## PLANNING RATIONALE REPORT 2167 McGEE SIDE ROAD: SITE PLAN APPLICATION

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This report has been prepared in support of a Site Plan Control Application for the property at 2167 McGee Side Road. The legal description of the property is Parts of Lot 11, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Huntley now in the City of Ottawa (P.I.N 04537-0281).

The property is located at the north west corner of McGee Side Road and John Cavanaugh Drive between the communities of Stittsville and Carp (see **Location plan** in the Appendix Section).

Surrounding land uses consist of a variety of industrial, technology and office uses on McGee Side Road and John Cavanaugh Cenote and also some agricultural uses to the south and institutional uses to the east (Highland ParkCemetery uses). Further to the southwest there is an estate residential subdivision approximately 300 m away on the west side of Carp Road.

The subject property has a frontage of approximately 75 m (246') on the north side of McGee Side Road and also approximately 100 m (330') on the west side of John Cavanaugh Drive.. The overall lot area is 7622 m2 (0.76 ha) (1.88 ac).

Currently the property is vacant and there is some vegetation along the north property line. (see photos on the following page. First photo shows the view along McGee Side Road looking to the north into the site and the second photo shows the view along John Cavanagh with the lands to be developed on the site on the left and the wooded area to be retained on the right hand side of the photo. The third photo is taken in the interior of the site looking to the south.

The intent of the Site Plan Control application is to allow for the development of a new warehouse/office building. (see **Site Plan drawing showing proposed building and elevation drawings** in the Appendix Section). The new building has dimensions of approximately 31 m x 20 m at its maximum dimensions and a building floor area of 599 m2 (6,447 ft2). The total warehouse area is 445 m2 (4790 ft2) and the total office area is 225 m (2422 ft2) and the office space is on two floors at the south east corner of the building. The total floor area is 670 m2 (7212 ft2) and the maximum building height is 7.62 m (25').

The property is owned by CLS Roofing which is a family owned business that has operated in Ottawa for many years. They currently rent space in Nepean and due to expansions of their business activities there is a need to operate their own warehouse facility and office uses on their own property and to also allow for additional warehouse space to be rented.

There will be sodded areas along the street frontages of the property, along the west property line and the existing treed area at the rear (north side) of the property will not be altered.



View looking into the property from McGee Side Road (November 2020 photo)



Image of the property with the area to be developed on the site on the left and the wooded area to remain on the right. (Source: Google Street View)



Photo taken from the interior of the property looking towards the south and McGee Side Road. The interior of the property has large areas of gravel as a base. (November 2020 photo)

The proposal will have one site access on McGee Sideroad. A servicing study addressing the ability of the property to be serviced is being filed with this Site Plan application. No major issues or concerns were identified in the servicing study.

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Architectural drawings showing the floor plans, exterior elevation drawings, survey plans, and servicing studies/reports are also being filed with this site plan submission.

#### Zoning

Under Zoning By-law 2008-250 as amended, the subject lands are located within an RG5 zone (Rural General Industrial Subzone 5). This is a zone which permits a warehouse use and an office use if it is accessory to the use being located on the same lot as a primary permitted use. The proposed uses of the site are in conformity with the existing zoning standards and the applicable setbacks and performance standards that are in effect for this zone.

As indicated in the zoning table on the site plan, the proposed building meets the performance standards related to setbacks, lot coverage and parking requirements.

The property is within an area within proximity to the east side of Carp Road and the north side of McGee Side Road that is either zoned RG5 or RI6 or in a Rural Commercial zone and the development of the property meets the purpose of this zoning classification which are to:

The purpose of the RG – Rural General Industrial Zone is to:

permit the development of light industrial uses in areas mainly designated as **General Rural Area**, **Village** and **Carp Road Corridor Rural Employment** in the Official Plan; accommodate a range of light industrial uses and limited service commercial uses for the travelling public; and, regulate development in a manner that respects adjacent land uses and will have a minimal impact on the surrounding rural area.

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#### **Provincial Policy Statement**

The current Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) 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 latest version of the PPS will be in effect on May 1 2020.

The following are sections of the PPS that are applicable to additional development at 2167 McGee and a *description* of how they are applicable

- 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 proposed development on the site represents an efficient intensification of the site and will not create inefficient land use patterns in the area.
- c) avoiding development and land use patterns which may cause environmental or public health and safety concerns. The development and land use pattern proposed on this site is a logical expansion of the nearby development on McGee and John Cavanaugh and is in keeping with the nearby general rural commercial nature of surrounding properties and will not result in environmental or safety concerns.
- 1.1.5.5 Rural lands in municipalities. Development shall be appropriate
  to the infrastructure which is planned or available and avoid the need for
  the unjustified and/or uneconomical expansion of this infrastructure. The
  proposed building will not require any additional demand on infrastructure
  and will not require the expansion of any infrastructure. The building will
  operate on private services and does not require full municipal services to
  be provided.
- 1.1.5.6 Opportunities should be retained to locate new or expanding land uses that require separation from other uses. This area along McGee Side Road and John Cavanaugh has developed over time into an area of rural commercial and warehousing and small scale commercial uses that require relatively large properties. The existing zoning permits the proposed uses in this area.

#### Official Plan Designation - City of Ottawa Official Plan

The site is within lands designated as a Rural Employment Area in the City of Ottawa Official Plan.

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Rural Employment Areas are intended to support and encourage clustering of primarily industrial uses not suitable in the Urban Area or General Rural Area. The existing rural employment areas provide for a full range of industry sectors, which includes, but is not limited to, manufacturing, mining (aggregates), construction, agriculture, transportation as well as other professional and business services and ancillary retail. Rural Employment Areas add to the diversity of opportunities for economic development and those seeking large sites and proximity to the urban area.

Those rural employment areas located in close proximity to 400 Series Highway interchanges are uniquely suited to transportation facilities such as truck terminals, **warehouses**, courier and freight facilities that support inter – and intra-provincial movement of goods.

Key policies within the Rural Employment Area designation that are applicable to this development are:

 3.7.5.1 The Rural Employment Areas are designated on Schedule A with the intent to reserve the land for rural industrial and ancillary commercial uses. The proposed uses are for the headquarters of a roofing company and their storage needs and another storage use for another company are in keeping with this section

Uses permitted within rural employment areas include:

- 3.7.5.2 a) New heavy and light industrial uses, such as steel and concrete fabrication, farm equipment and supply centres, machine and vehicle sales service and repair, construction yards, building products yards, landscape contractors, nurseries; The proposed use fits within this list of permitted uses.
- 3.7.5.2. b) New transportation, warehouse and storage operations; these uses are encouraged to locate on sites in close proximity to Arterial roads and Highway interchanges; The proposal will contain a warehousing component and also storage for the roofing company owned by the property owner. The property is in very close proximity to Carp Road, an arterial road and approximately a 5 minute drive from Highway 417.

All new development must be supportable on individual well and septic systems unless the City agrees to the development of a number of sites on the basis of a small water and wastewater works as described in Section 4.4.2.4. The site will be developed on private services.

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#### Carp Road Corridor Community Design Plan

In 2004, the City of Ottawa completed the Carp Road Corridor Community Design Plan (CDP). The CDP covers lands on both sides of Carp Road from Rothbourne Road in the south to March Road in the north. It sets out land use policies for the Corridor, as well as strategies for servicing, the environment, road improvements, visual appearance and marketing of the rural employment area. It provides a framework to guide future development and addresses issues that have been identified as concerns in the community.

Within this 9 km corridor there were (in 2004) 177 businesses and approximately 2500 people working within the Corridor.

The CDP contains the following objectives:

- To promote the Carp Road Corridor as a rural employment area which is an attractive base for a wide range of industrial and commercial uses;
- To enhance the visual appearance of the corridor and maintain the rural landscape;
- To provide a plan that ensures that future land uses are compatible and the Corridor continues to be an area where people work, live and play and enjoy a rural lifestyle;
- To ensure that servicing in the corridor is adequate and meets the needs for the future:
- To ensure that Carp Road continues to function as a major arterial road that provides easy accessibility to Highway 417 and the Carp Airport and businesses in the Corridor; and
- To protect and enhance natural features.

The proposed development of the property as a warehouse, storage and office space for a local business meets the objectives of the Carp Road CDP. It is introducing compatible uses in the area, it can be serviced on its own and the natural features of the property (along the north property line) will be maintained.

The Official Plan Amendment associated with these lands would designate the employment lands within the Carp Road Corridor as 'Carp Road Corridor Rural Employment Area' and the associated CDP provides more detailed land use categories.

The subject lands, as per Schedule 1 of the CDP, are within a 'Light Industrial' land use designation.

Key policies for light industrial lands within the CDP include light manufacturing plants, distribution, warehouses, service and repair shops, storage uses, contractor or construction related uses. The uses permitted should be appropriately located and well designed so as to minimize nuisance or interference with existing or proposed uses of adjoining lands.

#### Consultation details

A pre consultation meeting was held on December 17 2020 to discuss the application with City staff and staff of the Conservation Authority. We will provide copies of the submission documents to the City Councillor and discuss the project with him and if it is deemed appropriate we will discuss with nearby property owners.

#### Conclusions

The proposed development of the lands to allow for an office/warehouse/storage building for a small local business wanting to own and operate their own building is consistent with the current zoning and Official Plan policies for these lands.

The site represents a sensitive development that will allow for:

- a well designed contemporary building to be located within an area of similar light industrial/rural industrial uses that will serve the needs of the roofing business
- a building that meets the current zoning regulations.
- through setbacks to adjacent properties the building proposed is at a scale that will not cause negative impacts on surrounding properties.

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 under current engineering guidelines and requirements.

Sodded areas will be provided in the provided yards to provide screening and buffering to adjacent properties. The proposed building height of this development is less than the permitted maximum building height as outlined in the zoning by-law. Access to the site will be through one full access on McGee Side Road and as a result the John Cavanaugh frontage will remain in its current state. The wooded area at the north end of the site will also remain in its current state.

It is our opinion that the proposed development is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and the City of Ottawa Official Plan and relevant zoning regulations and represents good planning.

It is being proposed at an appropriate scale of development and is compatible with surrounding land uses and will contribute to the rural industrial community.

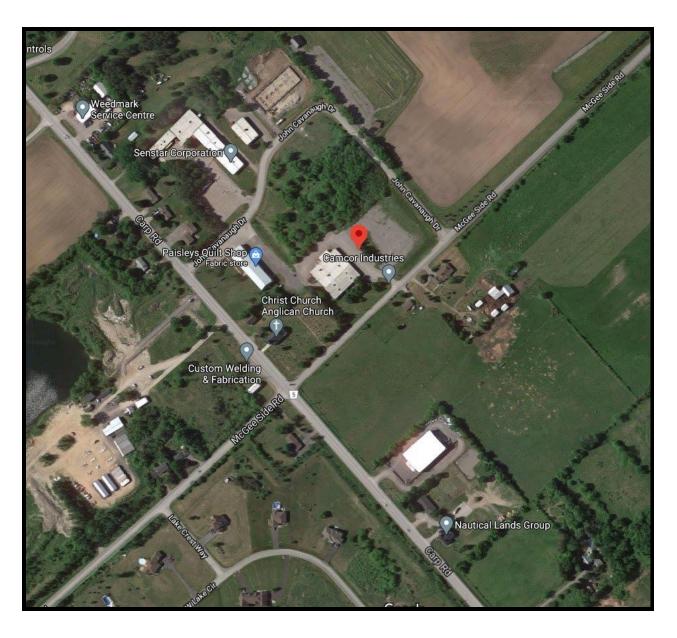
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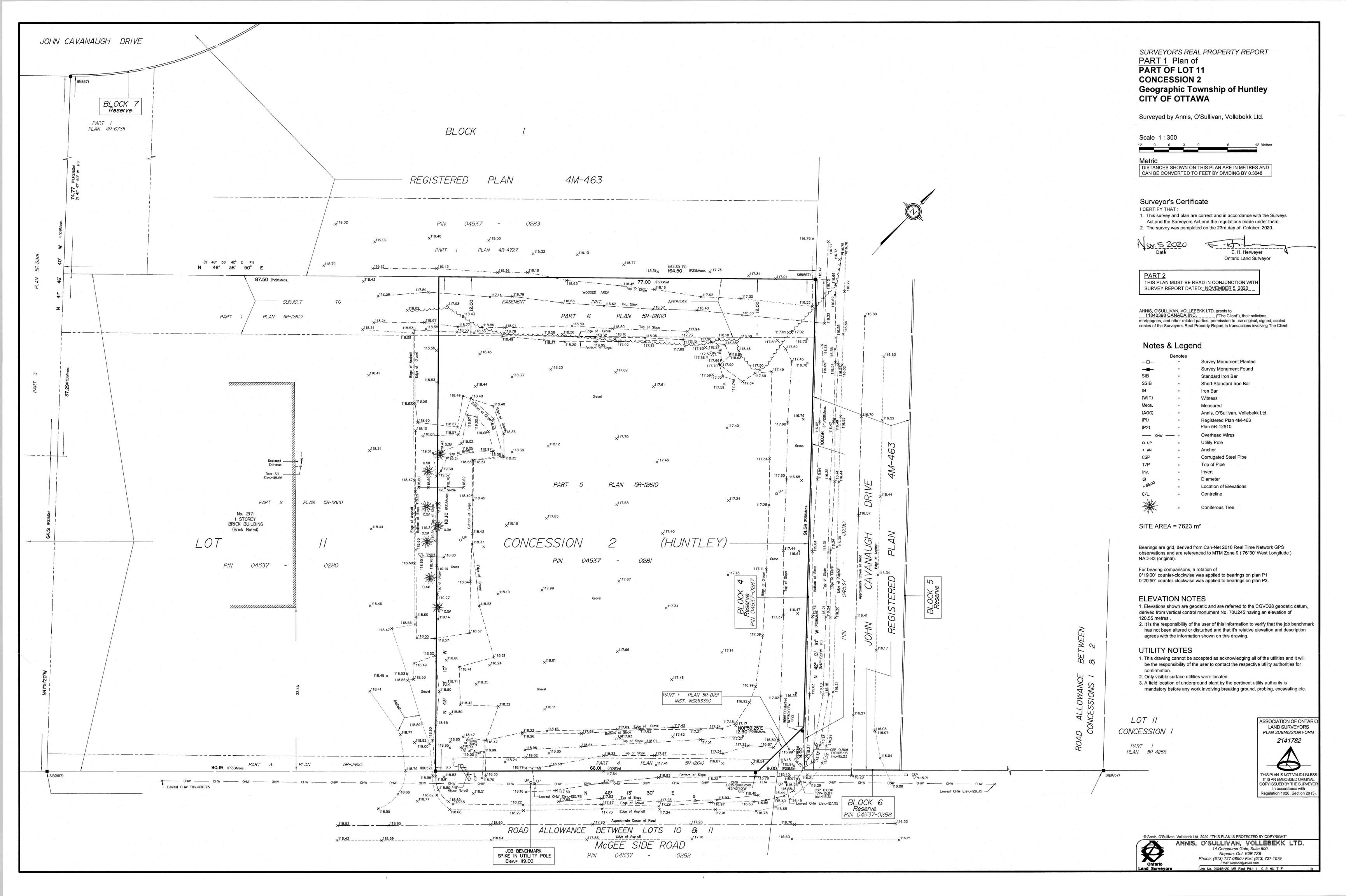
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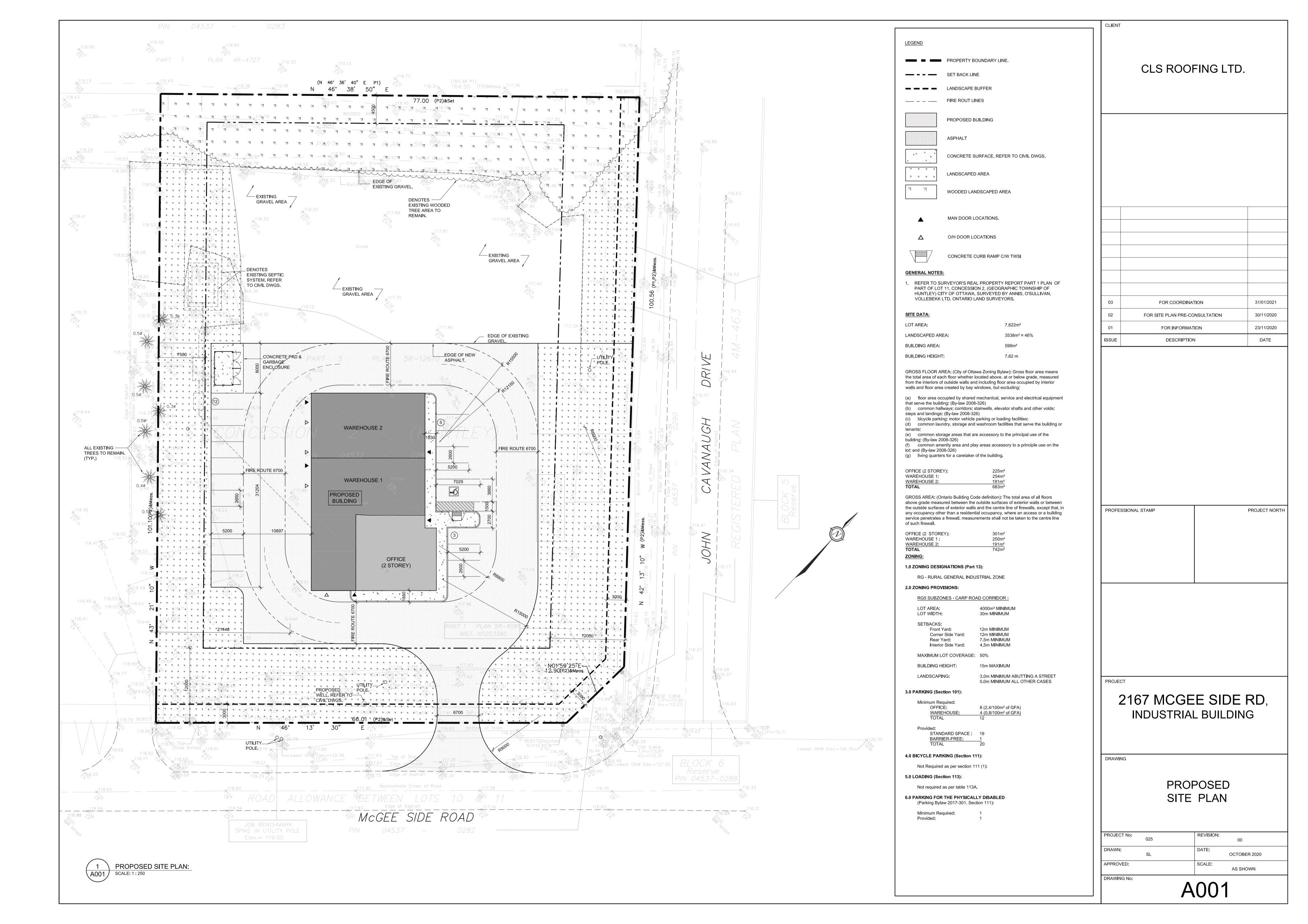
#### **APPENDIX**

LOCATION PLAN
SURVEY PLAN
SITE PLAN
ARCHITECTURAL PLANS



2167 McGee Side Road - Location Plan. North side of McGee SideRoad west of John Cavanaugh Road.









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A2 SCALE: 1:50

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12/11/2020 FOR INFORMATION DATE DESCRIPTION

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# 2167 MCGEE SIDE RD, INDUSTRIAL BUILDING

DRAWING No:

## PROPOSED BUILDING **ELEVATIONS**

PROJECT No: 025	REVISION: 00
DRAWN: SL	DATE: OCTOBER 2020
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