

City of Surrey
PLANNING \& DEVELOPMENT REPORT
Application No.: 7921-0082-00
Planning Report Date: April 17, 2023

## PROPOSAL:

- OCP Amendment to allow an FAR of 2.48 within the Mixed Employment land use designation
- Rezoning from RA to CD (based on IB-3)
- Development Permit
to permit the development of a 10,230 square metre business park building.

LOCATION:
15513-28 Avenue
2828 - Croydon Drive

ZONING:
OCP DESIGNATION: Mixed Employment
LAP DESIGNATION: Business Park/Light Industrial and Buffers


## RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

- By-law Introduction and set date for Public Hearing for:
- OCP Amendment; and
- Rezoning.
- Approval to draft Development Permit for Form and Character.


## DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

- Proposing an amendment to the Official Community Plan (OCP) to allow for a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 2.48 within the Mixed Employment land use designation.
- Proposing to increase the allowable building heights and reduce building setbacks in the "Comprehensive Development Zone (CD)" By-law.


## RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The proposal partially complies with the Mixed Employment designation in the Official Community Plan (OCP).
- The proposal generally complies with the "Business Park/Light Industrial" and "Buffers" designation in the Highway 99 Corridor Local Area Plan (LAP).
- The proposal complies with the Employment designation in the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy (RGS).
- The proposed density and building form are appropriate for this part of the Highway 99 Corridor Business Park. The site is significantly encumbered by the BC Hydro right-of-way that bisects the site along Croydon Dr. and is considered "undevelopable" under the Zoning By-law. If this area were to be included for calculating floor area ratio, the proposed floor area ratio would be 0.75 .
- The proposal generally complies with the Development Permit requirements in the OCP for Form and Character.
- The proposed setbacks achieve a more urban, pedestrian streetscape in compliance with the Highway 99 Corridor Local Area Plan (LAP) and in accordance with the Development Permit (Form and Character) design guidelines in the OCP.
- The proposed building achieves an attractive architectural built form, which utilizes high quality, natural materials and contemporary lines. The street interface has been designed to a high quality to achieve a positive urban experience between the proposed building and the public realm and includes a large, publicly accessible plaza along 28 Avenue.


## RECOMMENDATION

The Planning \& Development Department recommends that:

1. A Bylaw be introduced to amend the OCP, 'Table 7a: Land Use Designation Exceptions' to allow for an FAR of 2.48 within the Mixed Employment land use designation and a date for Public Hearing be set.

| "Bylaw No. | Land Use Designation | Site Specific Property | Site Specific Permission |
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| Bylaw \# xxxxx | Mixed <br> Employment | a) 15513-28 Avenue (o16-648-803, Lot 1 Section 23, Township 1, NWD Plan 87247) <br> b) Portion of 2828 - Croydon Drive (004-382-927, Lot 18 Section 23, Township 1, NWD Plan 39782) <br> Within Block A as outlined on the Survey Plan, attached hereto as Schedule A, certified correct by Robert Pearlman, B.C.L.S., on the $19^{\text {th }}$ day of March 2023 containing 1.40 hectares. | Density permitted up to 2.48 FAR (net calculation) within Block A as outlined on the Survey Plan, attached hereto as Schedule A, certified correct by Robert Pearlman, B.C.L.S., on the $19^{\text {th }}$ day of March 2023 containing 1.40 hectares. |

2. Council determine the opportunities for consultation with persons, organizations and authorities that are considered to be affected by the proposed amendment to the Official Community Plan, as described in the Report, to be appropriate to meet the requirement of Section 475 of the Local Government Act.
3. A By-law be introduced to rezone a portion of the subject site as shown as Block A on the attached Survey Plan (Appendix I) from "One-Acre Residential Zone (RA)," to "Comprehensive Development Zone (CD)" based on the "Business Park 3 Zone (IB-3)" and a date be set for Public Hearing.
4. Council authorize staff to draft Development Permit No. 7921-oo82-oo generally in accordance with the attached drawings (Appendix II).
5. Council instruct staff to resolve the following issues prior to final adoption:
(a) ensure that all engineering requirements and issues including restrictive covenants, dedications, and rights-of-way where necessary, are addressed to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Engineering;
(b) submission of a subdivision layout to the satisfaction of the Approving Officer;
(c) approval from the Ministry of Transportation \& Infrastructure;
(d) approval from BC Hydro;
(e) resolution of all urban design issues to the satisfaction of the Planning and Development Department;
(f) submission of a finalized landscaping plan and landscaping cost estimate to the specifications and satisfaction of the Planning and Development Department;
(g) submission of a finalized tree survey and a statement regarding tree preservation to the satisfaction of the City Landscape Architect;
(h) the applicant satisfy the deficiency in tree replacement on the site, to the satisfaction of the Planning and Development Department;
(i) submission of a finalized watercourse assessment;
(j) demolition of existing buildings and structures to the satisfaction of the Planning and Development Department;
(k) registration of access easements to provide the proposed shared access and parking for the future development of 2868 - Croydon Drive;
(1) registration of a Section 219 Restrictive Covenant for "no build" on the "No Build Area" as identified in Appendix I, until future consolidation and development with 2868 - Croydon Drive;
(m) Registration of a Section 219 Restrictive Covenant to adequately address the City's needs with respect to public art, to the satisfaction of the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture; and
(n) registration of a Section 219 Restrictive Covenant for installation and maintenance of the landscape buffer.

## SITE CONTEXT \& BACKGROUND

| Direction | Existing Use | LAP/NCP <br> Designation | Existing Zone |
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| Subject Site | Single family <br> dwelling | "Business Park/Light <br> Industrial" and <br> "Buffers" | RA |
| North: | Townhouses | North Grandview <br> Heights NCP: <br> "Multiple Residential <br> (15-25 upa)" | RM-30 |


| Direction | Existing Use | LAP/NCP <br> Designation | Existing Zone |
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| East: | Townhouses and <br> BC Hydro Right- <br> of-Way | "Business Park/Light <br> Industrial," "Buffers" <br> and "North <br> Grandview Heights <br> NCP: "Multiple <br> Residential (15-25 <br> upa)" | CD (By-law No. <br> 17457) |
| South (Across 28 Avenue): | Single family <br> dwellings | "Business Park/Light <br> Industrial" and <br> "Buffers" | RA |
| West (\& Across Croydon Drive): | Single family <br> dwellings and <br> Highway 99 | "Business Park/Light <br> Industrial", "Buffers", <br> and "Habitat <br> Preservation Areas" | RA |

## Context \& Background

- The 1.44 hectare subject site is located along Croydon Drive and north of 28 Avenue in the Highway 99 Corridor Local Area Plan (LAP). The subject site is designated "Mixed Employment" in the Official Community Plan (OCP), "Business Park/Light Industrial" and "Buffers" in the Highway 99 Corridor LAP and is currently zoned "One Acre Residential Zone (RA)".
- The subject site is encumbered by a BC Hydro Right-of-Way (ROW), that runs through a portion of the site and the adjacent site to the north/east. Development within the BC Hydro ROW is limited to parking and landscaping.
- There is a pathway registered with a Statutory Right-of-Way for public passage to the north/east of the subject site. The pathway provides a natural buffer from the subject site to the residential uses to the north/east.


## DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

## Planning Considerations

- The applicant proposes the following in order to permit the development of a business park building:
- OCP Amendment to allow for an FAR of 2.48 within the Mixed Employment land use designation;
- Rezoning a portion of the site from "One Acre Residential Zone (RA)" to "Comprehensive Development Zone (CD)" (based on "Business Park 3 Zone (IB-3)");
- Development Permit for Form and Character; and
- Consolidation to create one development lot with a portion of land to be reserved for future consolidation and development with 2868 - Croydon Drive (abutting to the west).

|  | Proposed |
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| Lot Area |  |
| Gross Site Area: | 14,112 square metres |
| Road Dedication: | 66 square metres |
| BC Hydro Area: | 9,413 square metres |
| Area Reserved for 2868 - | 508 square metres |
| Croydon Drive <br> Net Site Area: | 4,125 square metres |
| Number of Lots: | 1 |
| Building Height: | 23.8 |
| Floor Area Ratio (FAR): | 2.48 |
| Floor Area |  |
| Office: | 10,091 square metres |
| Commercial: | 139 square metres |
| Total: | 10,230 square metres |

## Referrals

Engineering:

Parks, Recreation \&
Culture:

Ministry of Transportation
\& Infrastructure (MOTI):

Surrey Fire Department: No concerns.
Advisory Design Panel: The proposal was considered at the ADP meeting on December 1, 2022 and was conditionally supported, however, the ADP requested the proposal be brought back for a review of a more detailed submission. The proposal was subsequently considered at the ADP meeting on March 9, 2023 and was supported.

The applicant has resolved most of the outstanding items from the ADP review as outlined in the Development Permit section of this report. Any additional revisions will be completed prior to Council's consideration of Final Adoption of the rezoning by-law, to the satisfaction of the Planning and Development Department.

BC Hydro Further review and approval from BC Hydro will be required prior to Final Adoption of the associated By-laws.

## Transportation Considerations

## Transportation Network and Infrastructure

- The applicant is required to dedicate and construct Croydon Drive along the site frontage, including the continuation of Pioneer Greenway (a multiuse pathway).


## Access

- The development site will be accessed via a shared driveway entrance from Croydon Drive along the western boundary. The applicant has registered a shared access easement granting access to 2868 - Croydon Drive for the future use of this access to its future business park development.


## Parking

- The Zoning Bylaw requires 256 parking spaces on the site. The applicant is proposing 256 parking spaces divided between 53 underground parking spaces and 203 surface parking spaces, meeting the Zoning Bylaw requirement.
- An additional 26 parking spaces are being provided at the northwest corner of the site. These spaces are being preserved for future use by the development at 2868 - Croydon Drive. An easement for the use of these spaces by 2868 - Croydon Drive has been registered.


## Transit

- Public transportation to the site remains limited at this time. A bus stop is located at the intersection of 32 Avenue and Croydon Drive, which serves TransLink Bus Route No. 354, connecting White Rock with Bridgeport Station, and No. 363 which connects Peace Arch Hospital with Southpoint. The site is located approximately 1.1 kilometers from this bus stop.


## Parkland and/or Natural Area Considerations

- There is no parkland nearby the subject site; however, there is a publicly accessible pathway to the east and north of the subject site within a Statutory Right-of-Way (SROW). The SROW meanders from approximately 12 metres in width near 28 Avenue to 5 metres in width further north.


## Sustainability Considerations

- The applicant has met all of the typical sustainable development criteria, as indicated in the Sustainable Development Checklist.
- In addition, the applicant has agreed to provide a high-albedo roof with a Solar Reflectance Index value of a minimum of 75 .
- The Advisory Design Panel had commented on providing indoor bike storage and end of trip facilities for the building. The applicant has agreed to provide secured bike storage within the underground parkade but has elected not to provide additional end of trip facilities.


## POLICY \& BY-LAW CONSIDERATIONS

## Regional Growth Strategy

- The subject site is designated "Employment" in the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy.
- The proposed business park development complies with the "Employment" designation.


## Official Community Plan

## Land Use Designation

- The subject site is designated Mixed Employment in the OCP. The Mixed Employment designation has a maximum Floor Area Ratio of 1.0.
- The applicant proposes an Amendment to the OCP for a portion of the site to allow for increased density within the Mixed Employment designation from 1.0 FAR to 2.48.


## Amendment Rationale

The Highway 99 Corridor Local Area Plan was approved by Council in 2004 and is reflective of the form of development that was appropriate at that time. There is a considerable shortage of business park lands in the region and since 2004, densities have steadily increased due to increased cost of land and changing market conditions.

- The land is significantly encumbered by a BC Hydro Right-of-Way that bisects the subject site along Croydon Drive. Under the Zoning Bylaw, utility right-of-way lands are considered "undevelopable" and therefore, must be excluded from the site area used to calculate density. Therefore, while the proposed density under the Zoning Bylaw exceeds what is permitted in the Mixed Employment designation, if the BC Hydro Right-of-Way lands were included in the net site area, the proposed density would be 0.75 , which is below the maximum 1.0 FAR permitted in the Mixed Employment land use designation.
- Although the density noted above is for clarification only, the requirement to exclude utility right-of-ways from site area for calculating density is an administrative decision, whereas the public will experience the site's proposed density inclusive of the BC Hydro Right-of-Way areas.
- For these reasons, it is appropriate to amend the OCP to allow for increased density under the Mixed Employment designation.
- Pursuant to Section 475 of the Local Government Act, it was determined that it was not necessary to consult with any persons, organizations or authorities with respect to the proposed OCP amendment, other than those contacted as part of the pre-notification process.


## Themes/Policies

The proposed development complies with the following policies in the OCP:

- B4.29 - Where necessary, provide pedestrian connections mid-block or through private and/or strata developments to facilitate neighbourhood access to transit stops, shops, local services, and amenities. Connect on-site pathways on private property with public walkways and streets.
(The applicant will dedicate and construct Pioneer Greenway along Croydon Drive and 28 Avenue, providing additional alternative transportation connections to the site and within the neighbourhood).
- B6.6 - Design buildings to enhance the activity, safety and interest of adjacent public streets and spaces.
(The applicant is providing a large, publicly accessible open space plaza along 28 Avenue the connects to the commercial retail unit along this frontage. The plaza provides a space for relaxation and enjoyment for both users of the building and residents in the neighbourhood).
- D3.13 - Integrate sustainable building features such as green roofs, green walls, rain gardens, on-site infiltration, clean energy systems, reduced light pollution, energy efficient buildings and wastewater recycling as well as community gardens into the design of buildings and sites.
(The applicant has committed to providing a high-albedo roof with a minimum Solar Reflectance Index value of 75).
- E1.5 - Encourage the full utilization and efficient use of industrial and other employment lands in order to maximize jobs and economic activity per hectare.
(The applicant has efficiently utilized the significantly encumbered lands and proposes an increase in density beyond what is permitted in the Mixed Employment land use designation).
- E1.20 - Encourage the continued expansion of high-tech, research and development and light manufacturing to locate within Mixed Employment areas that are accessible to major transportation corridors and/or frequent transit services.
(The proposed development continues the expansion of the Highway 99 Corridor Business Park, in conjunction with Rosemary Heights Business Park to the north, as an important employment location in South Surrey).


## Secondary Plans

## Land Use Designation

- The subject site is designated "Business Park/Light Industrial" and "Buffers" in the Highway 99 Corridor Local Area Plan. The proposed business park building generally complies with these land use designations.
- The "Buffers" designation along the eastern boundary of the site is shown for an unspecified width. The applicant proposes to provide a 5-6 metre landscape buffer along this boundary, which generally meets the intent of the land use designation.


## Themes/Objectives

- The Highway 99 Corridor LAP calls for the creation of a comprehensive designed business park in an open space/campus-like setting. The LAP states that there is to be compatibility of the building design (scale, massing, material) with the architecture of adjacent buildings and a sense of street enclosure.
(The building along Croydon Drive is setback a minimum of 4 metres from the property line along the ground floor, and 3.0 metres for the storeys above, creating a sense of street enclosure. The building contributes to the employment focus in the Highway 99 Corridor Business Park and achieves a high quality of urban design, architecture, and landscaping).
- The Highway 99 Corridor LAP calls for an appropriate land use interface and transition with adjacent lands.
(The building is located approximately 100 metres away from the adjacent residential uses to the east. The building is stepped back along the east façade in response to the required BC Hydro setbacks, which has the added benefit of reducing the apparent massing on this elevation. The use of curtain wall glazing to break up the building into two distinct masses further adds to the appropriate transition to the adjacent lands. A 5-6 metre wide landscape buffer will buffer the surface parking area from the adjacent residential uses.).


## CD By-law

- The applicant is proposing a "Comprehensive Development Zone (CD)" to accommodate a proposed 10,230 square metre business park building on the subject site. The proposed CD Bylaw for the proposed development site identifies the uses, building height, densities and setbacks proposed. The CD By-law will have provisions based on the "Business Park 3 Zone (IB-3)".
- A comparison of the density, lot coverage, setbacks, building height and permitted uses in the IB-3 Zone and the proposed CD By-law is illustrated in the following table:

- The proposed CD Zone is based on the "Business Park 3 Zone (IB-3)" but includes amended floor area, setbacks, and building height provisions along with a reduced number of permitted accessory uses.
- The Floor Area Ratio (FAR) has been increased from 1.0 to 2.48 . Lands encumbered by the BC Hydro Right-of-Way are considered undevelopable and must be excluded from the net site area. However, the lot coverage proposed is within the limits of the IB-3 zone. Staff are generally supportive of the intensification of business parks to ensure a sufficient supply of employment lands meet current and future needs of the local and regional economy.
- The building height has been increased from 14 metres to 23.8 metres.
- The front yard setback has been reduced from 7.5 metres to 4.1 metres along 28 Avenue and the street side yard setback on Croydon Drive has been reduced from 7.5 metres to 4.0 metres for the first storey and 3.0 metres for all storeys above. The increased ground floor setback improves the pedestrian and public realm interface along this frontage.
- The rear yard setback along one rear yard lot line may be reduced to 3.0 metres. The lot line perpendicular to Croydon Drive at the northern boundary is considered a rear yard lot line, and therefore, the reduced building setback where the building cantilevers over the driveway entrance will be permitted.
- There are no changes to the permitted principal uses. The IB-3 Zone permits a number of accessory uses including eating establishments, general service uses, personal services uses, assembly halls, and child care centres. The proposed CD By-law will only allow eating establishments, up to 150 square metres in area as a permitted accessory use.
- The restriction on the amount of floor area allocated to accessory uses, the removal of certain accessory uses, and the restriction of eating establishments to 150 square metres is also because there is insufficient parking on site to accommodate some of the uses allowed in the IB-3 Zone.


## Sign By-law

- The applicant has not provided any signage through the Development Permit. All future signage to be considered by future Sign Permits is to comply with the Sign By-law.


## Public Art Policy

- The applicant will be required to provide public art or register a Restrictive Covenant agreeing to provide cash-in-lieu, at a rate of $0.5 \%$ of construction value, to adequately address the City's needs with respect to public art, in accordance with the City's Public Art Policy requirements. The applicant will be required to resolve this requirement prior to consideration of Final Adoption.


## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Pre-notification letters were sent on March 10, 2023 and the Development Proposal Signs were installed on March 20, 2023. Staff received four responses from neighbouring residents, several of which expressed concerns around traffic, parking, and building height. One resident sought additional information about the project but did not provide additional comments (staff comments in italics):
- Traffic and parking
(A number of network improvements are planned in the vicinity of the subject site to accommodate growth in the area:
- Intersection improvements at 28 Avenue and 156 Street;
- 20 Avenue overpass at Highway 99 and widening; and
- A new pedestrian and cycling bridge over Upper Titman Creek to connect 156 Street with 32 Avenue

The applicant proposes to meet the parking requirement under the Zoning By-law based on the total floor area proposed).

- Size and scale of the development is too large and too dense for this location.
(The applicant has worked with staff to create a compatible and sensitive building interface with the adjacent residential areas to the east. The residential areas are approximately 100 metres away from the building and are separated by the proposed surface parking and buffered by a 5-6 metre wide landscape buffer along the property boundary. The proposed building height of 23.8 metres exceeds the expected building height of the IB-3 Zone, which is 14 metres; however, staff have supported increased building heights for the business park buildings along Croydon Drive due to changing market conditions, the demand for employment uses, and the encumbrance of the BC Hydro Right-of-Way. The proposed building includes horizontal planes that are broken into two distinctive masses by curtain wall glazing. This further reduces the massing of the building along the eastern façade facing the residential areas.

In addition, the building as viewed from 28 Avenue is 20 metres in height, in keeping with other business park buildings proposed along Croydon Drive. The sloping site results in a taller building as the site slopes to the north).

- Concerns about office leasing viability.
(The applicant has indicated that there remains significant demand for office park uses in this area of South Surrey. There are currently no identified tenants or purchasers for the space, however, the applicant is confident in the viability of the proposed office space).
- The subject development application was reviewed by the Grandview Heights Stewardship Association and the Semiahmoo Residents Association. No comments were provided by either group.


## DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

## Form and Character Development Permit Requirement

- The proposed development is subject to a Development Permit for Form and Character and is also subject to the urban design guidelines in the Highway 99 Corridor Local Area Plan (LAP).
- The proposed development generally complies with the Form and Character Development Permit guidelines in the OCP and the design guidelines in the Highway 99 Corridor Local Area Plan (LAP).
- The applicant has worked with staff to:
- Limit the building height and appearance of massing, with particular attention to providing a sensitive interface to the residential areas to the east; and
- Provide an enlarged, inviting, publicly accessible open space plaza along 28 Avenue;
- The applicant has demonstrated that the BC Hydro Right-of-Way significantly impacts the buildable area on the site and also impacts on-site grades related to the distance between the
surface parking area and the hydro wires. To offset this impact, and achieve an efficient floor area, the applicant proposes to increase the building height to 23.8 metres.
- The office park building has a slender linear trapezoidal profile. Its staggered floor plates contribute to a dynamic massing form. The increased building height, together with upperlevel massing stepbacks, provides a proportionate street enclosure to Croydon Drive. Its overall design continues the high-standard form, design, and character of the Highway 99 Corridor Business Park. The building façade features high-quality clear curtain wall glazing along Croydon Drive, wrapping around to the commercial retail unit along 28 Avenue, fronting the public plaza. The upper storeys are wrapped with metal panels in various shades of grey and tinted glazing colours and spandrel panel curtain wall.
- The site is accessed via a single vehicular entry along Croydon Drive that is to be shared with 2868 - Croydon Drive upon that sites' ultimate development. Several building entrances are provided: one entrance via Croydon Drive, one entrance via the surface parking, one entrance via the underground parking, and one entrance to the CRU along 28 Avenue.
- The building is designed with visual connectivity along Croydon Drive through curtain wall glazing at the ground floor. This ground level has an increased setback to provide a sense of openness along the public realm. Office uses are situated on all levels and a single CRU is provided on level two where there is a seamless connection to the publicly accessible plaza along 28 Avenue. The remaining floors are designed as office uses in keeping with the intent of the "Business Park/Light Industrial" land use designation in the Highway 99 Corridor LAP.
- The rooftop is finished in a High Albedo material with an SRI of at least 75.


## Landscaping

- The proposed landscaping consists of a 4.0 metre wide landscape buffer along Croydon Drive and 28 Avenue and several landscape walk-throughs fronting the CRU along 28 Avenue.
- The surface parking area will be landscaped with a perimeter buffer that is 5-6 metres in width. Landscape islands are provided every six parking stalls in accordance with the OCP Form and Character Development Permit guidelines and the Highway 99 Corridor LAP design guidelines.
- The applicant proposes a large, publicly accessible open space plaza along 28 Avenue. The plaza includes seating, landscaping, and a trellis feature to provide amenity for both the building users and neighbourhood residents. The CRU opens up onto the plaza providing additional connectivity between the building and the public realm.
- A rooftop amenity area is provided on level six. This outdoor employee amenity area is currently proposed for the exclusive use of the top floor tenant. The amenity area includes bench seating and landscaping.


## Outstanding Items

- There are a limited number of Urban Design items that remain outstanding, and which do not affect the overall character or quality of the project. These generally include:
- Refinement of the architectural character and material treatment of the building, including the structural columns at the driveway entrance; and
- Improvement to the function and arrangement of the public realm interfaces.
- The applicant has been provided a detailed list identifying these requirements and has agreed to resolve these prior to Final Approval of the Development Permit, should the application be supported by Council.


## TREES

- Glenn Murray, ISA Certified Arborist of Froggers Creek Tree Consultants Ltd. prepared an Arborist Assessment for the subject property. The table below provides a summary of the tree retention and removal by tree species:

Table 1: Summary of Tree Preservation by Tree Species:

| Tree Species | Existing | Remove | Retain |
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| Alder and Cottonwood Trees |  |  |  |
| Alder | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Cottonwood | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Deciduous Trees(excluding Alder and Cottonwood Trees) |  |  |  |
| Aspen | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Birch | 4 | 4 | O |
| Cascara | 1 | 1 | o |
| Cherry | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Japanese Maple | 1 | o | 1 |
| Vine Maple | 1 | 1 | o |
| Coniferous Trees |  |  |  |
| Douglas Fir | 45 | 45 | 0 |
| Western Red Cedar | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Total (excluding Alder and Cottonwood Trees) | 65 | 62 | 3 |
| Total Replacement Trees Proposed (excluding Boulevard Street Trees) |  | 143 |  |
| Total Retained and Replacement Trees |  | 148 |  |
| Contribution to the Green City Program |  | N/A |  |

- The Arborist Assessment states that there are a total of 65 mature trees on the site, excluding Alder and Cottonwood trees. 11 existing trees, approximately $14 \%$ of the total trees on the site, are Alder and Cottonwood trees. It was determined that five trees can be retained as part of this development proposal, including 2 Alder trees. The proposed tree retention was assessed taking into consideration the location of services, building footprints, road dedication and proposed lot grading.
- For those trees that cannot be retained, the applicant will be required to plant trees on a 1 to 1 replacement ratio for Alder and Cottonwood trees, and a 2 to 1 replacement ratio for all other trees. This will require a total of 133 replacement trees on the site. The applicant is proposing 143 replacement trees, exceeding City requirements.
- The new trees on the site will consist of a variety of trees including Serbian Spruce, Japanese Snowball, and Compact Amur Maple.
- In summary, a total of 148 trees are proposed to be retained or replaced on the site.


## INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:
Appendix I. Survey Plan
Appendix II. Proposed Subdivision Layout, Site Plan, Building Elevations, Landscape Plans and Perspective
Appendix III. Engineering Summary
Appendix IV. Summary of Tree Survey and Tree Preservation
Appendix V. OCP Redesignation Map
Appendix VI. March 9, 2023 ADP Comments and Response
Appendix VII. December 1,2022 ADP Comments and Response

approved by Shawn Low

Don Luymes
General Manager
Planning and Development
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SURVEY PLAN TO ACCOMPANY CITY OF SURREY ZONING BYLAW _ _ _
LOT 18 PLAN 39782 AND LOT 1 PLAN 87247
BOTH OF SECTION 23 TOWNSHIP 1 NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT
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THE INTENDED PLOT SIZE OF THIS PLAN IS 280 mm IN WIDTH BY 432 mm IN HEIGHT (B SIZE) WHEN PLOTTED AT A SCALE OF 1:1000


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## DESIGN RATIONALE

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| (1) Lamn | (13) bench |
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| (2) concrete paving | (14) 4 'ht. wood decorative fence |
| (3) Exposed aggregate band | (15) unit paving (CONC.) |
| (4) planting bed | (16) stamped conc. Paving |
| (5) AsPhalt paving | (17) bile rack |
| (6) conc. retannng wall | (18) concrete bench $188^{\prime} \times 20^{\prime \prime}$ |
| (7) fabricated metal planter | (19) boulder retaninng wall |
| (8) <br> DECORATIVE PLANTER 20'X20" W SEASONAL ANNUALS |  |
| (9) small decidous tree | (21) PLANTER WALL $28^{\text {H }} \mathrm{HT}$. |
| (10) decidous tree | (22) metal thee grate |
| (11) coniferous tree | (23) LIGHT POLE |
| (12) pergola |  |








TO: Manager, Area Planning \& Development

- South Surrey Division

Planning and Development Department

FROM: Development Services Manager, Engineering Department
DATE: April 11, $2023 \quad$ PROJECT FILE: 7821-0082-00

RE: Engineering Requirements (Commercial/Industrial)
Location: 2828 Croydon Dr

## OCP AMENDMENT

There are no engineering requirements relative to the OCP Amendment

## REZONE/SUBDIVISION

## Property and Right-of-Way Requirements

- Dedicate 2.983 m along Croydon Drive.
- Dedicate 5.0 mx 5.0 m corner cut at Croydon Drive and 28 Avenue.
- Register 0.5 m SRW on site frontages.
- Dedicate approximately 4.7 m along 28 Avenue.


## Works and Services

- Construct east side of Croydon Drive.
- Construct north side of 28 Avenue.
- Construct a watermain along Croydon Drive.
- Construct sanitary main along Croydon Drive.
- Complete SWCP and resolve downstream constraints, as identified.
- Provide water, storm, and sanitary service connections to each lot.
- Provide on-site stormwater mitigation features on each lot.
- Register applicable legal documents as required.

A Servicing Agreement is required prior to Rezone/Subdivision.

## DEVELOPMENT PERMIT/DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

There are no engineering requirements relative to issuance of the Development Permit/ Development Variance Permit.

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## Tree Preservation Summary

## Surrey Project No:

Address: 2828 Croydon Dr and 15513 28th Ave Surrey
Registered Arborist: Glenn Murray

| On-Site Trees | Number of Trees |
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| Protected Trees Identified <br> (on-site and shared trees, including trees within boulevards and proposed streets and lanes, but excluding trees in proposed open space or riparian areas) | 76 |
| Protected Trees to be Removed | 71 |
| Protected Trees to be Retained <br> (excluding trees within proposed open space or riparian areas) | 5 |
| Total Replacement Trees Required: <br> - Alder \& Cottonwood Trees Requiring 1 to 1 Replacement Ratio $\qquad$ $X$ one(1) $=9$ <br> - All other Trees Requiring 2 to 1 Replacement Ratio $\qquad$ $X$ two (2) $=124$ | 133 |
| Replacement Trees Proposed | 143 |
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| Replacement Trees Proposed |  |
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Summary, report and plan prepared and submitted by:

(Signature of Arborist)

April 7, 2023
Date


LEGEND

TREE PROPOSED FOR RETENTION



## OCP Amendment 21-0082-00

## Advisory Design Panel <br> Minutes

Time: 4:00 p.m.

## Present:

Panel Members:
E. Kearns, Chair
G. Brumpton
S. Macrae
J. Packer
R. Salcido

Guests:
Jamie Ogden, Beech Westgard Developments
Karla Castellanos, KCC Architecture
Rod Maruyama, Maruyama \& Associates

## Staff Present:

A. McLean, City Architect
N. Chow, Urban Design Planner
S. Meng, Administrative Assistant

## A. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

It was
Moved by S. Macrae
Seconded by E. Kearns
That the minutes of the Advisory Design
Panel meeting of January 26, 2023 be received.

## Carried

## B. RESUBMISSION

1. 4:05 p.m.

| File No.: | 7921-oo82-oo <br> New or Resubmit: <br> Resubmit |
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| Last Submission Date: |  |
| Description: | December 1, 2022 <br> Proposed OCP Amendment to increase the permitted <br> density within the Mixed Employment land use <br> designation, Rezoning to Comprehensive Development <br> Zone (CD) based on IB-3 Zone, and Development |
|  | Permit for Form and Character to permit the <br> development of a six storey business park building with <br> two commercial retail units. |
|  | 15513-28 Avenue and 2828 - Croydon Drive <br> Brent Hanson, South Street Developer Group and |
| Address: | Jamie Ogden, Beech Westgard Developments <br> Developer: |
| Karla Castellanos, KCC Architecture |  |
| Architect: | Rod Maruyama, Maruyama \& Associates |
| Landscape Architect: |  |
| Planner: | Kevin Shackles |
| Urban Design Planner: | Nathan Chow |

The Urban Design Planner advised that this is a returning item from December 1, 2022 that received conditional support and the design panel recommended the applicant address the following issues mentioned in the past minutes to the satisfaction of the Planning and Development department and to resubmit to the ADP panel.

ADP panel did not find enough information to fully review the design last time. They found merits in the overall project and recommend the project return to the design panel with more detail in their submission.

Surrounding area based on the zoning bylaw requires 6 metre landscape buffer. Previously staff requested 10 metre buffer due to the overlay of the environmental areas and in the process of the project the applicant proposed was 3 to 5 metre buffering. Staff recognized the dropping grade can provide relief to the parking area that fronts onto the building and to consider some form of landscape buffering incorporating within the remainder of that area.

Staff is supportive of where the driveway is being consolidated with the Croydon Drive neighbour and where it reduces road crossings and reduces cutting through pedestrian realms which simplifies the access.

The cross section of Croydon Drive is being modified with a 3-metre minimum setback. Applicant provided the setback back in December of the public realm space that fronts onto the Croydon Drive sidewalk to be considered a multiuse pathway. This is Surrey's method of incorporating cycle tracks and pedestrians within the same pathway systems and allows larger hardscape surfaces to convey bicyclists and pedestrians.

Key points from December 1, 2022 ADP Minutes:

- Recommend pursuing additional design development to break up length and massing of the building on east and west side facing Croydon Drive and parking area and implementing further design details to reduce impact of the neighbours from the east.
- Further consider the public realm strategy on the south plaza on $28^{\text {th }}$ Avenue.
- Consider softening the retaining and site grading, and implementing more site permeability strategies primarily regarding parking area to the east.
- Consider reducing the total length of the top upper floor and do design development to reduce the overlook towards the east perceptive of the residential side.

The Panel was asked to comment on any revised and new aspect of project massing in public realm interfaces, the overall site planning, architectural qualities, and landscape qualities in response to last ADP comments.
G. Brumpton left the meeting at 4:17 p.m.
G. Brumpton rejoined the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

The Project Architect presented an overview of the site planning, streetscapes, and building concept and addressed the four main points mentioned in last ADP meeting in December: softening the site grading in retaining walls, breaking up the length and massing of the building, reduce the impact of building from neighbours to the east, forming a public realm strategy and focusing on the south plaza.

The Landscape Architect presented an overview of the general concept for the landscape design, overall site, and streetscapes.

## ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL STATEMENT OF REVIEW

It was
Moved by S. Macrae
Seconded by G. Brumpton
That the Advisory Design Panel (ADP)
SUPPORT the project and recommends that the applicant address the following issues to the satisfaction of the Planning \& Development Department.

Carried

## Key Points

- $\quad$ Consider an aesthetic and scale for the structural posts at the northwest more in keeping with the remainder of the building.
The aesthetic and scale for the structural posts will be further explored and designed to match the Architect's design intention as the project progresses. Design of these exterior columns require additional coordination as they need careful consideration from structural perspective.
- Consider further emphasis in the change of building planes to further break up the massing on Croydon Drive.
The proposed building expresses the Architect's design intention and meets the OCP guidelines regarding breaking the building massing every 50 meters. The main concept of the building creates horizontal planes which vary in size and colour across the building facade. The horizontal planes have been broken by the cascade of glass (curtain walls). The materiality and colours between the horizontal and vertical components articulate strong contrast using symmetry, elegance and simplicity. In the detailed design, opportunities to recess the clear glass / curtain walls within the wall assembly will be explored. Incorporating any other vertical components into the facade will deteriorate the architectural language and Architect's design intent.
- Consider the pedestrian connection from the plaza on 28th Avenue to level 1 below.
Opportunities for pedestrian connection from the 28th Avenue plaza down to the parkade level have been explored in earlier stages of the project. Considering there is 6 meters (approximately 2 storeys) elevation difference between the plaza and the parkade level, this connection will eliminate the proposed boulder rock walls and create hard, sharp surfaces and tall retaining walls to support a stair as well as a ramp for accessibility. During the design review process, parking spaces were removed in order to increase landscaped areas that eliminate any tall retaining walls. Furthermore, the overall Landscape concept has been carefully considered to provide a soft transition with boulder rock system using natural materials. Access from the 28th Avenue plaza to the parkade level has been provided through the elevators and stairs inside the building.
- Consider indoor bike storage and end of trip facilities for the building. Indoor secured bike storage has been added to the underground parking level. End of trip facilities are not considered for the project as per client's request.

Site

- Consider integrating a pedestrian connection from the 28th Avenue plaza down to the parking level such as an informal trail which winds back and forth.
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Form and Character

- Consider the breaking of the massing at the front as the material transitions do not seem properly recessed and emphasized.
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- Consider looking into the design development for the entry of the building; the columns that pick up the overhang at the parking entrance ramp.
The aesthetic and scale for the structural posts will be further explored and designed to match the Architect's design intention as the project progresses. Design of these exterior columns require additional coordination as they need careful consideration from structural perspective.
- $\quad$ Consider an esthetic and scale for the structural posts at the northwest more in keeping with the remainder of the building. Consider a pylon shape structure. A cantilever would provide a powerful statement. The aesthetic and scale for the structural posts will be further explored and designed to match the Architect's design intention as the project progresses. Design of these exterior columns require additional coordination as they need careful consideration from structural perspective.
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- Consider emphasizing the glass section of the facade or creating a frame around it.
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## Landscape

- Consider detailing the angular rock boulders to fit together and limit small spaces to allow easier maintenance.
Noted. Details of rock boulders will be further explored in Building Permit phase. Please note the planting plan has been carefully considered for low maintenance.
- Carefully consider a planting plan to reduce likelihood of blackberries overgrowing due to lack of trees to cast shade and allow habitat creation and ecological creativity in that zone.
Noted. Detailed study on habitat creation and ecological creativity will be further explored in Building Permit phase.


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- No specific issues were identified.

Noted.

## Sustainability

- Consider investing in high quality ventilation systems which offer higher efficiency and lower noise.
Low sound pressure level ECM motors for the Energy Recovery Ventilators that minimize the noise and provide higher efficiency will be considered for the ventilation system. Furthermore, vibration isolators will be considered on the equipment that minimize the sound penetration to occupied spaces below.
- Consider a ventilation design that accommodates extra filtration to address the wildfire smoke and air quality events.
MERV 13 filters and filter racks that mitigate wildfire smoke issues while maintaining good indoor air quality will be considered. Filters used during construction and commissioning will be replaced with new filters. The O\&M manual and maintenance schedule will include instructions for additional filter cleanings and/or replacement during high pollen and wildfire seasons.
- Carefully consider how bicyclists interact with pedestrians and drivers both on the ground plane and within buildings.
Bicyclists are provided with outdoor bike racks at every building entrance - please see attached Architectural and Landscape packages.
- Consider indoor bike storage and amenities such as end of trip showers and lockers and good way finding for bicyclists.
Indoor secured bike storage has been added to the underground parking level. End of trip facilities are not considered for the project as per client's request.
- Consider bike parking that accommodates long cargo bikes and trailers, and electric bike charging.
Sufficient space for long cargo bikes have been provided in the proposed bike storage. Electric bike charging will be further explored as the project progresses.

Accessibility

- No specific issues were identified.

Noted.

## C. OTHER BUSINESS

This section had no items to consider.
D. NEXT MEETING

The next Advisory Design Panel is scheduled for Thursday, March 30, 2023.

## E. ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Design Panel meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

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Planning and Development
13450 104th Avenue
Surrey BC
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Attention: Kevin Shackles
Associate Planner

## RE: Proposed New Development for 2828 Croydon Drive and 1551328 Ave Surrey BC

Dear Mr. Shackles,
Please see enclosed our response to the Advisory Design Panel comments provided on December 13th, 2022.
I trust that the following will provide you with sufficient background regarding the design decisions we have made to arrive at the proposed layout.

## Key Points

1. Recommend pursuing additional design development to break up length and massing of building, and to enhance the pedestrian experience.

Overall building design was explored to break up the length and massing of the building which ensures the longest length of the building is not longer than 50M. Levels 1 and 2 have been offset from the building edge by roughly 4 ' with wood soffit above, as well as a meandering path surrounded by landscape and vegetation. Pedestrians walking along Croydon Drive would be invited to explore and walk alongside the building. Please see attached Landscape package for detailed drawings.

## 2. Recommend implementing further design detail to reduce the impact of the building from neighbours to the east.

The building length and massing has been broken up as mentioned above - to further reduce the impact of the building to its neighbours on the East, taller vegetation and cascading plants have been implemented along the concourse on Level 2. Furthermore, outdoor rooftop terrace has been vegetated to give a hint of green along the horizontal plane.
3. Further consider the public realm strategy and the south plaza as an important stopping point or feature in this strategy.

The South plaza has been re-visited to create a social gathering space as an important stopping point for the community. Please see attached Landscape package for detailed drawings.

## 4. Consider softening the proposed retaining and site grading, and to implement more site permeability.

Concrete retaining walls have been removed wherever possible and replaced with bouldered walls with extensive amount of vegetation. Please see attached Landscape package for detailed drawings. The parking lot site grading has been adjusted in order to provide the highest elevations wherever possible. Please note the site is restricted by BC Hydro cable line setbacks. Furthermore, the project aims to provide less than $5 \%$ slope wherever suitable to create the most comfortable walking experience for its end users.

## Site

1. Consider areas to reduce surplus surface parking and add more public amenity or green space, and further consider the pedestrian experience.

Additional landscape islands have been provided to parking spaces on North side of the building. Surplus surface parking has been reduced to provide for more public amenity spaces, as well as more green space throughout the parkade. Pedestrian experience has been considered to ensure the site poses no need for steps or ramps wherever possible.
2. The parallel parking spaces next to the current entrance are not practical.

Parallel parking spaces next to the entrance have been removed.
3. Reconsider the parkade entry location. If the parkade entry is moved to the northern part of the building, the building area (with regards to interior realm) will not be wasted with four to five metres of ramp from parkade entrance to P1 level.

The suggestion has been reviewed and studied. However, the current parkade entry location seems the most adequate in order to create a seamless pedestrian experience throughout the perimeter of the building.

## Form and Character

1. The project has a very complex building program, largely due to constraints caused by the power lines. Hence the project design involves many compromises. Suggest that the City recognize this in regard to site planning, neighbourhood screening, consideration of variances, etc. On the other hand, recommend that the City insist on the highest quality of design for the parts not impacted by these constraints, in particular, the design and quality of the building, and the design and quality of the landscaping and semi-public spaces.

The project has been re-visited in many aspects including architectural, landscape and civil considerations to provide the highest quality of design. Please see attached package for detailed drawings.
2. Consider further breaking up the massing of the building from the Croydon Drive side, 28 Avenue side and where it faces the neighbours to the east.

Please see response above.
3. The building massing is considered acceptable but recommend additional design development to elevate the design to a high level. Consider not creating a "striking" design, but rather to strive for something harmonious and timeless.

The building facade has been re-visited to strive for a more harmonious and timeless design. Please see attached Architectural package for detailed drawings.
4. Height is an issue for the neighbours; worried about the over-height. Consider reducing the total length of the top floor and develop design to reduce overlook to the North. Recommend that introduction of screening or planting could help here.

A layer of planting to help with screening has been added to the outdoor rooftop terrace. Furthermore, the plaza design proposes an extensive amount of planting with trees which would further create a layer of screening from its neighbour.
5. Consider the pedestrian experience along Croydon Drive and study the massing along that side again to make the building massing less dominant. Pedestrian walking experience on Croydon Drive could be improved greatly by setting back the ground floor level and taking space from the setback from the parking at the rear. Consider studying further the introduction of overhang along the front elevation continuing around the corner leading to the 28 Avenue side.

Levels 1 and 2 have been set back by roughly 4 ' with overhang soffit cladded in wood. The wood cladding continues and folds down to the main lobby area in its ceiling as well as wall materials. Please see response above regarding building massing.
6. More focus is recommended on designing the building and public realm to justify the variance on the height and massing being asked.

Overall building design and Landscape design have been re-visited to address for concerns and comments raised. Please see attached packages for detailed drawings.
7. Reconsider building facade materials and color palette choices. The massing and materials precedents are simple with just two colour tones, but there are more than six colours in the elevation which may not be the right approach when taking reference from the precedent images or buildings.

The building facade material consists of a range of monochromatic palette with accents of wood and white. Please see attached package for detailed drawings.
8. Consider the soffit material on both ends of the building. Perhaps tie in with the wood material of the entrance and if there is a step back along Croydon Drive, a soffit with lighting along this side would also enhance the building form and pedestrian experience.

The soffit materials have been re-explored to propose the use of wood to accentuate building entrances as well as pedestrian walkways along Croydon Drive. Lighting strategy will be explored further.
9. Consider coordinating traffic, electrical, and mechanical input.

We will continue to incorporate other disciplines as the project progresses.

## Landscape

1. Reconsider plaza design as the current layout and configuration is very far from a plaza rationale.

Plaza design has been re-explored entirely to create a social gathering space while acting as a stopping point for its community. Please see attached Landscape package for further details.
2. The plaza appears to be more of a circulation space with the north edge of the plaza pushed up against the retaining walls and presumably a guard rail. Consider design development to create some planted separation between the parking lot, provide a more direct connection to commercial space, and provide a plaza that is more focused on areas for social interaction.

Please see response above.
3. The sloping site and the nature of the 'sunken' parking lot create a need for significant retaining walls that will be visually very prominent with little available topsoil to support plants for screening. Design development is recommended with the project engineer to confirm design and materiality and coordination with the architect and landscape architect to adjust the parking as required to ensure there is adequate width of topsoil to support plants that can screen or buffer views of the retaining wall.

The parking lot site grading has been adjusted in order to provide the highest elevations wherever possible. Please note the site is restricted by BC Hydro cable line setbacks. Furthermore, the project aims to provide less than $5 \%$ slope wherever suitable to create the most comfortable walking experience for its end users.
4. Consider softening the grade transition and reducing the retaining walls.

Site grading and retaining walls have been reconsidered to minimize the height of retaining walls as much as possible.
5. Consider introducing as much planting as possible and softening of the retaining walls.

The retaining walls along East lot line have been pulled in closer to the building in order to soften the transition of retaining walls. With the increased width of space provided for retaining walls, concrete retaining walls have been removed wherever possible and replaced with bouldered walls with extensive amount of vegetation. Please see attached Landscape package for detailed drawings.
6. Consider adding additional trees along the north residential edge to create an overlapping canopy to help buffer views.

Additional trees have been proposed along the Northern edge of the site to create a thicker layer of screening.
7. The trees in the parking lot are very important in providing shade for the large expanses of asphalt. Consider design development to ensure that structural soil or tree cells are provided to ensure adequate soil volumes for trees to reach maturity.

Please see attached Landscape package for detailed drawings.
8. Consider permeable or concrete grass for entire parking area.

Please see attached Landscape package for detailed drawings.

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1. Consider adjustment to the fencing layout shown on L4 to eliminate the pinch point at the park pathway and any potential safety concerns.

Please see attached Landscape package for detailed drawings.

## Sustainability

1. Provide sustainability strategy and rationale.

Noted. Sustainability strategies will be explored further in details prior to the ADP presentation.
2. Consider energy modeling with future climate data to account for shock events (hot and cold), and to inform fenestration layouts, natural ventilation, and passive cooling strategies on different facades.

Energy modelling will be considered as the project progresses.
3. Consider inclusion of renewable energy on roof surfaces.

Renewable energy on roof surfaces will be considered as the project progresses.
4. Consider integrating permeable surfaces, and rain garden or biofiltration as first flush for storm water and beautification in surface parking.

Integration of permeable surfaces, rain garden and biofiltration as first flush for storm water and beautification in surface parking will be considered as the project progresses.
5. Consider operational sustainability certification (ie. WELL, Fitwel, BOMA BEST).

Operational sustainability certification will be considered as the project progresses.

## Accessibility

1. Reconsider barrier-free parking spots. Please check with a traffic consultant as the proposed design is on slope over $5 \%$.

Site grading has been redesigned to provide barrier-free parking spots. Please see attached packages for detailed drawings.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you required further information.

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