

Report to Development Permit Panel

To:

Development Permit Panel

Date:

June 1, 2006

From:

Jean Lamontagne

File:

DP 05-292371

Director of Development

Re:

Application by Matthew Cheng Architect Inc. for a Development Permit at

9800 Alberta Road

Staff Recommendation

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Staff Report

Origin

A staff report on the above-mentioned Development Permit application was presented to the Development Permit Panel on March 29, 2006 (**Attachment 1**), where the application was referred to staff in order to allow the applicant to resolve design issues. Of particular concern to the Panel, were the items listed below, with applicant improvements noted by staff in 'italics':

- Lack of design sensitivity to existing neighbours The transition from the proposed three-storey buildings to the adjacent two-storey homes has been improved by lowering the project by 0.6 m. The slab elevation and building height have been dropped by 0.3 m each. The building A has been moved 0.6 m to the east to provide the opportunity for additional landscaping along the west edge of the project. Permanent and temporary landscaping and privacy fencing has been provided to provide a sensitive transition to the existing home to the west.
- Development Permit application sign on the site was on the ground Re-instated
- The site had been filled and the fill had been placed within the canopy drip line of the two (2) trees on the south side of the property and to the trunk of the tree at the front of the property and they appeared to be at risk Protective tree fencing has been installed to the satisfaction of the applicant's registered arborist and fill removed from within the protection zones.
- The Chair asked why the applicant's arborist had indicated the tree in the front yard needed to be removed, and the applicant advised that he believed that if it stayed, it would die. The Chair requested that this advice be reviewed because the tree appears healthy and does not conflict with the buildings or driveways Protective fencing has been installed. The arborist had recommended replacement of the existing western Red Cedar tree due to poor condition (Attachment 2). The existing western Red Cedar tree will be retained and Azalea bushes planted underneath.
- Mr. Erceg continued by noting that one (1) of the trees on the school site has sustained damage and a limb had been removed, and he expressed the hope that this had not been caused by the developer's machinery when filling the site The applicant has stated that the limb of the McNeil School Garry Oak tree in question was not damaged by any machinery onsite, but was instead damaged in a strong wind storm earlier this year. With the approval of the Richmond School District, the developer paid for his arborist to prune the damaged limb to safeguard the health of the Garry Oak tree. Some time ago, with the request of the owner, the School Board removed a dead tree from school property adjacent to the southwest corner of the subject development site.
- The project appeared to be a big three-storey box. The applicant should seriously consider discussing the project further with City staff, particularly in relation to the articulation and design of the buildings The applicant has improved all front and back elevations with articulation and a variety of building materials. A greater variety of building materials and colours have been incorporated. The design of the individual east facing unit entries has been improved. Roof forms have been articulated. North facing cantilevered decks have been added, improving building articulation and liveability of the units.
- There was landscaping on the east side of the property but virtually nothing on the west side which is dominated by the shared driveway Planting islands between garage doors and a temporary planting strip along the west edge of the driveway have been incorporated (to be removed when the adjacent site to the west redevelops and the driveway cross-access is

- needed. No tree planting is proposed in the temporary planting area due to concern about difficulty of future tree removal).
- The future height of the development was a concern with three storeys on top of fill towering over neighbouring two-storey homes. There was a development across the street, which was not built on fill, which may be a better way to proceed As stated above, the project has been lowered by 0.6 m. The proposed slab elevation is raised from the existing grade to half way between the height difference of the adjacent Alberta Road properties. The proposed slab elevation is 0.21 m lower than the newer home to the east and 0.21 m higher than the older home to the west. The back yards of both adjacent properties slope down, away from the homes, and will be lower than the townhouse site. A 0.6 m high retaining wall is proposed.
- The second and third floors of the project could be cantilevered to improve articulation and provide an opportunity for landscaping on the west side *Incorporated*.

Conclusions

With these improvements, staff recommend support of this Development Permit application.

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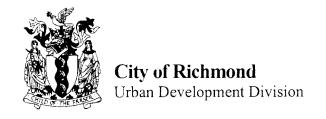
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No. DP 05-292371

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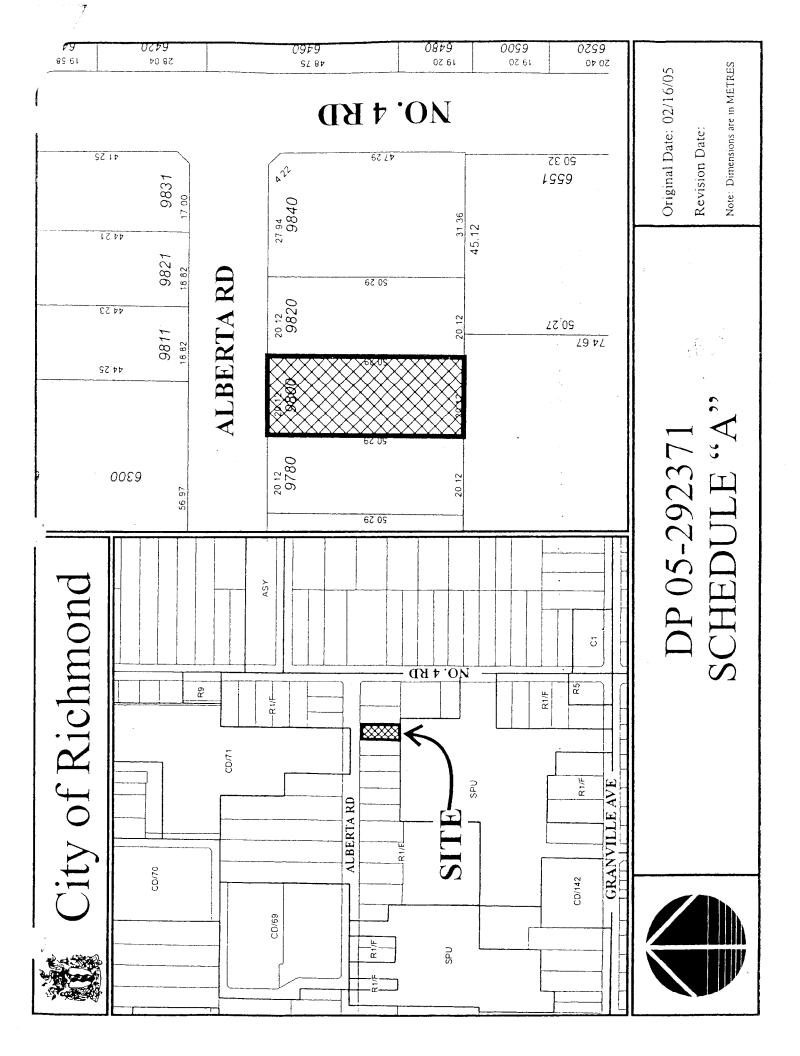
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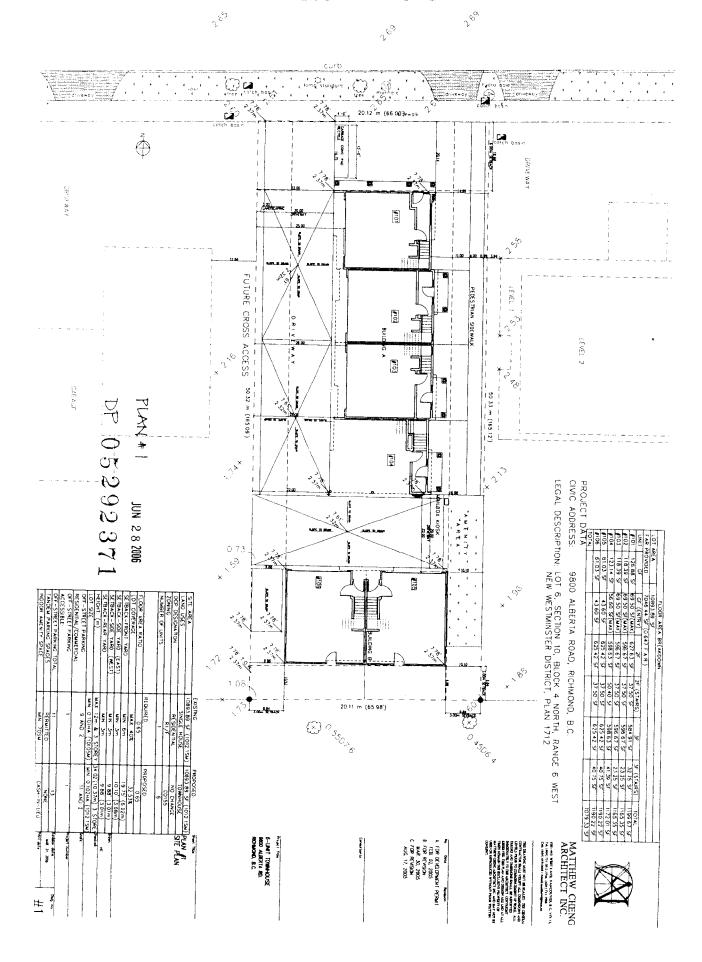
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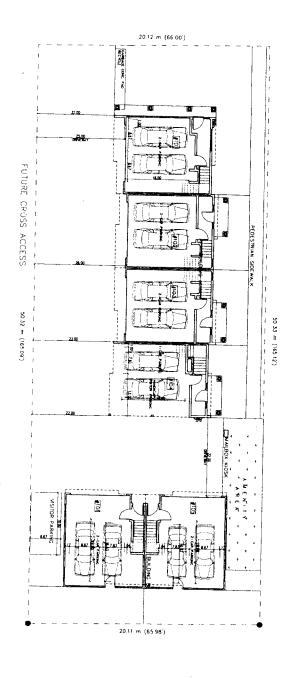
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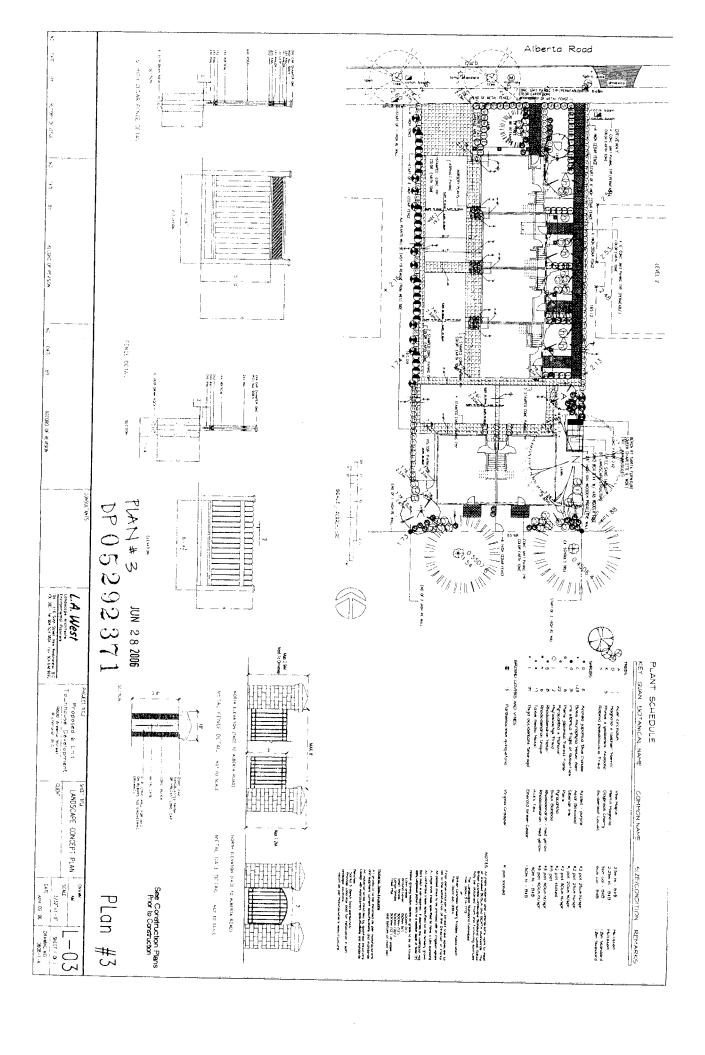
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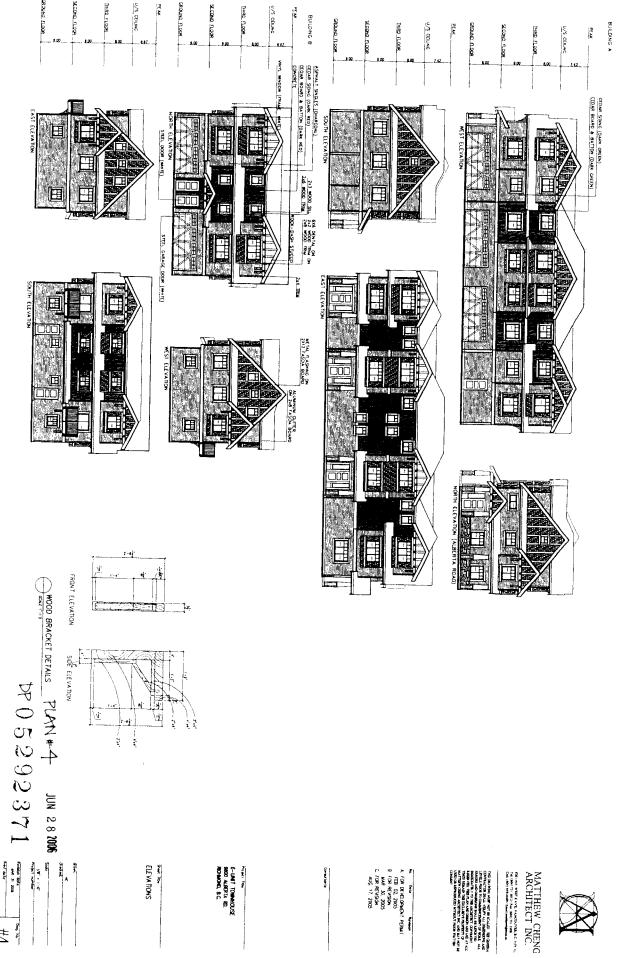






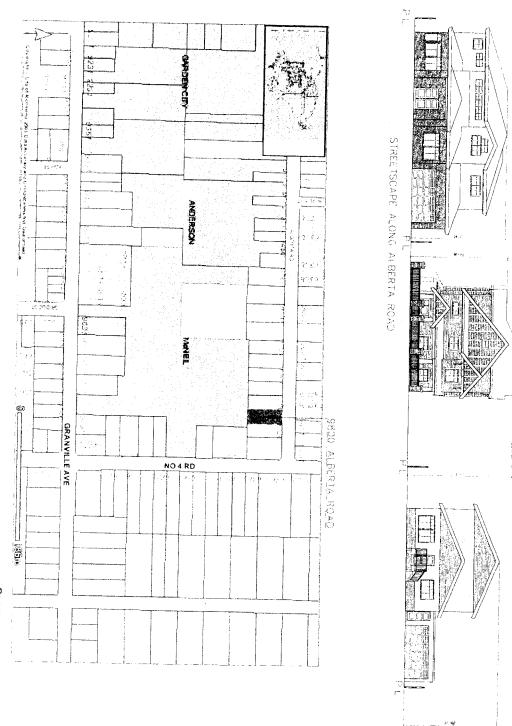






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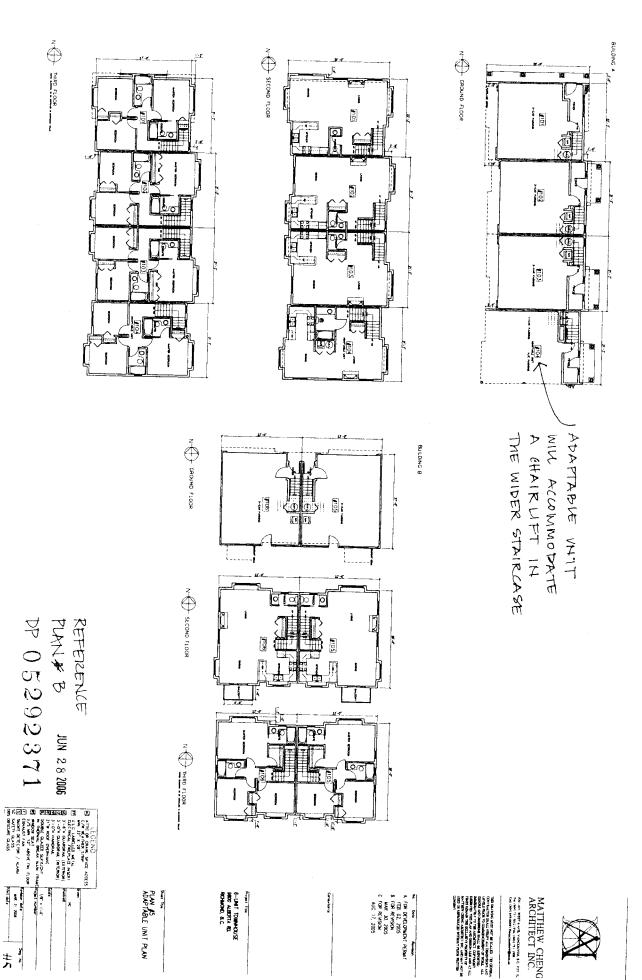
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Origin

Matthew Cheng Architect Inc. has applied to the City of Richmond for permission to develop six (6) townhouse units (in three-storey fourplex and duplex) at 9800 Alberta Road. The site formerly contained a single-family house.

The site is being rezoned from "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area F (R1/F)" to "Comprehensive Development District (CD/155)" for this project under Bylaw 7926. Rezoning Application RZ 04-277069.

Development Information

Please refer to attached Development Application Data Sheet (Attachment 1) for a comparison of the proposed development data with the relevant Bylaw requirements.

Background

The subject site is in the City Centre Area (McLennan North Sub-Area) and is located on Alberta Road, near the corner of No. 4 Road and Alberta Road. The existing development surrounding the site is as follows:

- To the north: Across Alberta Road, are a townhouse development and single-family homes, zoned "Comprehensive Development District (CD/71)" and "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area F (R1/F)";
- To the east and west: Are single-family homes fronting onto Alberta Road, zoned "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area F (R1/F)"; and
- To the south: Is the McNeil Secondary School site, zoned "School & Public Use District (SPU)".

Rezoning and Public Hearing Results

During the rezoning process, staff identified the following design issues to be resolved at the Development Permit stage (staff response in *bold italics*):

- Design development to site planning regarding the outdoor amenity area, mailboxes, garbage and recycling collection areas, which has been incorporated;
- Continued sensitivity for the adjacent single-family properties, which has been consistently included;
- Design development to architectural design, streetscape presence and relationship of interior spaces with outdoor spaces (public, semi-private and private), which has been incorporated;
- Design development to landscape design to mitigate expanse of paving and the introduction of additional greenery, which has been incorporated;
- Tree replacement strategy: A tree survey, arborist report and retention/replacement strategy are required. A registered arborist has assessed the existing substantial Cedar tree in the front yard setback and recommended its removal due to several major defects. The removal of this one (1) existing tree will be compensated for with the planting of seven (7) new trees. Retention of a registered arborist is required to mitigate impact of development on the west neighbour's row of Cottonwood trees adjacent to the proposed internal roadway and two (2) existing Evergreen trees on the school property to the south.

The Public Hearing for the rezoning of this site was held on July 18, 2005. At the Public Hearing, the following architectural form and character concerns about rezoning the property were expressed (staff response in *bold italics*):

- Increased traffic and demand for on-street parking, including construction crew parking. Prior to the issuance of Building Permit, the applicant will be required to submit to the Transportation Department for approval a construction parking and traffic management plan including a description of the following (if applicable): location for parking for services, deliveries, workers and loading; application for request for any lane closures (including dates, times, and duration); and proper construction traffic controls. Transportation staff will review the plan and work with the applicant to minimize the traffic and parking impact due to construction;
- Alberta Road not designed to accommodate increase in density evidenced by lack of
 pedestrian crosswalks. City Transportation staff advise that along Alberta Road between
 No. 4 Road and Garden City Road, there are three (3) existing crosswalk locations at the
 No. 4 Road, Alder Street and Garden City Road intersections. In addition, the City
 plans to mark the pedestrian crossing on the west leg of the intersection of Alberta
 Road and No. 4 Road this Spring, weather permitting;
- Vehicle access. The development will include a vehicle access to Alberta Road along the west edge of the site which will be shared with future potential redevelopment of the neighbouring single-family lot to the west. A cross-access easement was secured through the Rezoning;
- Buffer between subject property and 9820 Alberta Road to the east to reduce impact of development. Provided buffering includes a 3 m to 5 m setback, 1.8 m solid wood privacy fencing and the planting of five (5) new trees, bamboo and shrubs along the east edge of the site:
- Three-storey building height fit with neighbourhood. The proposed three-storey building height is consistent with the McLennan North Sub-Area Plan; and
- Increase in crime. The design of this small development generally meets the intent of CPTED principles of establishing territoriality, providing transitions between public and private spaces, natural surveillance, and controlled access.

Staff Comments

The proposed scheme attached to this report has satisfactorily addressed the significant urban design issues and other staff comments identified as part of the review of the subject Development Permit application. In addition, it complies with the intent of the applicable sections of the Official Community Plan and is generally in compliance with the "Comprehensive Development District (CD/155)".

Advisory Design Panel Comments

Without a quorum, individual members of the Advisory Design Panel provided comments on the design proposal. A copy of the relevant excerpt from the Advisory Design Panel Minutes from September 21, 2005 is attached for reference (Attachment 2). In response, the design was revised and improved by the applicant.

Analysis

Conditions of Adjacency

The proposed height, siting and orientation of the buildings respect the massing of the
existing adjacent homes and McNeil Secondary School to the south. The applicant has

- addressed privacy for the adjacent homes through: providing 3 m to 6.7 m setbacks; the planting of shrubs and trees especially along the east side; and the provision of 1.8 m height solid wood privacy fencing; and
- The applicant is providing a vehicle access to Alberta Road with cross-access agreement for the benefit of future redevelopment of the adjacent lot to the west at 9780 Alberta Road.

Urban Design and Site Planning

- Pedestrian-oriented frontage character has been incorporated in the unit fronting onto Alberta Road and views into the development improved with tree planting. This development proposes a three-storey duplex interface with McNeil Secondary School and a three-storey building with four (4) units interface with the adjacent single-family homes;
- The applicant is providing the required outdoor amenity space onsite. Due to the small scale of the development, the amenity space is also relatively small. A sandbox with turtle table and lid has been incorporated for children's play equipment. The outdoor amenity space has been designed with mailboxes and seating;
- Vehicle access is provided through a driveway to Alberta Road at the west edge of the property, over 60 m (over 197 ft.) from the intersection of Alberta Road and No. 4 Road. A cross-access agreement for vehicle access to future potential redevelopment on the adjacent single-family lot at 9780 Alberta Road was secured during the rezoning;
- Parking is located off of the internal manoeuvring aisle. Resident parking exceeds the onsite parking requirements and visitor parking meets the requirements, including one (1) accessible parking space;
- An adaptable unit has been provided. Unit #104 is designed as an adaptable unit, complete with a wider staircase that will accommodate future potential installation of a chairlift and a second floor washroom layout that will accommodate a wheelchair (Reference Plan B). Blocking will be provided in the bathroom walls of all units to facilitate future installation of grab bars to improve accessibility;
- A paved area has been provided adjacent to the driveway for garbage and blue box recycling collection; and
- Payment of \$6,000 cash-in-lieu of onsite indoor amenity space was secured through the rezoning.

Architectural Form and Character

- The two buildings have simple forms with pitched roofs and articulation provided through bay and porch projections; and
- The proposed building materials (horizontal cedar siding, cedar board and batten, rock-dash stucco, painted wood trim and brackets, steel pedestrian and garage doors, and asphalt shingles) are generally consistent with the Official Community Plan (OCP) Guidelines.

Landscaping Design and Open Space Design

- There is an existing Evergreen tree onsite which has been recommended for removal by a registered arborist due to several major defects;
- The developer will need to take measures to protect a row of existing deciduous trees on the neighbouring property to the west and may need to take measures to protect two (2) existing Evergreen trees on the neighbouring school site to the south. To this end, retention of a

- registered arborist and installation of protective tree fencing to the arborist's satisfaction are required prior to issuance of Development Permit;
- The landscape design includes seven (7) new trees. It also includes bamboo and shrub planting;
- An outdoor amenity space has been provided in a central location with mailboxes, seating, and special paving treatment including patterning and colour. A sandbox with turtle table and cover is proposed for children's play equipment;
- Fencing will include low and open metal picket fencing between brick posts along Alberta Road, and 1.8 m height solid wood privacy fencing along the east, west and south property lines (reduced to maximum 1.2 m height in the front yard setback); and
- Existing frontage includes a sidewalk behind a grass boulevard with a street tree. Construction of a new driveway crossing, relocation of a lamp standard and boulevard restoration, including a new street tree will be required prior to Building Permit issuance.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

- The line of sight to the recessed northeast unit front entry is improved with low planting, adjacency with the open visitor parking space, alignment with the amenity area and pedestrian connection to Granville Avenue. Also, this entrance will become centrally located with the ultimate development of the adjacent lot to the east; and
- The location of the mailboxes and outdoor amenity space allows for natural surveillance from the drive aisle, pedestrian front entry path connection to Alberta Road and adjacent units.

Servicing and Utilities

• The developer has submitted a storm sewer capacity analysis as requested by the City Engineering Department. There are no identified upgrades required to facilitate the proposed development.

Conclusions

The applicant has satisfactorily addressed issues that were identified through the rezoning process, as well as staff and the Advisory Design Panel's comments regarding conditions of adjacency, site planning and urban design, architectural form and character, and landscape design. The applicant has presented a development that fits into the emerging McLennan North neighbourhood context. Staff recommend support of this Development Permit application.

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Applicant:	Matthew Cheng A	rchitect Inc.	Owner:	Wondland Develop Inc.
Planning A	rea(s): City Centr	e Area, McLennan North	n Sub-Area Plan (Sc	hedule 2.10C)
Floor Area	Gross: <u>957 m²</u>		Floor Area Net:	657 m ²

	Existing	Proposed
Site Area:	1011 m²	No change
Land Uses:	Formerly Single-Family Residential	Multi-Family Residential
OCP Designation:	Residential, 2 ½ to 3 storeys, Townhouse, designated for a base density of 0.65 F.A.R.	No change
Zoning:	Formerly Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area F (R1/F)	Comprehensive Development District (CD/155)
`'umber of Units:	Formerly 1 house	6 townhouse units

	Bylaw Requirement	Proposed	Variance
Floor Area Ratio:	Max. 0.65 F.A.R.	0.65 F.A.R.	None Permitted
Lot Coverage – Building:	Max. 40%	32%	None
Lot Size (area)	Min. 0.101 ha (0.25 ac.)	0.101 ha (0.25 ac.)	None
Setback – Front Yard:	Min. 6 m	6 m	None
Setback Side Yard:	Min. 3 m	3 m - 5 m to east and 3 m - 6.7 m to west	None
Setback – Rear Yard:	Min. 3 m	3 m	None
Height (m):	Max. 12 m & Max. three-storey	10.1 m & three-storey	None
Off-street Parking Spaces – Resident and Visitor:	9 and 2	11 and 2	None
Off-street Parking Spaces – Total:	11	13	None
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Amenity Space – Indoor:	Min. 60 m²	Cash-in-lieu provided as part of RZ 04-277069	None
Amenity Space – Outdoor:	Min. 36 m ²	42 m ²	None

Annotated Excerpt from the Minutes from The Design Panel Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2005 – 4:00 p.m. Rm. M.1.003 Richmond City Hall

The design response from the applicant has been included immediately following the specific Design Panel comments and is identified in 'bold italics'.

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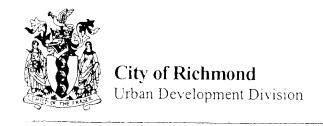
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With the aid of a model and artist's renderings, Matthew Cheng, briefly described the project. He stated that the garbage/recycling area and mailbox would be on an open pad at the entrance off the driveway. He would try to make a better transition along the drive aisle with pavers. He would recess the entry doors to add some planting. He queried whether an accessible unit was needed as this was a small complex.

Without Quorum, the Panel provided the following comments:

- Amenity area not set up to be used the way they should be. Embellish mailbox structure to make more interesting. Mailboxes moved to amenity area and amenity area improved. Visitor parking relocated, amenity area extended and reconfigured.
- The sandbox in the play area should be flipped so that benches were closer to doorway *Incorporated*.
- There is a need for a direct access from living area to back yard. The only access now is through the garage. Consider external stairs *Internal access reconfigured for 4 of 6 units*.
- Flush entry doors in driveway a concern recess and define paving so cars are not an issue *Incorporated*.
- Concerned about flush entry doors recess. More greening needed. There was a lot of driveway make a carriageway versus pavers for driveway *Incorporated*.
- Low roofscape can be hit by vans. This would be a better project with one less module. It would be better if projects came to panel before rezoning. Split building move building to get a better amenity area add extra planting Low cantilevered gables removed and extra planting incorporated.
- Split building, push front 2 units tighter this will create buffer zones for more landscaping. If visitor car stall taken away, space would be more liveable and useful. Decorative pavers needed in entry way and some accent places *One resident parking space removed and visitor parking space relocated out of amenity area. Decorative pavers incorporated.*
- Create entry besides doors, decorative paving needed at front. More trees along east property line and have a larger shade tree *Incorporated*.
- Garages were too deep, could recess first floor to create transition *Dens incorporated at grade*.



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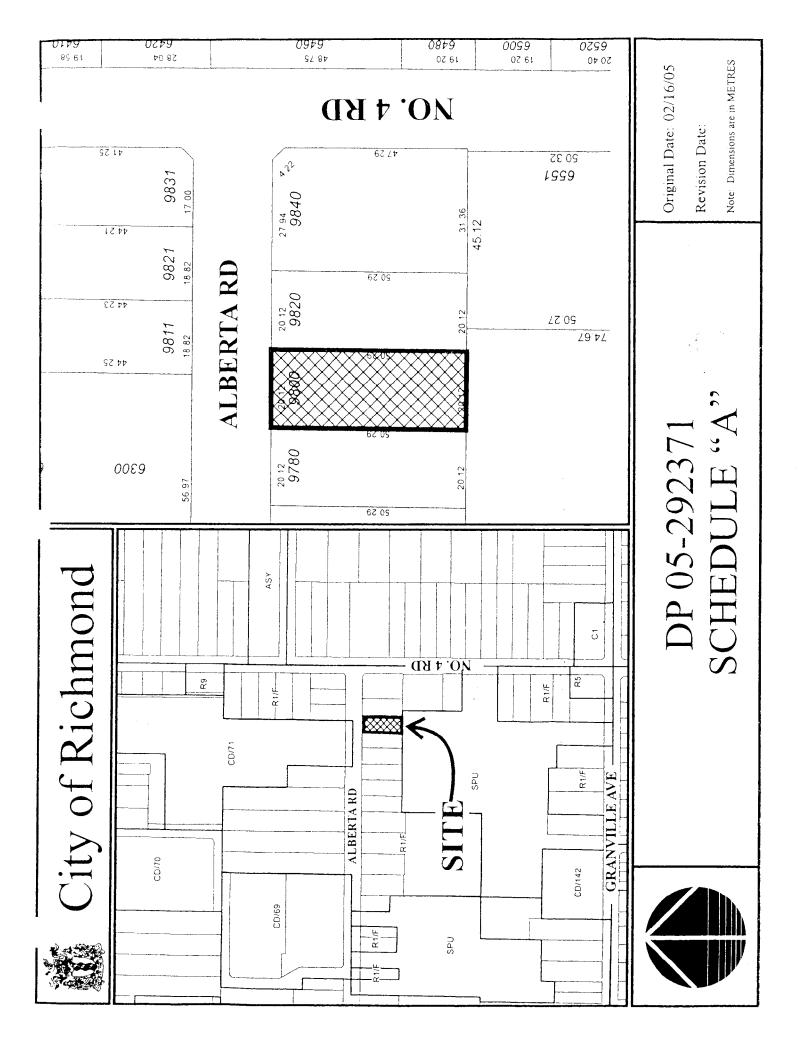
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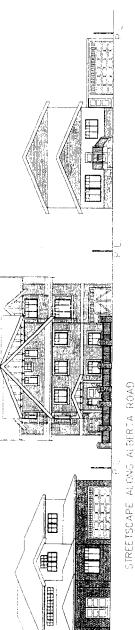
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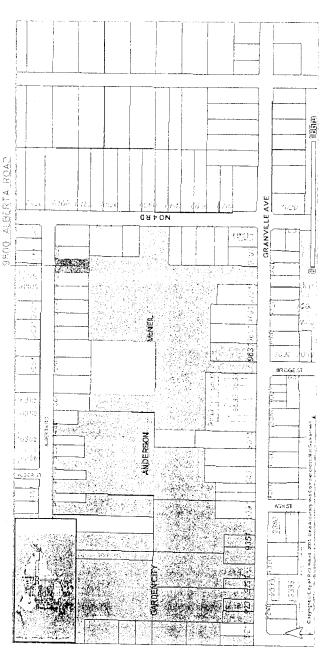
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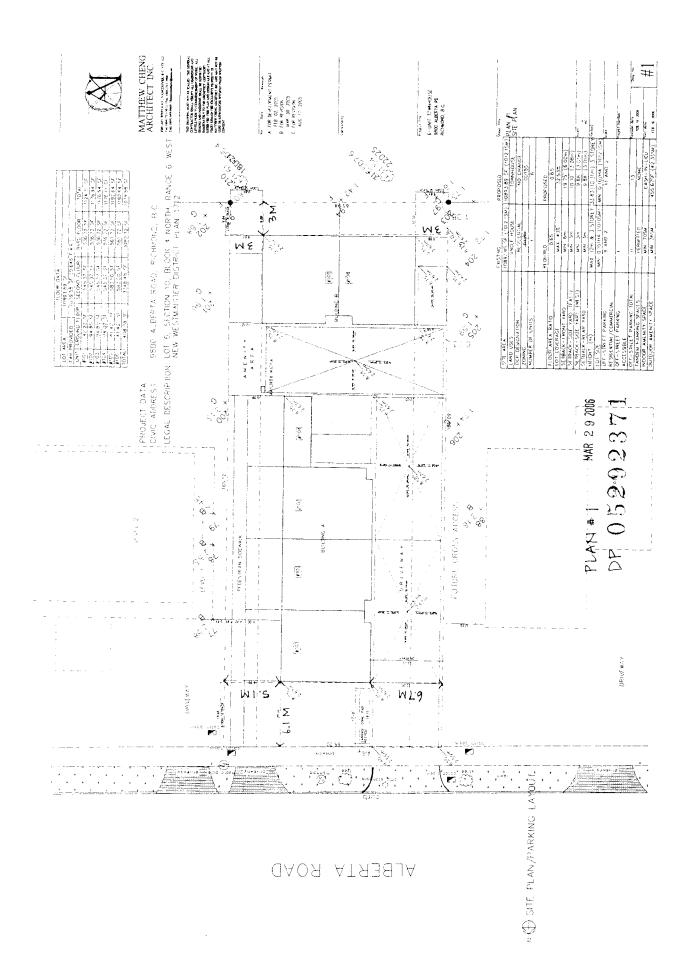
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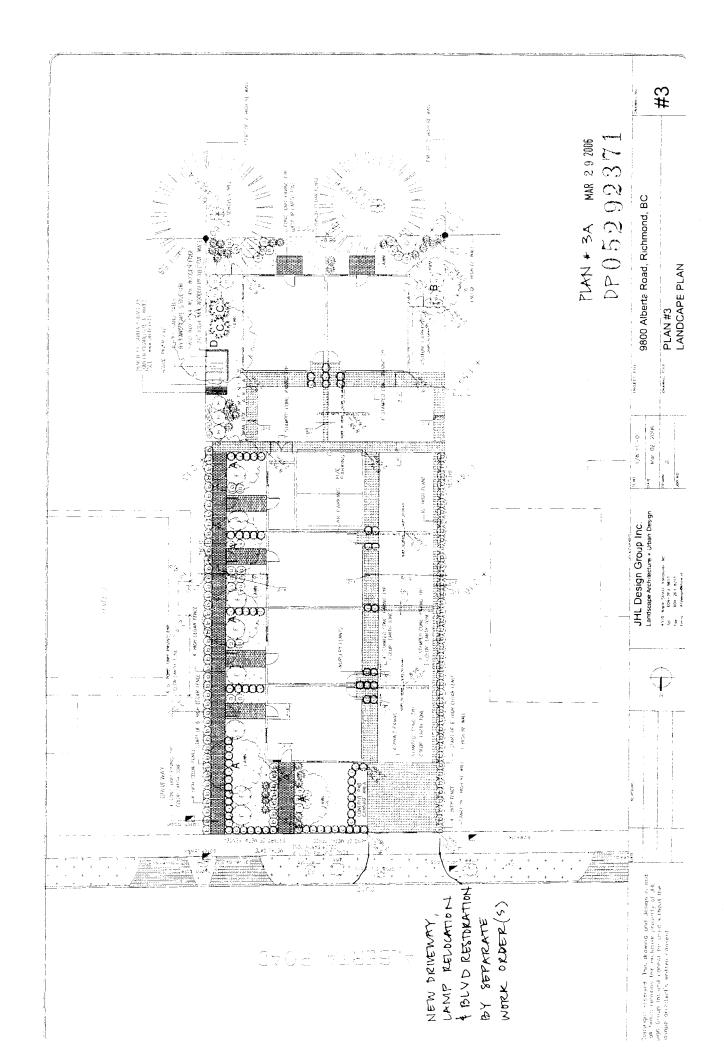
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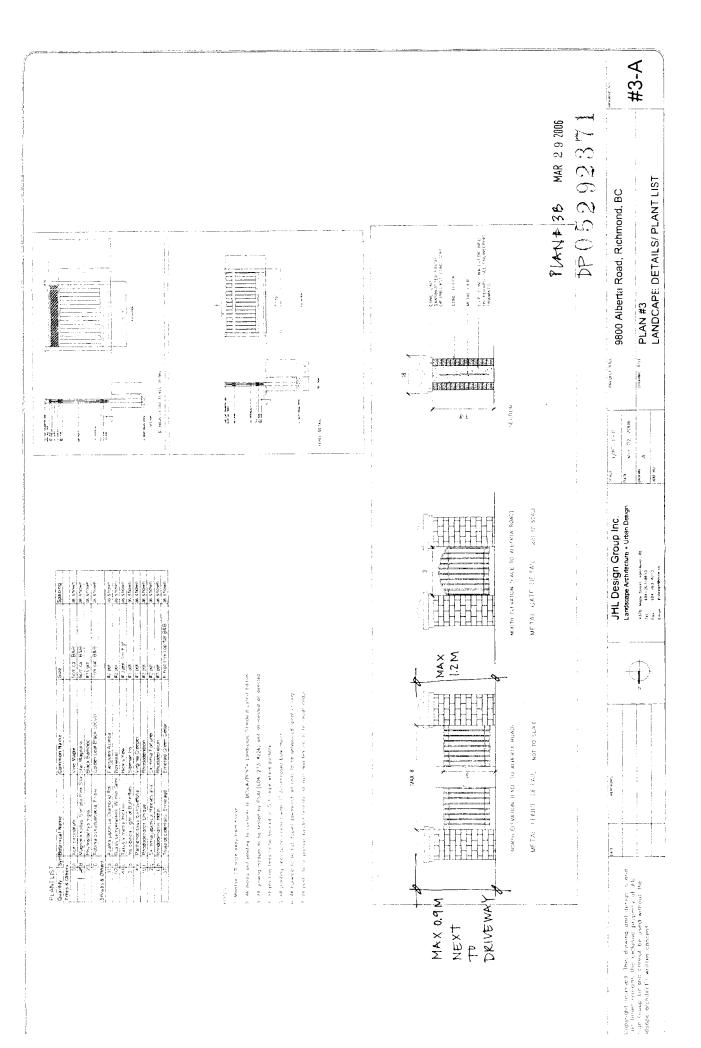
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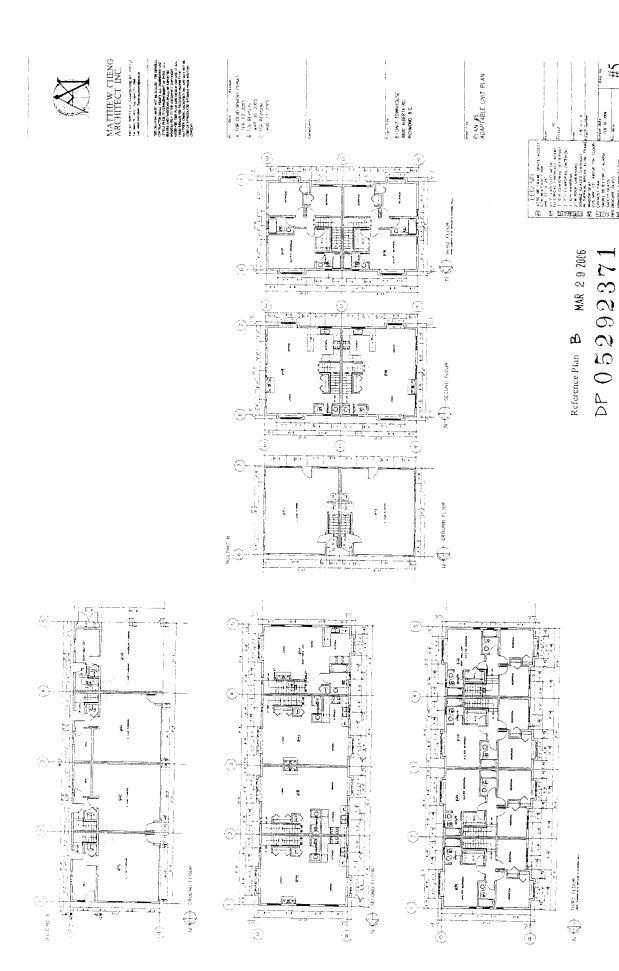
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12/19/2005 Wondland Develop Inc. 101-8300 General Currie Road Richmond, BC

Attention: Moe

Re: 9800 Alberta Road, Richmond

Scope of assignment:

To assess and document the health and long term viability of one Western Red Cedar (thuja plicata) located at 9800 Alberta Road, Richmond.

Summary:

The tree is a semi-mature Western Red Cedar (thuja plicata) of no specimen value located approximately ten feet from the Hydro lines. This tree has several major defects that would warrant its expidouis removal.

Observations and condition:

A Western Red Cedar (thuja plicata) with multiple stems approximately 8" to 9" in D.B.H. and twenty five feet in height. This tree has previously been topped several times. The topping has resulted in several upper leaders and an unstructured growth pattern. BC Hydro has also done clearance pruning on the tree several times leaving the tree with a hedge effect on one side.

The trees root system has been drastically compromised by a recent excavation. There is also buttress root damage as a result of older wounds at the base of the tree.

Major defects:

- 1. Decay present in the main trunk.
- 2. Co-dominant leaders.

- 3. Poor stem attachments.
- 4. Included bark in all stem attachments.
- 5. Compromised root zone.
- 6. Hydro Pruning done on tree's crown.

Conclusion:

The above mentioned tree has defects that have forced the tree in to decline. Tree removal would be the only form of hazard abatement recommended.

Any questions pertaining to this matter may be addressed to Max. Rathburn at the above address or by telephone (604)-323-1840 page @ 604-622-9995.

Respectfully Submitted

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