

# Report to **Development Permit Panel**

To:

**Development Permit Panel** 

Date:

October 24, 2005

From:

Holger Burke

File:

DP 05-302568

Acting Director of Development

Re:

Application by Hywel Jones Architect Ltd. for a Development Permit at 10760

and 10780 Cambie Road

Staff Recommendation

That a Development Permit be issued which would:

- 1. Permit the construction of a BMW Automobile Dealership at 10760 and 10780 Cambie Road on a site zoned Automobile-Oriented Commercial District (C6); and
- 2. Vary the provisions of the Zoning and Development Bylaw No. 5300 to:
  - a) Reduce the parking setback from 3 m to 0 m for the display vehicle stalls abutting the public road along the southern property line of the site;
  - b) Reduce the side yard parking setback from 1.5 m to 0 m for parking stalls abutting the western property line of the site; and
  - c) Reduce the number of parking stalls required to accommodate visitors and staff from 89 stalls to a minimum of 59 stalls.

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Att. 2

#### **Staff Report**

#### Origin

**Hywel Jones Architect Ltd.** has applied to the City of Richmond for permission to develop a BMW Automobile Dealership at 10760 and 10780 Cambie Road. The site had contained a fibre rope warehouse and distribution facility on 10780 Cambie Road and Recreational Vehicles sales on a partially vacant lot at 10760 Cambie Road.

The site is being rezoned from Limited Industrial Retail District (I4) to Automobile-Oriented Commercial District (C6) for this project under Bylaw 7900 (RZ 04-277643).

#### **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 proposal is to accommodate the relocation of the BMW dealership from the Richmond Auto Mall and the consolidation of their "Mini" franchise from a neighbouring lot to the west. This relocation has been necessitated in order to facilitate an expansion of the dealership's operations that could not be met at their current location in the Richmond Auto Mall.

The development proposes a two-storey building containing a new vehicle showroom, a vehicle repair centre, and a drive through car wash. Extra regular and tandem parking stalls are provided to accommodate the dealership's vehicle inventory.

Development surrounding the subject site is as follows:

• To the North: A business park office building owned by Sun Life Canada along the north

side of Cambie Road, zoned Business Park Industrial District (I3)

• To the West: Auto sales and a Holiday Inn, zoned Automobile Oriented Commercial

District (C6)

• To the East: Shell Road and Canal, a rail corridor and five (5) industrial operations,

zoned Limited Industrial Retail District (I4).

• To the South: Highway 91 and an on ramp from Shell Road.

Together the two subject properties total approximately 1.3 ha (3.34 acres) in size. The properties will be consolidated as part of the site rezoning.

#### **Rezoning and Public Hearing Results**

During the rezoning process, staff identified the following design issues to be resolved at the Development Permit stage:

• Staff noted that off-street parking spaces along the southern and western property lines encroached into the parking setback areas. Under Section 405.11 of the City's Zoning Bylaw off-street parking spaces are to be located no closer than 3 m (9.843 ft.) to a property line which abuts a public road; and no closer than 1.5 m (4.921 ft.) to any other property line.

- Staff requested that the revised plan set submitted for the Development Permit review provide clear boundaries between parking lot areas and vehicle storage areas.
- The applicant was requested to review the City's Development Permit Guidelines in general, and specifically with regard to Section 9.2.4B Surface Parking, which required adequate screening of parking areas, and prescribes conditions to guide the design, surface material and public access related to parking areas.

Each of these issues have been addressed in the current proposal. Variances are being sought to address the parking setback issues (these are outlined under "Staff Comments" below).

The Public Hearing for the rezoning of this site was held on April 18, 2005. At the Public Hearing, no concerns were raised about rezoning the property.

#### **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 Automobile-Oriented Commercial District (C6) Zoning Schedule except for the zoning variances noted below.

#### Zoning Compliance/Variances (staff comments in bold)

The applicant requests to vary the provisions of the Zoning and Development Bylaw No. 5300 to:

1) Reduce the parking setback from 3 m to 0 m for the display vehicle stalls abutting the public road along the southern property line of the site;

(Staff supports the proposed variance as the southern property line fronts onto an on ramp to Highway 99 which incorporates a grassed boulevard strip approximately 9 m wide between the subject site and the roadway. Planting islands and porous paving have been introduced to break up the display parking in the area where the variance is being sought along the southern property line.)

2) Reduce the side yard parking setback from 1.5 m to 0 m for parking stalls abutting the western property line of the site;

(Staff supports the proposed variance as the location of these parking stalls abut an existing wall face of the building on the neighbouring property and there are no windows at the grade level facing these stalls. Additionally, the applicant has incorporated landscaping along this edge.)

3) Reduce the number of parking stalls required to accommodate visitors and staff from 89 stalls to a minimum of 59 stalls;

(Staff supports the proposed variance as it more appropriately reflects the uses proposed for the site. The application proposes 253 parking stalls of which 194 stalls are actually intended for storage of display. The nature of the business will not require the number of stalls that would be required through strict interpretation of the Zoning Bylaw standards. Additionally, should conditions change for the dealership, they will have the ability to re-allocate some of the display stalls to new visitor / staff stalls.)

Staff note that the applicant has focused on designing a high quality development in terms of both the building appearance and the landscaping components for the site. In particular, staff commend the applicant's efforts to incorporate green roofing technologies and other conservation components into the project. The applicant and his agents have worked closely with staff to prepare a design that addresses the concerns of all parties.

### **Advisory Design Panel Comments**

The Advisory Design Panel was supportive of the project.

A copy of the relevant excerpt from the Advisory Design Panel Minutes from September 7, 2005 is attached for reference (**Attachment 2**). The design response from the applicant has been included immediately following the specific Design Panel comments and is identified in 'bold italics'. Notably, the Panel requested that the applicant review and consider the following:

- o Pedestrian Access from Shell and Cambie Road;
- o Landscaping at Shell Road entrance;
- o Provide landscaping along blank wall separating the project from the hotel; and
- o Consider additional permeable paving in areas of visual importance.

The applicant has satisfactorily adjusted the plans to address each of these elements into their design. These adjustments are reflected in several of the Analysis comments provided below.

#### **Analysis**

## Conditions of Adjacency

- The design has significantly improved the perimeter landscaping that interfaces with the street and the public realm with the addition of a second row of trees, a feature display garden associated with the vehicle display stall at the southeast corner and "green" fencing along the north, south and east property lines.
- The application responds to the Advisory Design Panel's request by landscaping the western boundary adjacent to the proposed parking stalls.
- The building incorporates a green roof to provide visual interest for neighbouring developments. This component will also contribute to storm water retention by slowing the rain flow from the structure itself.
- The design has replaced conventional roof-top ventilation units with screen ventilation shafts within planted areas, again enhancing the appearance of the rooftop from the neighbouring property.
- Lighting standards will have downward directed light and spot lighting to minimize impacts upon adjacent developments.

#### Urban Design and Site Planning

- The development responds to flood protection measures by voluntarily raising the slab of the structure to the proposed flood construction elevation of 2.60 m. After a mutual vehicular agreement is in place, the driveway to the adjacent site to the west will be re-graded and repaved to the same elevation.
- Pedestrian access points to both Cambie Road and Shell Road have been added in response to a request by the Design Panel. One of these pedestrian access points has been placed close to the existing bus stop on Cambie Road.

- The location of the main driveway entrance off Shell Road has been approved by the BC Ministry of Transportation.
- Garbage and Recycling are within an enclosed holding room that is part of the main building.

#### Architectural Form and Character

- The building has been designed to meet both the City's requirements and the BMW corporate image requirements utilizing high quality finishes such as architectural dolomite concrete blocks that provide the appearance of a hand-hewn stone finish, curtain walls with low-E glazing, prefabricated Alucobond metal panels and glazed and curved showroom.
- The building was designed to provide a varied and interesting streetscape along both Shell Road and Cambie Road by incorporating changes in material, height and form.
- A portion of the rooftop is dedicated for more display vehicles.
- A distinctively designed tower structure has been incorporated into the building design to provide display signage for the site.

#### Landscape Design and Open Space Design

- Only two trees are being removed from the site both due to a conflict with the grade changes and the site planning. The landscaping plan provides for 82 trees, typically 7cm calliper, to be planted as part of this development.
- RIMA Stone porous paving is being incorporated in over 3600 square feet of the site providing for water infiltration, contributing to storm water retention and breaking up the asphalt area.
- Decorative feature paving in multiple colors is incorporated to distinguish and enhance the vehicle entry, pedestrian routes and several planting areas.
- Extensive landscaping has been incorporated around the perimeter of the site, around the building itself, and in the form of a green roof over part of the structure.
- A garden display feature has been incorporated into the feature vehicle display at the south eastern corner of the site.

#### Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

- Crime prevention elements have been incorporated through lighting components across the site, the use of green fencing to delineate boundaries, maintaining a balance between visibility and vegetation screening around the site perimeter. The site incorporates decorative gates preventing vehicle access after hours. Additionally, all new vehicles will be equipped with transponders to prevent theft.
- The building incorporates a high degree of natural surveillance and will include a 24 hour monitored alarm system.

#### **Conclusions**

The applicant has satisfactorily addressed issues that were identified through the rezoning process, as well as staff's and the Advisory Design Panel's comments related to site planning, urban design, architectural form and character, landscaping design and adjacency. The applicant has put considerable thought into creating a high quality design that also incorporates a number of energy conserving and enhancing (e.g. green roofing, green fencing, decorative paving, etc.) features.

Staff are recommending support for this Development Permit application.

David Brownlee

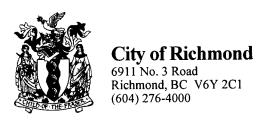
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The following conditions are required to be met prior to forwarding this application to Council for approval:

• Receipt of a Letter-of-Credit for landscaping in the amount of \$126,176 (based on total floor area of 63,088 sf and a signed landscaping cost estimate).



# **Development Application Data Sheet**

**Development Applications Department** 

| DP 05-302568                                       | Attachment 1               |
|--|----------------------------|
| Address: 10760 and 10780 Cambie Road               |                            |
| Applicant: Hywel Jones Architect Ltd.              | Owner: Herzog Leasing Ltd. |
| Planning Area(s): East Cambie                      |                            |
| Floor Area Gross: 5,861 m <sup>2</sup> (63,088 SF) |                            |

|                                  | Existing   | Proposed                                   |  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Site Area: 13,532 m <sup>2</sup> |  | 13,513.47 m <sup>2</sup> after dedications |  |  |
| Land Uses:                       | A fibre rope warehouse and distribution facility on 10780 Cambie partially vacant/Recreational Vehicle Sales on 10760 Cambie | Automobile Dealership                      |  |  |
| OCP Designation:                 | Commercial   | Commercial                                 |  |  |
| Zoning:                          | oning: I4 – Limited Industrial Retail District C6 – Au Comme   |  |  |  |

|   | Bylaw Requirement                                     | Proposed                            | Variance       |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Floor Area Ratio:   | Max. 0.50 FAR   | 0.42 FAR                            | none permitted |
| Lot Coverage:   | Max. 50%  | 31.8%                               | None           |
| Setback – Front Roads:                                      | Min. 6 m  | Exceeds 6.0 m to building None      |                |
| Setback – Side and Rear Yard:<br>(for two storey buildings) | Min. 7.5 m  | 7.5 m None                          |                |
| Height Building (m):  | Min. 12 m   | 11.3 m                              | None           |
| Height Structures (m):                                      | Max. 20 m   | 19.8 m                              | None           |
| Lot Size:   | 1.38 hectares   | 1.35 hectares after None dedication |                |
| Off-street Parking Spaces – Regular/Commercial:             |   | 29 staff<br>30 visitor              | None           |
| Off-street Parking Spaces –<br>Accessible:                  | 2   | 2 None                              |                |
| Total off-street Spaces:                                    | 89  | 59 Staff / Visitor Variance         |                |
| Parking Setbacks from Public<br>Roads and Property Lines    | 3 m when abutting<br>1.5 m to other property<br>lines | 0 m Variance                        |                |

## **Excerpt from the Minutes from** The Design Panel Meeting

## Wednesday, September 7, 2005 – 4:00 p.m. Rm. M.1.003 **Richmond City Hall**

#### Attendance:

Members:

Mr. Jim Carter Huffman - Acting Chair

Mr. Jerry Doll Mr. Joe Fry Mr. David Kirsop Mr. Dana Westermark Const. T.C. Chang

Staff:

Ms. Cecilia Achiam

Ms. Sara Badval Mr. Eric Fiss

Recording

Secretary:

Desiree Wong

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

#### It was moved and seconded 1.

That the minutes of the Advisory Design Panel meeting held on Wednesday, July 20th, 2005, be adopted.

**CARRIED** 

Al Tanzer, Chair, was absent, however his comments on each project was read into the minutes by Acting Chair (Schedule 1)

#### 2. Auto Dealership

Hywel Jones, Architect 10670/10780 Cambie Road (Formal)

DP 05-302568

Sara Badyal, Planner, reviewed the staff comments provided for the project, (Schedule 2).

Mr. Hywel Jones, Architect, introduced his team consisting of Jon Losee, Landscape Arthitect, and Jeff Neuman. With the aid of a model and an artist's renderings, Mr. Jones described the project.

Mr. Losee, Landscape Architect, reviewed the details of the landscape plan. General questions put forth by the Panel included:

- o Explain the lighting: the site lighting would be used to shine down on displays;
- was the green roof accessible: no would be accessible for maintenance only;
- was the signage a communication module: it was a long distance tower with generic signage it was not a video display

The comments of the Panel were as follows:

- Concerned about the rooftop display area and lighting affecting hotel; windows from the hotel looked down on site over the top of the car storage area.

  Applicant states that the setback between hotel and project was 40°. The lighting would shine down and would not affect hotel rooms which were higher than this part of the project.
- Appropriate treatment in terms of landscape for the project. Green roof appropriate. Encourage more permeable paving in front of parking stalls.
- Nice looking development. Concerned with pedestrian access especially during lunch hour, from Shell and Cambie Road corner should have an access at the pedestrian crossing.
- Well resolved scheme. Needs more landscaping by hotel wall. More parking was provided than required possibly drop some stalls and plant some more trees.

  The parking was required for staff to park on site.
- Concerned that lighting would cause glare to hotel rooms and affect liveability. Support the dolomite block finishing material used on the building.
- General strong support for the project. Quite a strong scheme. However, parts of the building (middle) did not appear cohesive. Green roofs, permeable pavings commended. Pedestrian accesses were commendable but a 3<sup>rd</sup> was needed at the pedestrian crossing. Concerned about lighting on open roof area affecting hotel's liveability. The perimeter lighting would shine down on the display cars and would not affect hotel rooms. Lighting fixtures could not be changed due to dealership corporate identity.
- Can additional landscaping be put in against the property line along the west side to screen parking stalls from businesses. Also more landscaping was needed at the entrance on Shell Road. Will change species to evergreen and try to provide some planting, as well as add additional trees to form a cluster at the entrance.

Discussion then ensued that resulted in the following motion:

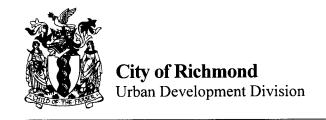
It was moved and seconded

That DP 05-30258 go forward with the support of the Panel.

CARRIED Unanimous

The applicant was asked to review and consider the following:

- o Pedestrian Access from Shell and Cambie Road;
- o Landscape at Shell Road entrance;
- o Provide landscaping along blank wall separating project from hotel;
- O Consider additional permeable paving in areas of visual importance.



## **Development Permit**

No. DP 05-302568

To the Holder:

HYWEL JONES ARCHITECT LTD.

Property Address:

10760 AND 10780 CAMBIE ROAD

Address:

2305 HEMLOCK STREET VANCOUVER, BC V6H 2V1

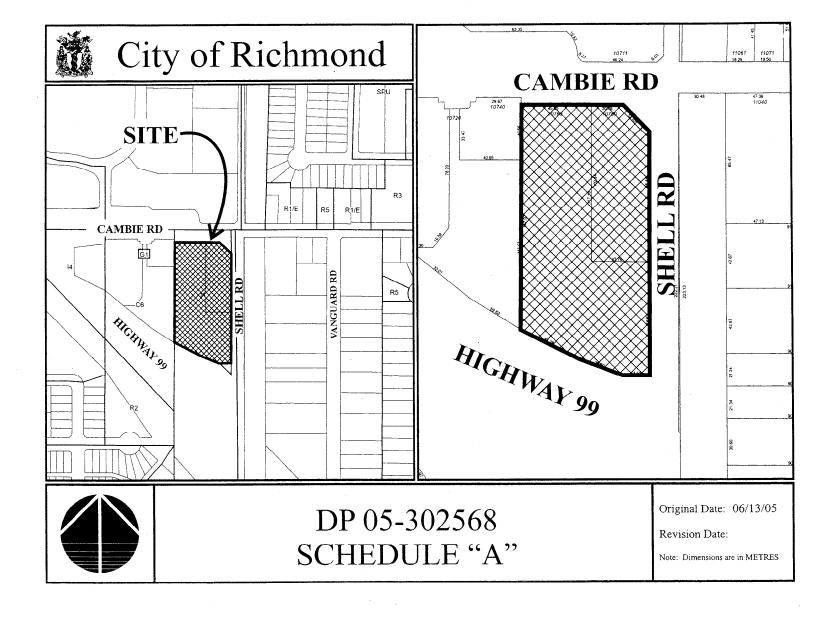
- 1. This Development Permit is issued subject to compliance with all of the Bylaws of the City applicable thereto, except as specifically varied or supplemented by this Permit.
- 2. This Development Permit applies to and only to those lands shown cross-hatched on the attached Schedule "A" and any and all buildings, structures and other development thereon.
- 3. The "Richmond Zoning and Development Bylaw No. 5300" is hereby varied to:
  - a) Reduce the parking setback from 3 m to 0 m for the display vehicle stalls abutting the public road along the southern property line of the site;
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- 4. Subject to Section 692 of the Local Government Act, R.S.B.C.: buildings and structures; off-street parking and loading facilities; roads and parking areas; and landscaping and screening shall be constructed generally in accordance with Plans #1 to #4 attached hereto.
- 5. Sanitary sewers, water, drainage, highways, street lighting, underground wiring, and sidewalks, shall be provided as required.
- 6. As a condition of the issuance of this Permit, the City is holding the security in the amount of \$126,176. to ensure that development is carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Permit. Should any interest be earned upon the security, it shall accrue to the Holder if the security is returned. The condition of the posting of the security is that should the Holder fail to carry out the development hereby authorized, according to the terms and conditions of this Permit within the time provided, the City may use the security to carry out the work by its servants, agents or contractors, and any surplus shall be paid over to the Holder. Should the Holder carry out the development permitted by this permit within the time set out herein, the security shall be returned to the Holder. The City may retain the security for up to one year after inspection of the completed landscaping in order to ensure that plant material has survived.

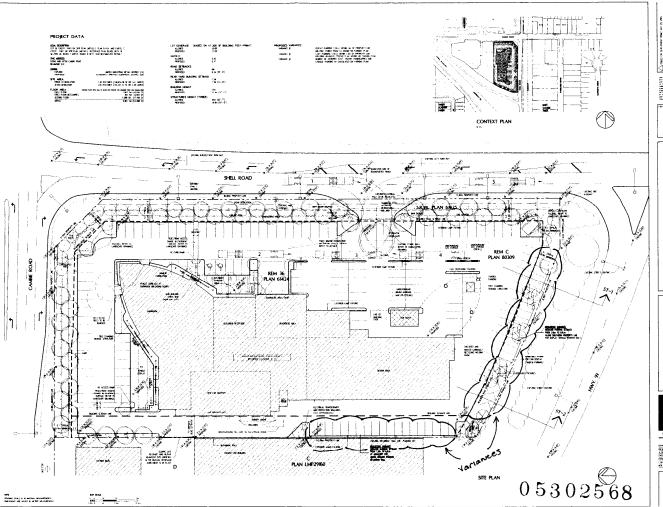
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|                                 | No. DP 05-30256  |
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| To the Holder:                  | HYWEL JONES ARCHITECT LTD.   |
| Property Address:               | 10760 AND 10780 CAMBIE ROAD  |
| Address:                        | 2305 HEMLOCK STREET<br>VANCOUVER, BC V6H 2V1   |
|                                 | mmence the construction permitted by this Permit within 24 month, this Permit shall lapse and the security shall be returned in full.            |
|                                 | n shall be developed generally in accordance with the terms and sof this Permit and any plans and specifications attached to this a part hereof. |
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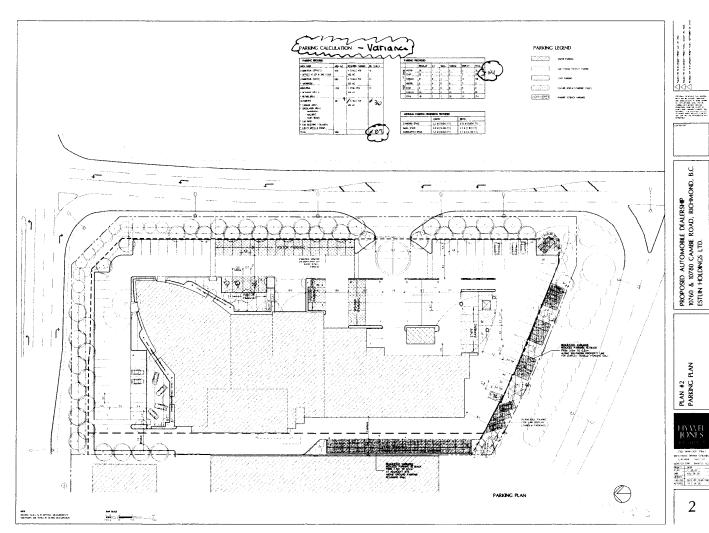


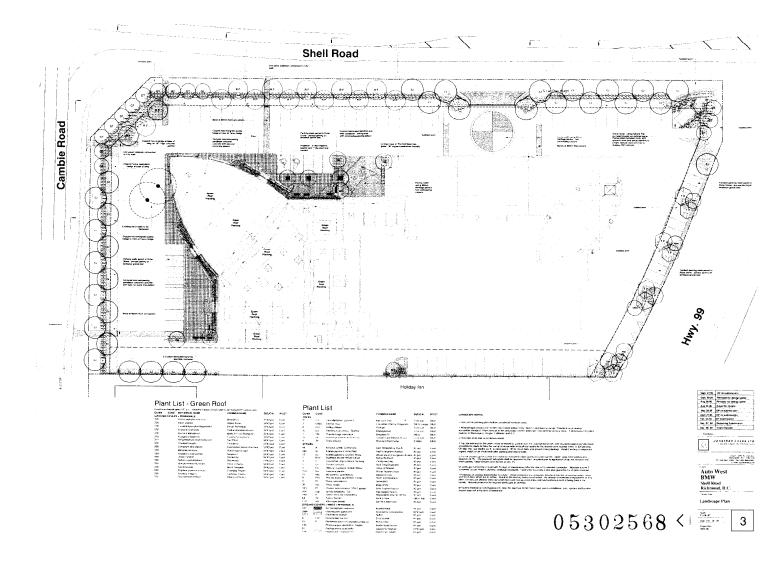


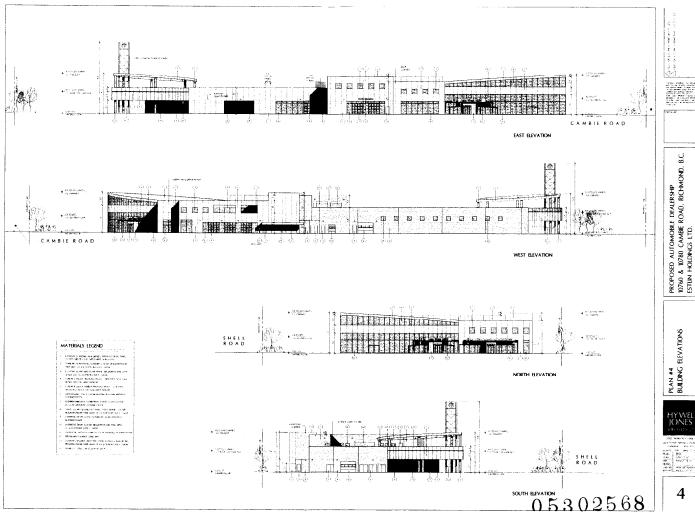
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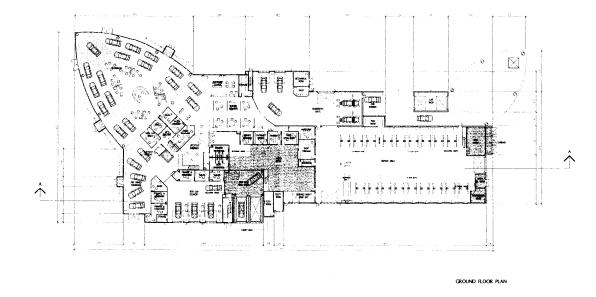
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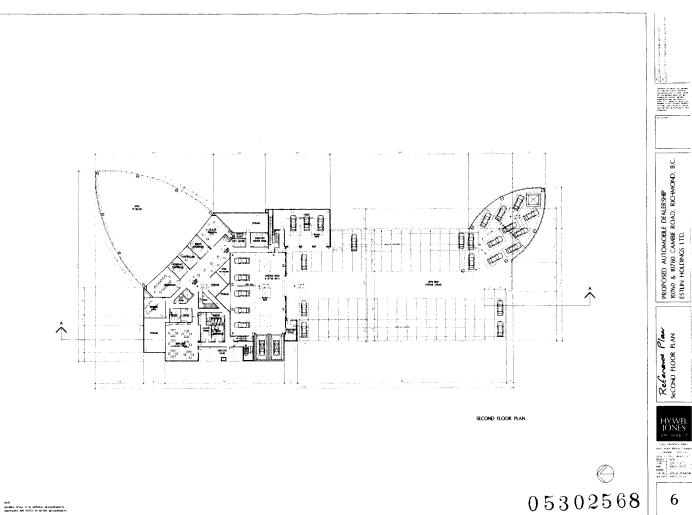


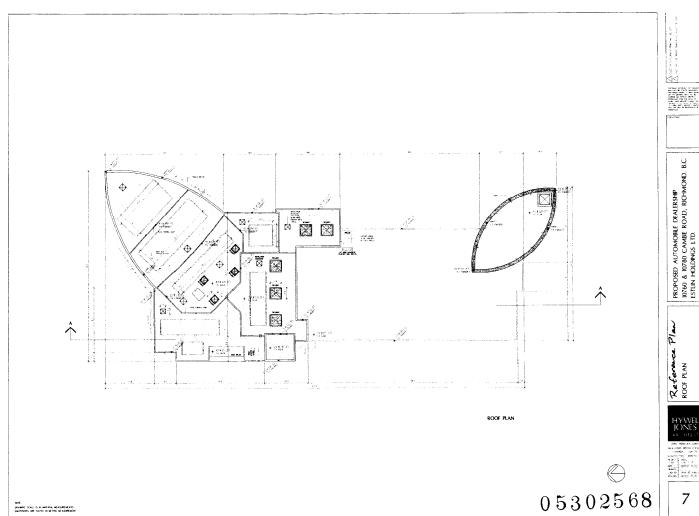


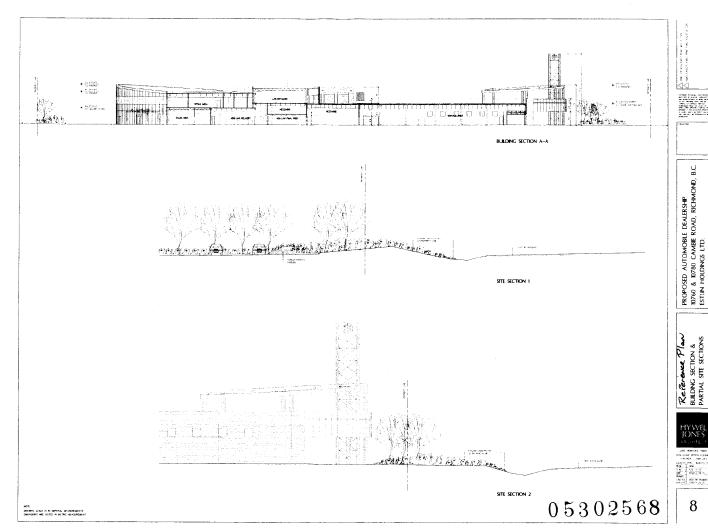




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VIEW FROM CAMBIE / SHELL ROAD INTERSECTION



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