

# City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7915-0361-00

Planning Report Date: December 14, 2015

#### **PROPOSAL:**

• Development Permit

• Development Variance Permit

to permit the expansion (north end) of the Surrey Central SkyTrain Station.

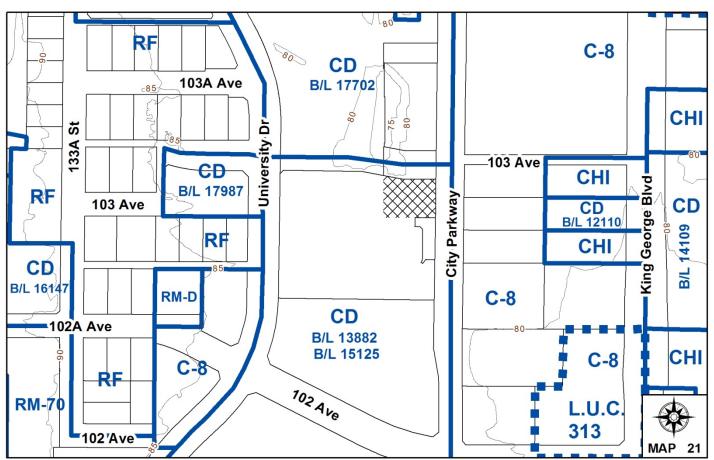
**LOCATION:** Portion of 10275 City Parkway

**OWNER:** City of Surrey

**ZONING:** CD By-law No. 13882, as amended

by By-law No. 15125

**OCP DESIGNATION:** Central Business District



#### **RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

- Approval to draft Development Permit.
- Approval for Development Variance Permit to proceed to Public Notification.

#### DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

• Seeking a relaxation in building setback along the north (103 Avenue) and east (City Parkway) lot lines, as well as a parking relaxation for a proposed commercial retail unit.

#### **RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION**

- The proposed expansion of the Surrey Central SkyTrain Station will assist in modernizing the
  existing station, making it complementary to other recent developments nearby, such as the
  new City Hall, the new central library and the 3 Civic Plaza development, which is currently
  under construction.
- The proposed development will support the continued growth of the City Centre.
- The proposed setbacks achieve a more urban, pedestrian streetscape in the City Centre.
- The proposed reduction in parking is supportable as the proposed commercial/retail unit is small and is targeting pedestrian traffic from transit users.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning & Development Department recommends that:

1. Council authorize staff to draft Development Permit No. 7915-0361-00, generally in accordance with the attached drawings (Appendix II).

- 2. Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0361-00 (Appendix V) varying the following, to proceed to Public Notification:
  - (a) to reduce the minimum north (103 Avenue) yard setback and east (City Parkway) yard setback of Comprehensive Development Zone By-law No. 13882 as amended by By-law No. 15125, from 2.0 metres (7 ft.) to 0 metre (0 ft.); and
  - (b) to reduce the parking requirement of Comprehensive Development Zone By-law No. 13882 as amended by By-law No. 15125, for a commercial retail unit, from three (3) parking spaces to zero (o) parking space.
- 3. Council instruct staff to resolve the following issues prior to final approval:
  - (a) submission of a revised landscaping plan, including the confirmed locations of free-standing signs, and landscaping cost estimate, to the specifications and satisfaction of the Planning and Development Department; and
  - (b) amendment of the existing statutory right-of-way agreement between the City and TransLink.

#### **REFERRALS**

Engineering: The Engineering Department has no objection to the proposed

development. Engineering requirements, as outlined in Appendix III, are to be completed prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.

Surrey Fire Department: The Fire Department has no objections to the proposed

development.

#### **SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

Existing Land Use: A portion of the subject site is currently used as a public parking lot. The

larger site houses small City-owned commercial retail units along City

Parkway, and the North Surrey Recreation Centre.

#### **Adjacent Area:**

Direction	Existing Use	OCP	<b>Existing Zone</b>
		Designation	
North (Across 103	3 Civic Plaza, a new high-rise mixed-	Central	CD By-law No.
Avenue):	use commercial/office/hotel/multiple	Business	17702
	residential development, currently	District	
	under construction.		
East (Across City	Existing one-storey commercial	Central	C-8
Parkway):	buildings.	Business	
		District	
South:	Existing small CRUs owned by the	Central	CD By-law No.
	City, but leased out to various tenants	Business	13882, amended by
	and the existing Surrey Central	District	By-law No. 15125
	SkyTrain Station (south).		
Further South:	North Surrey Recreation Centre and	Central	CD By-law No.
	parking lot.	Business	13882, amended by
		District	By-law No. 15125
West:	Existing North Surrey ice arena.	Central	CD By-law No.
		Business	13882, amended by
		District	By-law No. 15125

#### **DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Background**

- The Surrey Centre SkyTrain Station is one of the "Phase 3 Extension" stations opened in 1994. It has the eighth highest passenger volumes on the SkyTrain system and is in need of upgrades to accommodate the rapid growth of the City Centre.
- This development is the first step towards providing comprehensive upgrades to the entire Station.
- The objectives of the development are to improve the Station's capacity, exiting, passenger safety and accessibility, while reinventing the Station's identity and relationship with the changing face of City Centre.

#### **Proposed Development**

- The subject site is located at 10275 City Parkway, a lot which currently houses the North Surrey Recreation Centre and small City-owned commercial retail units (CRUs) along City Parkway.
- The subject site is zoned Comprehensive Development Zone (CD By-law No. 13882, as amended by By-law No. 15125) and designated "Mixed-Use 7.5 FAR" in the City Centre Plan.
- TransLink has applied for a Development Permit (DP) and Development Variance Permit (DVP) to allow for a scope of work totaling approximately 939 square metres (10,107 sq.ft.). The scope of work will include a 19-square metre (205 sq.ft.) platform expansion at the north,

with a new station house 920 square metres (9,903 sq. ft.) in size. Within the new station house, a new CRU, 82.5 square metres (885 sq.ft.) in size, is proposed at the ground level.

- The proposed SkyTrain Station expansion is to be located just north of the existing Surrey Central SkyTrain Station, within an area that is currently used as a parking lot.
- The existing parking lot will be reconfigured to allow for a total of nine (9) parking spaces, which is 2 more than existing. In anticipation of the construction, existing Modo parking spaces have already been relocated to P1 of the City Hall's parkade. These nine parking spaces will likely become pay parking in the future.
- Five (5) bicycle racks allowing for 10 bicycles are proposed.
- Vehicular access to the existing City-owned CRUs and ice arena will be realigned to 103
  Avenue.
- TransLink is targeting commencement of construction in May 2016.

#### PRE-NOTIFICATION

As this application includes a Development Permit and Development Variance Permit, no prenotification letter was required. The applicant, TransLink, has installed two signs on the subject site along City Parkway and staff have not received any questions or comments.

#### **DESIGN PROPOSAL AND REVIEW**

- The new 920-square metre (9,903 sq.ft.) station house has been designed as a 2-storey pavilion.
- The proposed material palette for the new station house is a departure from the existing station. Exposed wood, metal panel and accent colour in a bright green are proposed to infuse warmth into the Station. Clear glazing is the predominant material for the street façade. Solid walls, including party walls) are to be in architectural concrete. Glue laminated timber in Spruce Pine is to be used at the ground floor ceiling and for the underside of the roof at the mezzanine level. Dark grey vertical mullions and painted steel work, along with white metal panel cladding will be used on the exterior of the Station. Coloured metal panels in a bright green colour will be used at the entrance soffits.
- Full height glazing is proposed on the 103 Avenue and City Parkway building elevations to provide maximum transparency while affording views across the Civic Plaza and City Parkway.
- The building engages the public realm with two generous canopies providing weather protection at both the east and north entrances.

An 82.5-square metre (885 sq.ft.) commercial retail unit (CRU) is proposed adjacent the 103
 Avenue entrance, encouraging activity along the street edge. It is has been strategically placed
 to provide views of the station's interior activities and be near the future bus pick-up bays
 along 103 Avenue.

- A new glazed elevator enclosure is articulated separately from the station house and reads as an element inserted into the station house from above.
- The existing platform will include a short 19-square metre (205 sq.ft.) extension at the north, to connect to the glazed elevator, with replacement of the existing north gable cladding. The remainder of the platform and roof shall remain as is, until a future phase.
- New street trees, planting and lighting along City Parkway and 103 Avenue will assist in animating the station's public realm. An in-ground landscape planter is proposed along 103 Avenue, which will incorporate a metal screen, trees and low level planting. Planting is proposed along the western edge of the reconfigured surface parking lot.

#### **Signage**

- Two fascia signs are proposed to advertise the "Surrey Central" north station house, one along City Parkway and one along 103 Avenue. Both signs are permitted as per the Sign By-law. Both signs are 0.5 metre (1.6 ft.) long and will extend the width of the entry on each road frontage.
- A series of small directional "T" signs are proposed around the site, including on the guideway column along City Parkway, which is permitted under the statutory right-of-way agreement between the City and TransLink. These signs are intended to assist in wayfinding around the station.
- A free-standing doubled sided information panel sign is proposed at the southeast corner of the station house. It is to be set back a minimum 2 metres (6.6 ft.) from the City Parkway property line. The proposed sign has a height of 2.3 metres (7.5 ft.), which complies with the Sign By-law maximum of a 2.4 metres (8 ft.) sign height in the City Centre.
- The final locations of the free-standing signs will need to be confirmed with the City's Engineering Department.
- The applicant's architect has indicated that a sign will be required for the new CRU along 103 Avenue. The sign will be located above the entrance of the CRU, along 103 Avenue. No further details have been provided at this time, as the CRU's design is not part of the scope of the present work. At a time the CRU is leased, the tenant will be subject to a Tenant Improvement Permit and/or a Sign Permit application.

#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST

The applicant prepared and submitted a sustainable development checklist for the subject site on October 9, 2015. The table below summarizes the applicable development features of the proposal based on the seven (7) criteria listed in the Surrey Sustainable Development Checklist.

Sustainability Criteria	Sustainable Development Features Summary
1. Site Context & Location (A1-A2)	<ul> <li>The site is within the City Centre Plan area and will form part of the Central Surrey SkyTrain Station.</li> <li>The station expansion and upgrades support the development plans and growth for Surrey City Centre.</li> </ul>
2. Density & Diversity (B1-B7)	• N/A
3. Ecology & Stewardship (C1-C4)	<ul> <li>The development proposes natural landscaping and permeable pavement and surfaces.</li> <li>The proposed development will allow for recycling pickup.</li> </ul>
4. Sustainable Transport & Mobility (D1-D2)	<ul> <li>The proposed development will encourage reduced private vehicle use, helping to reduce emissions and supports programs, such as ride share.</li> <li>The proposed development design will include 82 metres (270 ft.) of pedestrian linkages and bike racks.</li> </ul>
5. Accessibility & Safety (E1-E3)	• Glazing and clear lines of the site have been maximized through the station design. A CRU is proposed at the station entrance with views into the station to provide additional surveillance. All ticket machinery and information panels have been located in strategic areas, preventing the blocking of transparency.
6. Green Certification (F1)	• N.A
7. Education & Awareness (G1-G4)	• The proposed development supports public transit use. Heavy timber roof construction is being proposed for the new station house with 100% glazing to maximize daylighting onto 103 Avenue and City Parkway. Roof lights, with LED fixtures throughout are proposed, as is permeable exterior paving.

#### ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL (Appendix IV)

ADP Date: November 12, 2015

All of the ADP recommendations have been addressed. There are some minor landscape items to be completed prior to consideration of final approval of the Development Permit.

### BY-LAW VARIANCE AND JUSTIFICATION (Appendix V)

## (a) Requested Variance:

• To vary the north (103 Avenue) and east yard (City Parkway) setbacks in CD By-law No. 13882, from 2 metres (7 ft.) to 0 metre (0 ft.).

#### Applicant's Reasons:

• The reduction in the building setback is for the northeast corner of the station house where the elevator enclosure is proposed. The architect has had to maintain the

location of the elevator at this location, in order to allow for maximum transparency at the road frontages, pedestrian circulation and to keep the "back of house" operations at the southern end of the station. A small portion of the building will encroach into the City boulevard.

#### **Staff Comments:**

- A new statutory right-of-way agreement will be secured between TransLink and the City to allow for this small building encroachment. The encroachment is very small and will not be noticeable at-grade. The design achieves a more urban/pedestrian oriented streetscape appropriate for City Centre.
- Staff support the variance.

### (b) Requested Variance:

• To reduce the number of parking spaces for the CRU, from 3 parking spaces to o parking spaces.

#### Applicant's Reasons:

• The proposed CRU will likely be leased to a café or small grocery owner which will be targeting the foot traffic from the Station. Therefore, parking would not be required. If a customer does require parking, they may use one of the 9 pay parking spaces in the parking lot.

#### Staff Comments:

- Staff agree that the large majority of customers of the CRU will be transit users and therefore, will not require parking.
- Staff support the variance.

#### **INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT**

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Lot Owners, Action Summary and Project Data Sheets

Appendix II. Site Plan, Building Elevations, Landscape Plans and Perspective

Appendix III. Engineering Summary

Appendix IV. ADP Comments and Applicant's Responses
Appendix V. Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0361-00

#### **INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON FILE**

Complete Set of Architectural and Landscape Plans prepared by the Office of McFarlane Biggar Architects and Designers Inc. and Hapa Landscape Architecture, respectively, dated December 8, 2015.

original signed by Judith Robertson

Jean Lamontagne General Manager Planning and Development

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### <u>Information for City Clerk</u>

Legal Description and Owners of all lots that form part of the application:

1. Agent: Name: Nick Foster

Office of McFarlane Biggar Architects and Designers Inc.

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Tel: 604-558-6344

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address: Portion of 10275 City Parkway

(b) Civic Address: Portion of 10275 City Parkway

Owner: City of Surrey PID: 024-847-038

Portion of Lot 3 Section 27 Block 5 North Range 2 West New Westminster District Plan

LMP46320 Except Plan BCP48957

3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office

(a) Proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit No. 7915-0361-00 and bring the Development Variance Permit forward for an indication of support by Council. If supported, the Development Variance Permit will be brought forward for issuance and execution by the Mayor and City Clerk in conjunction with the final approval of the Development Permit.

# **DEVELOPMENT DATA SHEET**

Existing Zoning: CD By-law Nos. 13882 & 15125

Required Development Data	Minimum Required / Maximum Allowed	Proposed
LOT AREA* (in square metres)		
Gross Total		
Road Widening area		
Undevelopable area		
Net Total		
LOT COVERAGE (in % of net lot area)		
Buildings & Structures		
Paved & Hard Surfaced Areas		
Total Site Coverage		
SETBACKS (in metres)		
North (103 Avenue)	2 M	o m
South		
West		
East (City Parkway)	2 M	o m
	2.22	
BUILDING HEIGHT (in metres/storeys)		
Existing Station		20.7 m
New North Station House		10.02 M
New Elevator		17.77 m
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NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS		N/A
Bachelor		•
One Bed		
Two Bedroom		
Three Bedroom +		
Total		
FLOOR AREA: Residential		N/A
		11/12
FLOOR AREA: Commercial		
Retail (within Station House)		82.5 sq.m.
Station House		920 sq.m.
Platform Expansion (north)		19 sq.m.
Total		939 sq.m.
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FLOOR AREA: Industrial		N/A
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FLOOR AREA: Institutional		N/A
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TOTAL BUILDING FLOOR AREA		030 Sa.m
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# Development Data Sheet cont'd

Required Development Data	Minimum Required / Maximum Allowed	Proposed
DENSITY		N/A
# of units/ha /# units/acre (gross)		
# of units/ha /# units/acre (net)		
FAR (gross)		
FAR (net)		
AMENITY SPACE (area in square metres)		N/A
Indoor		
Outdoor		
PARKING (number of stalls)		
Commercial		0
Industrial		
Residential Bachelor + 1 Bedroom		
2-Bed		
3-Bed		
Residential Visitors		
Institutional		
Total Number of Parking Spaces		0
Number of disabled stalls		
Number of small cars		
Tandem Parking Spaces: Number / % of Total Number of Units		
Size of Tandem Parking Spaces width/length		

Heritage Site	NO	Tree Survey/Assessment Provided	NO
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#### ISSUED FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT DECEMBER 8TH, 2015

#### PROJECT TECHNICAL DATA

Project Name Surrey Central Station Upgrades

10275 Olity Parkway Project Address V3T 4C3, Surrey, B.C.

Comprehensive Development Zone (By-law Nos. 13882 and 15125) Zoning

Plan Description Lot 3 Section 27 Range 2 Plan LMP46320 NWD Occupied Position

TOTAL AREA	1442 sq.m	2373 sq.m
Platform Level	612 sq.m	631 sq.m
Mezzanine Level	483 sq.m	841 sq.m
Ground Level	347 sq.m	901 sq.m
AREA SUMMARY		
Total	822 sq.m	822 sq.m
Platform Level	612 sq.m	612 sq.m
Mezzanine Level	493 sq.m	475 sq.m
Ground Level	347 sq.m	347 sq.m
EXISTING STATION		
Total	0 sq.m	939 sq.m
Platform Level	0 sq.m	19 sq.m
Mezzanine Level	0 sq.m	366 sq.m
Ground Level CRU Lease area	0 sq.m	82.5sq.m (885 sq.ft
NORTH STATION HOUSE Ground Level (Inc. CRU)	0 sq.m	554 sq.m
FLOOR AREAS	EXISTING	PROPOSED

Existing Station Height (Top of existing roof) 20.715 m Proposed North Station House Height 10.020 m

Proposed North Station House Bevator 17,765 m

7 spaces 9 spaces Blike Parking 0 spaces 5 stand (e.g.10 spaces)



## SURREY CENTRAL SKYTRAIN STATION UPGRADES

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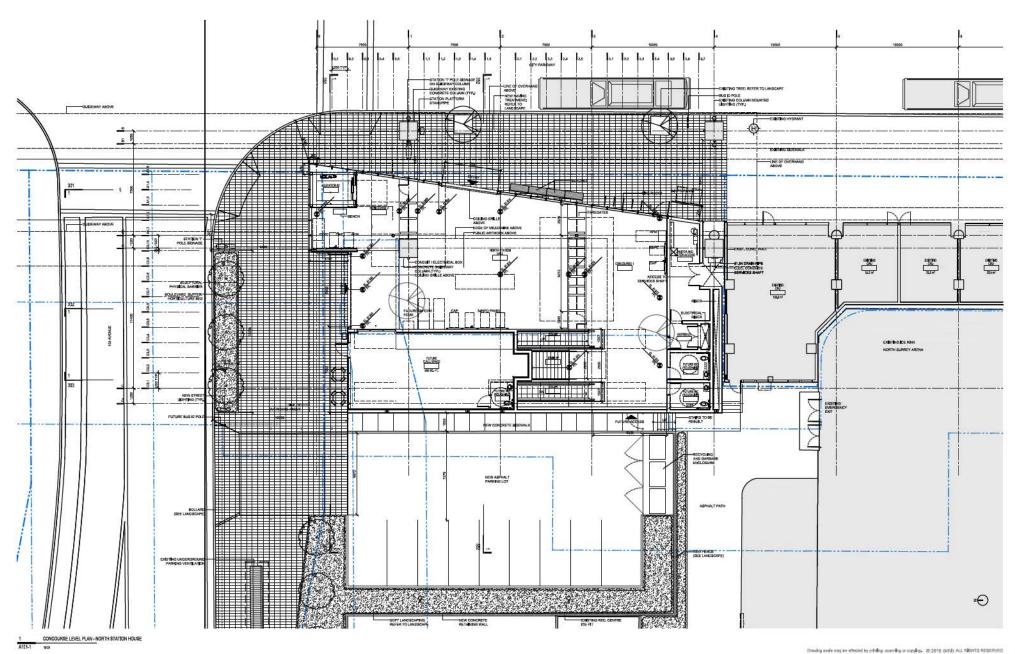
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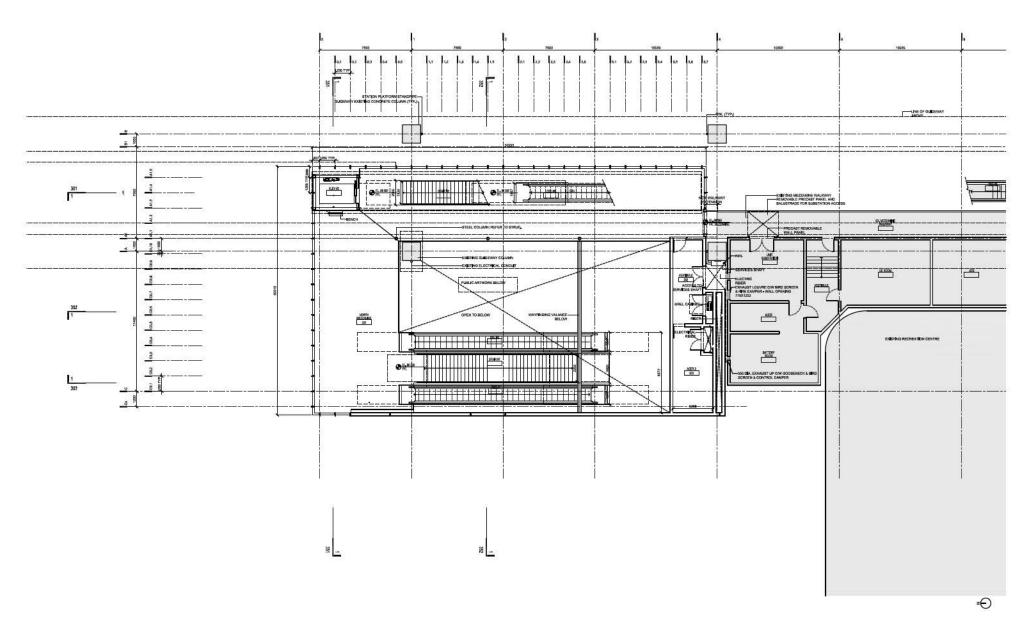
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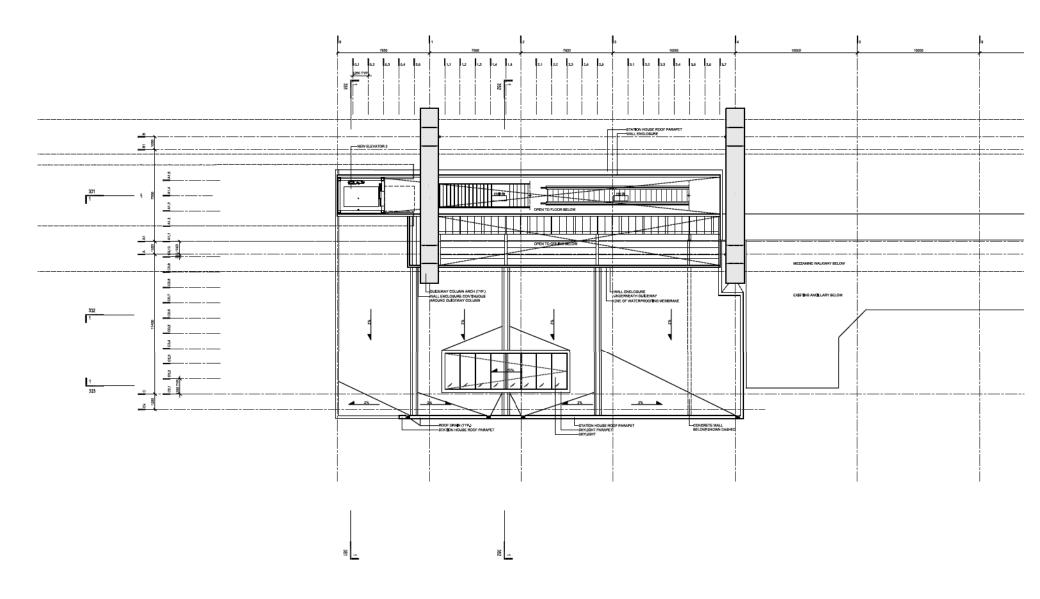
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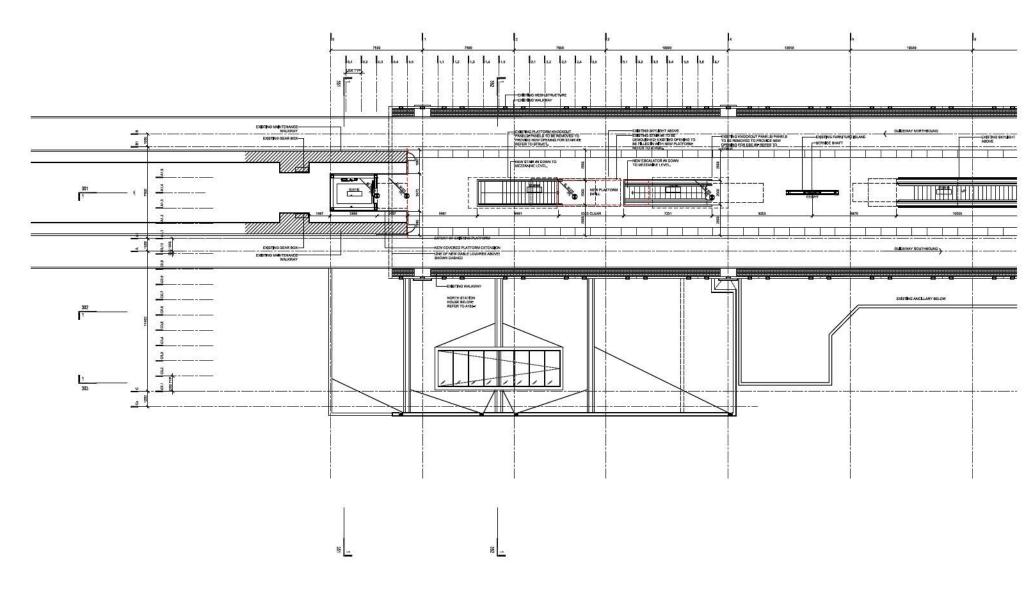
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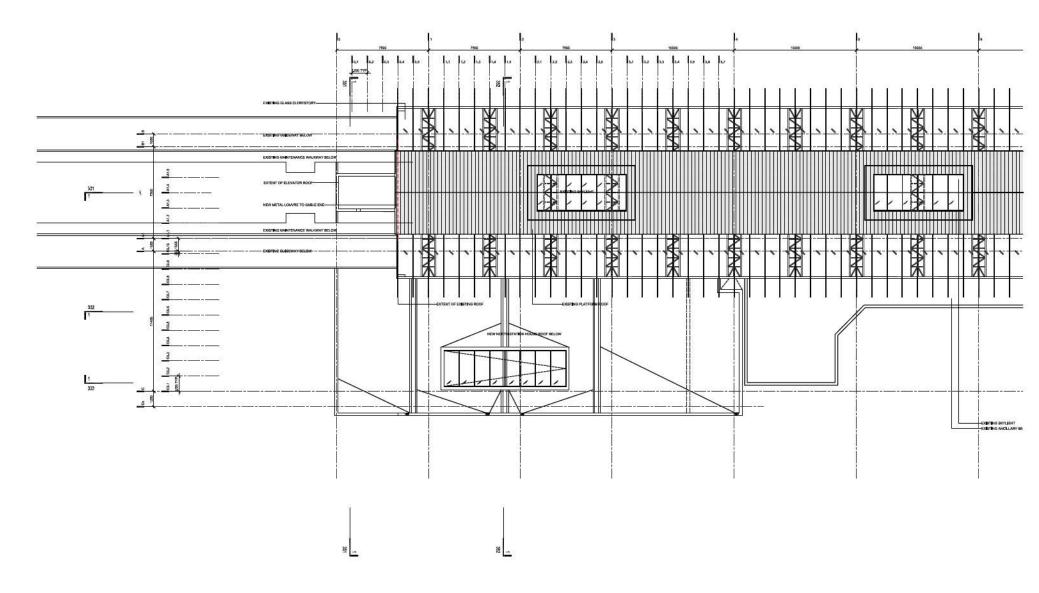
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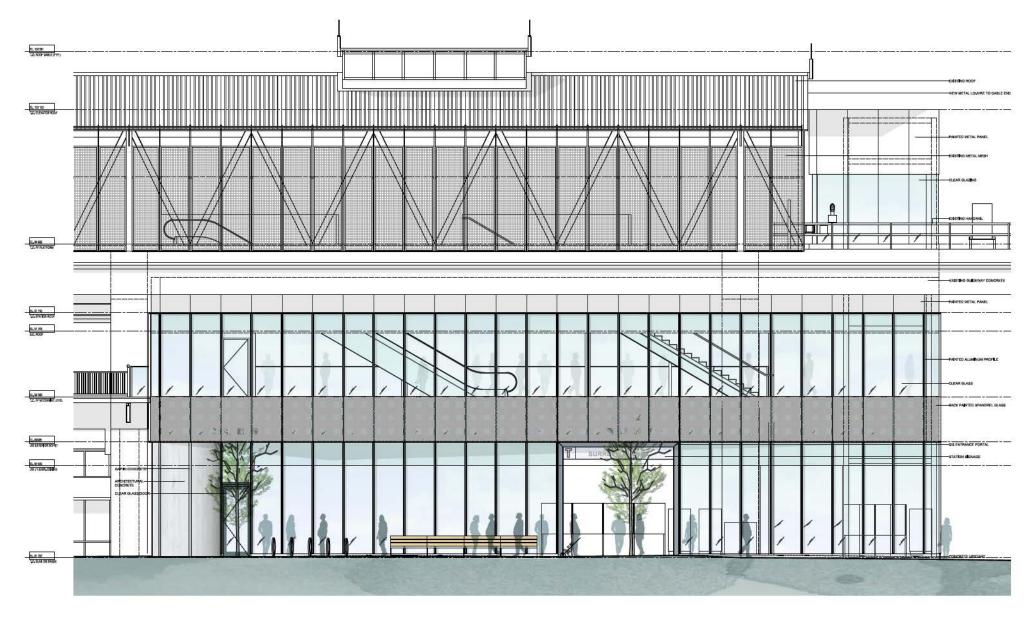
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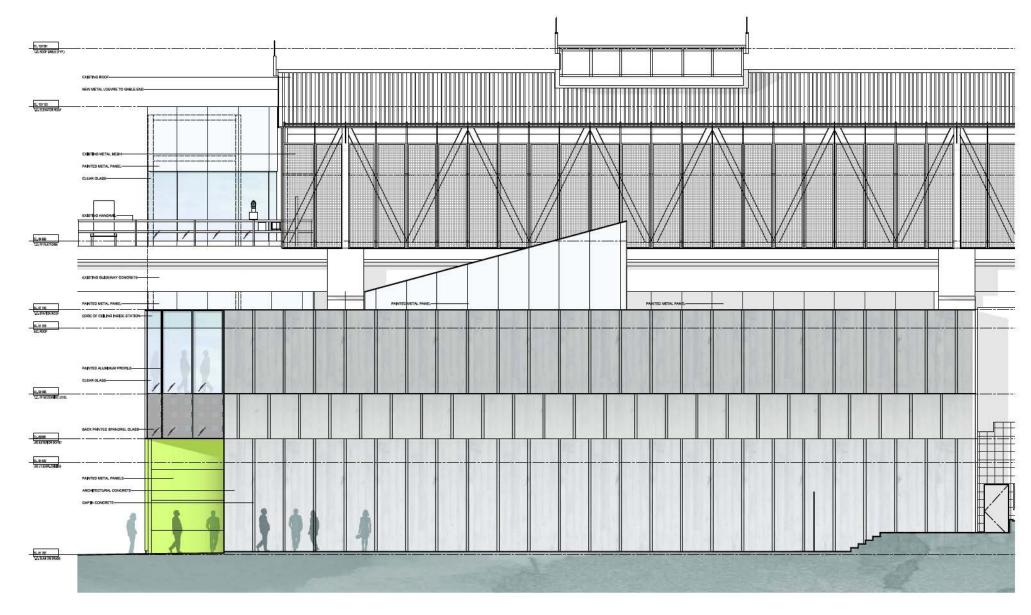


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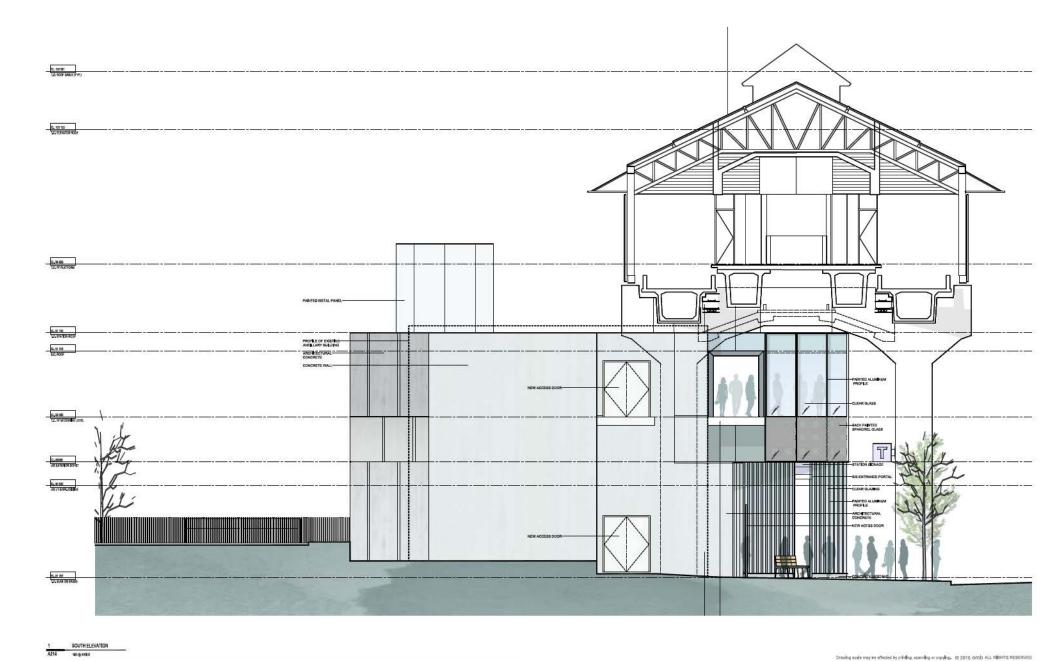
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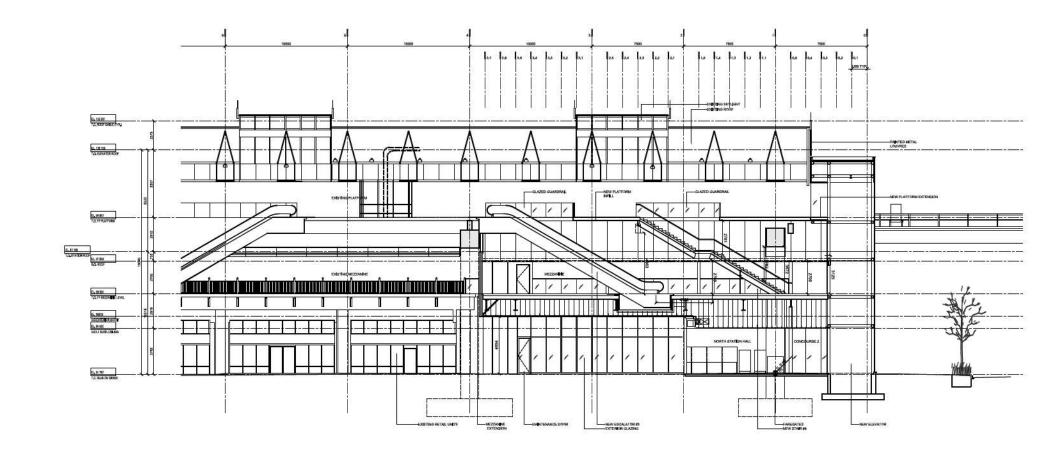
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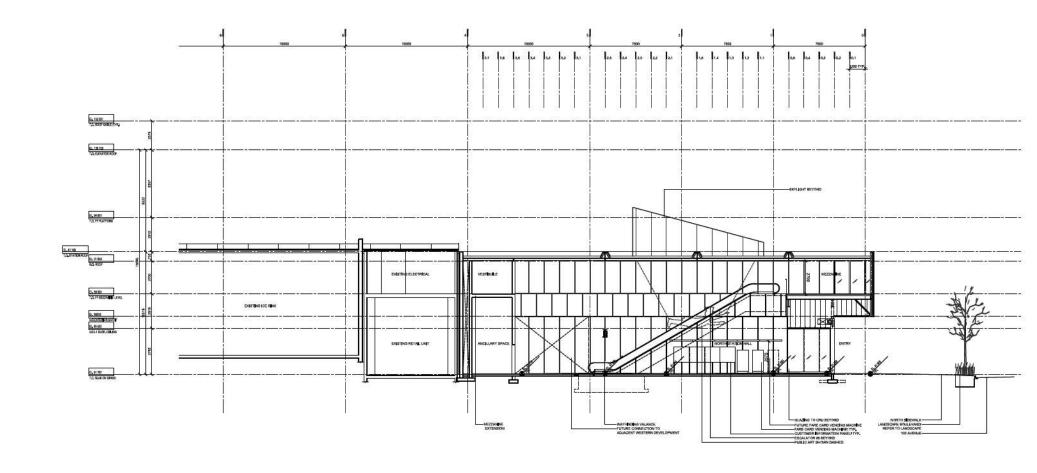
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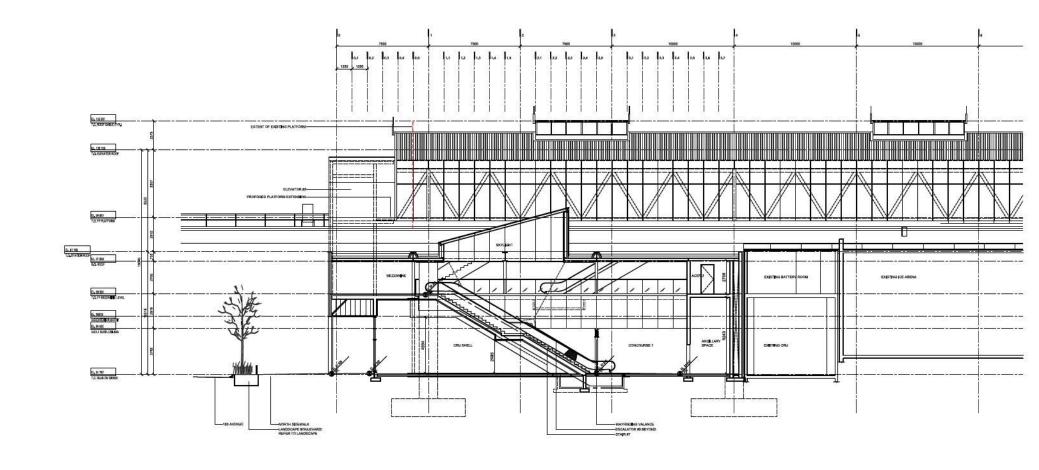


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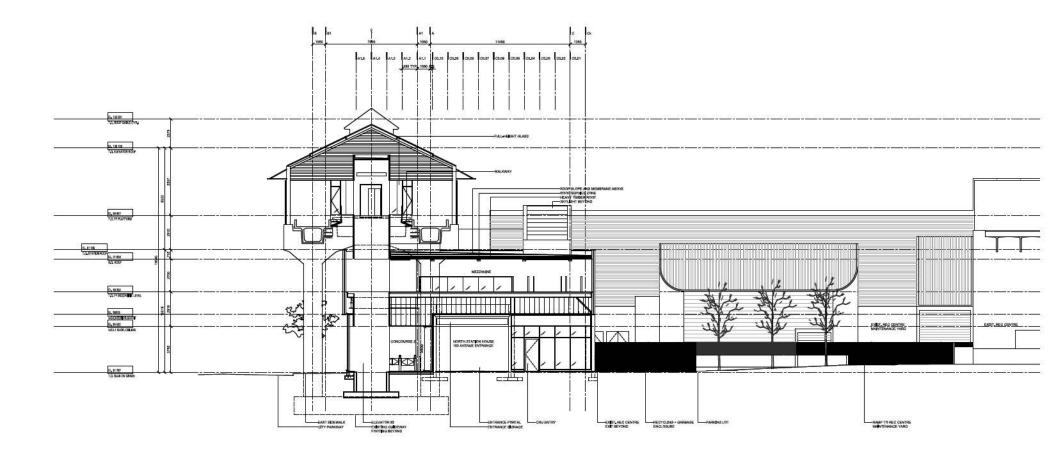
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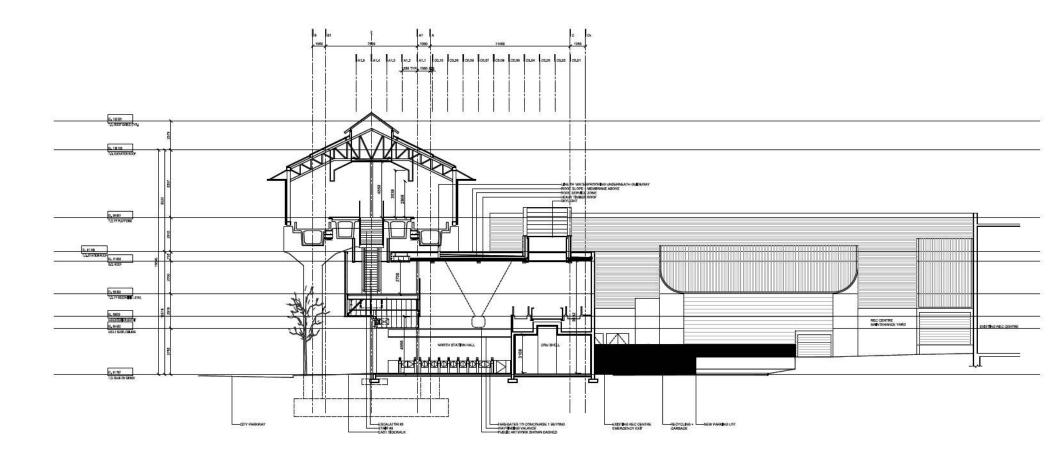
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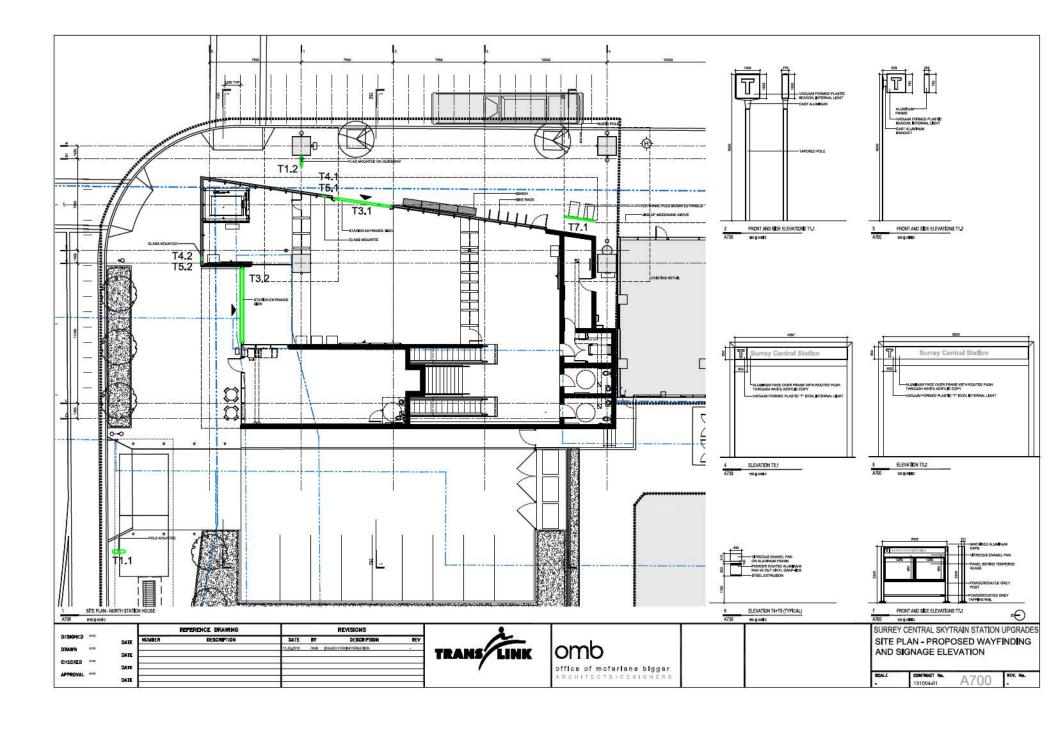
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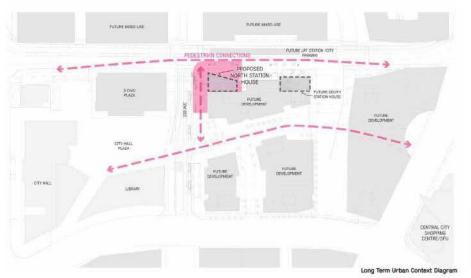


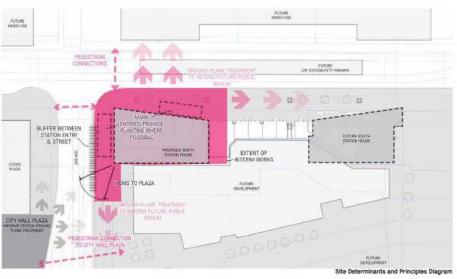












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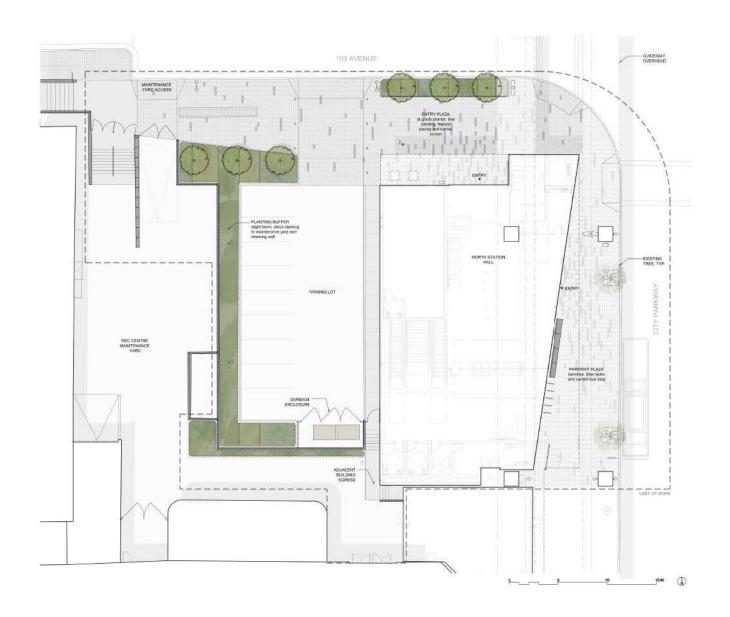












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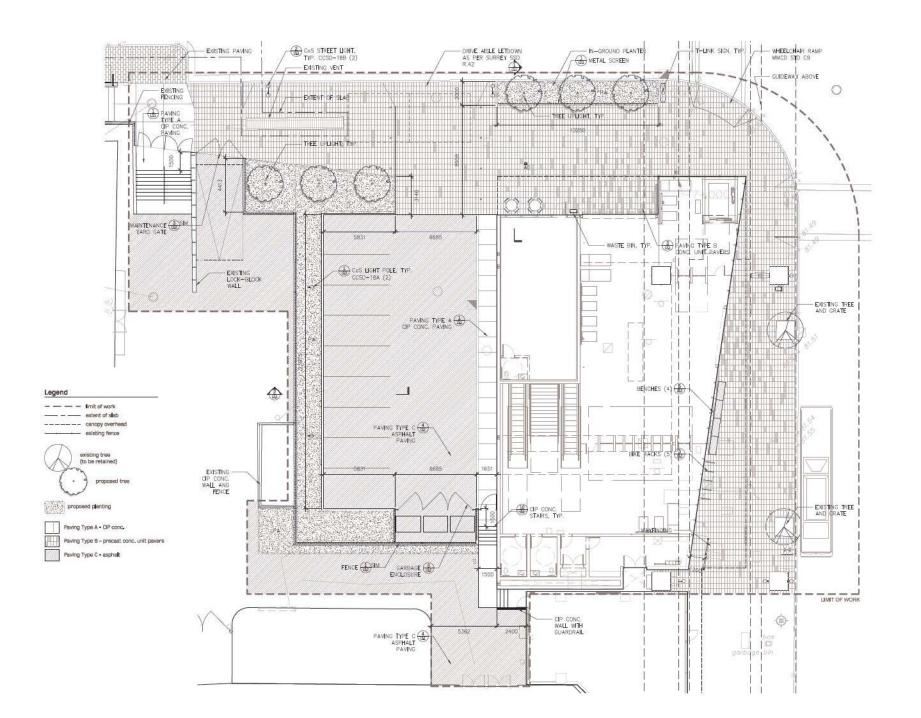
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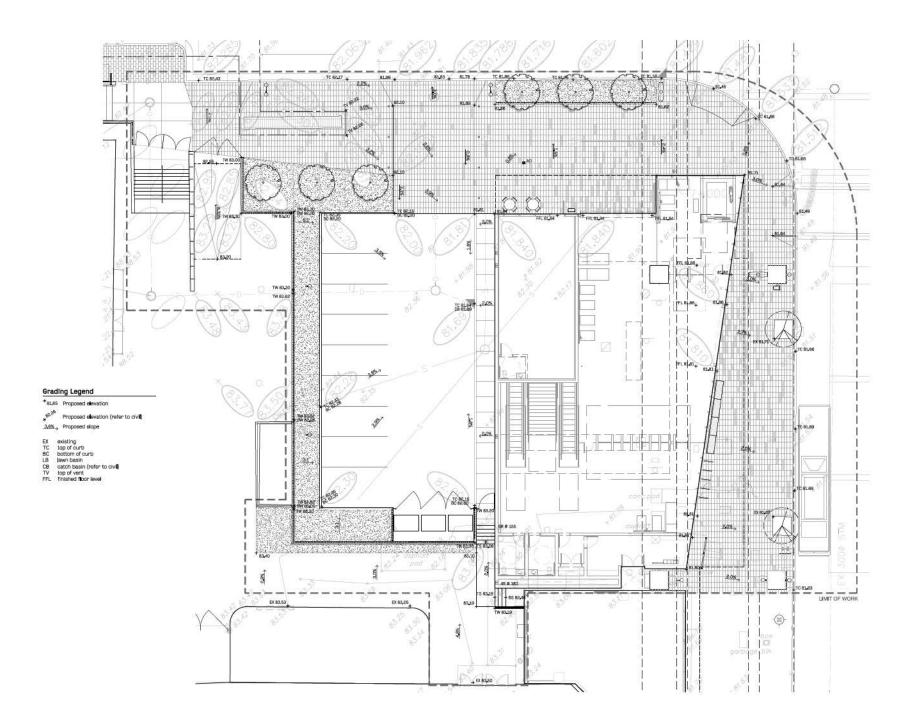
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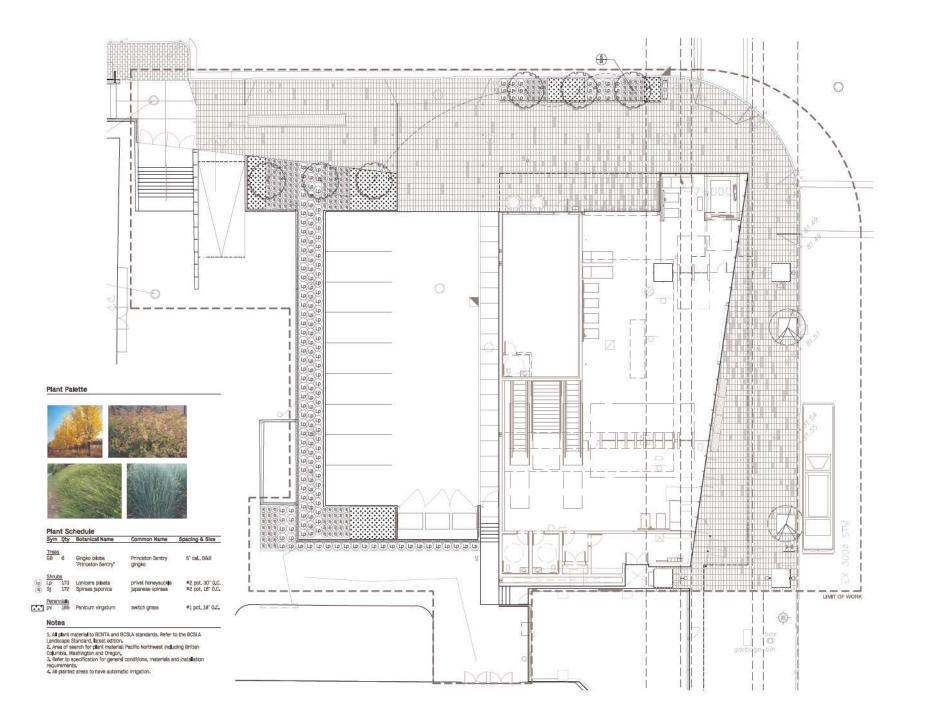
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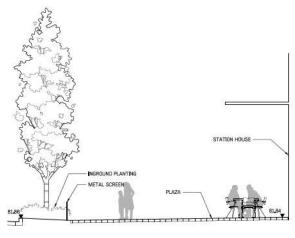
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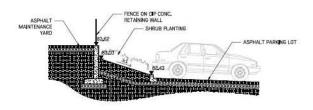
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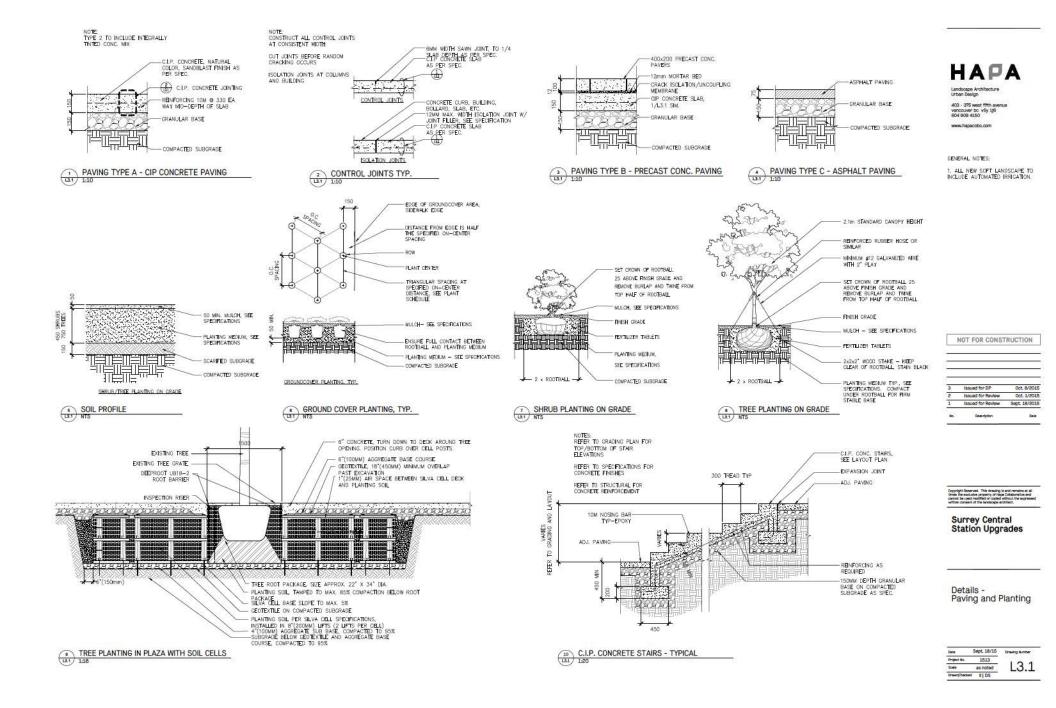
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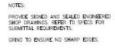
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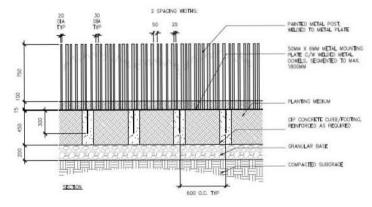
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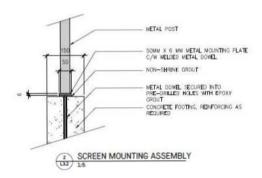
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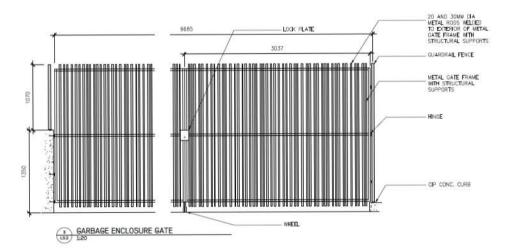
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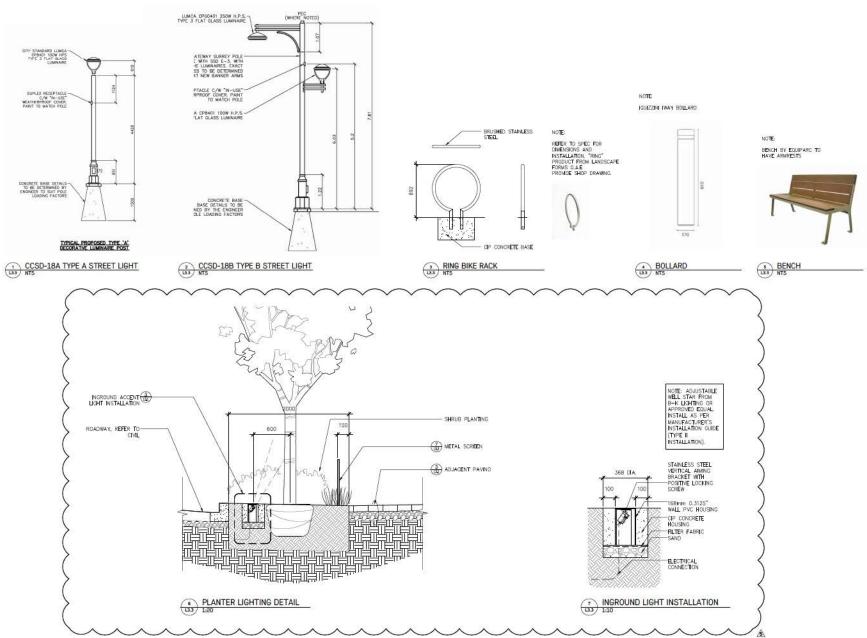
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# INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO:

Manager, Area Planning & Development

- North Surrey Division

Planning and Development Department

FROM:

Development Services Manager, Engineering Department

DATE:

December 9, 2015

PROJECT FILE:

7815-0361-00

RE:

**Engineering Requirements (Commercial/Industrial)** 

Location: 10275 - City Parkway

#### DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

There are no engineering requirements relative to issuance of the Development Permit.

The following issues are to be addressed as a condition of issuance of the Building Permit.

#### Works and Services

- construct 103 Avenue to City Centre standard;
- · construct concrete sidewalk on City Parkway to City Centre standard;
- · construct storm main and sanitary main on 103 Avenue, as required;
- relocate existing on-site infrastructure, as required;
- · Register restrictive covenants for water quality and for sustainable drainage; and
- · Amend the existing statutory rights-of-way.

A Servicing Agreement is required prior to issuance of Building Permit.

Construction activities must be coordinated with the City and neighbouring properties to ensure uninterrupted safe pedestrian passage from Civic Plaza to City Parkway adjacent to, or through, the site throughout the construction phase.

#### DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

The following is to be addressed as a condition of issuance of the Development Variance Permit:

 A Highway License Agreement with the City is required to capture proposed encroachments into City boulevard.

Rémi Dubé, P.Eng.

**Development Services Manager** 

HB

NOTE: Detailed Land Development Engineering Review available on file



G. McGarva

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C. Taylor

S. Vincent

# Advisory Design Panel Minutes

2E - Community Room B

City Hall

13450 - 104 Avenue

Surrey, B.C.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015

Time: 4:00 pm

<u>Present:</u> <u>Staff Present:</u>

Chair - L Mickelson J. Busby, TransLink
T. Coady G. Wilson, TransLink
K. Johnston P. Agneessens, TransLink
D. Newby M. Minson, TransLink

N. Foster, OMB Architects & Designers N. Standeven, OMB Architects & Designers D. Shearer, Hapa Landscape Architecture

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#### B. NEW SUBMISSIONS

1. 4:00PM

File No.: 7915-0361-00

New or Resubmit: New

Description: Proposed DP for new Central Surrey Skytrain

Station. DVP application to vary building setbacks

at the north and east property lines.

Address: 10275 City Parkway

Developer: Jeff Busby, Graeme Wilson, Pieter Agneessens,

TransLink

Architect: Nick Foster, Nicholas Standeven, OMB Architects

and Designers

Landscape Architect: Doug Shearer, Hapa Landscape Architecture Urban

Design

Planner: Pat Lau

Urban Design Planner: Mary Beth Rondeau

#### The Urban Design Planner presented an overview of the project:

- The location of elevator constricts the sidewalk and strategies to improve this
  were studied as it was not able to be moved.
- The 103 Ave interface was studied in detail to accommodate the bus queuing and shelter location while maintaining street beautification with an inside row of trees along future development sites.

**The Project Architect** presented an overview of the site plan, building plans and streetscapes and highlighted the following:

 This project aims to formalize a new north station house and the long term plan is to have a south station service in from buses dropping people off and the north station for people transferring out on to buses.

- The proposed materials are wood, metal panel and clear gazing for street facades and solid concrete walls. The goal was to be as sustainable as possible using natural robust materials.
- The massing and layout has been designed to optimize passenger circulation and wayfinding.

**The Landscape Architect** reviewed the landscape plans and highlighted the following:

- The idea was to start a language of public realm landscape that might inform what will happen in the parkway eventually with the south side and the future development areas.
- Same materials will be used as the City hall plaza with a diffused paving.
- Opportunities for planting are limited due to the guideway of the skytrain.
- In front of north entrance, a planting bed with 3 gingko trees and metal barrier/fence detail to prevent people from walking across 103 Avenue instead of using crosswalk as per the City's request.

#### ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL STATEMENT OF REVIEW

Proposed DP for a new Central Surrey Skytrain Station. DVP application to vary building setbacks at the north and east property lines.

File No. 7915-0361-00

It was

Moved by G. McGarva Seconded by T Coady

That the Advisory Design Panel (ADP)

recommends A (support) - that the applicant address the following issues to the satisfaction of the Planning & Development Department.

Carried

#### STATEMENT OF REVIEW COMMENTS

In general, the Panel supported the application recognizing that the project was shaped by constraints.

#### Site

 The main entry is "pinched". Corner is a challenge (too tight) for volume of pedestrian. Not fully sure the proposal anticipated the ridership that may result due to relationship with LRT and adjacent development.

It is anticipated that the City Parkway sidewalk will widen by 3 metres when the LRT is built. Entrance widths are maximized and fare gates are internal to ensure surge zones at station entrances. The City Parkway entrance is 4.6 metres wide and the 103 Avenue entrance is 6 metres wide.

The capacity of Surrey SkyTrain Station, as configured for the concept study, is able to accommodate the projected transfers (2045 horizon year) from LRT. TransLink assumes that this would still be valid for the current proposed configuration (presented for the Development Permit) as the gates and

circulation elements quantities and sizes are largely consistent with the concept version.

#### **Building Form and Character**

- Support the simplified form and materials.
- Colour and intensity at entrances is applauded. Suggest more colour at the entrance along the parkway, could be coloured glass. Colour can be a beacon for wayfinding.
  - TransLink will review the colour options. The intent is to use the exterior soffits to help provide a station "address" and use a timeless material palette.
- The escalators could be more immediately visible through the glass using lighting.
  - The entire station is lit to IESNA standard to maximize transparency and visibility at night. The main stairs/escalators will be highlighted with integral handrail lighting.
- The mullion pattern is reminiscent of city hall and could make more substantive inference.
  - The proposed glazing is a structural curtain wall veneer system similar to the City Hall.
- Important that the redundancy of mezzanine space is not value-engineered out enabling this simple form to bring a visual order to the overwrought structure of the existing station.
- Good intuitive wayfinding throughout the facility despite multiple levels. There is a crossover path and this could be diagramed more clearly.
- Ensure that the removability of the knock out panel is highlighted for the future.
  - Knock out panel is clearly labeled on the drawings and TransLink confirms it will be incorporated within the structural design.

#### Landscaping

- Planting is appropriate, very hardy. Really like the gingko trees.
- Consider locating the fence on both sides or in the planting to partially conceal
  and can be lit from lights within the planters area.
   The screen has been shifted 6" (150 mm) into the planter so that it is partially
  concealed. Please refer to details 6/L3.3 and 7/L3.3 for lighting details and
  location of metal screen.
- The light paved colour could be an issue with showing dirt/gum. The existing area looks horrible.
  - The proposed paving is darker than typical CIP concrete and is in line with the paving scheme of the area. It is the best option.

 Landscape lighting at entrance along 103 Avenue entrance; key to feature of layering of public realm.
 Carefully considered landscape lighting is proposed as part of the project.

#### CPTED

- Clear and open with a sense of safety.
- Concerns with potential safety of temporary parking lot. The solid sidewall
  could be opened up in the interim to provide overlook from the mezzanine.
  CPTED requirements have been met by the current design. The mezzanine as
  shown does provide over look to the west parking lot and future bus queuing
  at the corner. The parking lot will be well lit and is extremely visible from the
  street and additional over look is provided from the 3 Civic Plaza's 50-storey site
  opposite.

#### Accessibility

• Recommend signs be according to CNIB requirements. TransLink's signage meets CNIB's Clear Print Accessibility Guidelines. The wayfinding signage used at this station is the standard signage TransLink now uses across all of their facilities. TransLink has had no issues with legibility elsewhere. Typeface, icons, and text size that are specified in their Wayfinding Standard have all been vetted by major institutions. Colour contrasts have been tested internally.

In brief:

- Typeface choice: The typeface used on their wayfinding signage is FF Meta, which was specifically designed for high legibility. It was commissioned by the German Post Office in the 1980s and was designed to be readable on sizes as small as postage stamps and as large as warehouses. It is widely recognized as one of the most popular and legible fonts.
- Text size: Text on signs is sized at appropriate viewing distances. These text sizes and viewing distances were calculated by the design consultants who developed their wayfinding guidelines, who were based in the UK. They based their guidelines on research by Transport for London with input from the Royal National Institute for the Blind. The architects have assumed this is reliable advice.
- Icon choice: Our icons are drawn from the internationally recognized set designed in 1974 by the American Institute of Graphic Arts for the US Department of Transportation. These symbols are widely used in transportation signage across North America, such as highways and airports. The architects are not aware of any research suggesting this symbol set poses any problems for legibility.
- Oclour contrasts: TransLink's wayfinding colour palette was developed with input from TransLink's Access Transit User Advisory Committee. In addition, the colours have been run through a simulator to check for sufficient contrast for viewers with the most common forms of colour blindness. The architectural firm also has a colour blind staff member who is involved in all aspects of wayfinding signage application.

Recommend elevator buttons be wheelchair accessible.
 This will be incorporated.

#### **CITY OF SURREY**

(the "City")

#### DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

NO.: 7915-0361-00

Issued To: CITY OF SURREY

("the Owner")

Address of Owner: 13450 - 104 Avenue

Surrey, BC V<sub>3</sub>T <sub>1</sub>V8

- This development variance permit is issued subject to compliance by the Owner with all statutes, by-laws, orders, regulations or agreements, except as specifically varied by this development variance permit.
- 2. This development variance permit applies to that real property including land with or without improvements located within the City of Surrey, with the legal description and civic address as follows:

Parcel Identifier: 024-847-038 Portion of Lot 3 Section 27Block 5 North Range 2 West New Westminster District Plan LMP46320 Except Plan BCP48957

Portion of 10275 City Parkway

(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, Amendment By-law, 1999, No. 13882, Amendment By-law, 1999, No. 15125, is varied as follows:
  - (a) In Sub-section F. 1, the minimum north (103 Avenue) yard and east (City Parkway) yard setbacks for buildings and structures are reduced from 2.0 metres [7 ft.] to 0 metre [0 ft.]; and
  - (b) In Sub-section H.1, the required parking for a commercial retail unit is reduced from 3 parking spaces to zero.
- 4. This development variance permit applies to only that portion of the buildings and structures on the Land shown on Schedule A, which is attached hereto and forms part of this development variance permit. This development variance permit does not apply to additions to, or replacement of, any of the existing buildings shown on attached Schedule A, which is attached hereto and forms part of this development variance permit.

5.	The Land shall be developed strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions and provisions of this development variance permit.			
6.	This development variance permit shall lapse if the Owner does not substantially start any construction with respect to which this development variance permit is issued, within two (2) years after the date this development variance permit is issued.			
7.	The terms of this development variance permit or any amendment to it, are binding on all persons who acquire an interest in the Land.			
8.	This development variance permit is not a building permit.			
	ORIZING RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COUNCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 . D THIS DAY OF , 20 .			
	Mayor – Linda Hepner			

City Clerk – Jane Sullivan

