or sold independently for at least ten years after the building receives final occupancy.	3
	BC Housing has entered into this Housing agreement	
Н	A dedicated garden space is provided to building residents and/or members of the community in which users are given the opportunity to garden.	1
	The proposed development includes a dedicated gardening space for the residents of the building.	
Total		4/21

165 points total

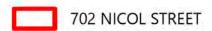
TOTAL - 66

# ATTACHMENT J AERIAL PHOTO





# **DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. DP001209**



# CITY OF NANAIMO

### **BYLAW NO. 7322**

### A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE A HOUSING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS Section 483 of the *Local Government Act* provides that Council may enter into a Housing Agreement, which may include terms and conditions agreed to regarding the occupancy of the housing units identified in the Agreement;

AND WHEREAS, Council wishes to enter into such an Agreement with respect to certain housing units located in the City of Nanaimo;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Nanaimo in open meeting assembled, hereby ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the City of Nanaimo "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2021 No. 7322".
- 2. The Council of the City of Nanaimo hereby authorizes the Mayor and Corporate Officer to enter into an Agreement, on behalf of the City of Nanaimo, in substantially the form attached hereto as Schedule 'A', which sets out the terms and conditions of the occupancy of the housing units identified in the Agreement. The land identified in the Agreement is legally described as PID 000-947-270, LOT A, SECTION 1, NANAIMO DISTRICT, PLAN 41876, CIVIC ADDRESS: 702 NICOL STREET, NANAIMO, BC.
- 3. Upon execution of the Agreement by the Mayor and Corporate Officer and application of the seal of the City of Nanaimo, this Agreement shall be validly entered into as authorized by this Bylaw.

PASSED FIRST READING: PASSED SECOND READING: PASSED THIRD READING: ADOPTED:	
	MAYOR
	CORPORATE OFFICER

# Schedule 'A'

# **HOUSING AGREEMENT - 702 NICOL STREET**

THIS AGREEMENT made this day of, 2021	
BETWEEN:  CITY OF NANAIMO  455 Wallace Street  Nanaimo, BC  V9R 5J6	
(the "City")  AND:  Provincial Rental Housing Corporation 1701-4555 Kingsway	OF THE FIRST PART
Burnaby, BC V5H 4V8 (the " <b>Owner</b> ")	OF THE SECOND PART
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# WHEREAS:

- A. The City may, by agreement under Section 483 of the *Local Government Act*, enter into a housing agreement with an owner regarding the occupancy of the housing units identified in the agreement, including but not limited to terms and conditions referred to in Section 483(2) of the *Local Government Act*;
- B. The Owner is the registered owner in fee-simple of the lands described as:

PID 000-947-270, LOT A, SECTION 1, NANAIMO DISTRICT, PLAN 41876, CIVIC ADDRESS: 702 NICOL STREET, NANAIMO, BC

- C. The Owner wishes to develop a supportive residential housing project with 59 units (dwelling units, sleeping units or combination) intended for occupancy by tenants (the "**Housing Units**") on (the "**Land**").
- D. The City wishes to enter into this agreement (the "**Agreement**") to establish terms and conditions regarding the occupancy of the Housing Units identified in the Agreement and the Owner has agreed.

**NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES** that pursuant to Section 483 of the *Local Government Act*, and in consideration of the premises and covenants contained in this Agreement, the parties hereto covenant and agree with the other as follows:

### 1.0 INTERPRETATION

1.1 The City and the Owner agree that the definitions in the City of Nanaimo's Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500, as amended from time to time, apply to the interpretation of the terms in this Agreement.

# 2.0 OCCUPANCY OF HOUSING UNITS

- 2.1 The Owner covenants and agrees with the City that at 100% of the Housing Units in the development will be occupied by low to moderate income individuals, and that if rent is charged to those individuals for the aforementioned units, the rent will not exceed the shelter allowance portion of Income Assistance provided by the BC Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction to eligible individuals.
- 2.2 The Owner covenants and agrees with the City that a minimum of 100% of all sleeping units or residential units in the development shall not be stratified or sold independently for at least fifteen years after the date of issuance of occupancy for the building.

### 3.0 ANNUAL REPORT

3.1 The Owner further covenants and agrees that during the term of this Agreement, it will, commencing on the first anniversary of the date an occupancy permit is issued for the building on the Lands, and on that anniversary date annually thereafter, provide to the City's General Manager of Development Services a report in writing confirming that the Housing Units continue to be occupied as required under this Agreement.

# 4.0 BINDING EFFECT

4.1 This agreement shall ensure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors, administrators and permitted assignees.

# 5.0 ENFORCEMENT AND WAIVER

- 5.1 Nothing contained or implied herein shall prejudice or affect the rights and powers of the City in the exercise of its functions under any public or private statutes, bylaws, orders and regulations, all of which may be fully and effectively exercised in relation to the Lands as if this Agreement had not been executed and delivered by the Owner. The waiver by a party of any failure on the part of the other party to perform in accordance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any future or continuing failure, whether similar or dissimilar.
- 5.2 The parties agree that the City is not obligated to inspect the Lands or to otherwise ensure compliance with this Agreement, nor is the City obligated to remedy any default of this Agreement. A failure by the City to enforce this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any of the City's rights hereunder.

- 5.3 No remedy under this Agreement is deemed to be exclusive but will, where possible, be cumulative with all other remedies available at law or in equity.
- The Owner covenants and agrees that, in addition to any remedies that are available under this Agreement or at law, the City is entitled to all equitable remedies, including specific performance, injunction and declarative relief to enforce its rights under this Agreement. The Owner acknowledges that specific performance, injunctive relief (mandatory or otherwise) or other equitable relief may be the only adequate remedy for a default by the Owner under this Agreement.

# 6.0 NOTICE TO BE REGISTERED IN LAND TITLE OFFICE

6.1 Notice of this Agreement shall be registered in the Land Title Act by the City at the cost of the Owner in accordance with Section 483 of the Local Government Act, and this Agreement shall be binding on all persons who acquire an interest in the Land after registration of this notice.

# 7.0 TERMINOLOGY

7.1 Wherever the singular, masculine or neuter are used throughout this Agreement, the same shall be construed as meaning the plural or the feminine or the body corporate or politic as the context requires.

# 8.0 BC LAWS GOVERN

8.1 This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws applicable in the Province of British Columbia.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have set their hands and seals as of the day and year first above written.

**CITY OF NANAIMO** by its authorized signatories

Mayor, Leonard Krog
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Corporate Officer