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Report to Committee

Planning and Development Department

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To:

Planning Committee

From:

Wayne Craig

Director of Development

Date:

October 11, 2012

File:

RZ 12-613927

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Re:

Application by Yamamoto Architecture Inc. for Rezoning at 9111 Williams Road

from Single Detached (RS1/E) to Low Density Townhouses (RTL4)

Staff Recommendation

That Bylaw No. 8963, for the rezoning of 9111 Williams Road from "Single Detached (RS1/E)" to "Low Density Townhouses (RTL4)", be introduced and given first reading.

Wayne Craig

Director of Development

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Staff Report

Origin

Yamamoto Architecture Inc. has applied to the City of Richmond for permission to rezone 9111 Williams Road (**Attachment 1**) from Single Detached (RS1/E) to Low Density Townhouses (RTL4) in order to permit the development of four (4) townhouse units on the site with vehicle access from 9071 Williams Road (**Attachment 2**).

Findings of Fact

A Development Application Data Sheet providing details about the development proposal is attached (Attachment 3).

Surrounding Development

To the North: Existing single-family homes on lots zoned Single Detached (RS1/E).

To the East: Recently approved (under construction) 9-unit townhouse project with access

from Williams Road.

To the South: Across Williams Road, three (3) single-family homes on lots zoned Single

Detached (RS1/E) and South Arm Park.

To the West: A 9-unit townhouse complex with access from Williams Road. A cross-access

easement is registered on title of this site (9071 Williams Road) to provide access

to the subject site.

Related Policies & Studies

Arterial Road Redevelopment and Lane Establishment Policies

The current City's Lane Establishment and Arterial Road Redevelopment Policies (amended June, 2006) guide residential infill development for properties located along arterial roads, which also establish a set of location criteria and development guidelines to which residential development proposals must comply with.

The subject development site complies with all of the location criteria except for the site width. Since the subject site is an orphaned lot landlocked by the adjacent developments and a cross access easement is provided from 9071 Williams Road, it can be considered as an extension of the townhouse development to the west. Access along the frontage is not required, which would provide a higher quality pedestrian environment along the fronting street.

Floodplain Management Implementation Strategy

The applicant is required to comply with the Flood Plain Designation and Protection Bylaw (No. 8204). In accordance with the Flood Management Strategy, a Flood Indemnity Restrictive Covenant specifying the minimum flood construction level is required prior to rezoning bylaw adoption.

Affordable Housing Strategy

The applicant proposes to make a cash contribution to the affordable housing reserve fund in accordance to the City's Affordable Housing Strategy. As the proposal is for townhouses, the applicant is making a cash contribution of \$2.00 per buildable square foot as per the Strategy; making the payable contribution amount of \$11,880.00.

Staff Comments

Trees Retention and Replacement

A Tree Survey (Attachment 4) and a Certified Arborist's report was submitted by the applicant in support of the application. Three (3) bylaw-sized trees are identified on site and they are all in poor condition. All of these trees have been previously topped and as a result exhibit significant structural defects such as previous stem failure, narrow and weak secondary stem unions at the main branch union (below previous topping cuts), and co-dominant stems with inclusions. In addition, the existing site grade is located approximately 1.0 m below the crown of the road and as a result, the required grade changes to meet the Flood Plain Bylaw requirements would further limit the viability of existing trees. Therefore, staff concur with the Arborist's recommendation to remove all three (3) trees. Based on the 2:1 tree replacement ratio goal stated in the Official Community Plan (OCP), six (6) replacement trees are required.

According to the Preliminary Landscape Plan (**Attachment 2**), the developer is proposing to plant all of the required replacement trees on site. Tree replacement planting details will be refined as part of the Development Permit application. Should the applicant wish to begin site preparation work after Third Reading of the Rezoning Bylaw, but prior to Final Adoption of the Rezoning Bylaw, the applicant will be required to obtain a Tree Permit and submit 100% of the landscape security (i.e. \$3,000) to ensure the replacement planting is provided.

Site Servicing and Vehicle Access

No servicing concerns. Site analysis for service connections will be required at Building Permit state.

Sole vehicular access to this new townhouse project is to be from Williams Road through the existing Access Easement (BB709772) on the adjacent property (9071 Williams Road) only. No direct vehicular access is permitted to Williams Road. This access arrangement was envisioned when the original Rezoning and Development Permit applications for the adjacent townhouse development at 9071 Williams Road were approved by Council. Registration of a legal agreement on title ensuring vehicle access is from this Access Easement on 9071 Williams Road will be required prior to final adoption of the rezoning bylaw. Removal of the existing sidewalk crossing and reinstatement of the side walk will be done through a City Work Order at developer's cost prior to issuance of a Building Permit.

Indoor Amenity Space

The applicant is proposing a contribution in-lieu of on-site indoor amenity space in the amount of \$4,000 as per the Official Community Plan (OCP) and Council policy.

Outdoor Amenity Space

Outdoor amenity space will be provided at the northwest corner of the site and is adequately sized based on Official Community Plan (OCP) guidelines. The proposed outdoor amenity space will be consolidated with the outdoor amenity area of the adjacent development to the west. This arrangement was envisioned when the original Rezoning and Development Permit applications for the adjacent townhouse development at 9071 Williams Road were approved by Council. A cross-access easement on 9071 Williams Road has already been secured; a cross-access easement over the shared outdoor space on the subject site is required prior to rezoning bylaw adoption. The agreement must include language to ensure that no fencing dividing the consolidated outdoor amenity area is permitted.

The design of the children's play area and landscape details will be refined as part of the Development Permit application.

Public Input

The applicant has forwarded confirmation that a development sign has been posted on the site. Staff did not receive any telephone calls or written correspondence expressing concerns in association with the subject application.

The applicant has also advised that the proposal including the proposed vehicle access and outdoor amenity space design were presented to the Strata Council at 9071 Williams Road and there is no concern.

Analysis

OCP Compliance – Arterial Road Developments

The proposed development is generally consistent with the Development Permit Guidelines for multiple-family projects contained in the Official Community Plan (OCP). The proposed height, siting and orientation of the buildings respect the massing of the existing single-family homes to the north and the townhouse developments to the east and west. All units are two (2) storeys in height and this massing will be controlled through the Development Permit process.

Requested Variances

Based on the review of the current site plan for the project, the following variances are being requested:

- 1. Reduce the minimum lot width on local arterial road from 40.0 m to 20.12 m.
- 2. Reduce the minimum west side yard setback from 3.0 m to 1.7 m to for a single-storey garbage and recycling enclosure attached to a street fronting building located adjacent to the entry driveway of the development to the west.
- 3. Allow one (1) small car parking stall in each of the side-by-side garages (4 small car stalls in total).

Staff support the first variance since the subject site is an orphan lot located between two (2) recently developed townhouse complexes. The second and third variances will be reviewed in the context of the overall detailed design of the project, including architectural form, site design and landscaping at the Development Permit stage.

Design Review and Future Development Permit Considerations

A Development Permit will be required to ensure that the development at 9111 Williams Road is sensitively integrated with adjacent developments. The rezoning conditions will not be considered satisfied until a Development Permit application is processed to a satisfactory level. In association with the Development Permit, the following issues are to be further examined:

- Guidelines for the issuance of Development Permits for multiple-family projects contained in Section 9.3 (Multiple-Family Guidelines);
- Detailed review of building form and architectural character;
- Detailed review of the design of the consolidated outdoor amenity space, including site grade and enhancement of the outdoor amenity area to maximize use;
- Opportunities to maximize permeable surface areas and articulate hard surface treatment;
 and
- Provision of a convertible unit and other accessibility/aging-in-place features.

Additional issues may be identified as part of the Development Permit application review process.

Financial Impact or Economic Impact

None.

Conclusion

The subject infill development proposal is generally consistent with the Official Community Plan (OCP) regarding developments along local arterial roads. Further review of the project design will be required to ensure a high quality project, and will be completed as part of the future Development Permit process. On this basis, staff recommend that the proposed rezoning be approved.

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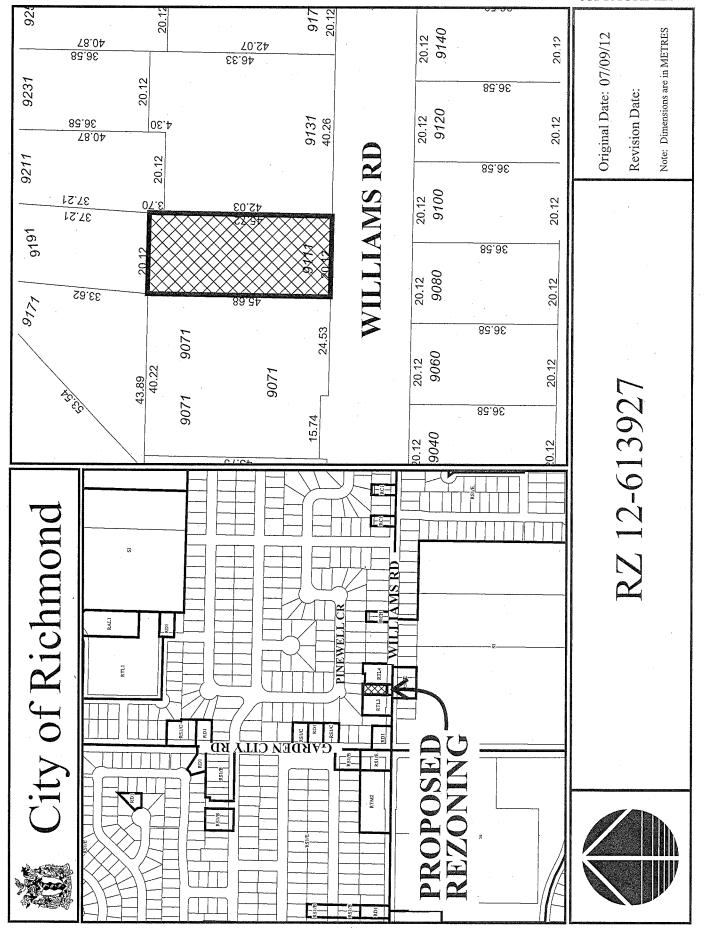
Attachment 1: Location Map

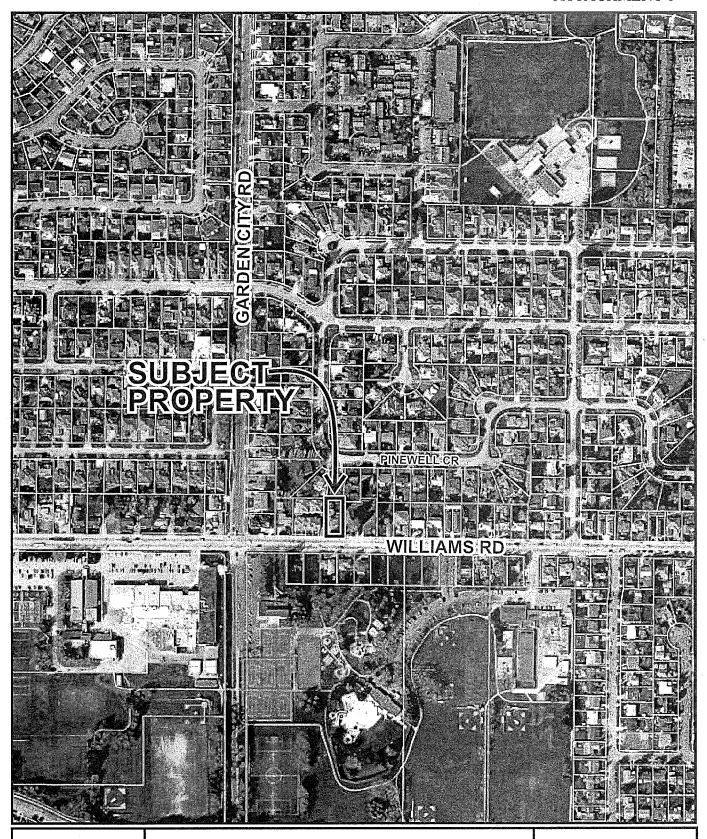
Attachment 2: Conceptual Development Plans

Attachment 3: Development Application Data Sheet

Attachment 4: Tree Survey

Attachment 5: Rezoning Considerations Concurrence





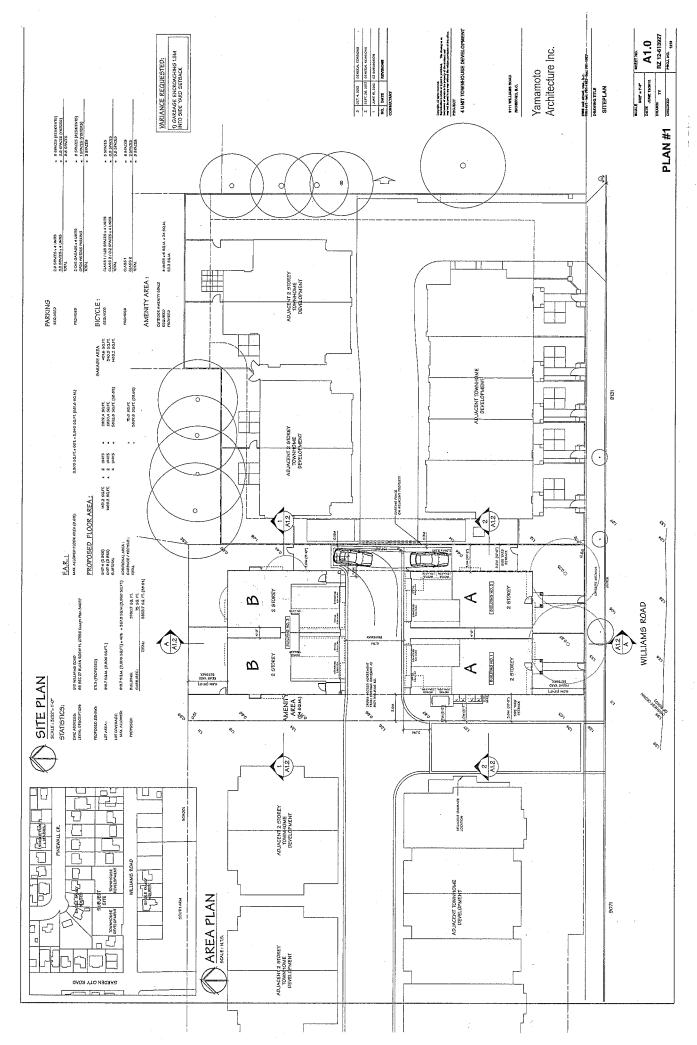


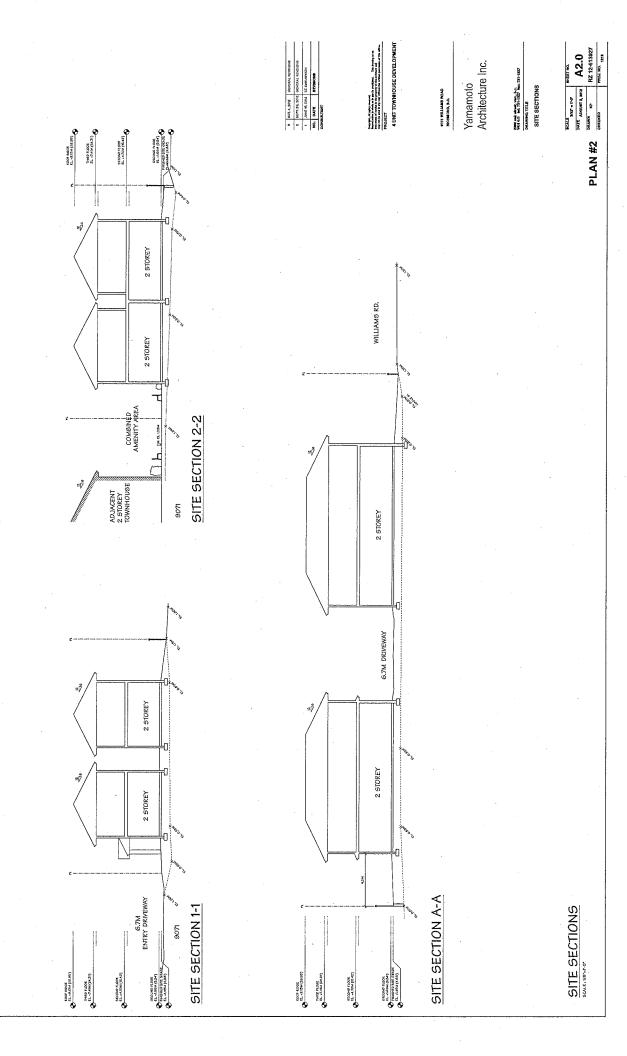
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Original Date: 07/10/12

Amended Date:

Note: Dimensions are in METRES



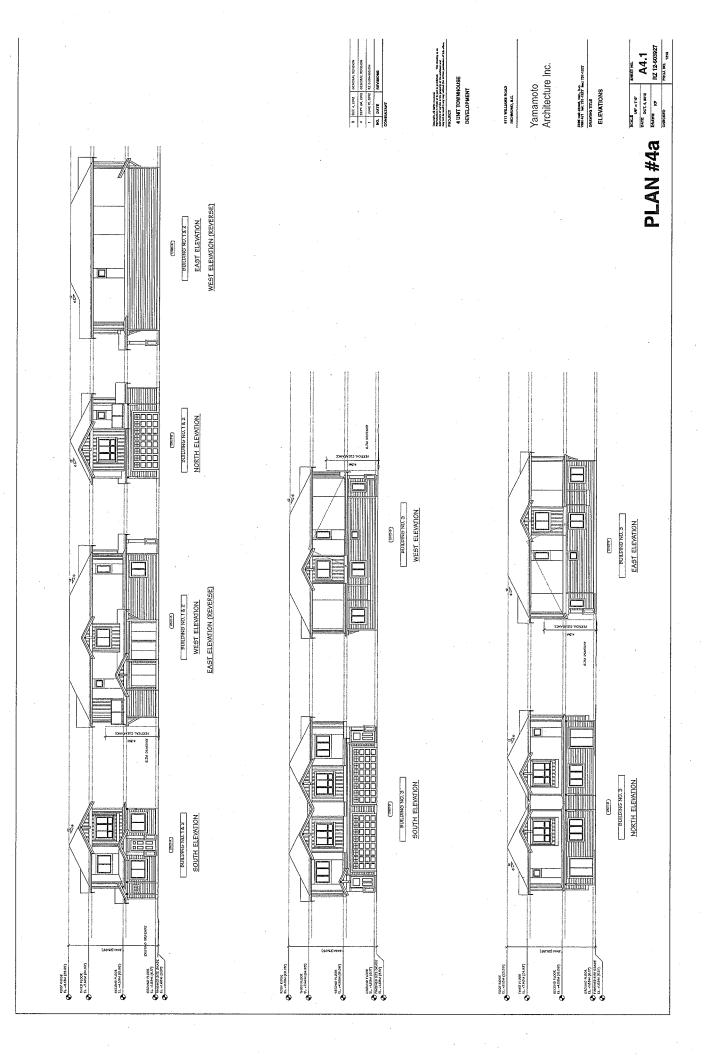


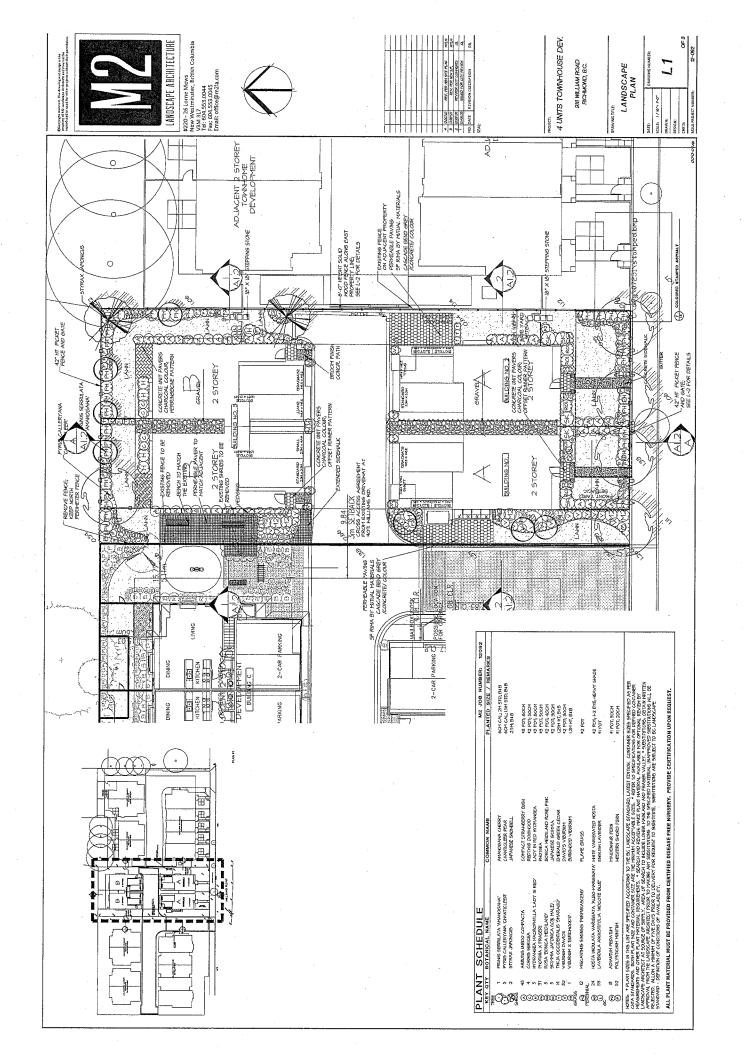


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Development Application Data Sheet

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Attachment 3

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Applicant: Yamamoto Architecture Inc.

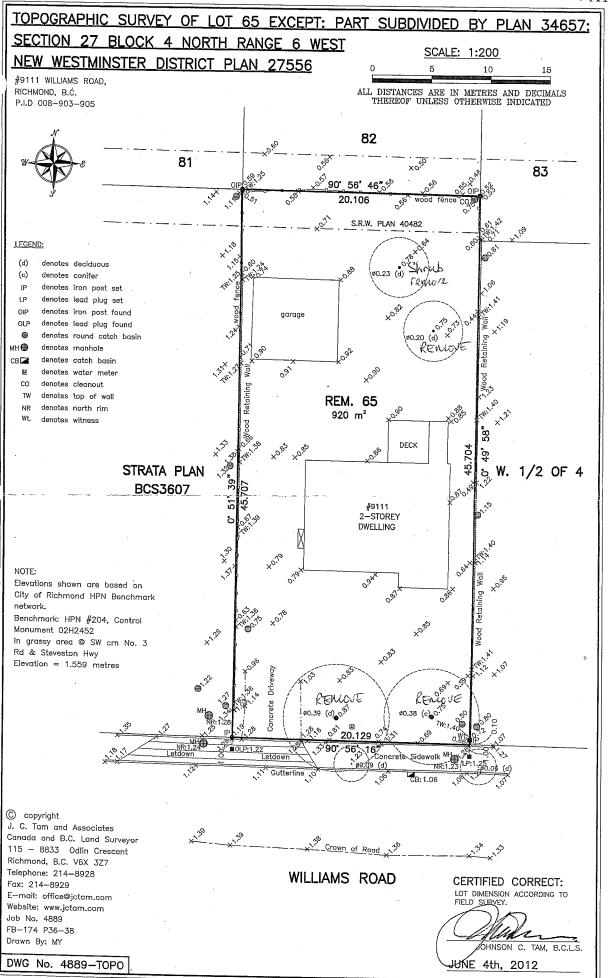
Planning Area(s): Broadmoor

	Existing	Proposed
Owner:	0868256 B.C. Ltd.	No Change
Site Size (m²):	919 m²	No Change
Land Uses:	Single-Family Residential	Multiple-Family Residential
OCP Designation:	Low-Density Residential	No Change
Area Plan Designation:	N/A	No Change
702 Policy Designation:	N/A	No Change
Zoning:	Single Detached (RS1/E)	Low Density Townhouses (RTL4)
Number of Units:	1	.4
Other Designations:	N/A	No Change

On Future Subdivided Lots	Bylaw Requirement	Proposed	Variance
Floor Area Ratio:	Max. 0.60	0.60	none permitted
Lot Coverage – Building:	Max. 40%	39%	none
Lot Coverage – Non-porous Surfaces:	Max. 65%	65% max.	none
Lot Coverage – Landscaping:	Min. 25%	25% min.	none
Setback – Front Yard (m):	Min. 6.0 m	6.0 m	none
Setback – East Side Yard (m):	Min. 3.0 m	3.0 m	none
Setback – West Side Yard (m):	. Min. 3.0 m	1.7 m	variance required
Setback – Rear Yard (m):	Min. 3.0 m	4.5 m	none
Height (m):	Max. 12.0 m (3 storeys)	2 storeys (12.0 m max.)	none
Lot Width:	Min. 40.0 m	20.12 m	variance required
Off-street Parking Spaces – Regular (R) / Visitor (V):	2 (R) and 0.2 (V) per unit	2 (R) and 0.25 (V) per unit	none
Off-street Parking Spaces – Total:	9	9	none

On Future Subdivided Lots	Bylaw Requirement	Proposed	Variance
Tandem Parking Spaces:	Not permitted	none	none
Small Car Parking Spaces	Not permitted	4	variance required
Handicap Parking Spaces:	none	none	
Amenity Space – Indoor:	Min. 70 m² or Cash-in-lieu	Cash-in-lieu	none
Amenity Space - Outdoor:	Min. 6 m ² x 4 units = 24 m ²	54 m²	none

Other: Tree replacement compensation required for removal of bylaw-sized trees.





Rezoning Considerations
Development Applications Division
6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Address: 9111 Williams Road File No.: RZ12-

Prior to final adoption of Zoning Amendment Bylaw 8963, the developer is required to complete the following:

- 1. Registration of a flood indemnity covenant on title.
- 2. Registration of a legal agreement on title ensuring that the only means of vehicle access is from the existing access easement (BB709772) on the adjacent property to the west (9071 Williams Road) and that there be no direct access to Williams Road.
- 3. Registration of a cross-access easement over the outdoor amenity area between the subject site and the adjacent property to the west (9071 Williams Road) for shared use of open space. The Agreement must include languages to ensure that no fencing dividing the consolidated outdoor amenity area is permitted.
- 4. Contribution of \$1,000 per dwelling unit (e.g. \$4,000) in-lieu of on-site indoor amenity space.
- 5. City acceptance of the developer's offer to voluntarily contribute \$2.0 per buildable square foot (e.g. \$11,880) to the City's affordable housing fund.
- 6. The submission and processing of a Development Permit* completed to a level deemed acceptable by the Director of Development.

Prior to Building Permit Issuance, the developer must complete the following requirements:

- 1. Submission of a Construction Parking and Traffic Management Plan to the Transportation Division. Management Plan shall include location for parking for services, deliveries, workers, loading, application for any lane closures, and proper construction traffic controls as per Traffic Control Manual for works on Roadways (by Ministry of Transportation) and MMCD Traffic Regulation Section 01570.
- 2. Incorporation of accessibility measures in Building Permit (BP) plans as determined via the Rezoning and/or Development Permit processes.
- 3. Removal of the existing sidewalk crossing and reinstatement of the sidewalk to be done at the developer's sole cost via City Work Order.
- 4. Obtain a Building Permit (BP) for any construction hoarding. If construction hoarding is required to temporarily occupy a public street, the air space above a public street, or any part thereof, additional City approvals and associated fees may be required as part of the Building Permit. For additional information, contact the Building Approvals Division at 604-276-4285.

Note:

- * This requires a separate application.
- Where the Director of Development deems appropriate, the preceding agreements are to be drawn not only as personal covenants of the property owner but also as covenants pursuant to Section 219 of the Land Title Act.

All agreements to be registered in the Land Title Office shall have priority over all such liens, charges and encumbrances as is considered advisable by the Director of Development. All agreements to be registered in the Land Title Office shall, unless the Director of Development determines otherwise, be fully registered in the Land Title Office prior to enactment of the appropriate bylaw.

The preceding agreements shall provide security to the City including indemnities, warranties, equitable/rent charges, letters of credit and withholding permits, as deemed necessary or advisable by the Director of Development. All agreements shall be in a form and content satisfactory to the Director of Development.

- Additional legal agreements, as determined via the subject development's Servicing Agreement(s) and/or Development Permit(s), and/or Building Permit(s) to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering may be required including, but not limited to, site investigation, testing, monitoring, site preparation, de-watering, drilling, underpinning, anchoring, shoring, piling, pre-loading, ground densification or other activities that may result in settlement, displacement, subsidence, damage or nuisance to City and private utility infrastructure.
- Private utility companies may require rights-of-ways to accommodate their equipment. It is recommended that the developer contact the private utility companies to learn of their requirements.

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Signed	Date	



Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500 Amendment Bylaw 8963 (RZ 12-613927) 9111 Williams Road

The Council of the City of Richmond, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The Zoning Map of the City of Richmond, which accompanies and forms part of Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, is amended by repealing the existing zoning designation of the following area and by designating it **LOW DENSITY TOWNHOUSES (RTL4).**

P.I.D. 008-903-905

Lot 65 Except: Part Subdivided by Plan 34657; Section 27 Block 4 North Range 6 West New Westminster District Plan 27556

2. This Bylaw may be cited as "Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 8963".

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