

## Report to **Development Permit Panel**

To:

**Development Permit Panel** 

Date:

June 7, 2004

From:

Raul Allueva

File:

DP 03-254721

Director of Development

Re:

Application by London Lane Development Corp. for a Development Permit at

13160 Princess Street

#### Staff Recommendation

That a Development Permit be issued that would permit 67 Stacked Townhouse units over a onelevel parking podium at 13160 Princess Street on a site zoned comprehensive Development District (CD/115).

Director of Development

CA:blg Att.

#### Staff Report

#### Origin

London Lane Development Corp. has applied to the City of Richmond for permission to construct 67 stacked townhouse units on a one level parking podium on this site zoned Comprehensive Development District (CD/115).

#### **Development Information**

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

#### **Background**

The proposed residential development will complete the residential precinct known as London Landing in the Steveston neighbourhood, which is bounded by London Road, Princess Lane and Princess Street. The site was rezoned under application number RZ 03-220-06 to CD/155 in April 2004.

As part of the rezoning, the applicant proposed a pedestrian trail and tram barn in the former CN Rail right-of-way immediately north of London Road as a community building and potential home for the interurban tram.

Development surrounding the subject site is as follows:

- To the north: City-owned former CN Rail right-of-way, zoned School and Public Use District (SPU);
- To the east: Agricultural uses, zoned (AG1) and industrial uses, zoned I2;
- To the south: Townhouses, zoned CD/115; and
- To the west: Industrial uses, zoned I2.

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

The Public Hearing for the site was held on October 20, 2003. No issues were identified as part of the rezoning or Public Hearing for follow up at the Development Permit stage.

#### Staff Comments

The proposed scheme meets the intent of the applicable sections of the Official Community Plan (OCP) and is generally in compliance with the applicable Design Guidelines in Schedule 1 (9.2 General Guidelines, and 9.3 Multiple-Family Residential DP Guidelines (Townhouses) and Schedule 2 (2.4 Steveston Area Plan). The revised scheme attached to this report has satisfactorily addressed all the significant staff comments that were identified as part of the Development Permit application review process.

#### **Zoning Compliance/Variances:**

The proposed development is generally in compliance with the Comprehensive Development District (CD/115) Schedule of the Zoning and Development Bylaw No. 5300. The applicant has not requested any variances.

#### **Advisory Design Panel Comments**

The proposed development was presented to the Advisory Design Panel on April 21, 2004. A copy of the Advisory Design Panel Minutes is attached for reference (Attachment 2). The Panel supported the development subject to having the applicant work with staff to address concerns including the incorporation of an elevator from the parking level to the podium level and to enlarge ensuite bathrooms (in the accessible units) to enhance accessibility.

The applicant has successfully addressed the design comments regarding the enlargement of the ensuite bathrooms of unit type B, but is reluctant to incorporate an elevator because of the high costs relative to the limited benefit gained by the added convenience. Instead, the applicant proposes the following (*Staff comments in bold*):

- Designate two (2) "handicapped only" parking areas along the portion of the London Road curb lane in between Buildings 4 and 5, and Buildings 2 and 3 in order to allow easy access between handicapped parking and the accessible units.
- Designate an area, along the portion of the London Road curb lane, immediately in front of the central pedestrian walkway leading from London Road to the project as 15 minute pick-up and drop-off zone to facilitate short-term loading of groceries, strollers and passengers pick-up/drop-off.
- Pedestrian walkways have been provided along the two ramps to the underground parkade which are located at either end of the site.
   (While the elevator would appear to be the best alternative to address all accessibility issues, staff appreciate the applicant's attempt to address this issue, and are satisfied that sufficient options have been provided in the measures proposed by the applicant to address

accessibility. On this basis, the proposal is acceptable.)

#### **Analysis**

#### Adjacency:

The proposed development provides good interface and transition to the adjacent developments. The completion of London Road in conjunction with the proposed landscape treatments including treed boulevard and landscaped "front yards" on the south side of London Road will create a residential interface with the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) lands north of the CN Rail right-of-way.

The same developer is developing the approved townhouse project to the south. This enables an opportunity for sharing the outdoor amenities located in between the two projects, as well as connecting the pedestrian trail system within the site. These shared open spaces and amenities allow for good interconnectivity between the projects while the proposed landscaping provides good visual screening between buildings to protect visual privacy.

#### **Urban Design and Site Planning:**

The siting of the buildings are generally sensitively handled to take advantage of available views onto the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) lands while minimizing view impact on adjacent developments. The four (4) central buildings are organized around formal north-south and east-west axis. The north-south axis is aligned with the approved access for the development to the south. This linear connection enables both physical and visual tie-in with the southerly project, as well as opening up a view corridor from London Road to the river.

The buildings on the easterly and westerly edges of the site are oriented parallel to these property lines to take advantage of views to the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

#### Architectural Form & Character:

The proposed "heritage" style architecture is generally complimentary to the exiting character of the area and complies with the Princess/London Landing Area Plan and will contribute to the emerging architectural vernacular in this area.

#### Landscape and Open Space:

The proposed landscape scheme focuses on creating pedestrian friendly streetscape. The incorporation of trails, private and common green spaces encourages social interaction among residents and contributes to community building. The common central open space includes children's play structure and seating areas nearby for parental supervision. A lawn area is located immediately south of the play structure to encourage informal play/sports activities.

The proposed landscaping includes a diversity of formally arranged ornamental trees and plant material that will create a landscape with a variety of texture and seasonal colours.

#### **Conclusions**

The siting, form and character, and architectural expressions are generally in accordance with the approved rezoning. This development will provide additional housing choices to the residents of Steveston. Staff recommend approval of this Development Permit application.

Cecilia Achiam, MCIP Urban Design Planner

CA:blg

Att.: Project Data Summary

**Advisory Design Panel Minutes** 

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

A Letter of Credit for \$155,890 for landscaping

Prior to the issuance of the Building Permit:

• The applicant to work with City staff to secure the final layout and parking arrangements of the Tram storage/community building on the north side of London Road via the Servicing Agreement.



# Development Permit Application Data Sheet Development Applications Department

			ATTACHMENT
Planning Area: S	teveston		
Planning Sub-Area:	-		
Zoning: C	D/115		
Site Area (sq. m):	8,815		
Floor Area (sq. m):	7,241		
Number of Units:	67		
		Min. or Max.	Proposed
Floor Area Ratio:		.87	.87
Lot Coverage – Building:		35%	35%
Lot Coverage – Planting:		NA	NA NA
Density (unit/acre)		NA	34
Density (units/hectare)		NA	84
Setbacks		Varies- as indicated in diagrams 1, 2 & 3, Sec 291.11.4.02 of CD/115	Varies- as indicated in diagrams 1, 2 & 3, Sec 291.11.4.02 of CD/115
Height (m):		15 m	15m
Off-street Parking Spaces – Resident:		101	134
Off-street Parking Spaces – Visito	or:	13	13
Off-street Parking Spaces – Hand	licapped:	3	5
Amenity Space – Indoor (sq. m):		N/A	N/A Tram Bldg (off site)
Amenity Space – Outdoor:		NA	NA
Demonstration of F.A.R. Calculati	on: Archi	tectural floor plans	
Variances Requested: N/A			
DP Guidelines Checklist: Steves	ston Guidel	ines, Multifamily Design Guidel	ines

Affordable Seniors Supportive Housing Design Guidelines: NA

Other: NA

## MINUTES EXCERPTED FROM RICHMOND ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL MEETING APRIL 21, 2004

#### 4. **Multifamily**

Gomberoff Bell Lyon.
Thomas J.C. Bell, Architect
Dana Westermark, Applicant
Masa Ito, Landscape Architect
6431 Princess Lane and 13160 Princess Street
(Formal)

Ms. Achiam, Planner, briefly reviewed this multifamily townhouse project. (a copy of her review is attached as Schedule 4 and forms a part of these minutes), stating that staff supported this project

With the aid of a model and presentation material, Mr. Bell, Architect, advised that:

- the project consisted of 67 townhouses over underground parking;
- ❖ a tram/amenity building, and was based on historic CP Rail buildings;
- the tram building consisted of a workshop, office, and amenity space above, and the building itself was located to terminate the view at the end of London Road;
- there was a central view corridor, and the active play area was central to both this development and a previous development by the same applicant and was covered by a public right of way;
- ❖ 19 units were on Princess Lane completing the opposite side of the lane and turning the corner of Princess Street;
- ❖ 12 single units were universally adapted;
- the design enabled the architect to create massing using sloped, hipped and gabled roof forms;

A copy of Mr. Bell's review is attached as Item 4 and forms a part of these minutes.

The panel then proffered the following comments that:

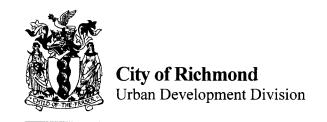
- \* They liked the project;
- was there a possibility of installing an elevator from the underground parking to units?
- the size of the bathroom ensuite in the accessible units was not wheelchair friendly;

It was moved and seconded

- 1. That the applicant install an elevator from the underground parking for universal accessibility; and
- 2. that the applicant enlarge ensuite bathrooms for universal accessibility.

**CARRIED** UNANIMOUS

**Recording Secretary** 



## **Development Permit**

No. DP 03-254721

To the Holder:

LONDON LANE DEVELOPMENT CORP.

Property Address:

13160 PRINCESS STREET

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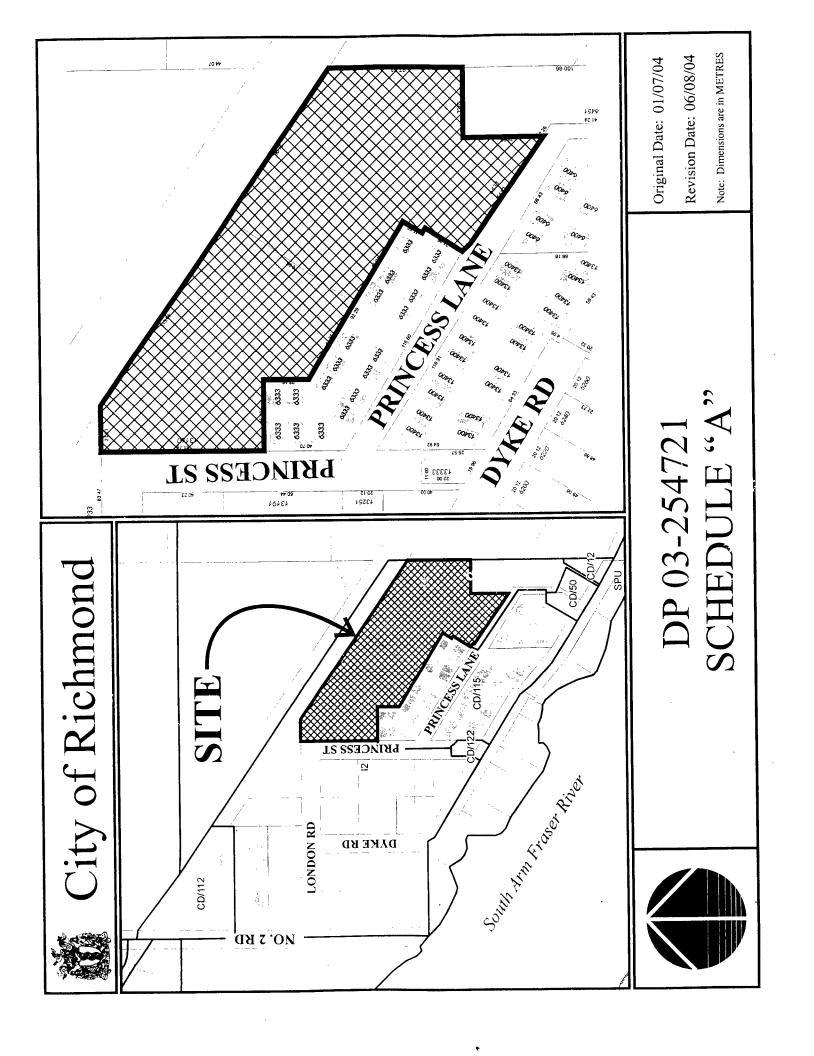
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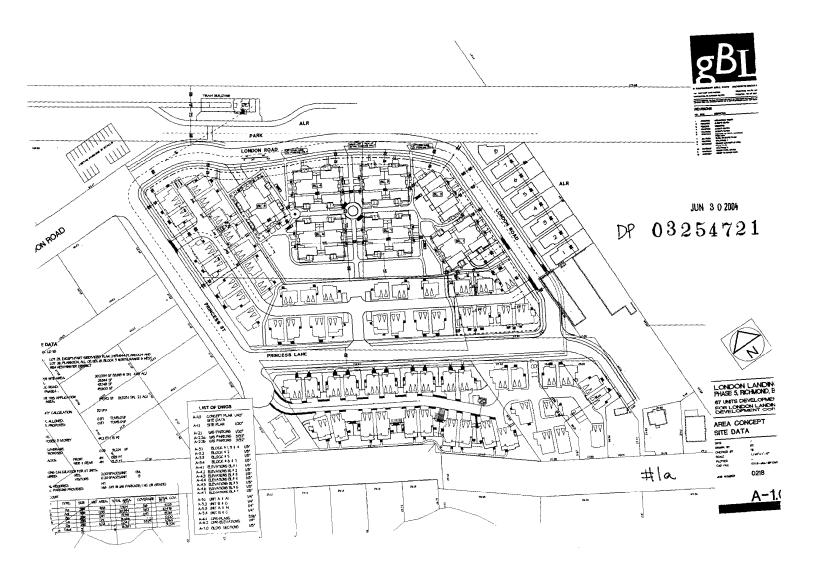
- 1. This Development Permit is issued subject to compliance with all of the Bylaws of the City applicable thereto, except as specifically varied or supplemented by this Permit.
- 2. This Development Permit applies to and only to those lands shown cross-hatched on the attached Schedule "A" and any and all buildings, structures and other development thereon.
- 3. The "Richmond Zoning and Development Bylaw No. 5300" is hereby varied or supplemented as follows:
  - a) The dimension and siting of buildings and structures on the land shall be generally in accordance with Plan #1a-b attached hereto.
  - b) The siting and design of off-street parking and loading facilities shall be generally in accordance with Plan #2 attached hereto.
  - c) Landscaping and screening shall be provided around the different uses generally in accordance with the standards shown on Plan #3a-e attached hereto.
  - d) Roads and parking areas shall be paved in accordance with the standards shown on Plan #1a-b attached hereto.
  - e) Sanitary sewers, water, drainage, highways, street lighting, underground wiring, and sidewalks, shall be provided as required.
  - f) Subject to Section 692 of the Local Government Act, R.S.B.C., the building shall be constructed generally in accordance with Plans #4 to #10 attached hereto.
- 4. As a condition of the issuance of this Permit, Council is holding the security set out below 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, or 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.

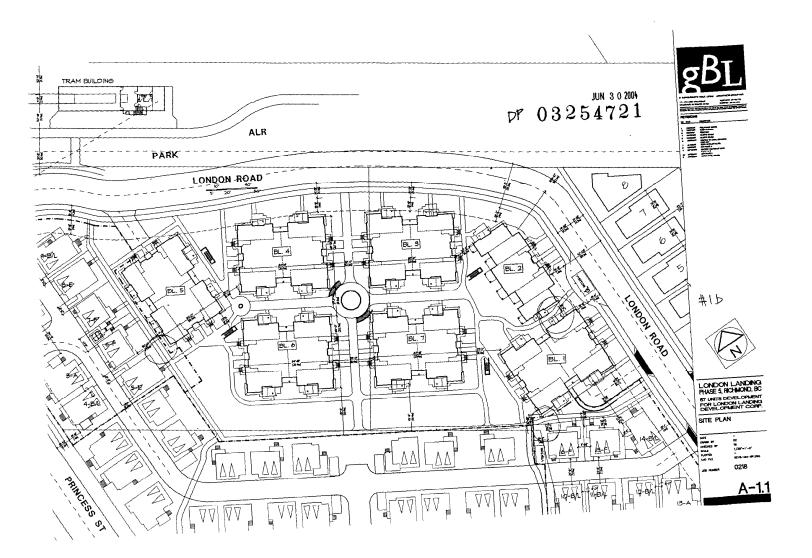
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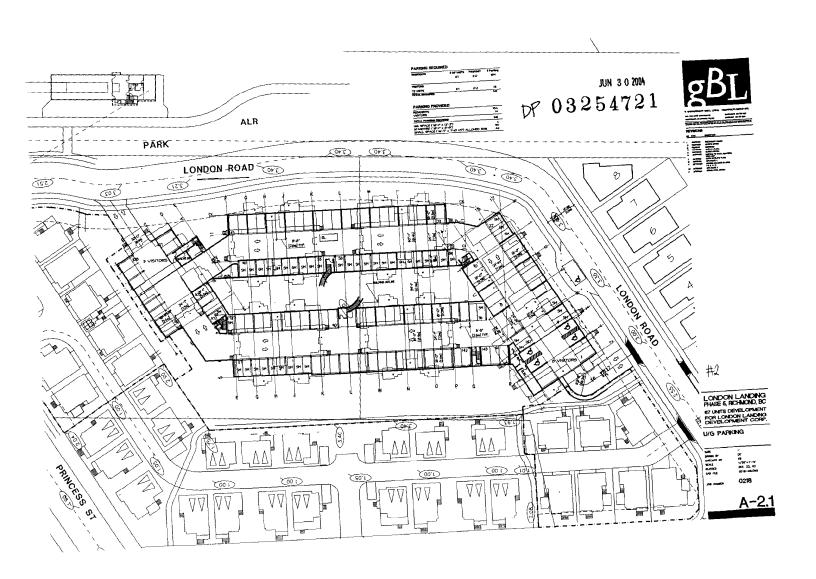
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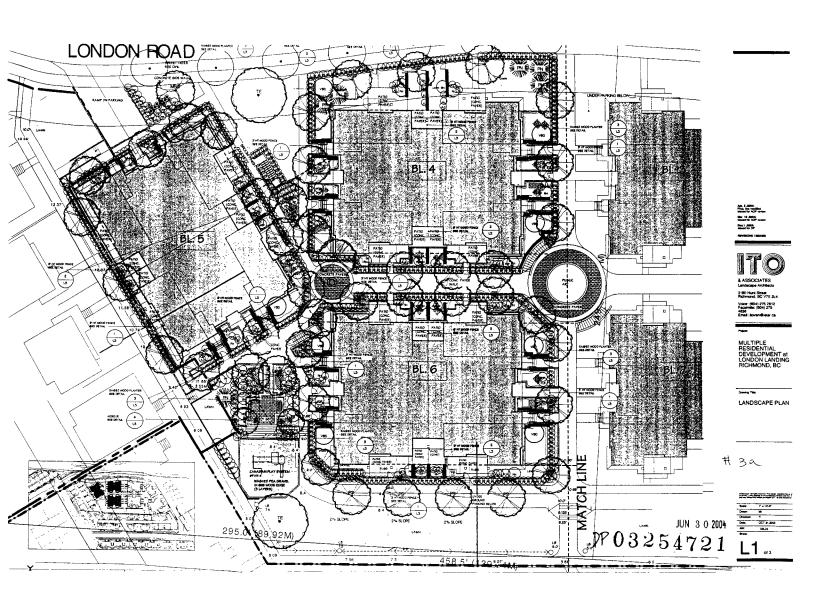
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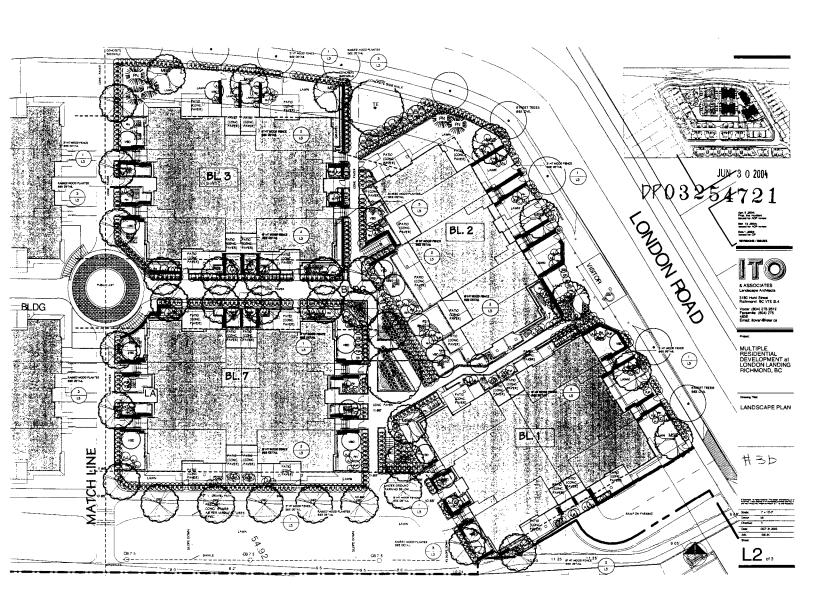


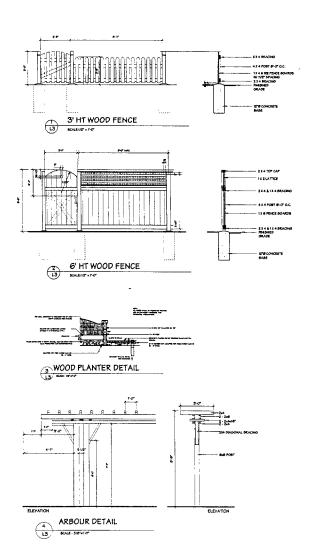


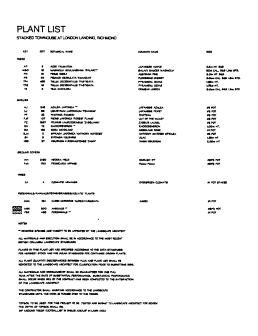












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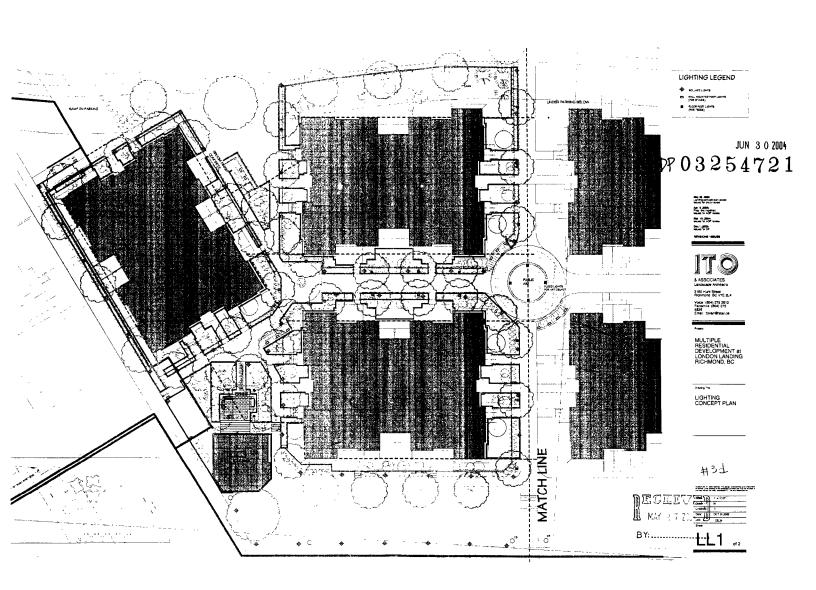
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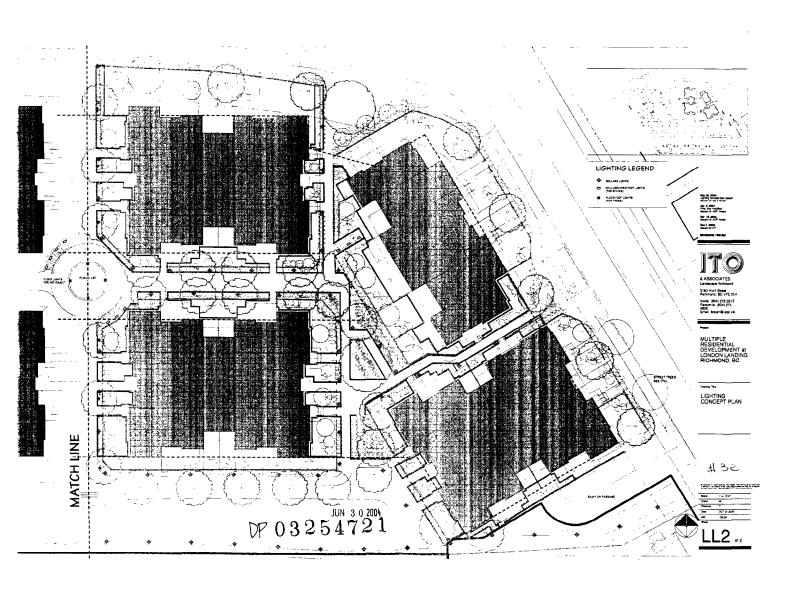
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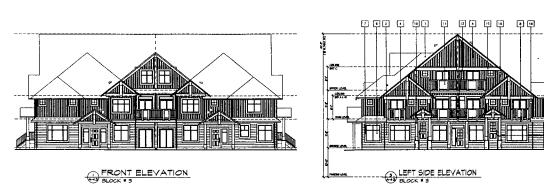
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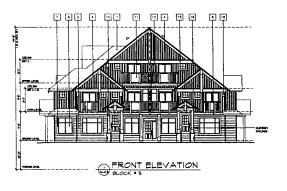
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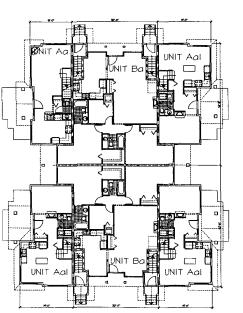
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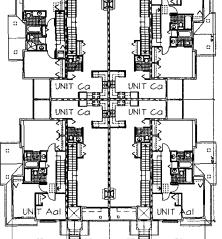
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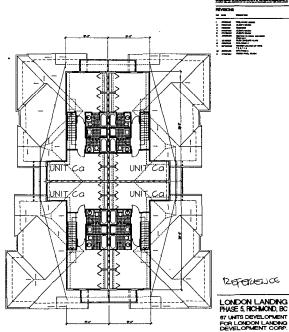


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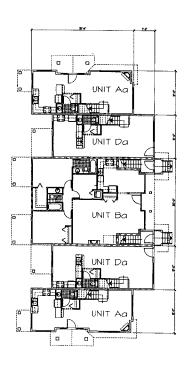
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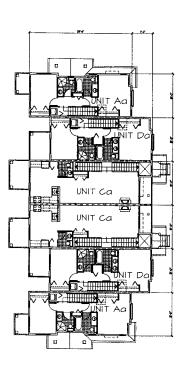
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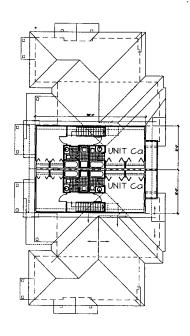
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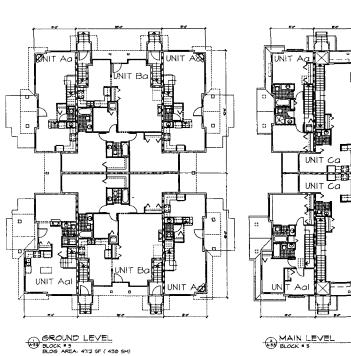
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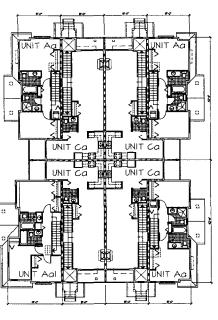
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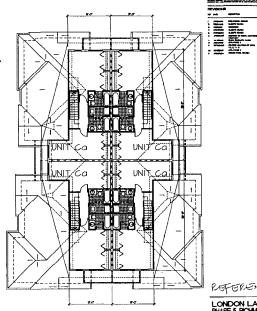
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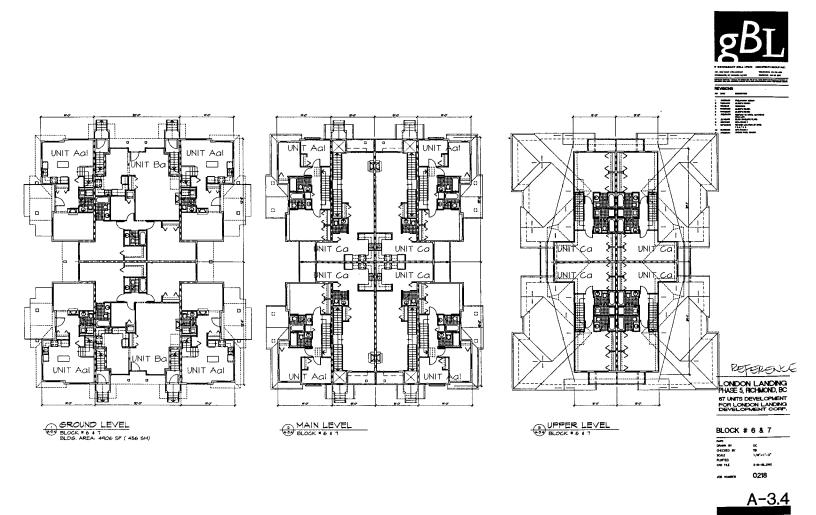
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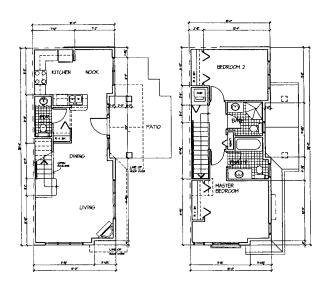
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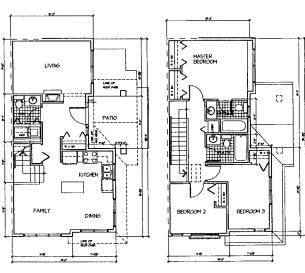








UNIT "Aa" TOTAL AREA: 988 sf



3 GROUND FLOOR A-51) AREA 582 SF

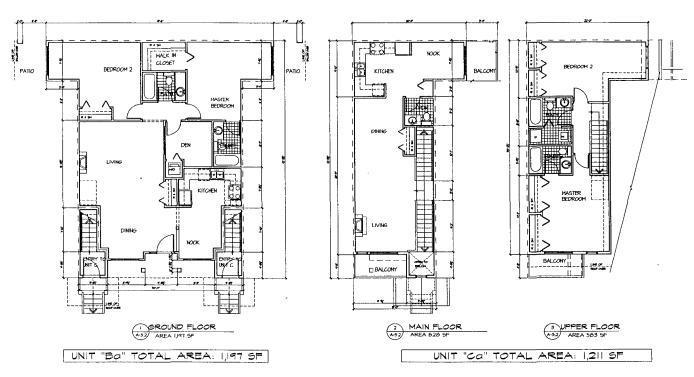
4 MAIN FLOOR A-5.1 AREA 551 SF

UNIT "Ala" TOTAL AREA: 1,133 sf

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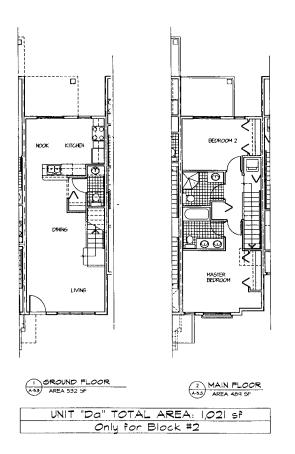
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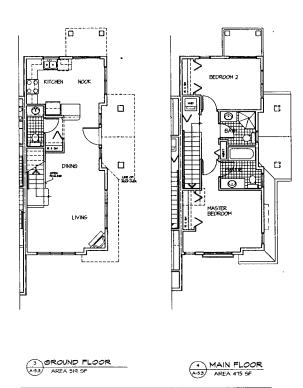


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FLOOR PLANS UNIT Ba & Ca





UNIT "Aa" TOTAL AREA: 994 sf Only for Block #2

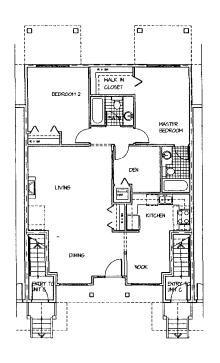


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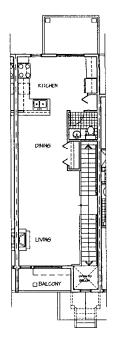
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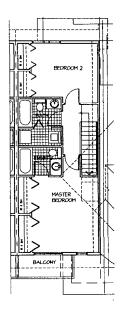
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UNIT "Ba" TOTAL AREA: 1,102 SF Only for Block #2



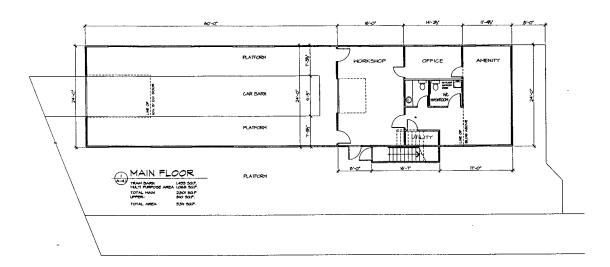


MAIN FLOOR
ASS AREA 544 SF

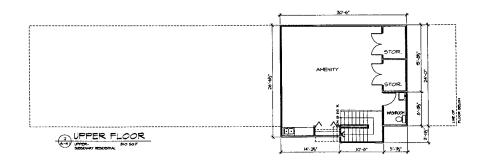
3 UPPER FLOOR A-5.4 AREA 541 SF

UNIT "Ca" TOTAL AREA: 1,140 SF Only for Block #2









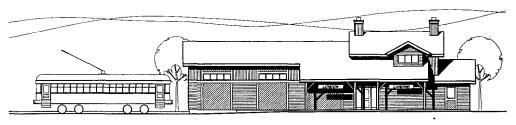
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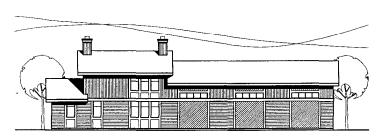
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NORTH ELEVATION



SOUTH ELEVATION



EAST ELEVATION



MEST ELEVATION



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