

Report to Development Permit Panel

To:

Development Permit Panel

Date:

February 3, 2016

From:

Wayne Craig

File:

DP15-717570

Director of Development

Re:

Application by Omicron Architecture Engineering and Construction Ltd. for a

Development Permit at 7671 Alderbridge Way

Staff Recommendation

That a Development Permit be issued which would permit an exterior renovation and construction of a 190 m² (2,045 ft²) addition onto an existing building, for a total floor area of 6,697 m² (72,100 ft²) at 7671 Alderbridge Way, on a site zoned "Industrial Retail (IR1)".

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Staff Report

Origin

Omicron Architecture Engineering and Construction Ltd. has applied to the City of Richmond for permission to renovate and construct a small addition onto an existing building at 7671 Alderbridge Way, on a site zoned "Industrial Retail (IR1)".

The site is occupied by a three-storey, mixed-use building, which would include office and warehouse uses. The proposed project involves renovation of the existing $6,507 \text{ m}^2$ ($70,040 \text{ ft}^2$) building and an addition of 190 m^2 ($2,045 \text{ ft}^2$), for a total floor area of $6,697 \text{ m}^2$ ($72,100 \text{ ft}^2$).

Development Information

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

Background

Development surrounding the subject site is as follows:

- To the north, there are two (2) six-storey apartment buildings; with a total of 340 units within Onni Development's *Riva* project on a site zoned "High Density Low Rise Apartments (RAH2)".
- To the east, lies Alderbridge Way; is Amacon Development's *Tempo* project, with 237 units in three (3) concrete buildings under construction on a site zoned "Residential Limited Commercial (RCL2)".
- To the south, lies the completed *Ocean Walk* development; with three (3) towers, with approximately 250 units on a site zoned "Downtown Commercial (CDT)".
- To the west, lies Intracorp Development's *River Park Walk* 15-storey tower; with 221 units and retail space under construction on a site zoned "Residential Limited Commercial (RCL3)", and the Richmond Winter Club on a site zoned "Industrial Business Park (IB1)".

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.

The existing site is designated within the City Centre Area Plan (CCAP) as "Urban Centre T5 (25 m)" within the Lansdowne Village Plan which provides for rezoning to allow for higher density residential and commercial development, with a maximum density of 2.0 floor area ratio (FAR). The subject proposal involves relatively minor renovations to the exterior and interior of an existing light industrial/office building and an addition of 190 m² (2,045 ft²) by enclosing the south balcony which the proponent believes will extend the life of the building by approximately 10 years.

In addition, the subject proposal is in compliance with the provisions of the "Industrial Retail (IR1)" zone.

Analysis

Conditions of Adjacency

- The site forms a block, bounded on three (3) sides by Gilbert Road to the west, Lansdowne Road to the south, and Alderbridge Way to the east.
- There are residential towers (existing and under-construction) located on the opposite sides of the above-noted streets that will have views over the subject site.
- Gilbert Road to the west is a major gateway to the City Centre, and will include a public greenway to be constructed along the subject site's west frontage.
- Over time, Lansdowne Road will also be re-built to include a public greenway and linear park extending from No. 3 Road to Hollybridge Way.
- There are two (2) six-storey buildings located immediately to the north with their ground floors and an adjacent public pathway located at 2.5 m (8.2 ft.) above the subject site's grade on top of an enclosed parkade.

Servicing Agreement

- The applicant will be entering into Servicing Agreement as a condition of Building Permit issuance. The Agreement will include the following works as shown on the Functional Road Network Plan (See Attached Reference Plan) which includes the following:
 - On Lansdowne Road, there will be road widening to provide for an additional curb lane, a 1.5 m (4.9 ft.) grass boulevard with street trees, and a 3.5 m wide (11.5 ft.) interim multi-use asphalt pathway.
 - On Gilbert Road, the proponent will construct of a short section of a 3.0 m wide (10.0 ft.) pathway section to connect the above-noted Lansdowne pathway with the future Gilbert pathway to be built by the City.
 - On Alderbridge Way, there will be road widening to provide for an additional curb lane, 1.5 m (4.9 ft.) grass boulevard with street trees, and a 2.0 m wide (6.6 ft.) concrete sidewalk.
- The applicant will also register Statutory Rights-of-Way (SRWs) prior to constructing the above-noted sidewalks, pathways and boulevards. The road widening will be within the existing road allowances.
- The above-noted pathways are interim works to be designed around existing utilities where safe and practical. At such time that this site is rezoned in the future, the ultimate development will include a permanent pathway along Lansdowne Road, to be coordinated with the design and the construction of the Lansdowne Linear Park stipulated by the City and as outlined in the CCAP. This work would entail additional road dedication on the road frontages and dedication of the 10.0 m (33.0 ft.) wide Lansdowne Linear Park parallel to the site's entire Lansdowne Road allowance frontage as required under the CCAP.

Urban Design and Site Planning

- The project involves renovation of the exterior to an existing light industrial/office building within the former Brighouse Industrial Park built in the 1970s. It is typical of such buildings of that age being a three (3) storey light industrial/office building, surrounded by surface parking with lawn areas surrounding the edges of the site.
- While the site is typical of such suburban office park buildings, the buildings' three (3) storey form, brick cladding, and numerous windows, make the building more complimentary to the new high-density residential buildings in the area than other older light industrial buildings.

Architectural Form and Character

- The existing building is clad in beige brick and includes dark, tinted windows, with bronze aluminum frames. The brick cladding will be maintained due to its modern look suitable for the building and as in good condition.
- The existing windows will be replaced with modern, light grey anodized aluminium frames, with light green tinted glass.
- The exterior deck that wraps around the south end of the third floor will be enclosed with new glass windows.
- The existing pedestrian entrance facing Alderbridge Way is now accessed by external stairs
 and is located within an alcove one-half level above grade. The proposed renovation will
 eliminate the existing alcove entrance and replace it with a grade level, accessible entrance
 lobby with double-height glazing.
- A second, adjacent grade level entrance lobby, with double height glazing and a modern steel canopy is proposed to be added facing Alderbridge Way. This will provide emphasis to this entrance. The adjacent wooden canopy over the loading bays will be replaced with a similar steel canopy that will architecturally compliment the new pedestrian entry.
- A new, single-level lobby with glazing will be created on the Lansdowne Road elevation of the building in place of the existing gated vehicle entrance.

On-Site Vehicle Parking and Loading

- Two (2) of the existing three (3) driveways onto Alderbridge Way will be kept; with the driveway closest to the Alderbridge Way/Lansdowne Road intersection closed to improve safety and traffic flow.
- The project will require additional parking to meet the Zoning Bylaw's parking requirements for the new proposed uses. In the interim, while the sales centre for Intracorp's adjacent River Park Place development is located on the subject site's parking lot, there will be 160 parking spaces exceeding the 159 parking spaces required under the bylaw. For the ultimate condition with no sales centre, there will be 183 parking spaces.
- The parking lot is proposed to be reconfigured with additional parking areas provided mainly on the north and west portions of the site.

• The existing two (2) existing SU9 loading bays located on the east side of the building facing Alderbridge Way will be maintained.

Landscape Design and Open Space Design

- The landscape berm against the west, south and east building facades will be replaced with a lower planting strip.
- Shrubs and trees will be planted along the edges of the parking areas adjacent to all of the street frontages.
- Landscape islands with 14 trees will be provided within the parking lot.
- New concrete pedestrian pathways will be constructed around the building with connecting
 concrete crosswalks across the parking lot to connect to the new public sidewalks to be built
 on the adjacent street frontages.

Tree Preservation

- An arborist report was prepared for the subject development which identified 10 bylaw-sized trees on the site for removal to accommodate the necessary road frontage works and additional parking required under the zoning. The parking lot has been designed to protect the two (2) largest trees (10.6 m (34.8 ft.) and 10.2 m (34.8 ft.) tall London Plane Trees) located near the north property line. The project landscape plan includes 47 new trees to be planted on site; this in excess of the 16 replacement trees required for the trees proposed to be removed.
- The report also identified four (4) off-site trees to be removed from the road allowances. The City has already removed two (2) of the trees for the current widening of Gilbert Road while the developer will need to remove the remaining two (2) Austrian Pine trees to accommodate the Alderbridge Way frontage improvements required for this development.
- A contribution of \$3,900 from the developer to the City's Tree Compensation Fund for the removal of these two (2) trees will be required. This has been reviewed and supported by the City Parks Arborist.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

- The replacement of the Alderbridge Way building lobby entrance alcove with a glass-clad lobby flush with the building façade will improve visibility.
- The removal of the existing high shrub berms adjacent to the building with replacement of lower shrubs improve visibility for those walking around the building.
- There will be new parking lot lighting in addition to the existing building-mounted lighting.

Conclusions

The proposed interim development involves renovation and a minor addition to the existing light industrial/office building on the subject site for use of approximately 10 years. The project also includes a substantial amount of new landscaping along with the expanded parking lot. Furthermore, the applicant will be widening Lansdowne Road and Alderbridge Way to their ultimate widths and will be constructing an adjacent interim pathway and sidewalk along these site long street frontages.

Staff supports this Development Permit application and recommends approval, as the proposed project improves an existing light industrial/office building and improves the street frontages to compliment the pedestrian-oriented character of this developing high-density residential neighbourhood.

Mark McMullen

Senior Coordinator - Major Projects

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

- Receipt of a Letter-of-Credit for landscaping in the amount of \$138,570.
- Contribution of \$3,900 to the City Tree Compensation Fund (Acct # 2336-10-000-00000-0000) for the removal of two (2) Austrian Pine trees from the Alderbridge Way road allowance.

Prior to future Building Permit issuance, the developer is required to complete the following:

- Entering into a Servicing Agreement with the City which includes the proposed road widening and frontage works as generally shown on the Functional Road Network Plan dated February 2, 2016 prepared by Aplin and Martin Ltd., and other required engineering services to be secured by a Letter-of-Credit, all to the satisfaction of the City. The necessary SRWs for the sidewalk, pathway and boulevards are to be registered as a condition of approval of the Servicing Agreement; the existing two (2) SRWs (LTO #G100548 & #BX456914) may be discharged if the new the SRWs incorporate the necessary areas and terms.
- Obtaining a City Tree Removal Permit to remove the 10 on-site trees described within the Staff Report and identified within the arborist report prepared by PGL Environmental Consultants dated January 6, 2016.
- The applicant is required to obtain a Building Permit for any construction hoarding associated with the proposed development. If construction hoarding is required to temporarily occupy a street, or any part thereof, or occupy the air space above a street or any part thereof, additional City approvals and associated fees may be required as part of the Building Permit. For further information on the Building Permit, please contact Building Approvals Department at 604-276-4285.
- Submission of a construction traffic and parking management plan to the satisfaction of the City's Transportation Department (http://www.richmond.ca/services/ttp/special.htm).
- If applicable, payment of latecomer agreement charges associated with eligible latecomer works.



Development Application Data Sheet

Development Applications Department

DP 15-717570 Attachment 1

Address: 7671 Alderbridge Way

Omicron Architecture Engineering and

Applicant: Construction Ltd.

Owner: Richmond Holdings Ltd.

Planning Area(s): City Centre – Lansdowne Village

Floor Area Gross: 6,697 m²

Floor Area Net: 6,697 m²

	Existing	Proposed	
Site Area:	12,135 m ²	12,135 m ²	
Land Uses:	Light Industrial / Office	Light Industrial / Office	
OCP Designation:	Urban Centre T5 (35 m)	Urban Centre T5 (35 m)	
Zoning:	Industrial Retail (IR1)	Industrial Retail (IR1)	
Number of Units:	N/A	N/A	

	Bylaw Requirement	Proposed	Variance
Floor Area Ratio:	1.2	0.55	none permitted
Lot Coverage:	Max. 90%	23 %	none
Setback – Front Yard:	Min. 3.0 m	>3.0 m	none
Setback – Ext. Side Yard (West):	Min. 3.0 m	>3.0 m	none
Setback – Ext. Side Yard (East):	Min. 3.0 m	>3.0 m	none
Setback – Rear Yard (Res.):	Min. 3.0 m	>3.0 m	none
Height (m):	Max. 25 m	10.23 m	none
Lot Size:	12,135 m ²	12,135 m ²	none
Off-street Parking Spaces – Accessible:	4	4	none
Total off-street Spaces:	149 total (Permanent) 159 total (W/Temp. Sales Centre)	183 total/86 small (47%) (Permanent) 160 total/72 small (45%) (W/Temp. Sales Centre)	none
Tandem Parking Spaces	not permitted	none	none
Amenity Space – Indoor:	N/A	N/A	none
Amenity Space – Outdoor:	N/A	N/A	none



Development Permit

No. DP 15-717570

To the Holder:

OMICRON ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING AND

CONSTRUCTION LTD.

Property Address:

7671 ALDERBRIDGE WAY

Address:

C/O KEVIN HANVEY, ARCHITECT

5TH FLOOR BENTALL III, 595 BURRARD STREET

VANCOUVER, BC V7X 1L4

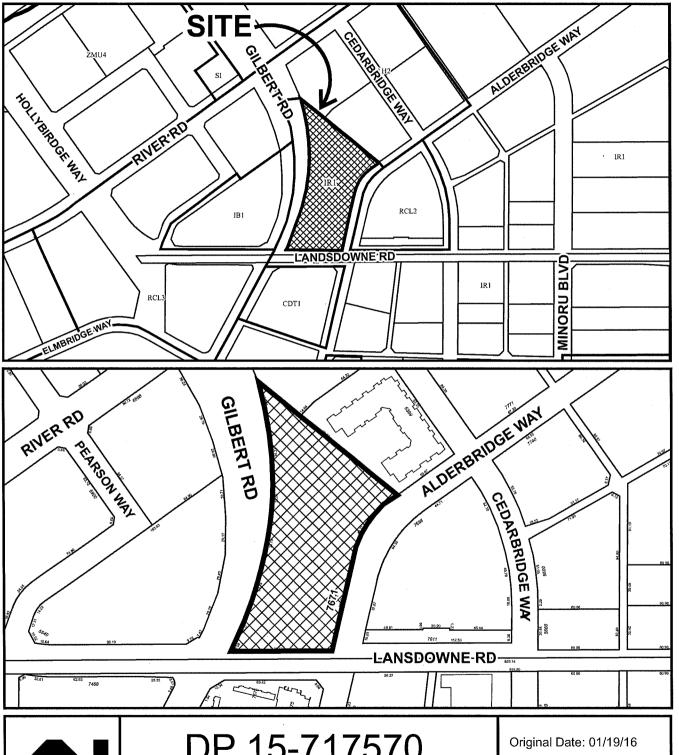
1. This Development Permit is issued subject to compliance with all of the Bylaws of the City applicable thereto, except as specifically varied or supplemented by this Permit.

- 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. 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 #DP15-717570-1 to #DP15-717570-9 attached hereto.
- 4. Sanitary sewers, water, drainage, highways, street lighting, underground wiring, and sidewalks, shall be provided as required.
- 5. As a condition of the issuance of this Permit, the City is holding the security in the amount of \$138,570.00 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.
- 6. If the Holder does not commence the construction permitted by this Permit within 24 months of the date of this Permit, this Permit shall lapse and the security shall be returned in full.

Development Permit No. DP 15-717570

To the Holder:	OMICRON ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION LTD.			
Property Address:	7671 ALDERBRIDGE WAY			
Address:	C/O KEVIN HANVEY, ARCHITECT 5TH FLOOR BENTALL III, 595 BURRARD STREET VANCOUVER, BC V7X 1L4			
 The land described herein shall be developed generally in accordance with the terms and conditions and provisions of this Permit and any plans and specifications attached to this Permit which shall form a part hereof. This Permit is not a Building Permit. 				
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION NO. ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL THE DAY OF ,				
DELIVERED THIS D	AY OF , .			
MAYOR				







DP 15-717570 SCHEDULE "A"

Revision Date:

Note: Dimensions are in METRES

PROJECT ADDRESS:

Address: 7671 Alderbridge Way, Richmond, BC LEGAL DISCRIPTION:

95 SEC 5 BLK4N RG6W PL 39888 GOVERNING AUTHORITY:

ZONING-IR-1 (existing):

City of Richmond:

Commercial storage (Bylaw 8684, Jan 17/11) Office (Bylaw 8582, Apr. 19/10)

記 The maximum Floor area ratio is 1.0, except in the Centre where the maximum Floor area ratio is 1.2.

Permitted Lot Coverage: The maximum lot coverage is 60% for buildings, except in the City Centre where: the maximum lot coverage is 90% for buildings.

Permitted Heights:
The maximum height for buildings is 12.0 m, except in the Clby Centre where:
the typical maximum height for buildings is 25.0 m, however additional building height may be permitted through the development permit or development variance permit process to a maximum height for buildings of 35.0 m

PARKING CALCULATION:

<u>OFFICE.</u> 2.85 SPACE PER 100.0 M² OF GROSS LEASABLE FLOOR AREA (3627 M² / 100 M² = 36.27) X 2.85 = 103 STALLS

<u>STORAGE:</u> O.5 SPACE PER 100.0 M²OF GROSS LEASABLE FLOOR AREA UP TO 2,000.0 M², PLUS O.2 PER ADDITIONAL 100.0 M². (1,187 M2 / 100 M2= 12) x 0.5 = 6 STALLS <u>Warehouse / Sales;</u> 2.85 Space Per 100.0 m² of GROSS leasable floor area $(1,435 M^2 / 100 M^2 = 14) \times 2.85 = 40 STALLS$ TEMPORARY SALES CENTRE (OFFICE). 2.85 SPACE PER 100,0 M² OF GROSS LEASABLE FLOOR AREA

(350 M2 / 100 M2 = 3.5) X 2.85 = 10 STALLS REQUIRED TOTAL PARKING STALL:

PROVIDED TOTAL PARKING STALLS: 183 STALLS DURING TEMP USE: 183 - 23 = 160 STALLS STANDARD PARKING SPACE: 2.65M X 5.5M SAMLL PARKING SPACE: 2.4M X 5M HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE: 3.1M X 5.5M DRIVE ABLE: 1.5M (40°) 4.0M (45°)

LOCATION PLAN

PROJECT RATIONALE:

1671 Aderbridge May is a 9-storey mixed-use building (office and storage warehouse) located in north-central Richmond. It features a major thoroughisme into the city on the usest (Gilbert) with Lansdowner Canal to the south and Aderbridge May to the east. Immediately to the north is a recently-completed, high-density residential project by the developer Omit. It is fair to say that the precinct immediately around our site inas seen remarkable transformation over the last number of years with a great deal of multi-family residential development displacing older, lower-value uses. We intend to upgrade and enhance our project to reflect the evolving nature of this part of the community.

The existing 1671 Alderbridge May building is clad predominantly in large, buff brick and features dark, tinted windows with bronze, anodized aluminum frames. One characteristic of the existing building that is noteworthy is that one of the existing entries (to the upper floors) is accessed by external states and is one half level above grade. This elevated looby provides access to an internal state above on to the second copy provides access to an internal state and one half level above on to the second copy provides access to an internal state giving on to the second access to an internal state giving on to the second access to an internal state giving on to the second access to an internal state giving on the readilitate this building for the future is to eliminate the exterior staff case and create a level, universally accessible entry at grade for a future office tental two intends to tallitze the second and a portion of the third floor. In order to achieve this, we will be find amentally reorganizing the lobby and adding a new staff which relocating the glating line to the face of the building in this lobby area. In order to achieve this, we are relocating the glating line to the face of the building in this lobby area. In order to provide a consistent approach to will eliminate the badily under-utilized exterior deck spaces that currently unap the south end of the third floor. Our intent is to replace all of the building glazing with a higher-performance glass (thirted green) in clear, anodized aluminum frames to modernize and freshen the building's overall appearance.

We also propose to add a new 2-storey entry canopy and lobby at the second entry on the building's east side to demark the 'multitenant' entry to the building. This second entry - though smaller - serves the building's ground floor tenant and the (potential) multi-tenant third floor office space. Ne propose to highlight this entry as equal (or greater) in importance to the southern entry (east side) through these architectural means. We also plan to replace the wooden canopy over the loading bays with a steel-framed canopy that will architecturally mimic the new multi-tenant entry canopy.

Our site development is intended to provide an expanded, more functional and more inviting parking and loading solution for the site. We intend to close the existing excessing at Lansdoure Carel and Alderbridge.

Yay in Favour of access points further to the north along Alderbridge. We propose to extend the parking surface along the west side of the building to help facilitate more efficient traffic movement. In order to achieve these objectives, we are proposing to remove the remaining sections of the landscape berm against the building which will be replaced by a planting strip adjacent to the building itself. New asphale surfaces, planting islands and clearer pedestrian circulation will all enhance the ground plane of the existing building.

SITE AREA: 12,135 M2 BUILDING AREA:

GROUND FLOOR: GROSS EXISTING AREA: 2,748 M² GROSS PROPOSED AREA: 2,816 M² GROSS LEASABLE AREA: 2,643 M²

2ND FLOOR; GROSS EXISTING AREA: 462 M² GROSS PROPOSED AREA: 449 M² GROSS LEAGABLE AREA: 897 M²

<u>JRD FLOOR:</u> GROSS EXISTING AREA: 2,747 M² GROSS PROPOSED AREA: 2,874 M² GROSS LEASABLE AREA: 2,740 M²

TOTAL PROPOSED GROSS BUILDING AREA 6,64T M*
TOTAL OFFICE GROSS LEASABLE AREA: 3,62T M*
TOTAL STORAGE & WAREHOUSE SALES GROSS
LEASABLE AREA: 2,693 M*

BIRE SPACE.

(NEM BUILDING AREA = 190 M²) -100 M² = 90 M² /100 M² = 0.9

CLASS 1: 0.9 X 0.27 = 0.24 (1 SPACE) 4 SPACES PROVIDED

CLASS 2: 0.9 X 0.4 = 0.36 (1 SPACE) 2 SPACES PROVIDED

(SPACE PROVIDED IF REQUIRED) FSR: 6,697 M²/ 12,135 M² = 55,2% COVERAGE: 23%

Richmond Holdings Ltd. CONTACT: GORDON WALKER 5831 Cedarbridge May, Richmond, BC V6X 2A8 OWNER

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KEVIN HANVEY, Architect AIBC, Principal FIFTH FLOOR, THREE BENTALL CENTRE

PHONE: 604 632 3350 LANDSCAPE

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PROJECT CONTACTS

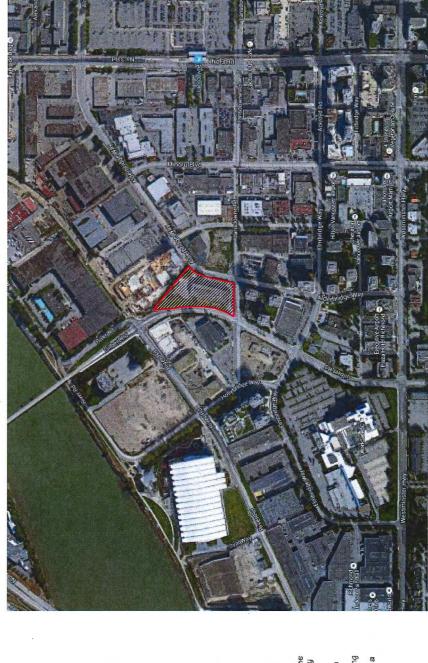
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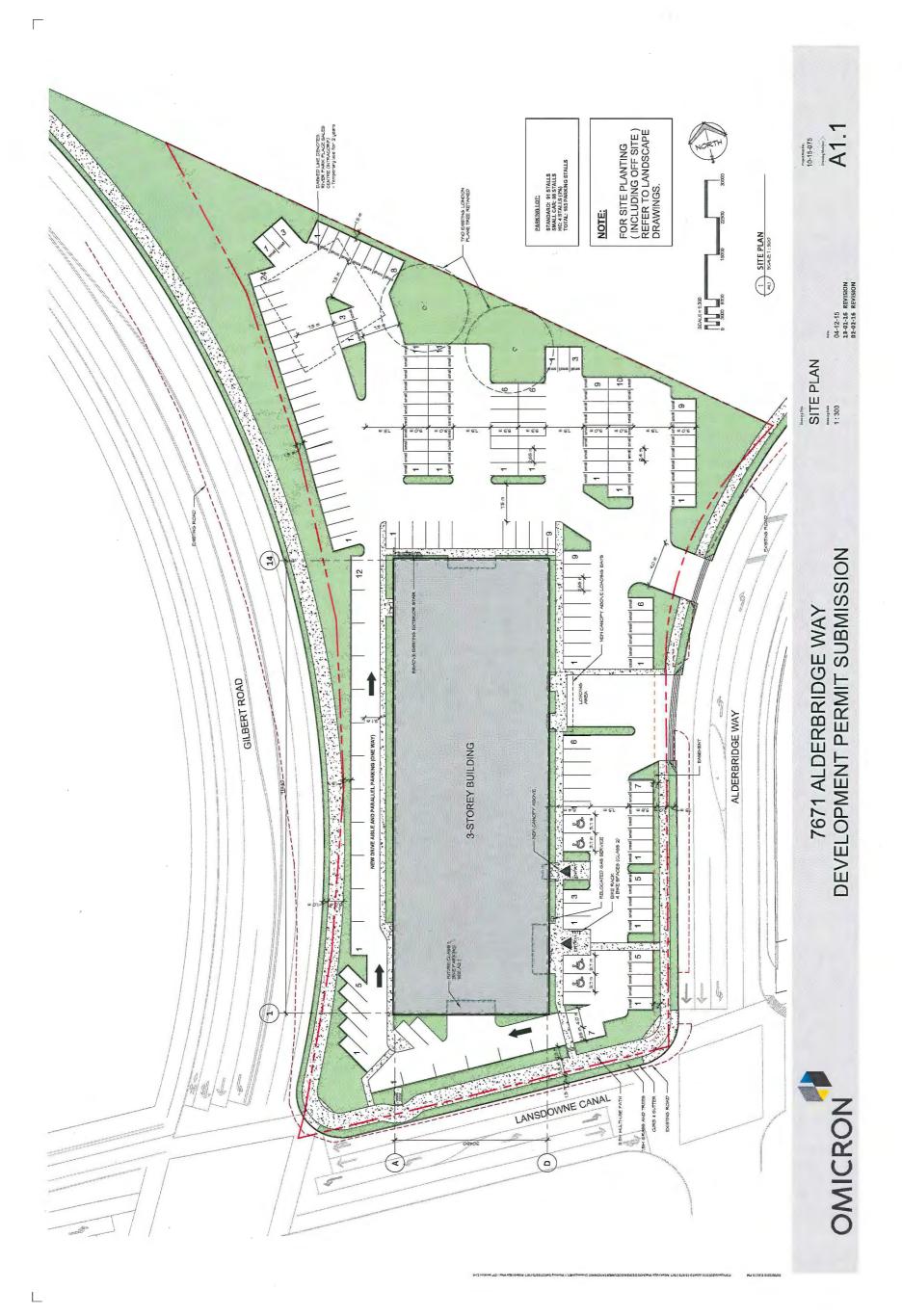
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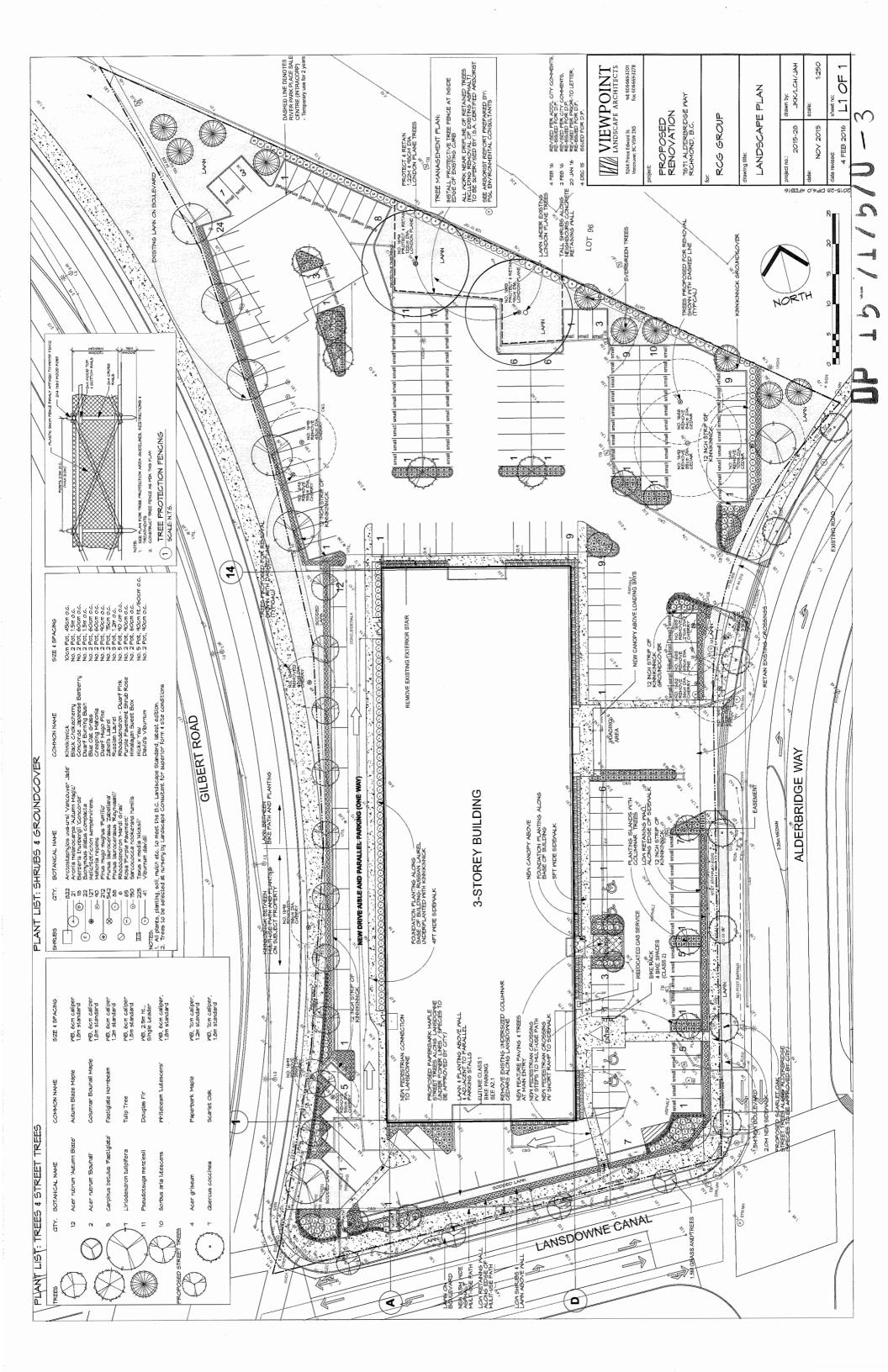
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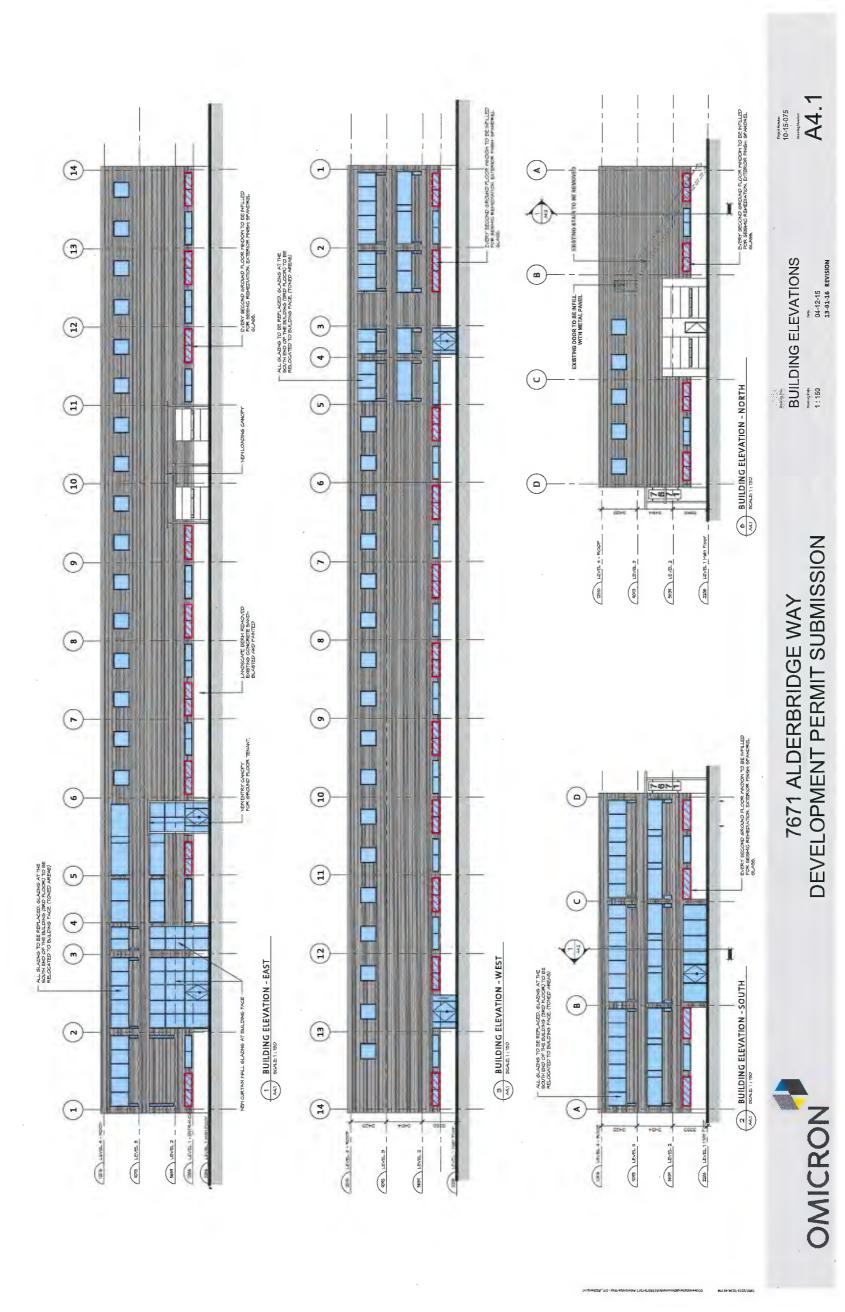
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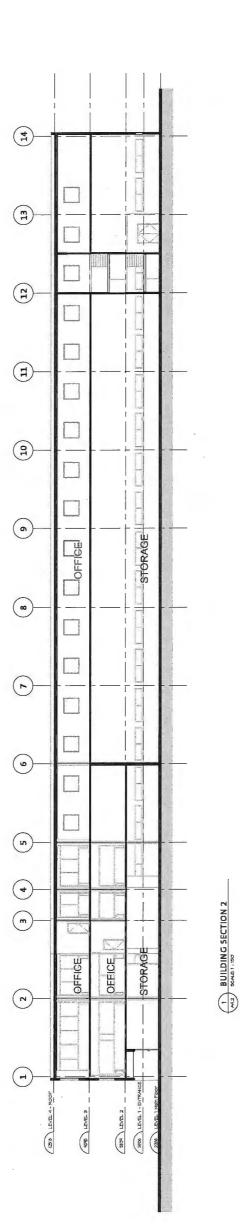
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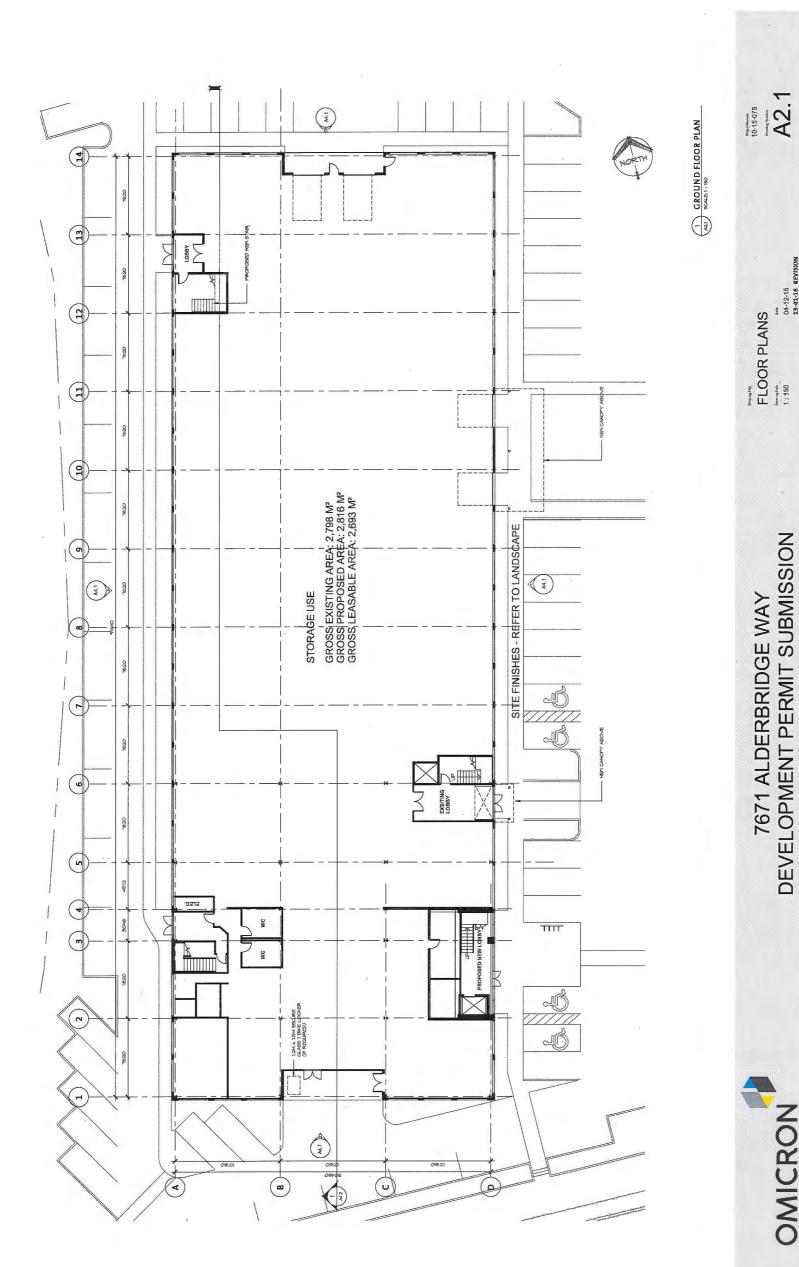
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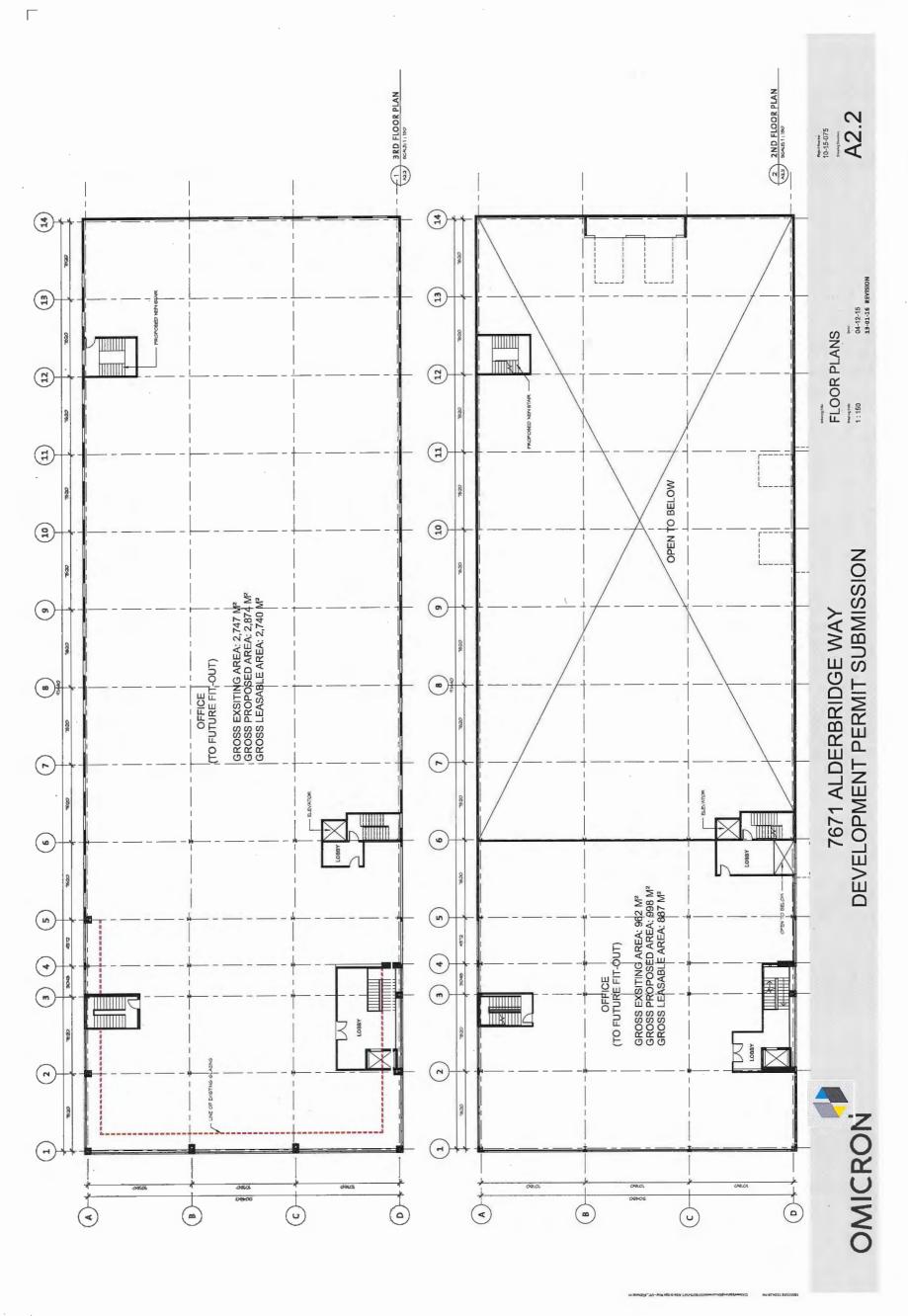
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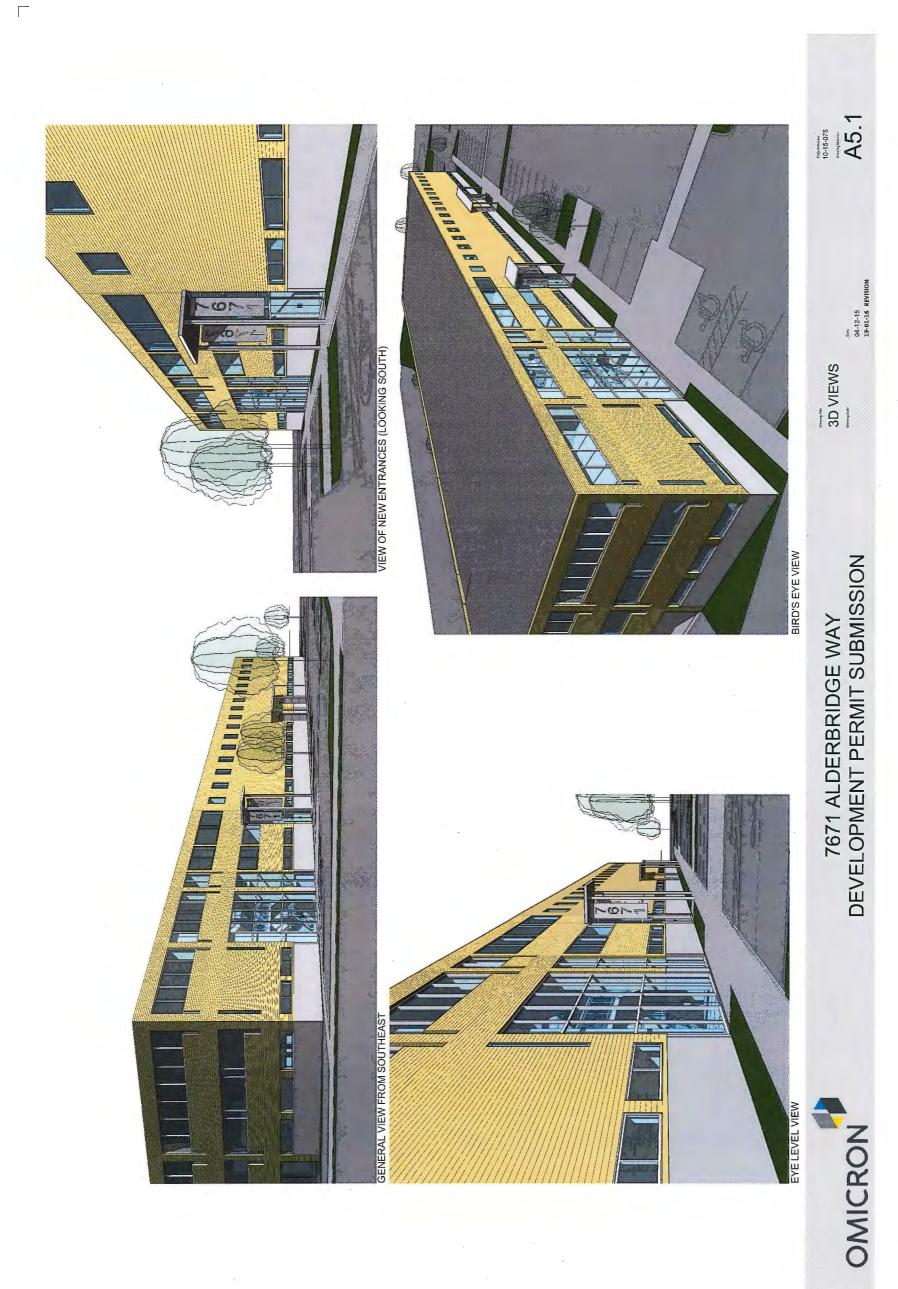
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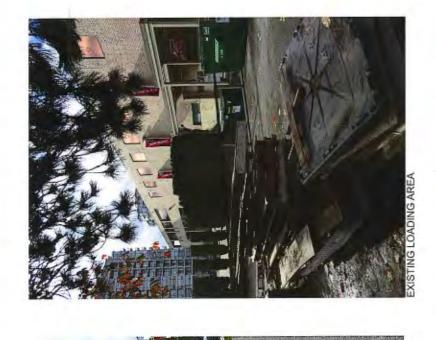
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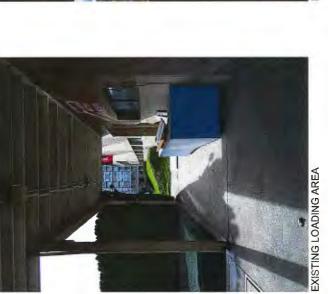












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WEST SIDE LOOKING NORTH





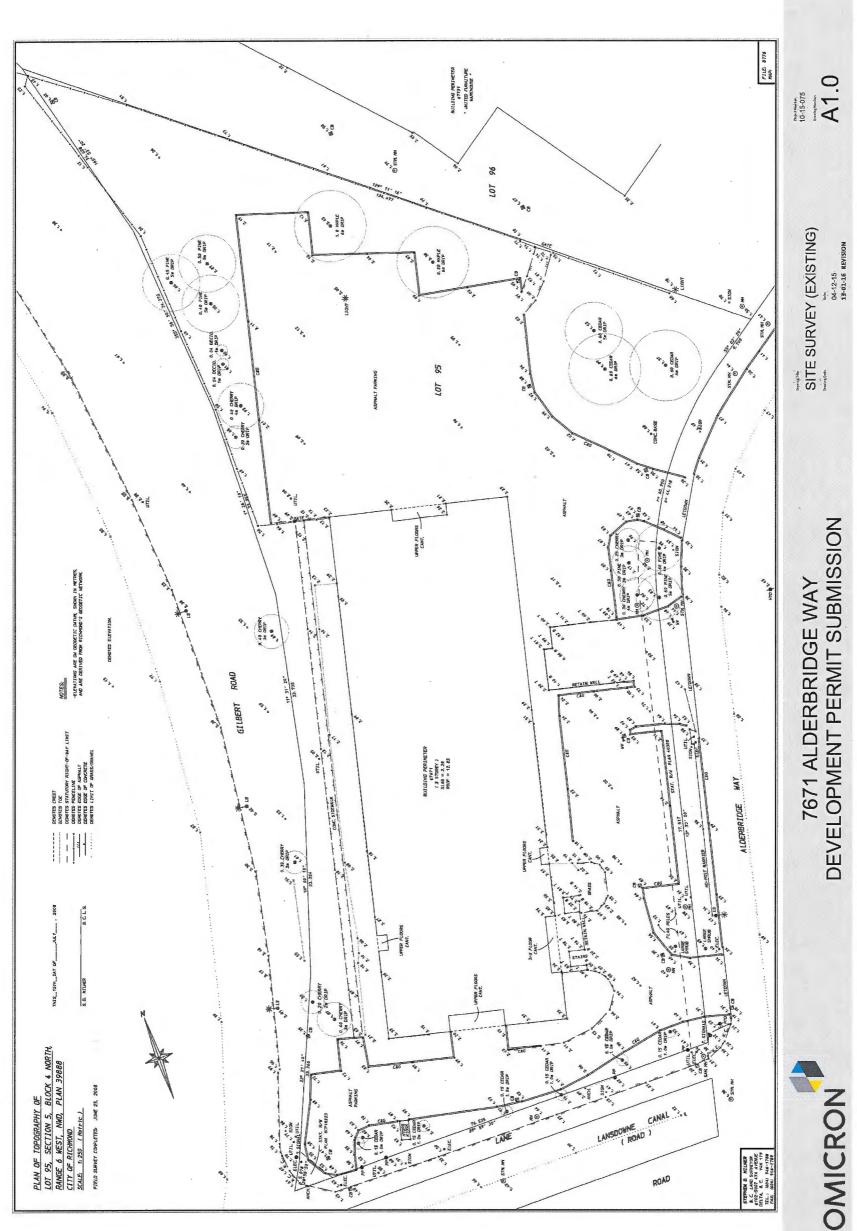


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