

Application File No: DPV-6-25

Date of Referral: May 14, 2025

Date for Response: May 28, 2025

Attachments: Location Map

**Applicant Submission** 

You are requested to comment on the attached Development Application for potential effect on your agency's interests. We would appreciate your response WITHIN 14 DAYS or the above referenced date for response. If no response is received within that time, it will be assumed that your agency's interests are unaffected. This referral notice has also been provided to adjacent property owners within 60 meters or greater of the subject property for review and comment.

### PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

The City has received an application for a development permit with variance for the construction of a 6-storey, 78-unit Residential Building located on the eastern portion of 901-925 Columbia Ave (former Pioneer Arena site). A variance to the maximum building height, from 12 m to 20 m, has been requested. The property is within the Steep Slope, Multi-Unit Residential and Regional Mixed-Use Development Permit Areas. The applicant proposes to access the site via 9<sup>th</sup> Street and is considering the provision of on-street parking spaces for visitors.

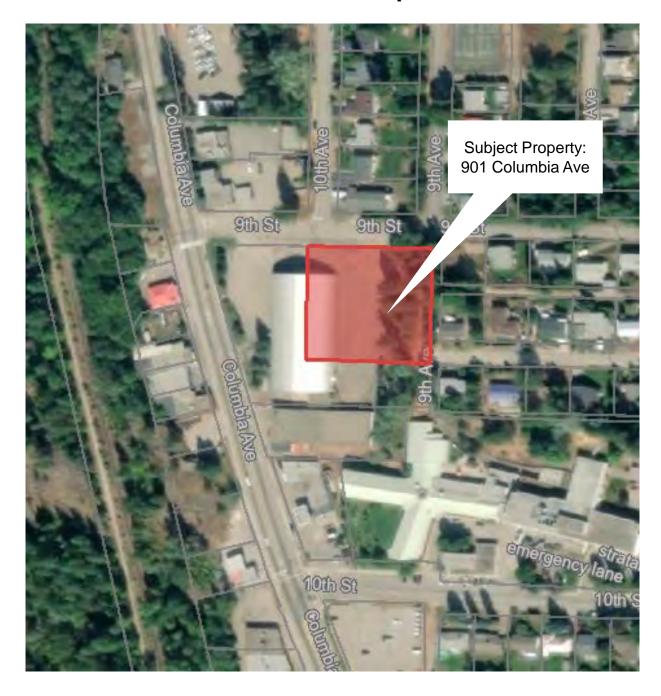
PROPERTY DETAILS	
Civic Address	
	901-925 Columbia Ave
Legal Description	
	Lot 2 District Lot 181 Kootenay District Plan 2083, Except Plans 4397, 8488 and NEP64559
OCP Designation	
	Columbia Ave Corridor (CAC)
Zoning Designation	
	P-1: Public & Institutional

### REFERRAL AGENCIES

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL	FIRST NATIONS
	☐ KTUNAXA NATION COUNCIL
☑ CIVIC WORKS	YAQAN NU?KIY (LOWER KOOTENAY)
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⊠ BUILDING	?AQ'AM (ST. MARY'S)
□ FINANCE	?AKISQNUK (COLUMBIA LAKE)
	☐ OKANAGAN NATION ALLIANCE
EXTERNAL AGENCIES	KłK'ƏR'MÍWS (LOWER SIMILKAMEEN)
□ TRANSPORTATION West Kootenay District	SNPÍNTKTN (PENTICTON)
☐ HABITAT BRANCH	SUKNAQÍNX (OKANAGAN)
☐ FRONT COUNTER BC	SWÍWS (OSOYOOS)
☐ AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION	SPAXOMƏN (UPPER NICOLA)
□ REGIONAL AGROLOGIST	☐ SHUSWAP NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
□ ENERGY & MINES	KENPÉSQT (SHUSWAP) SEXQELTQÍN (ADAMS LAKE)
☐ MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS & HOUSING	SKEMTSIN (NESKONLITH)
☐ INTERIOR HEALTH HBE Team	□ OWELMINTE SECWEPEMC
□ SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20	SPLATSÍN FIRST NATION
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☐ REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY	
WASTE MANAGEMENT	

The feedback being collected as part of this referral is pursuant to *City of Castlegar Planning and Development Procedures and Fees Bylaw 1336* for the purpose of determining whether the application will affect the interests of other agencies or adjacent property owners. The collection, use and disclosure of personal information are subject to the provisions of FIPPA. Any submissions made are considered a public record for the purposes of this application. Only personal contact information will be removed. If you have any questions about the collection of your personal information, contact the City's Privacy Officer.

# **Location Map**



# CASTLEGAR



**Subject Property** 



**Parcels** 



### **PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

Project Name: LNBCHHS - Columbia Ave

Cover Project: 24055

Client Project: LNBCHHS

April 17, 2025





### **GENERAL**

The follow Proposal Summary has been prepared on behalf of the Lu'ma Native BCH Housing Society for the LNBCHHS – Columbia Ave, 78-unit affordable housing project to be constructed at 901 Columbia Ave, Castlegar, BC V1N 1H4 (civic address pending subdivision designation).

This project is to conform to the following city bylaws and regulations:

- City of Castlegar Zoning Bylaw No. 1428 (June 2024).
- City of Castlegar Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1435 (February 2025).
- City of Castlegar Community Plan Bylaw No. 1427 (Version 5 2024).

### **DESIGN BRIEF AND NARRATIVE**

The LNBCHHS – Columbia Ave project is a new construction, 78-unit affordable housing building to be erected on the site of the current Pioneer Arena in Castlegar. The arena will first be demolished and the site subsequently subdivided into two properties, with the proposed lot being operated by Lu'ma Native BCH Housing Society for this residential development. The proposed project conforms to the current P1 – Public and Institutional zone for non-market housing (Bylaw No. 1435) and will provide much needed affordable housing to the residents of Castlegar.

Located along the growing Columbia Ave Corridor, the site borders a range of zoning types including institutional, mixed-used, and low density residential. This broad spectrum of development, and proximal location contribute to the relevance for higher density affordable housing in the area. Residents of the LNBCHHS project will live at a nexus in relation to the health centre, parks, schools, and local businesses, thus receiving support from, and bolstering, the community.

For this residential development, the single building will consist of 78 units of affordable housing (17 studios, 37 one-bedroom units, and 24 two-bedroom units) across 6 storeys utilizing a primarily light wood frame structural system. The total Gross Floor Area for the building is 5350.3m<sup>2</sup> with all 6 storeys containing a GFA of 891.7m<sup>2</sup> each. There will be 8 residential dwelling units on the main floor (4 barrier-free), along with residential amenity spaces (multi-purpose room, kitchenette, universal w/c, outdoor covered patio), common laundry, entrance, bicycle storage, service spaces, and building office. Floors 2 to 6 generally have a common layout with 14 dwelling units per floor. The proposed development will have 44 at-grade parking spaces located on the property, which exceeds bylaw requirements. Additional provisions are being considered for visitor parking stalls on the street, and a temporary parking agreement on the other subdivided lot.

Site development will include paved parking for the stalls located on the property, including an access lane and visitor parking from the street. An exterior barrier-free path of travel will be created from the property edge to the primary entrance and emergency exits with concrete paving. Outdoor common and individual patio areas will be fenced, as will the west and south property lines to the adjacent subdivision. There is a steep embankment to the east of the property that is intended to be minimally disturbed to preserve its natural condition. The landscape design has a theme focussing on a 'return to nature' with low intensity naturalized elements blending the hard edges of the built environment. As the project contains two-bedroom family housing units, there will be an outdoor play space on the property, again with a natural theme, described as emulating a 'forest floor.'

The proposal conforms to the majority of zoning regulations, including setbacks, lot dimensions, and coverage for the existing zone. In consideration of the property features, viability of the project, and to support further density, we are <u>requesting a height variance</u> from 18.0m to 20.0m. The floor-to-floor heights of the project have been designed to an efficient standard in accordance with the BCH Design Guidelines, however the relatively flat natural grade surrounding the proposed structure lends to a height for this 6-story building proposal outside of what is permitted. While this represents a significant height for a structure in Castlegar, the apparent size may be diminished somewhat by the tall adjacent slope at the east of the property, and its distance from neighbouring arterial roads and properties.

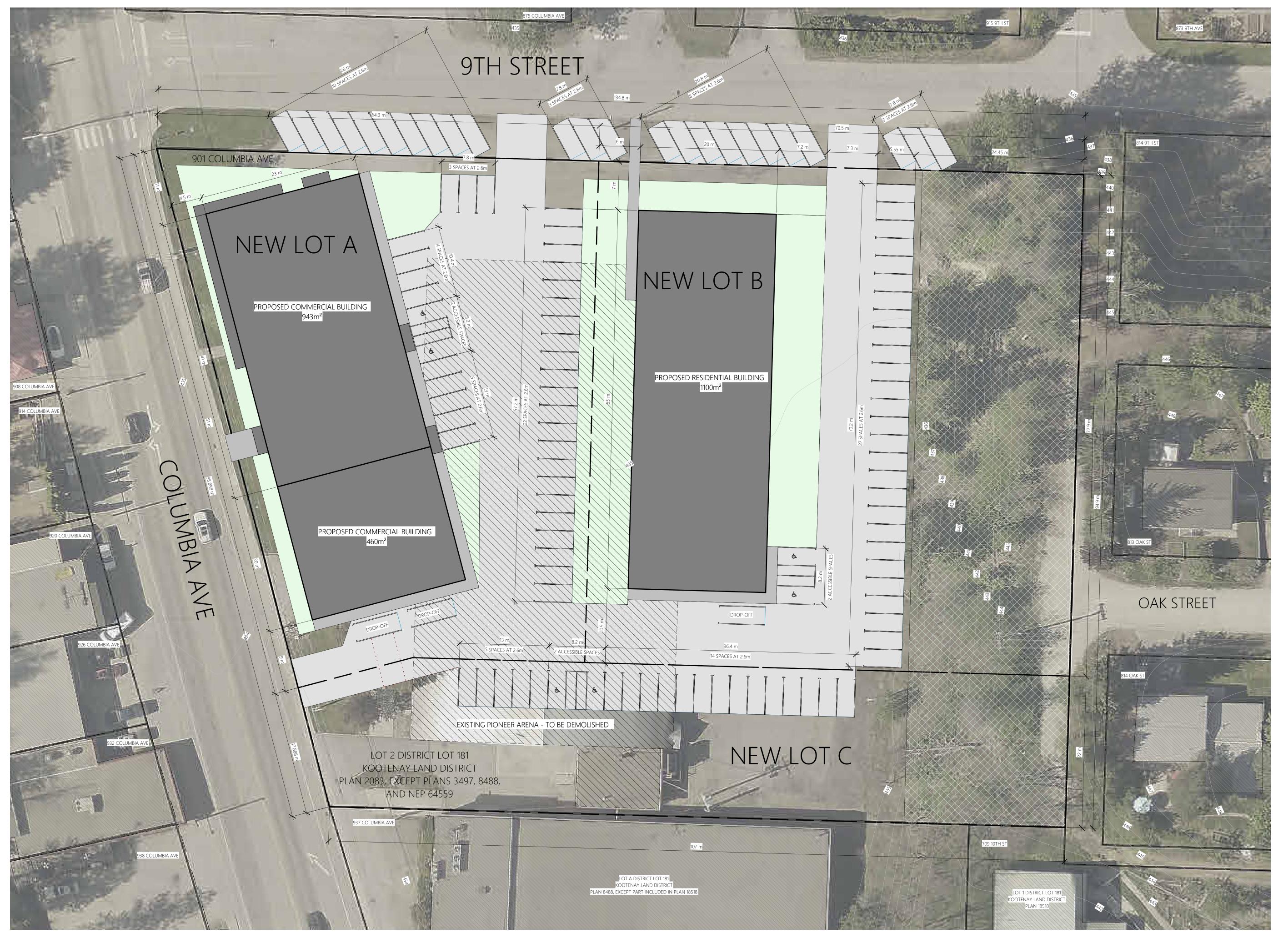
### **DESIGN RATIONALE**

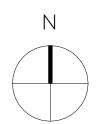
The proposed project is sited within the Regional Mixed Use DPA, and although it represents a multi-unit residential typology, the design takes steps to integrate itself within the surrounding context of low-density residential, commercial, and institutional uses. While the building form was outlined in an efficient footprint and floor area to height ratio, the design attempts to strikes a balance between efficacy and architectural expression with carefully considered, and intentional, decision-making.

Characteristically, the exterior building form maintains the appearance of traditional residential roof forms with dormer projections and overhangs protecting the suite balconies (OCP 7.7.8. & 7.7.15.). All metal wall cladding profiles have been selected for durability and wildfire protection considerations, however consisting of some typical residential patterns such as lap and plank siding, along with wood-print metal soffits for a more welcoming feel on approach. A contemporary palette has been selected for a colour scheme indicative of the project utilizing three main colours across the façade (and others for the soffits, roof, and other areas), along with six different textures of metal (plus other materials) to create visual distinction and variation across all facades (OCP 7.7.16.).

The design further captures street appeal with the division of balconies and canopies at the second-floor level to differentiate the stories above from the main level, as is more iconically typified by mixed-use projects (OCP 7.7.14.). All residential suites have either a private balcony with privacy dividers between balconies, or patios (at grade) with privacy fencing, for a feeling of safety within the home environment; as well, there is an indoor/outdoor common amenity area and children's play space for the use of the residents to socialize.

Given the high visibility of the proposed site and institutional zoning, the building has been located with significant setbacks from all property lines, allowing for additional distance from 9<sup>th</sup> Ave and the adjacent residences (OCP 7.7.10.). Three sides of the property are visible from the street, making parking screening more challenging, however locating the parking lot adjacent to the east slope reduces the main visual impact from Columbia Ave across the neighbouring subdivision (OCP 7.7.4.). Along the connecting street frontage of 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, the landscape design incorporates a pedestrian walkway with street tree coverage from the site, along with other permeable and natural design elements across the site (OCP 7.7.21. - 7.7.25.).







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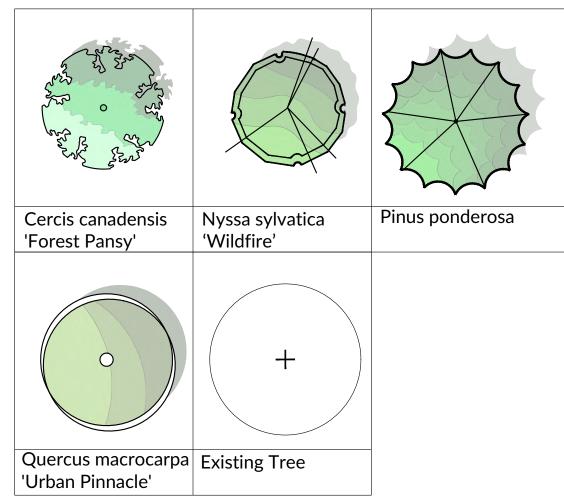
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	5 LD-01	CONCRETE PATIO Border: Light Sandblast Finis Tinted Concrete Inlay: Light Sandblast Finish Refer to Detail for scoring pa
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		9MM CRUSH GRAVEL
•	10 LD-01	1.2M ALUMINUM PICKET FENCE
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	8 LD-02	GARDEN STORAGE SHED Model: 845-530V00GY Manufacturer: Outsunny Material: Galvanized Steel
	9 LD-02	HARVEST TABLE Model: MultipliCITY Table & Benches Manufacturer: Landscape for Material: Domestically Source Thermally Modified Ash LF8 Powdercoat Forest
	2 I D-02	MODULAR TABLE Model: ELLT-33C Manufacturer: Victor Stanley Material & Colour: Recycled Plastic Slats (Wheat) & Herita Green Powdercoat
		MOVEABLE CHAIRS Model: SE-22-P Manufacturer: Victor Stanley Colour: Tavern Square Greer Powdercoat
	7 LD-02	POTTING TABLE
	3 LD-01	GRAVEL DRIP-STRIP 12MM MINUS CLEAR-DRAI PEA GRAVEL
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		PIP RUBBER SURFACING Colour & Pattern Varies, Refer to L-05

- 1. Site Plan hatches for graphic representation only, refer to landscape details for final patterns.
- 2. Refer to project arborist for tree protection measures and critical root zones.

# TREE LEGEND



TREE SO	CHEDULE				
QUAN.	KEY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	SPACING
5	see legend	Cercis canadensis 'Forest Pansy'	Forest Pansy Redbud	B&B 6cm caliper; 1.8m std	As shown
3	see legend	Nyssa sylvatica 'Wildfire'	Wildfire Black Gum	B&B 6cm caliper; 1.8m std	As shown
12	see legend	Pinus ponderosa	Ponderosa Pine	B&B 3.0m height; Single Leader	As shown
2	see legend	Quercus macrocarpa 'Urban Pinnacle'	Urban Pinnacle Oak	B&B 6cm caliper; 1.8m std	As shown

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# TREE & LANDSCAPE PLAN

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# LNBCHHS - COLUMBIA AVE

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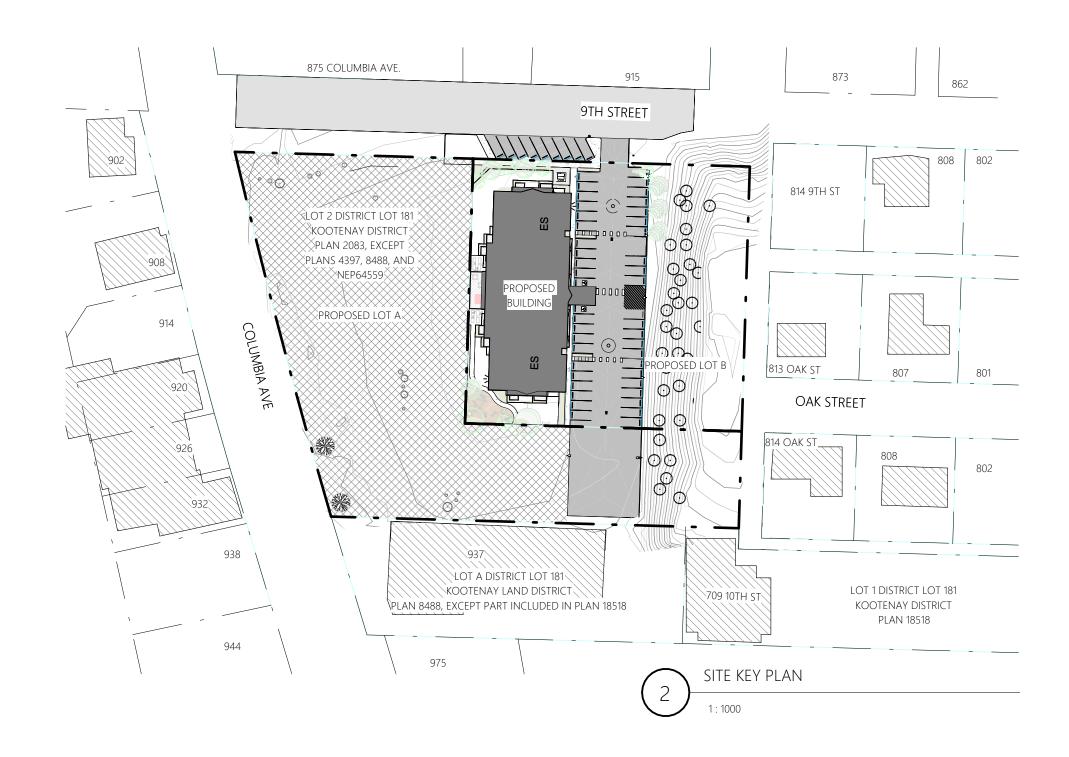
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# BYLAW REVIEW

References: City of Castlegar: Zoning Bylaw No. 1428 (June, 2024)

City of Castlegar: Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1435 (February, 2025)

City of Castlegar: Community Plan Bylaw No. 1427 (Version 5, 2024)

PROPERTY INFORMATION

901 Columbia Ave, Castlegar, BC V1N 1H4 \*PENDING SUBDIVISION\* Civic Address:

Legal Address:

LOT 2 DISTRICT LOT 181

KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 2083, EXCEPT PLANS 4397, 8488, AND NEP64559

P1 - Public and Institutional Current Zoning:

Authority Having Jurisdiction: City of Castlegar

Recreational Facility & Surface Parking Lot Current Use:

Lot Size: 1.265 acres

Development Permit Area:

Regional Mixed Use

REGULATIONS

Setbacks:

Proposed Use:

Multi-Unit Non-Market Residential (Bylaw 1435)

Lot Dimensions: <u>Area</u> - 6592 sq.m (min. 1000 sq.m)

Width - 73.2m (min. 24m) <u>Depth</u> - 70.0m (min. 27m)

Lot Coverage: Structures - 905 sq.m coverage/ 5121 sq.m lot area = 18% (max. 75%) Structures & Impermeable Surfaces - 2551 sq.m coverage/ 5121 sq.m lot area = 50% (max. 85%)

Minimum Setbacks:

Rear lot line: 6.0m (Accessory Building - 1.5m)

Exterior side lot line: 6.0m (Accessory Building - 1.5m)

Interior side lot line: 6.0m (Accessory Building - 1.5m)

Building Height:

20.0m (max. 18.0m) \*VARIANCE REQUESTED\* 3.0m (max. 12.0m

Permitted Projections Into Signs, Fences/ Screening, and Off-Street Parking Spaces are permitted within setbacks.

Roof Overhangs/ Projections - min. 1.0m from any lot line. Balconies, Decks, Patios, Awnings - min. 2.0m from any lot line.

<u>Landscape Features</u> - min. 1.0m from any lot line.

Max. 1.8m in all yards for Public (P) Zones. Min. 2.0m landscape screen required for garbage Fencing/ Screening:

Retaining Walls: None proposed.

Non-Market Housing: 0.25 spaces/ dwelling unit (78 \* 0.25 = 19.5) Vehicle Parking:

<u>Proposed</u>: 40 Resident Parking Spaces (20 Required)

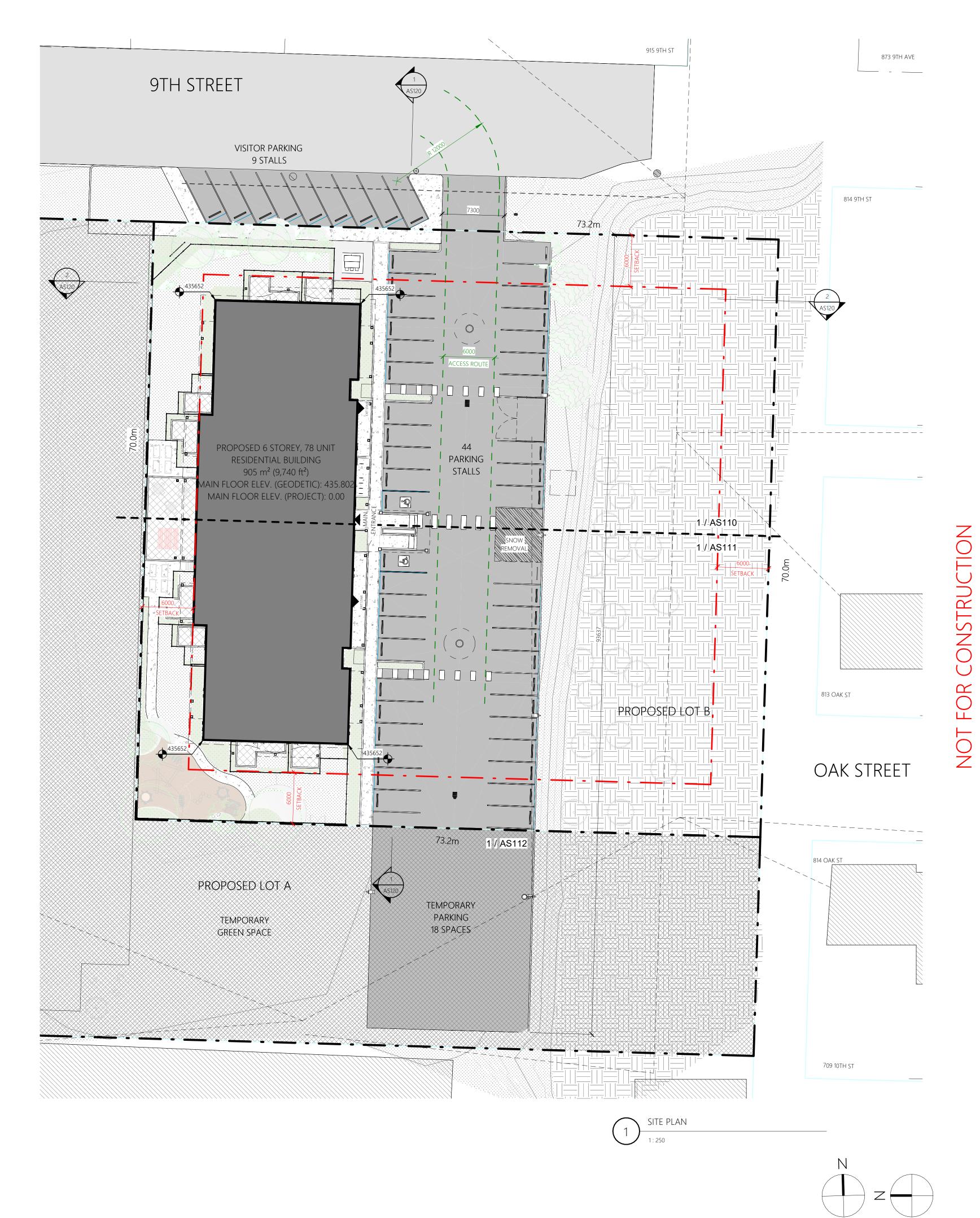
1 Accessible Parking Space required for 20 parking spaces required. Accessible Parking:

Proposed: 2 Accessible Parking Spaces

Loading Spaces: None proposed or required.

SITE PLAN LEGEND		
TYPE	DESCRIPTION	
	RIGHT OF WAY	
	PROPERTY LINE	
	PROPERTY SETBACK	
	ACCESS ROUTE	
	OVERHEAD	
<b>\( \rightarrow</b>	FIRE HYDRANT	
	ASPHALTIC CONCRETE PAVIN	
4 4	CONCRETE SIDEWALK	
	PATIO PAVED AREA	
Ψ Ψ	LANDSCAPING AREA	

PARKING SCHEDULE		
PARKING SPACE	COUNT	
ACCESSIBLE	2	
DROP-OFF	1	
resident	40	
STAFF	1	
VISITOR	9	
Grand total: 53		





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OVERALL SITE PLAN & BYLAW REVIEW



## KEYNOTE LEGEND

- SC2 STAINED & SEALED CEDAR SOFFIT
- BRAKE FORMED METAL FLASHING (BLACK)

- TEMPERED GLASS INSERT

EXPOSED CONCRETE POST BASE

CONCRETE-FACED INSULATION BOARD

<u>CLADDING MATERIAL LEGEND</u>

EC1 - HORIZ. METAL LAP SIDING COLOUR: SURF WHITE

EC1a - HORIZ. METAL LAP SIDING

EC2 - VERT. METAL VARIABLE PLANK

EC3 - DIAG. METAL WF-636R SHEET

EC4 - VERT. METAL WF-HF-12R2 PLANK

EC4a - VERT. METAL WF-HF-12W PLANK

EC6 - METAL FLASHING COLUMN WRAP

(REFER TO SPEC.)

COLOUR: DARK RED (REFER TO SPEC.)

COLOUR: IRON ORE (REFER TO SPEC.)

COLOUR: DARK RED

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EC5 - THIN BRICK VENEER

COLOUR: DARK IRONSPOT (REFER TO SPEC.)

COLOUR: MATTE BLACK

(REFER TO SPEC.)

EC6a

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EC2 - METAL VARIABLE PLANK VERTICAL CLADDING (IRON ORE) EC3 - METAL WF-636R WAVE SHEET DIAG. CLADDING (DARK EC6 - BRAKE FORMED METAL FLASHING CLAD COLUMNS (BLACK) RC1 - ASPHALT ROOF SHINGLES (TWILIGHT GREY) SC1 - WOOD PRINT METAL WF-HF-6P PERF. SOFFIT (LIGHT PINE) STAINED & SEALED EXPOSED WOOD STRUCTURE VINYL WINDOW & DOOR FRAMES (MATTE BLACK) HORIZ. TIGHT SLAT ALUM. BALCONY GUARD (SATIN BLACK) w/ TEMPERED GLASS INSERT HORIZ. TIGHT SLAT ALUM. PRIVACY GUARD (SATIN BLACK) w/ Nelson BC V1L 4G9

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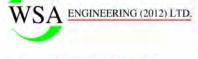


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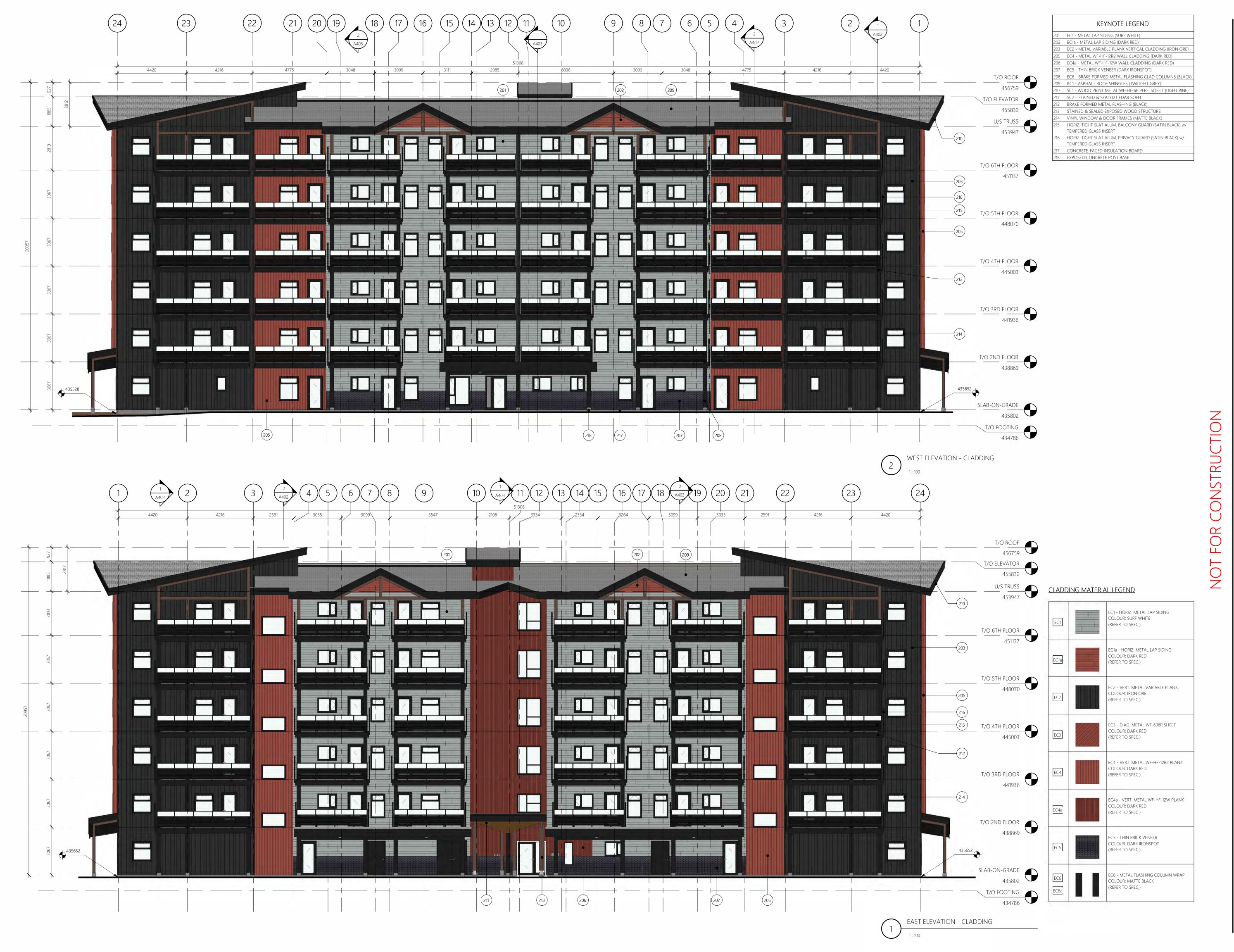
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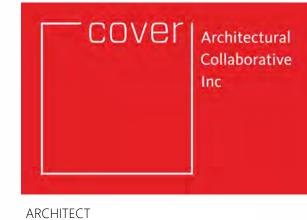
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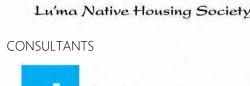


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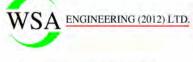
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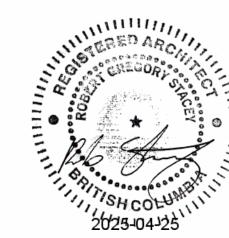




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