

To:	Development Permit Panel	D
From:	Joshua Reis Director of Development	F

Date: November 6, 2024 File: DP 23-025993

Re: Application by Anthony Boni for a General Compliance Ruling at 4831 Steveston Highway

Staff Recommendation

That the attached plans to apply art elements to the north and south façades of the development at 4831 Steveston Highway, be considered to be in General Compliance with Development Permit (DP 23-025993).

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Staff Report

Origin

Anthony Boni (Boni Maddison Architects) has applied to the City of Richmond for a General Compliance ruling regarding proposed changes to the Development Permit (DP 23-025993) for a three-storey 25-unit affordable rental housing building at 4831 Steveston Highway on a site zoned "Low Rise Rental Apartments (ZLR48) – Steveston Highway (Steveston)". Location and aerial maps of the property are provided in Attachment 1.

The development as approved includes a three-storey building (currently named Harbour House) containing 25 affordable rental units. The development is located on land owned by the City of Richmond with funding support from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and BC Housing in partnership with Turning Point Housing Society. The development is currently under construction.

The rezoning (RZ 23-018081) Bylaw 10478 was adopted by Council on November 27, 2023, and the Development Permit (DP 23-025993) was issued on the December 20, 2023. There is currently an issued Building Permit (B7 24-005730: issued February 8, 2024) on file for the development. A Servicing Agreement (SA 23-033836) has been entered into and the off-site works are currently in progress.

This report summarises the proposed modifications to the Development Permit (DP 23-025993) to allow for the voluntary application of art elements in the form of murals to the north and south façades of the development. There are no proposed changes to the approved Building Permit or Servicing Agreement.

Background

Development surrounding the subject site is as follows:

To the North:	Railway Community Gardens on a City road allowance owned by the City of Richmond zoned "Single Detached (RS1/E)" and single detached dwellings on lots zoned "Single Detached (RS1/E)" fronting onto Bonavista Drive and Argentia Drive.
To the South:	Across Steveston Highway is the Branscombe House, a heritage-designated single detached dwelling on a lot owned by the City of Richmond zoned "School & Institutional Use (SI)", and a single detached dwelling on a lot zoned "Compact Single Detached (RC1)".
To the East:	The Railway Greenway on a lot owned by the City of Richmond, zoned "Single Detached (RS1/E)." Across Railway Avenue is a pub and liquor store on a lot zoned "Pub & Sales (CP2)" and single detached dwellings on lots zoned "Single Detached (RS1/E)".
To the West:	A townhouse development with 12 units on a lot zoned "Town Housing (ZT54)".

Staff Comments

The proposed changes to the scheme attached to this report are in general compliance with the original Development Permit considered by the Development Permit Panel (Attachment 2). In addition, the modified proposal (Attachment 3) complies with the intent of the applicable sections of the Official Community Plan (OCP) and is in compliance with the "Low Rise Rental Apartments (ZLR48) – Steveston Highway (Steveston)" zone.

Planned Public Art for the North and South Façades of the Development

On-site public art is not required for this project in keeping with the City's OCP policies which exempt 100 per cent rental projects from public art contributions. Under the approved Development Permit plans, there was no plan for public art on the façade of the building. However, at the Advisory Design Panel (ADP) meeting, the developer was advised to consider introducing public art to help enhance the building's appearance. At the time, the developer was not able to respond to the suggestion but identified that they were open to exploring options in the future. As construction is currently underway, the developer is now voluntarily proposing to apply art elements to the north and south façades of the building.

The applicant has commissioned Gary Nay, an artist living and working in Tsawwassen, BC, to design the murals proposed to be located on the building. The artist will provide digital renderings of the proposed artwork and will work with a custom fabricator, TDH Experiential Fabricators, to prepare the mural for "Harbour House". Two murals are proposed for the building, one of each is to be applied to the north and south façade of the building (Attachment 3).

The mural fabricator will transfer the digital artwork to outdoor grade vinyl wrappings on aluminum composite panels which will then be attached to a frame that will be fastened to the building (Attachment 4). The mural fabricator has provided maintenance instructions for the murals along with a two-year warranty for the murals. The mural fabricator has confirmed that this artwork is expected to last for approximately 10 years. The operator is committed to maintaining the murals for the life of the artwork. The proposed murals have been reviewed and are supported by Public Art staff.

Planned Changes to the Elevations

The applicant has worked with City staff to ensure that the artistic design elements complement and enhance the approved development (Attachment 3). The areas of the building where the murals would be provided include:

South Elevation – Steveston Highway

A proposed mural would be located on the lower portion of the dark green vertical bay at the building's south façade which fronts onto Steveston Highway (Attachment 3 - DP PLAN # 4). The artwork is proposed to measure 3.66 m (12.0 ft.) by 2.44 m (8.0 ft.) and will feature imagery of a harbour and seaside, reflecting the building's name and geographical significance of Steveston.

North Elevation

The northern façade of the building currently faces the Railway Community Gardens. A mural is proposed to be centrally positioned on the dark green vertical bay of the northern façade of the building (Attachment 3 - DP PLAN # 4). The artwork is proposed to measure 3.66 m (12.0 ft.) by 3.66 m (12.0 ft.) and will feature imagery of local trails and greenways, celebrating the community's nature beauty and history.

Analysis

Applicable Conditions of Adjacency and Landscape

- The location for the proposed mural elements on the north and south façades of the building was selected due to the visibility and availability of space across the building's façades.
- The proposed mural elements and selected coloured scheme were chosen to correspond with the colour scheme of the building while providing for a variety of colours and design patterns that will provide a rich and nuanced form on the building.
- The murals are expected to create an identifiable sense of place for the residents, staff and visitors of Harbour House.
- It will enliven the building's façade and improve the experience of users of the community garden north of the site.
- From further away, the mural will create a visible landmark for the intersection at Steveston Highway and Railway Avenue, it will also serve as an attraction from the various viewing distances along the Railway Greenway which runs to the east of the site.

Conclusions

Anthony Boni (Boni Maddison Architects) has requested a General Compliance ruling to allow for the application of mural elements to the north and south façades of the development at 4831 Steveston Highway.

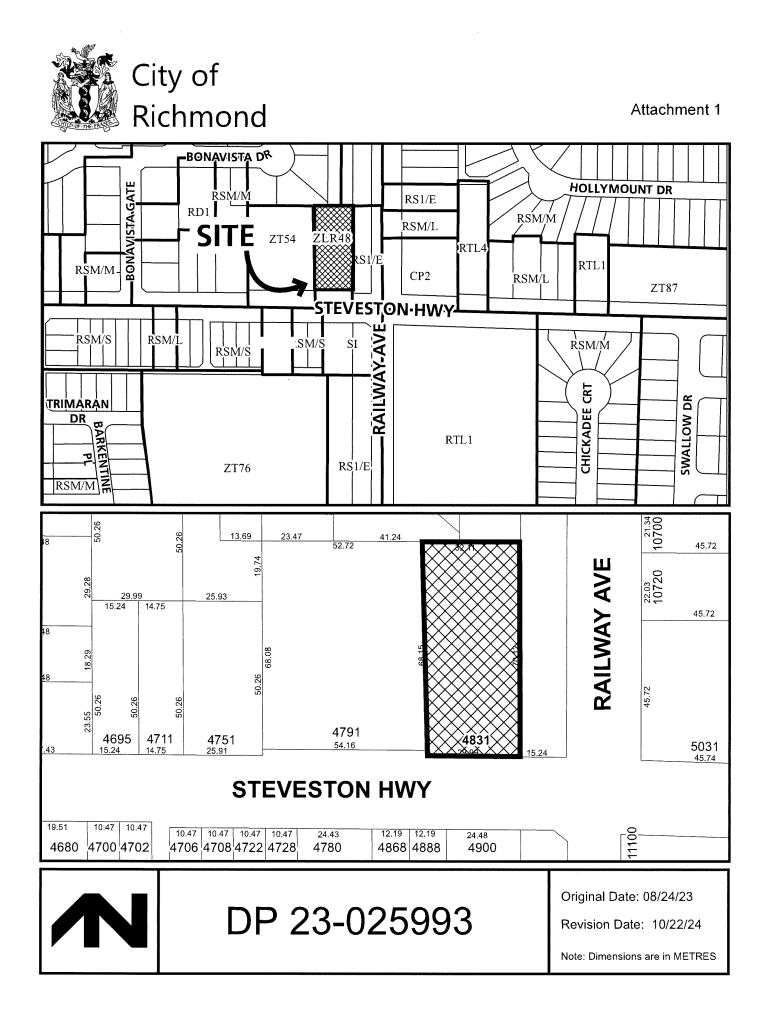
The proposed changes are considered to be in general compliance and staff recommend support of this General Compliance ruling for the proposed changes to the approved Development Permit (DP 23-0259936).

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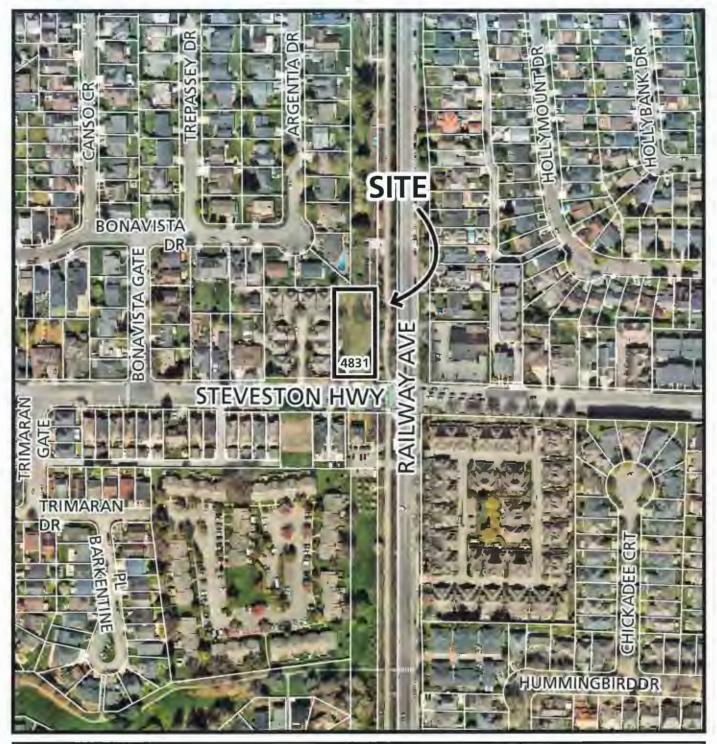
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- Att. 1: Location and Aerial Maps
 - 2: Approved Development Permit Plan Pages
 - 3: Revised Development Permit Plans
 - 4: Mural Shop Drawings





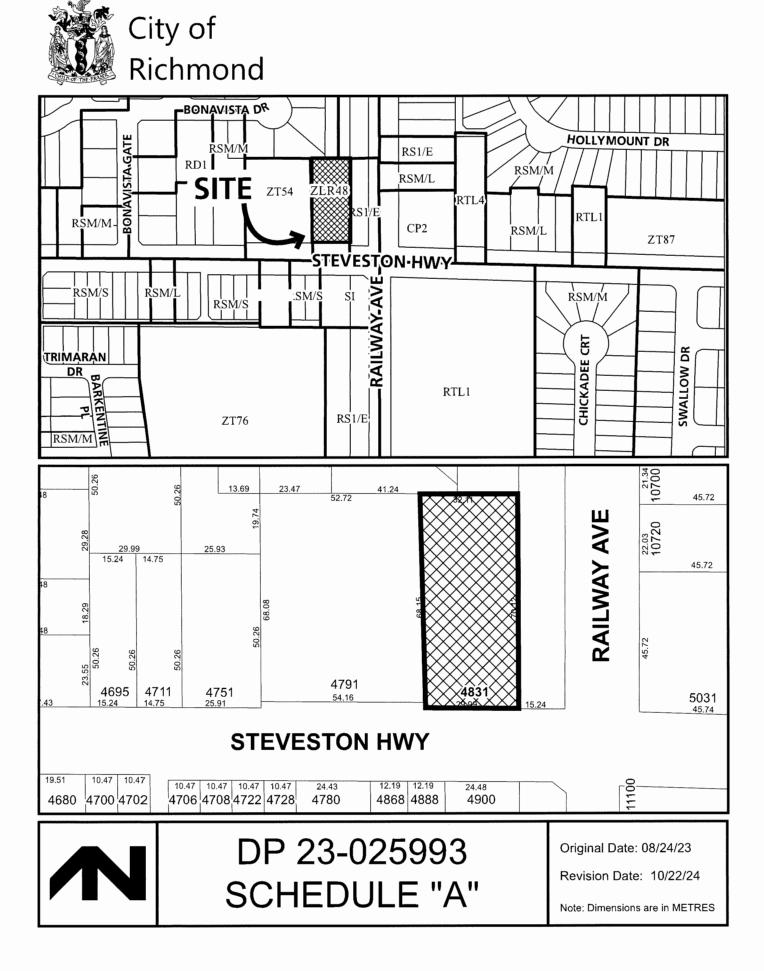




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Original Date: 11/04/24 Revision Date:

Note: Dimensions are in METRES





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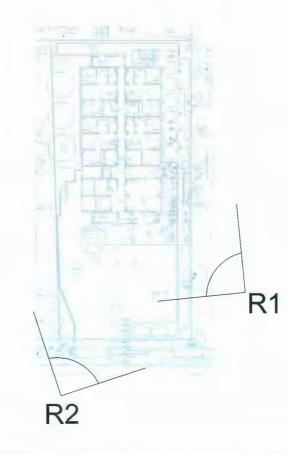
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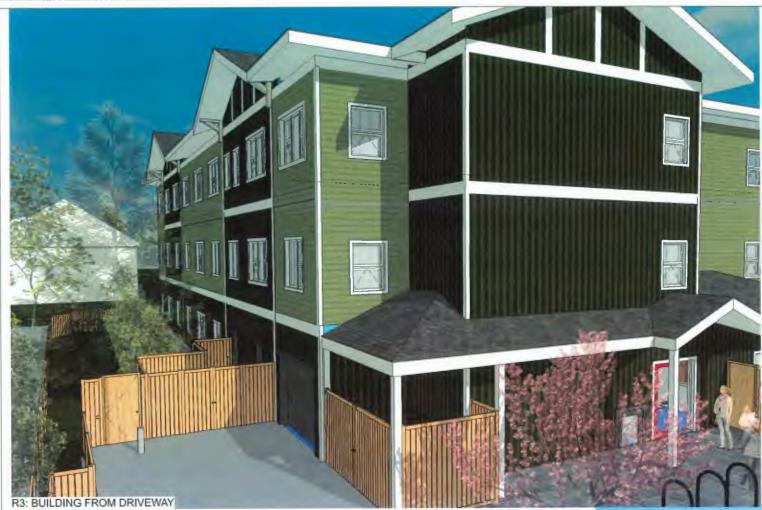
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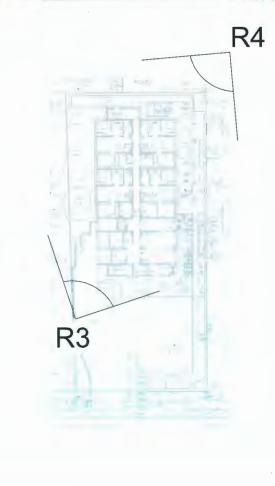
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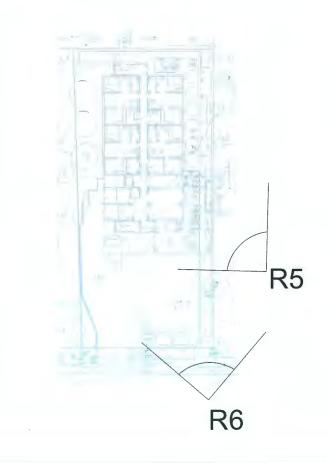
















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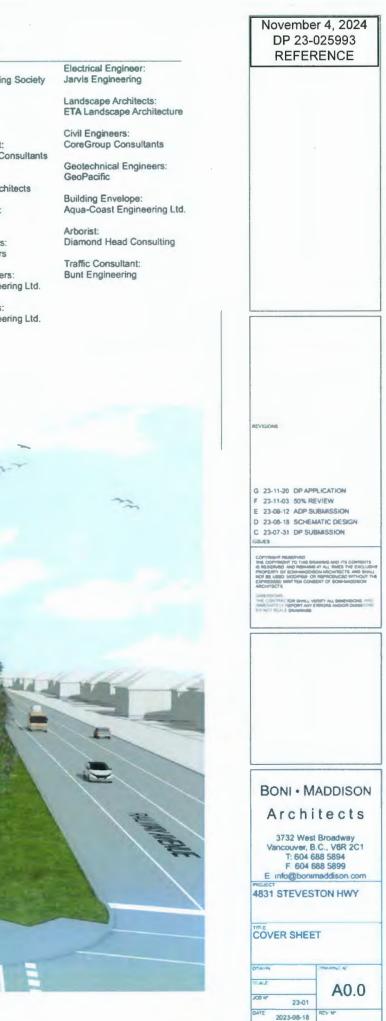
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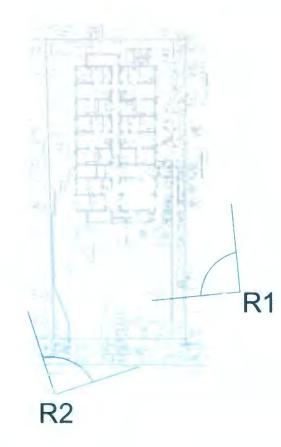
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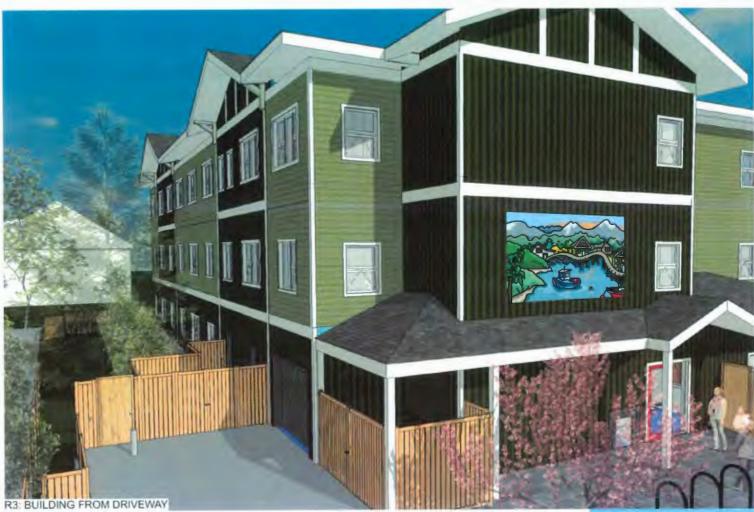


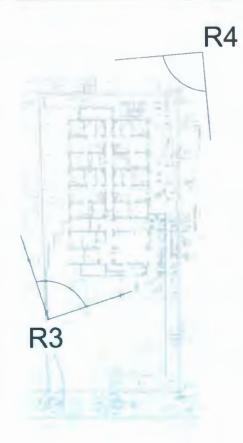
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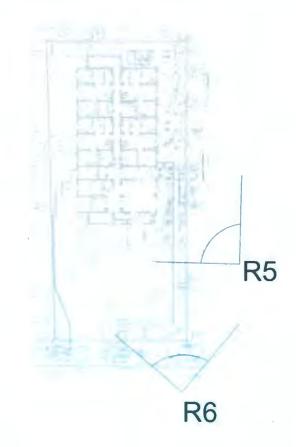


















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