PLANNING RATIONALE REPORT

99 - 101 AND 103 PINHEY - SITE PLAN APPLICATION CITY OF OTTAWA

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This report has been prepared on behalf of 2641484 Ontario Inc. in support of a Site Plan Control Application for their lands at 99,101 and 103 Pinhey in the Hintonburg Community in Ottawa. The legal description of the property is Part of Lots 1,2 and 3 (east of Pinhey Street) Registered Plan 105, City of Ottawa (see Figure 1 - Survey Plan) in the Appendix Section.

The property is located on the south east corner of Armstrong Street and Pinhey (see Figure 2 Location plan). To the west of the property (west side of Pinhey Street) is a surface parking area. To the east and south the lands are used for a mixture of commercial, and surface parking areas with some loading bays for nearby businesses. To the north and northwest the lands are primarily residential in nature and have been subject to some recent modern infill. The neighbourhood to the north has experienced a significant amount of modern residential infill development over the last few years. See photos in appendix

The subject lands have 15.26 metres of frontage (50') on the east side of Pinhey and 31.93 metres of frontage (105') on Armstrong Street. The depth along the south property line is 26.99 metres (89') and along the rear (east) property line the dimension is 32.31 metres (106'). See the survey plan (Figure 1) for further details. Full size copies of the survey plan are being filed as part of the site plan application. For zoning purposes the frontage along Pinhey Street is considered to be the front lot line.

The property currently consists of two buildings that were built prior to 1908 with 103 Pinhey facing Pinhey and 99 Pinhey facing both Pinhey and Armstrong Streets. The two buildings are connected along the Pinhey Avenue frontage. At the present time both buildings are not occupied. These buildings were formerly the headquarters of a heating contracting business. There are surface parking areas for the property to the rear of the buildings.

The intent of the site plan application is to build a 4 storey residential condominium building with approximately 1228 m2 (13220 ft2) of residential floor area within 24 units and 1 level of underground parking. There will be a roof terrace on the roof of the building which is intended to provide some amenity areas for residents and also to provide an area for residents to garden.

The project name for the building is **The Kensington** and draws its architectural style from the Kensington area of London, England. See Figure 3 in the Appendix section for the site plan.

The proposal calls for 24 new residential apartment units (9 of them will be 1 bedroom units and 15 will be 2 bedroom units). The proposal calls for 7 parking spaces in total which are all to be located in the underground parking area that is accessed a ramp from Armstrong Street.

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An area for bicycle storage will be provided in the underground parking level for the building and there will also be some bicycle spaces provided along the interior side yard (south lot line) near the secondary entrance to the building.

The building will be primarily constructed with a brick exterior with large windows and recessed balconies along the street frontages that allow for variation in the external building appearance. For more details refer to the architectural elevation drawings in the Appendix section of this report.

The designs call for terraces and balconies on the Armstrong frontages and also balconies along the interior and rear yard sides of the building.

The architectural style has been inspired by the white stone and clean lines of the Kensington area of London, the classic style of **The Kensington Lofts** and it has a timeless quality that will endure the test of time. The design of the Kensington allows for a contemporary portrayal of Victorian architectural characteristics (i.e. white and black exteriors, patterned mullions in windows, classic natural stone, pronounced front entries to units and high ceilings).

As well the building has integrated modern panelling and features to keep up with the changing Hintonburg neighbourhood. By combining classic Victorian features with modern styling, we have posed to produce a timeliness building that will transcend through the growth and change that is expected to occur in Hintonburg.

The proposed four storey residential condo development will be constructed with conventional wood and steel framing set on a strong cast in place concrete floor over an underground parking level. There will be 6 units per level consisting of 9 one bedroom and 15 two bedroom for a total of 24 units.

Four of the ground floor units will have their entrance at grade and two out of these four units will have a lower basement level with an internal stair combined with an open to above area where 14 foot (4.3 m) tall glazing at the front will provide generous daylight into the unit at both levels. All other units will be accessible via two common entrances, having the principle one located at the corner of Pinhey and Armstrong street and a secondary one located at the south east corner of the building.

A vehicular ramp along the east side of the property will be provided to access the underground parking area where utility locker and garbage rooms will also be located. A pedestrian ramp along the south property line will lead to the secondary entrance at the rear.

The building will be provided with a common roof top terrace accessible by the common stair and elevator and all upper units will be equipped with their own

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private terrace or balcony.

There will be planters, new landscaping and hard landscaping along the street frontage of the property and along the interior side yard. Currently, the site does not have any natural vegetation or formal landscaping. The proposal calls for new trees on the City Right of Way on Armstrong Street.

The new building will have a building footprint of approximately 514 m2 (5533 ft2) and a total building area of approximately 1228 m2 (13,220 ft2). The maximum building height is 14.36 m which is less than the permitted building height of 14.5 m.

The City of Ottawa parking requirements for this type of development would be:

Total required parking = The 1st 12 units are exempt from parking requirements and units in excess of 12 units are calculated at 0.5 spaces/unit and 0.1 spaces per unit for visitor parking for the units in excess of the 12th unit. This results in a parking requirement of (12 units x 0.5 spaces/unit = 6 parking spaces and then a visitor requirement of 12 x 0.1 spaces/unit = 1.2 spaces = 7.2 spaces which is rounded to 7 spaces. As a result, there are 7 total parking spaces required for the property and the development proposal being submitted calls for 7 parking spaces in total which are all in an underground parking level.

Background studies addressing soils, environmental issues and civil engineering design are being filed as part of this Site Plan application. A full set of engineering, architectural, environmental, geotechnical, environmental noise, surveying and landscaping plans and reports are also being filed with this site plan submission. No major issues or concerns were identified in these studies.

Zoning

Under Zoning By-law 2008-250 the subject lands are zoned R4T-c (Residential Fourth Density Zone).

This is a zone which permits apartment dwellings. The proposed use of the site is in conformity with the existing zoning and the majority of the setback requirements that apply to this site. Due to the shape of the lot there will be variances related to side yard, corner side yard and front yard setbacks and also variances related to amenity areas and the size of the roof top structure. The final set of variances required will be confirmed after the initial review of this application by Planning Staff and the Minor Variance application will be filed in the near future once we have received initial comments.. Details of the setbacks and the requirements are on the Site Plan drawing filed with the application.

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Provincial Policy Statement

The current Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) came into effect in April 2014 and it outlines the key matters of Provincial planning interest with respect to land use planning decisions made by municipal approval authorities. Any decisions that are made by municipal approval authorities must be consistent with the policies of the PPS.

The following are sections of the PPS that are applicable to a redevelopment on the subject property:

- 1.1.1 Healthy, liveable and safe communities are sustained by:
- a) promoting efficient development and land use patterns which sustain the financial well-being of the Province and municipalities over the long term; The redevelopment on the site represent an efficient intensification of the site and will not create inefficient land use patterns in the area.
- e) promoting cost-effective development standards to minimize land consumption and servicing costs. The intensification of the site will be achieved through a 4 storey new building on the site and the sites parking requirements will be through underground parking. The existing infrastructure within the City Right of Way will be connected to the new building.
- 1.1.3.1 Settlement areas shall be the focus of growth and their vitality and regeneration shall be promoted. The property is within a settlement area of the City of Ottawa.
- 1.1.3.2 Land Use Patterns within *settlement areas* shall be based on:
- a) densities and a mix of land uses which: 1) efficiently use land and resources. This redevelopment of the property is an efficient use of the land and will allow for a sensitive infill development that meets the majority of City zoning requirements for this use and with underground parking to ensure that there is a maximum built utilization of the site. 2) are appropriate for, and efficiently use, the infrastructure and public service facilities which are planned or available, and avoid the need for their unjustified and/or uneconomical expansion; The proposed new development on the property will efficiently utilize the existing infrastructure available within the City Right of Way on both Armstrong Street and Pinhey Street.
- 1.4.3 Planning authorities shall provide for an appropriate range of housing types and densities to meet projected requirements of current and future residents of the regional market area by:
- c) directing the development of new housing towards locations where appropriate levels of infrastructure and public service facilities are or will be available to support current and projected needs. The proposed infill development is within an established neighbourhood with nearby infrastructure, public transit along nearby Wellington Street (providing

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- service every 15 minutes) and the nearby O-Train and future LRT and nearby parks (McCormick and Hintonburg Parks), schools and community facilities for residents needs.
- d) promoting densities for new housing which efficiently use land, resources, infrastructure and public service facilities, and support the use of alternative transportation nodes and public transit in areas where it exists or is to be developed; The infill development represents an efficient use of land on the property and utilizes existing infrastructure

Official Plan Designation – City of Ottawa Official Plan

The site is designated General Urban Area in the Urban Policy Plan of the City of Ottawa Official Plan.

The General Urban Area designation permits the development of a full range and choice of housing types to meet the needs of all ages, incomes and life circumstances, in combination with conveniently located employment, retail, service, cultural, leisure, entertainment and institutional uses. This will facilitate the development of complete and sustainable communities. A broad scale of uses is found within this designation, from ground-oriented single-purpose to multi-storey mixed-use; from corner store to shopping centre.

Permitted uses within a General Urban Area include residential.

Key policies within the General Urban Area designation that are applicable to this infill development are contained in Section 3.6.1 of the Official Plan and are:

- 3.6.1.1General Urban Area areas are designated on Schedule B. The General Urban Area designation permits **all types and densities of housing**, as well as employment, retail uses, service, industrial, cultural, leisure, greenspace, entertainment and institutional uses. *The density of housing proposed is permitted in this designation.*
- 3.6.1.3 When considering a proposal for residential intensification through infill or redevelopment in the General Urban Area, the City will:

Recognize the importance of new development relating to existing community character so that it enhances and builds upon desirable established patterns and built form; The proposed 4 storey residential building located close to or on the edge of the property is in general conformity with existing residential development and recent infill projects in the neighbourhood.

In addition, the subject property is located within the area covered by the **Scott Street Secondary Plan**. This Secondary Plan has a number of land use designations within its boundaries which are roughly bounded by the Ottawa

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River Parkway, Northwestern Avenue, Bayview Avenue and then lands to the north of Wellington Street but not fronting onto Wellington Street.

The subject property is located within the Low-Rise Residential designation which would allow for the height of building and type of use that is being proposed. The range of uses permitted in the General Urban Area designation in the Official Plan is permitted in the Low-Rise Residential designation of the Secondary Plan.

Schedule B of the Secondary Plan outlining Maximum Building Heights identifies the subject property as having a maximum building height in line with the existing zoning which allows for a building height of 14.5 m. The subject property is in conformity with this Secondary Plan policy.

Conclusions

The proposed development of a new 4 storey residential building with 24 apartments units and underground parking at 99-101-103 Pinhey is consistent with the majority of current zoning, and the relevant Official Plan and Secondary Plan policies for these lands.

The site represents a sensitive infill development that will allow for:

- a well designed contemporary mixed use building that will be located within an established neighbourhood that will add to the character of the street and the neighbourhood
- an underground parking level which results the required being located beneath the building and with the majority of the streetscape along both roads being occupied by living space of the building.
- a new development that meets the majority of current zoning regulations
- a re-development of the existing property that will contribute to the overall intensification of these sections of Pinhey and Armstrong Streets through a sensitive development.

Through the site plan process there are a number of key engineering studies and drawings required in support of the development. These studies show that the site can be serviced through existing service connections along Pinhey and Armstrong Streets. The overall site drainage and grading has been designed based on current City guidelines and there will be some roof top storage.

Landscaping will be provided along the side, and rear yards to provide screening and buffering to adjacent properties. As well, some new landscaping within the City Right of Way on Armstrong Street is being proposed.

The proposed building height of this development is within the maximum

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permitted building height.

It is our opinion that the proposed development is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and the City of Ottawa Official Plan and the majority of relevant zoning and Secondary Plan regulations. It is being proposed at an appropriate scale of infill development and will be compatible with surrounding land uses and will contribute to this area of Hintonburg.

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APPENDIX

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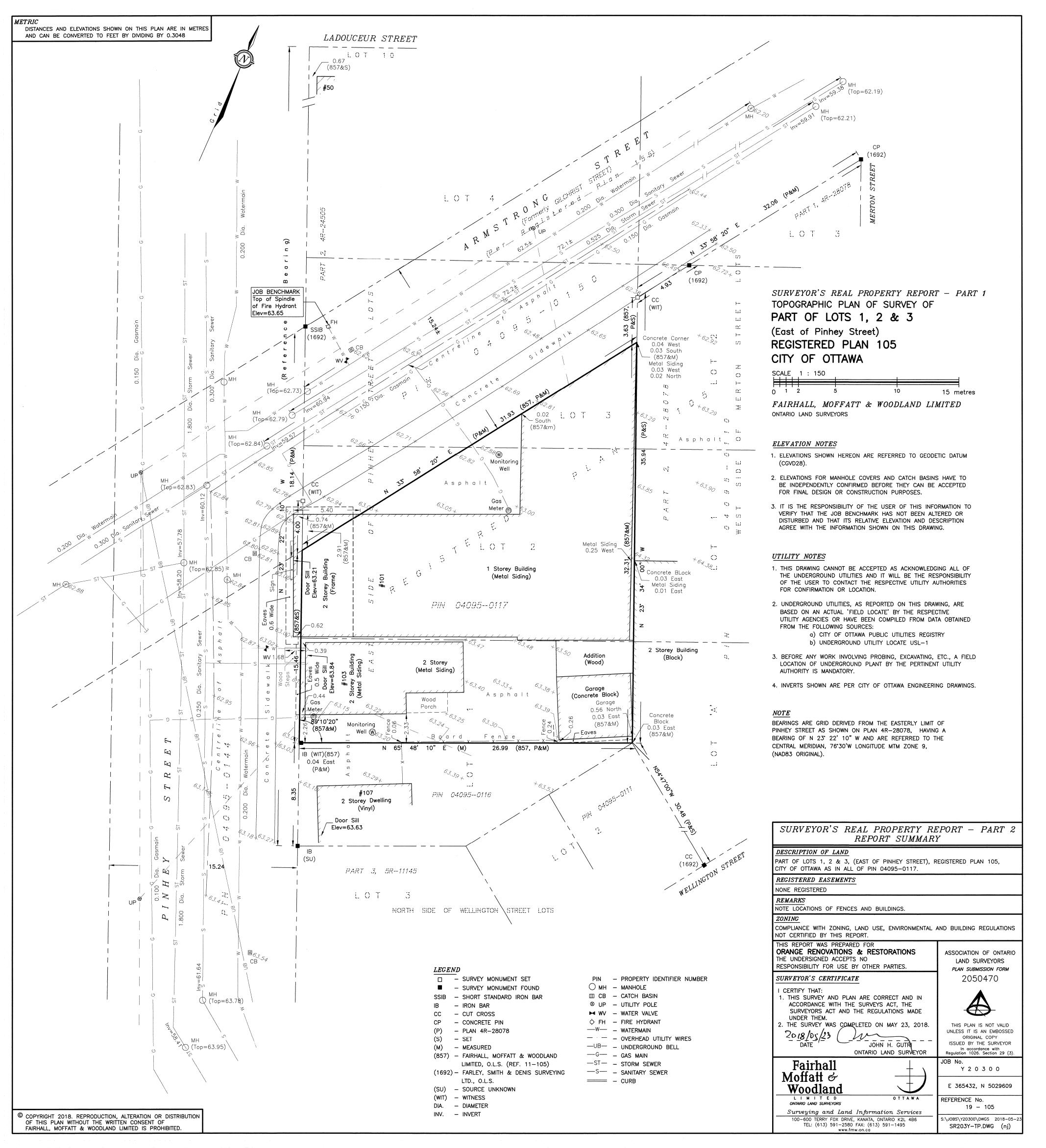
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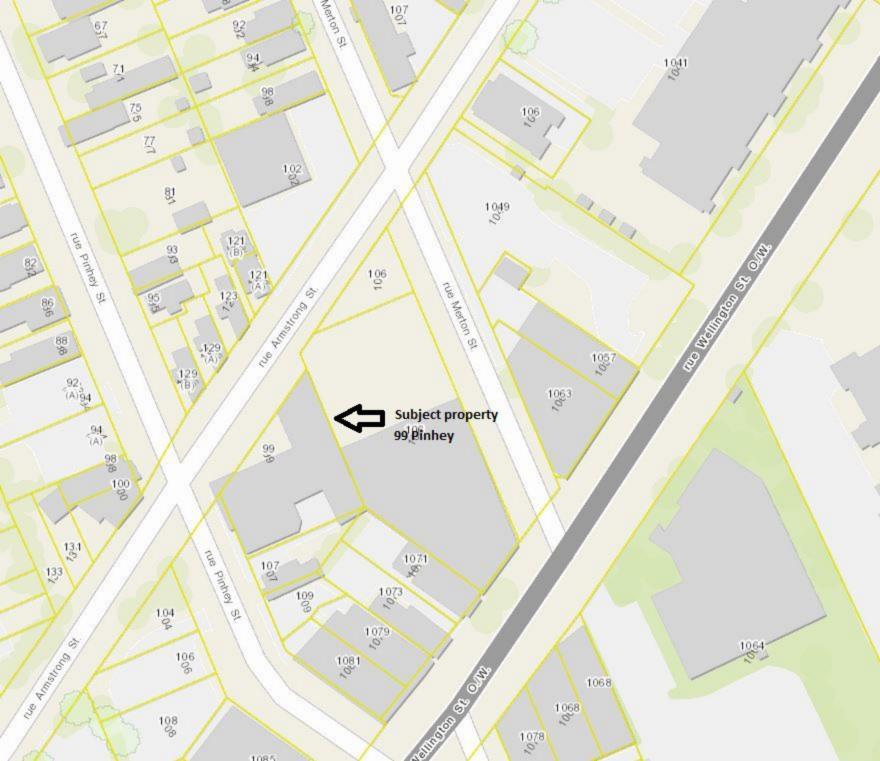
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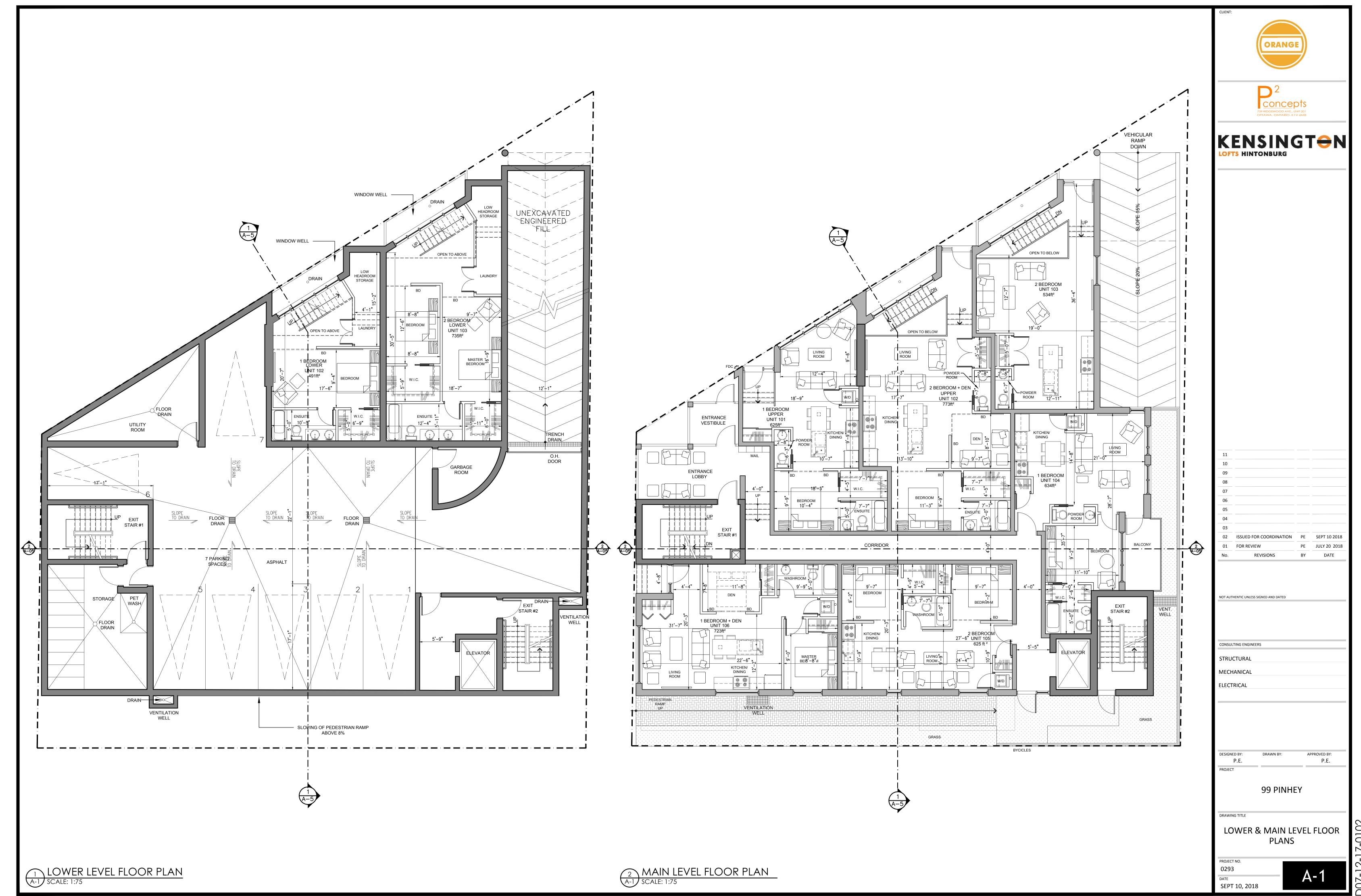
PAGES 9- 12 PHOTOS OF PROPERTY AND SURROUNDING AREA. PHOTOS 1 AND 2 OF PINHEY FRONTAGE OF PROPERTY, PHOTO 3 OF ARMSTRONG FRONTAGE OF PROPERTY AND PHOTO 4 IS OF RECENTLY BUILT TOWNHOUSES ON NORTH WEST CORNER OF PINHEY AND ARMSTRONG

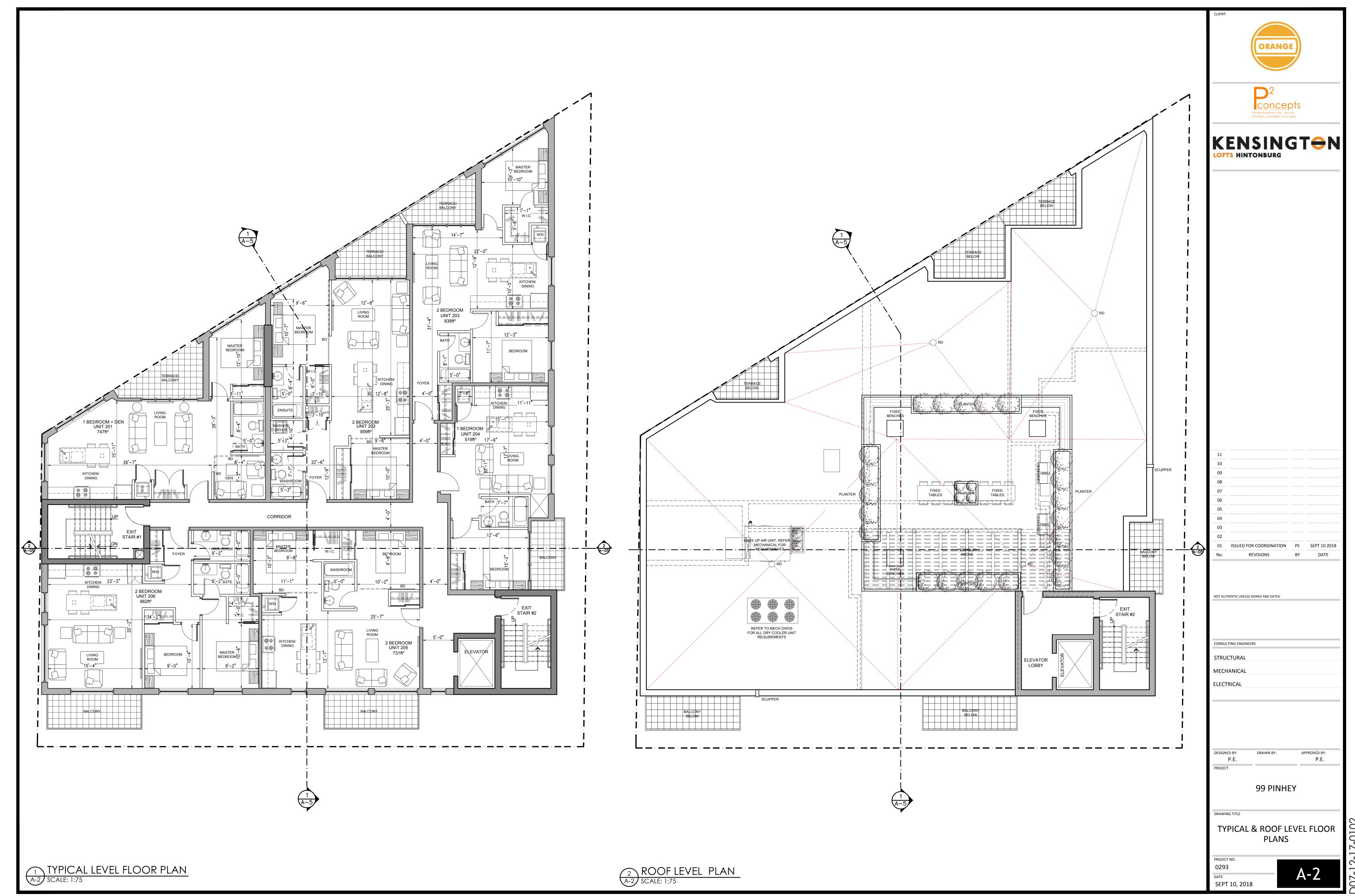
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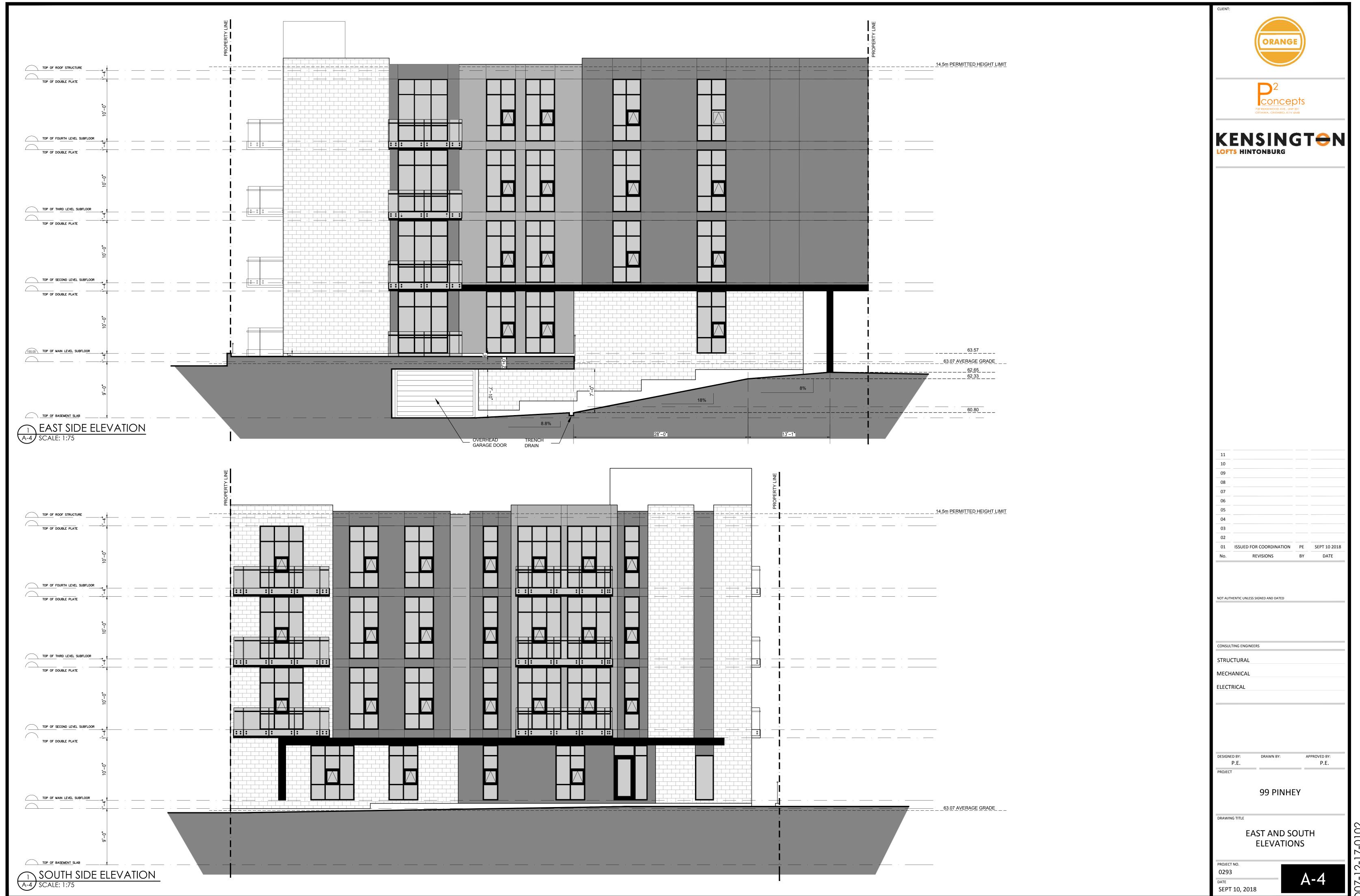


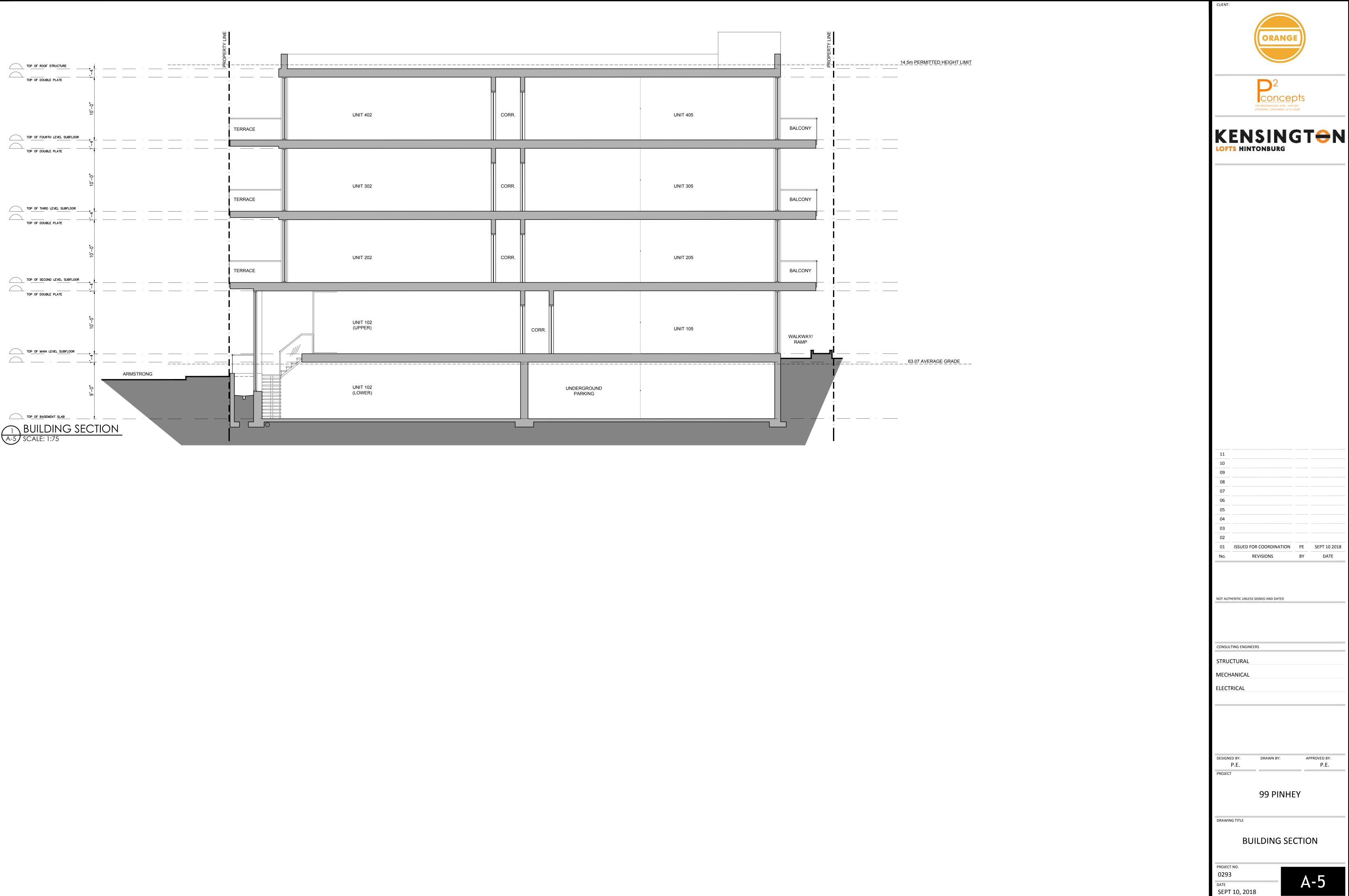




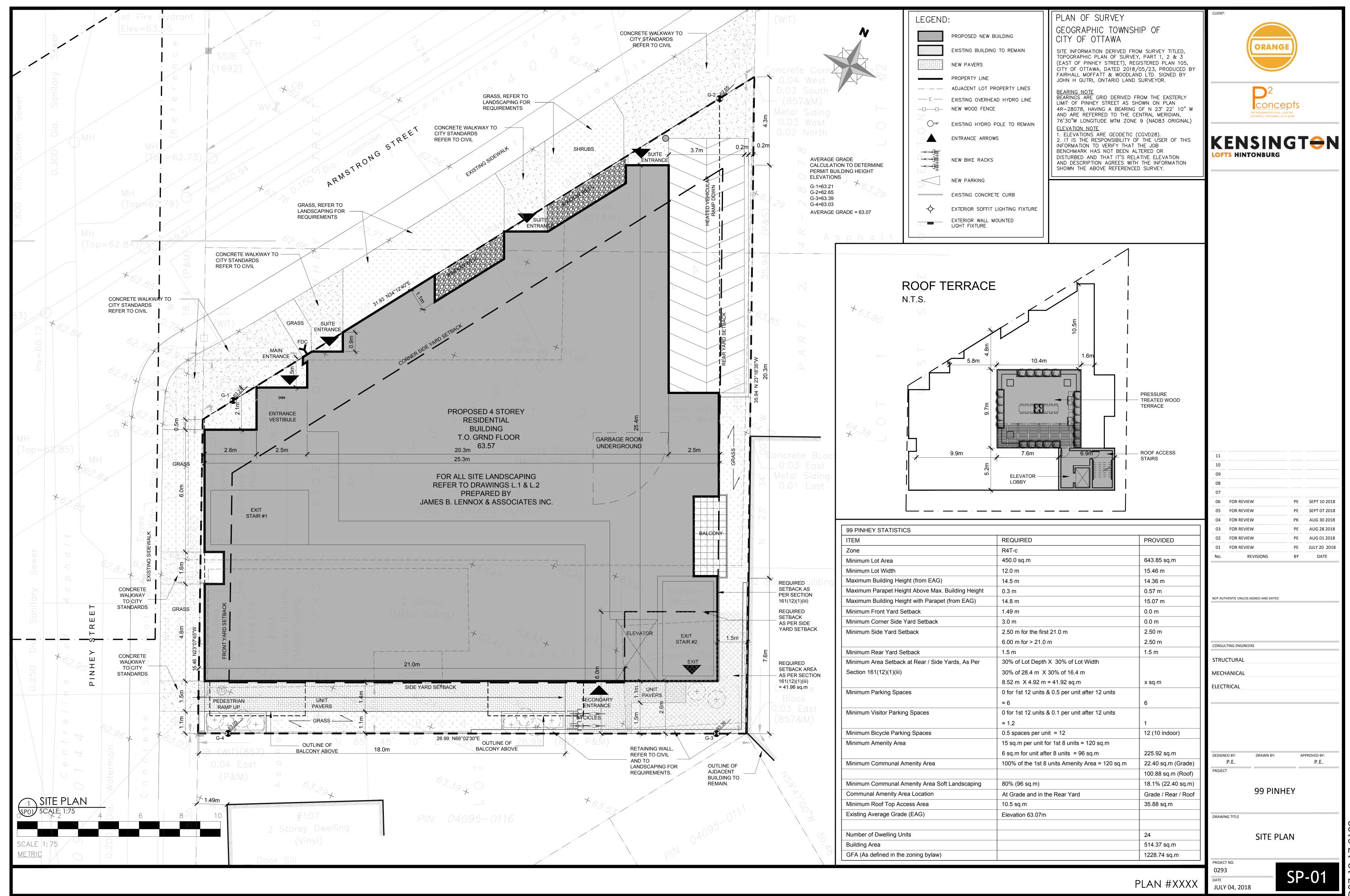
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