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# SITE PLAN CONTROL APPLICATION SITE PLAN APPROVAL REPORT PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Site Location: 214 Somerset Street East

File No.: D07-12-25-0002

Date of Application: January 13, 2025

This SITE PLAN CONTROL application submitted by Barron Meyerhoffer, on behalf of Ottawa Community Housing Corporation, is APPROVED upon resolution of the conditions stated in this report

And the following plans are approved:

- 1. **Roof Plan**, A206, prepared by CSV Architects, revision 5 dated 2024-12-23.
- 2. **Exterior Elevation North**, A301, prepared by CSV Architects, dated 2024-12-20, revision 15 dated 2025-06-12.
- 3. Exterior Elevation East, A302, prepared by CSV Architects, dated 2024-12-20, revision 15 dated 2025-06-12.
- 4. **Exterior Elevation South**, A303, prepared by CSV Architects, dated 2024-12-20, revision 15 dated 2025-06-12.
- 5. **Exterior Elevation West**, A304, prepared by CSV Architects, dated 2024-12-20, revision 15 dated 2025-06-12.

And as detailed in the following report(s):

- 1. Phase One Environmental Site Assessment 214-224 Somerset Street East Ottawa, Ontario, prepared by Lopers & Associates, dated June 21, 2023.
- 2. Transportation Noise Feasibility Assessment 214 Somerset St E Ottawa, Ontario, prepared by GRADIENTWIND, dated January 03, 2024.

And subject to the following General and Special Conditions:

# **General Conditions**

# 1. <u>Lapsing of Approval</u>

The Owner shall enter into this Site Plan Control Agreement and/or Letter of Undertaking, including all standard and special conditions, financial and otherwise, as required by the City. In the event that the Owner fails to sign this Agreement and/or Letter of Undertaking, complete the conditions to be satisfied prior to the signing of this Agreement, and have the corresponding building permit(s) issued within three (3) years of Site Plan approval, the approval shall lapse.

# 2. Update to Plans and Reports

The Owner acknowledges and agrees, prior to the preparation of the Site Plan Agreement or issuance of a Commence Work Notification, to update the list of required plans and studies listed below to address the comments from the formal review letter dated **July 2**, **2025**, to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services Department. The Owner further acknowledges and agrees that the submission may necessitate changes to the plans and reports approved herein. If necessary, the Owner further acknowledges and agrees to provide all revised plans and reports to the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services Department prior to preparation of the Site Plan Agreement or the issuance of a Commence Work Notification.

- i) Site Plan
- ii) Tree Conservation Report & Landscape Plan
- iii) Site Removals Plan
- iv) Site Grading and Erosion & Sediment Control Plan
- v) Site Servicing Plan
- vi) Pre-Development Drainage Plan
- vii) Post-Development Drainage Plan
- viii) Geotechnical Investigation
- ix) Servicing & Stormwater Management Report
- x) Phase Two Environmental Site Assessment

# 3. Barrier Curbs

The Owner acknowledges and agrees that the parking areas and entrances shall have barrier curbs and shall be constructed in accordance with the drawings of a design professional, such drawings to be approved by the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services.

# 4. Water Supply for Fire Fighting

The Owner shall provide adequate water supply for fire fighting for every building. Water supplies may be provided from a public water works system, automatic fire pumps, pressure tanks or gravity tanks.

# 5. Reinstatement of City Property

The Owner shall reinstate, at its expense and to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development, any property of the

City, including, but not limited to, sidewalks, curbs, and boulevards, which is damaged as a result of the subject development.

# 6. <u>Construction Fencing</u>

The Owner acknowledges and agrees to install construction fencing, at its expense, in such a location as may be determined by the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services.

# 7. Extend Internal Walkway

The Owner shall extend internal walkways beyond the limits of the subject lands to connect to existing or proposed public sidewalks, at the sole expense of the Owner, to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services.

# 8. Completion of Works

The Owner acknowledges and agrees that no new building will be occupied on the lands until all requirements with respect to completion of the Works as identified in this Agreement have been carried out and received Approval by the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services, including the installation of municipal numbering provided in a permanent location visible during both day and night and the installation of any street name sign on relevant streets. Notwithstanding the non-completion of the foregoing Works, occupancy of a lot or structure may otherwise be permitted, if in the sole opinion of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services, the aforesaid Works are proceeding satisfactorily toward completion. The Owner shall obtain the prior consent of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services for such occupancy in writing.

Until all requirements with respect to completion of the Works as identified in this Agreement have been carried out and received Approval by the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services, the Owner shall give notice to the City of a proposed conveyance of title to any building at least thirty (30) days prior to any such conveyance. No conveyance of title to any building shall be effective unless the Owner has complied with this provision.

Nothing in this clause shall be construed as prohibiting or preventing the approval of a consent for severance and conveyance for the purposes of obtaining financing.

# 9. <u>Update to Plans and Studies</u>

The Owner acknowledges and agrees, prior to registration of this Agreement or issuance of a Commence Work Notification, to update the Site Plan, Tree Conservation Report & Landscape Plan, Geotechnical Investigation, Servicing & Stormwater Management Report, Civil Drawings (REM, C101, C202, PRE, POST), Phase Two Environmental Site Assessment to address the

comments from the formal review letter dated **July 2, 2025**, to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services Department. The Owner further acknowledges and agrees that the submission may necessitate changes to the plans and reports approved herein. If necessary, the Owner further acknowledges and agrees to provide all revised plans and reports to the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services Department prior to registration of this Agreement or the issuance of a Commence Work Notification.

# **Special Conditions**

# 10. <u>Professional Engineering Inspection</u>

The Owner shall have competent Professional Engineering inspection personnel on-site during the period of construction, to supervise the Works, and the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services Department, shall have the right at all times to inspect the installation of the Works. The Owner acknowledges and agrees that should it be found in the sole opinion of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services Department, that such personnel are not on-site or are incompetent in the performance of their duties, or that the said Works are not being carried out in accordance with the approved plans or specifications and in accordance with good engineering practice, then the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services Department, may order all Work in the project to be stopped, altered, retested or changed to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services Department.

# 11. Permanent Features

The Owner acknowledges and agrees that no permanent features shall be permitted above and below grade within the City's widened right-of-way or corner sight triangle, including commercial signage, except as otherwise shown on the approved Site Plan referenced in Schedule E" herein.

# 12. Notice on Title - On-site Parking

The Owner acknowledges and agrees that a notice shall be registered on title to the subject lands, at the Owner's expense. The Owner further acknowledges and agrees that such notice on title, or the clauses as written directly below, shall be included in all agreements of purchase and sale and lease agreements to inform prospective purchasers and tenants of these matters. The notice on title shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

The Owner, or any subsequent owner of the whole or any part of the subject lands, acknowledges and agrees that all agreements of purchase and sale or lease agreements shall contain the following clauses, which shall be covenants running with the subject lands:

"The purchaser/lessee for themself, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, acknowledges being advised that the unit being

sold/rented will not be provided with any on-site parking. Should the purchaser/lessee have a vehicle for which they wish to have parking, alternative and lawful arrangements will need to be made to address their parking needs at an alternate location and that such arrangements are solely the responsibility of the person seeking parking. The purchaser/lessee acknowledges that the availability and regulations governing on-street parking vary; that access to on-site street parking, including through residential on-street parking permits issued by the City of Ottawa, cannot be guaranteed now or in the future; and that the purchaser/lessee intending to rely on on-street parking for their vehicle or vehicles does so at their own risk."

"The purchaser/lessee covenants with the vendor/lessor that the above clauses, verbatim, shall be included in all subsequent agreements of purchase and sale and lease agreements for the lands described herein, which covenant shall run with the said lands."

# 13. Asphalt Overlay

Due to the number of road cut permits required to service this development, the Owner shall install an asphalt overlay over the total area of the public driving surface of Somerset Street East, fronting the subject lands, as shown on the approved **Site Grading Plan (C101) and Site Servicing Plan (C102)**, referenced in Schedule "E" hereto. The overlay shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services. The Owner acknowledges and agrees that all costs are to be borne by the Owner.

# 14. Noise Control Attenuation Measures

The Owner acknowledges and agrees to implement the noise control attenuation measures recommended in the approved Transportation Noise Feasibility Assessment, referenced in Schedule "E" of this Agreement, as follows:

- (a) each unit is to be equipped with central air conditioning or equivalent;
- (b) further to subsection (a) above, the location and installation of any outdoor air conditioning device(s) or equivalent shall comply with the noise criteria of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' Publication NPC-216, dated 1993, and the Environmental Noise Guidelines for Installation of Residential Air Conditioning Devices, dated September 1994, as amended, in order to minimize the noise impacts both on and off the immediate vicinity of the subject lands;
- (c) prior to the issuance of a building permit, a review of building components (windows, walls, doors) is required and must be designed to achieve indoor sound levels within the City's and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' noise criteria. A letter shall be prepared by a qualified professional and provided to the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services confirming the plans submitted for

building permit issuance have incorporated any and all mitigation measures to achieve the required indoor sound levels;

(d) upon completion of the development and prior to occupancy and/or final building inspection, a professional engineer, licensed in the Province of Ontario with expertise in the subject of acoustics related to land use planning, shall be retained to visit the lands, inspect the installed noise control measures and satisfy themself that the installed recommended interior noise control measures comply with the measures in the Transportation Noise Feasibility Assessment referenced in Schedule "E" hereto. The professional engineer shall prepare, sign and stamp a letter to the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services (the "Certification Letter") stating that they certify acoustical compliance with all requirements of the applicable conditions in this Agreement, to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services.

# 15. Notice on Title – Noise Control Attenuation Measures

The Owner acknowledges and agrees that a notice shall be registered on title to the subject lands, at the Owner's expense. The Owner further acknowledges and agrees that such notice on title, or the clauses as written directly below, shall be included in all agreements of purchase and sale and lease agreements to inform prospective purchasers and tenants of these matters. The notice on title shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

The Owner, or any subsequent owner of the whole or any part of the subject lands, acknowledges and agrees that all agreements of purchase and sale or lease agreements shall contain the following clauses, which shall be covenants running with the subject lands:

# Type D – Central Air Conditioning

"The purchaser/lessee for themself, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, acknowledges being advised that this dwelling unit has been supplied with a central air conditioning system or equivalent which will allow windows and exterior doors to remain closed, thereby ensuring that the indoor sound levels are within the City of Ottawa's and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' noise criteria."

"The purchaser/lessee covenants with the vendor/lessor that the above clauses, verbatim, shall be included in all subsequent agreements of purchase and sale and lease agreements for the lands described herein, which covenant shall run with the said lands."

# 16. <u>Geotechnical Investigation</u>

The Owner acknowledges and agrees that it shall retain the services of a geotechnical engineer, licensed in the Province of Ontario, to ensure that the recommendations of the Geotechnical Investigation (the "Report"), referenced in Schedule "E" herein, are fully implemented. The Owner further acknowledges and agrees that it shall provide the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services with confirmation issued by the geotechnical engineer that the Owner has complied with all recommendations and provisions of the Report, prior to construction of the foundation and at the completion of the Works, which confirmation shall be to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services.

# 17. Geotechnical – Encroachments

The Owner acknowledges and agree that the Geotechnical Investigation Report, referenced in Schedule "E" herein, has recommended a method of shoring that may encroach onto the adjacent property or onto the City's Somerset Street East and Nelson Street rights-of way. The Owner acknowledges and agrees that it shall be required to obtain the approval of the adjacent property owner and/or receive municipal consent for any Works within the said Road, prior to the installation of any encroachments. The Owner acknowledges and agrees that for encroachments within the said Road, the Owner shall ensure that there will be no conflicts between the proposed shoring method and the municipal services or utilities in the said Road.

# 18. Retaining Wall

The Owner agrees to submit to the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services, prior to issuance of a building permit, details of the retaining walls which are greater than one metre in height, as shown on the approved Site Grading Plan (C101) referenced in Schedule "E" hereto, which shall be designed and prepared by a Professional Structural Engineer, licensed in the Province of Ontario, to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services. The Owner shall provide confirmation to the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services that the Professional Structural Engineer has inspected and confirmed that the retaining walls have been constructed in accordance with the approved retaining wall details.

# 19. Retaining Wall – Stability

The Owner acknowledges and agrees to install the proposed retaining walls in accordance with the approved Retaining Wall Design for the Maintenance strip on the North side of the building and the wall dividing the rear amenity space and west side yard as shown on the approved Site Grading Plan (C101), both referenced in Schedule "E" hereto. The Owner shall provide written confirmation, satisfactory to the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services, that a Geotechnical Engineer/Professional Structural Engineer, licensed in the Province of Ontario, has inspected and confirmed that the retaining walls have been constructed in accordance with the said approved Retaining Wall Design for the

Maintenance strip on the North side of the building and the wall dividing the rear amenity space and west side yard. The Owner further acknowledges and agrees to provide an Internal Compound Stability (ICS) analysis from a Geotechnical Engineer / Professional Structural Engineer, licensed in the Province of Ontario, that all retaining walls, which are greater than one metre in height have been checked for global stability, have a factor of safety of at least 1.5 for static conditions (as calculated through SLIDE) and 1.1 for seismic conditions is achieved, which shall be to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services. The report shall provide structural details of the retaining wall(s).

The Owner further acknowledges and agrees to retain the services of a Professional Structural Engineer and a Soils Engineer, licensed in the Province of Ontario, to inspect any retaining walls on the subject lands and confirm that the retaining walls have been constructed in accordance with the approved retaining wall details.

# 20. High Pressure Transmission Main

Prior to any Works being commenced on site and in order to ensure the integrity of the high pressure transmission main located along the East boundary of the site within Nelson Street that carries a significant portion of the entire water supply for the City of Ottawa, the Owner acknowledges and agrees to prepare a Construction Impact Assessment Report. This report shall identify the depth, methods and extent of the construction and their potential effects on the underground infrastructure. The report should then propose methods to control and mitigate measures. If mitigations measures are required, then the owner must:

- (a) develop a Settlement and Vibration Monitoring Program (the "Program"), which said Program will be stamped by a Professional Engineer, licensed in the Province of Ontario and submitted to the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services for review and approval prior to the inclusion of the Plan in the contract documents.
- (b) that should monitoring levels of vibration and underground soil movement exceed the maximum limits outlined in the Program, the Owner agrees to cease all construction activities immediately and implement, at its sole expense, the necessary correction measures. The Owner further agrees to report to the City immediately and resubmit a revised work plan to satisfaction of General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services.
- in event that levels of vibration momentarily exceed maximum limits outlined in Program, and if the Owner's on-site consultant is of the professional opinion that no danger exists, the Owner may continue proceed with work by different means, consistent with the Program, which does not further cause levels vibration/settlement to exceed the maximum limits outlined in Program. Prior to proceeding with the Work, the level exceedance of the vibration/settlement shall be reported to the Construction Services Branch City.

- (d) that in the event emergency repairs of the transmission main are required, the Owner shall reimburse the City for the cost of such repairs to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services.
- (e) that the City reserves the right to issue a stop work order for the construction in the event of any incident which would adversely affect the City's requirement to provide safe drinking water. This may include but is not limited to, a leak or failure of high pressure transmission main and/or a failure at one of water purification plants. Where the stop work order is for a period of 24 hours or less or where the incident may be attributed to the construction activities of Owner, the City is not responsible for any delay claim billed by the Owner. No inference of liability on the part of the City is to be taken from these conditions for any period longer than 24 hours.
- (f) that the Owner or its Contractor shall provide the City, prior to execution of this Agreement, and shall keep in force during the term of construction work with a certificate of liability insurance in a form acceptable to the City, evidencing its insurance coverage. Such policy shall name the City of Ottawa as an additional insured thereunder. The limits of the policy shall be in the amount of \$25,000,000 and kept in full force and effect for the term of the construction work.

# 21. <u>Stormwater Management Memorandum</u>

Prior to registration of this Agreement, the Owner acknowledges and agrees to provide the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services, with a memorandum prepared by a Professional Engineer, licensed in the Province of Ontario, confirming that the designed roof-top scuppers and associated spill point elevations will be set equivalent to the top of the control weir of the approved roof drain elevation(s). The Owner further acknowledges and agrees that said memorandum shall be to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services, and all associated costs shall be the Owner's responsibility.

# 22. Stormwater Works Certification

Upon completion of all stormwater management Works, the Owner acknowledges and agrees to retain the services of a Professional Engineer, licensed in the Province of Ontario, to ensure that all measures have been implemented in conformity with the approved Plans and Reports, referenced in Schedule "E" herein. The Owner further acknowledges and agrees to provide the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services with certificates of compliance issued by a Professional Engineer, licensed in the Province of Ontario, confirming that all recommendations and provisions have been implemented in accordance with the approved Plans and Reports referenced in Schedule "E" herein.

# 23. <u>Inlet Control Devices (ICDs)</u>

The Owner acknowledges and agrees to install and maintain in good working order the required roof-top stormwater inlet control devices, as recommended in the approved Servicing and Stormwater Management Report, referenced in Schedule "E" herein. The Owner further acknowledges and agrees it shall assume all maintenance and replacement responsibilities in perpetuity. The Owner shall keep all records of inspection and maintenance in perpetuity, and shall provide said records to the City upon its request.

# 24. <u>Environmental Site Remediation Program</u>

The Owner acknowledges and agrees to submit a revised phase two Environmental Site Assessment with a remediation report appended upon completion of the remedial activities for review and approval, summarizing the confirmatory sampling activities and findings. This report shall confirm the remaining soil and groundwater (if required) onsite meet the applicable provincial standards. The Owner acknowledges and agrees that

- soils that are found to be contaminated, must be disposed, treated or recycled at a waste disposal site or landfill licensed for that purpose by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
- (b) groundwater found to be contaminated, shall be removed, managed and/or treated in accordance with the appropriate Ontario regulations and/or discharged in accordance with the City's Sewer Use By-law, being By-law 2003-514, as amended.

# 25. Site Lighting Certificate

- (a) In addition to the requirements contained in Clause 19 of Schedule "C" hereto, the Owner acknowledges and agrees, prior to the issuance of a building permit, to provide the City with a certificate from an acceptable professional engineer, licensed in the Province of Ontario, which certificate shall state that the exterior site lighting has been designed to meet the following criteria:
  - (i) it must be designed using only fixtures that meet the criteria for full cut-off (sharp cut-off) classification, as recognized by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA or IES); and
  - (ii) it must result in minimal light spillage onto adjacent properties. As a guideline, 0.5 fc is normally the maximum allowable spillage.
- (b) The Owner acknowledges and agrees that, upon completion of the lighting Works and prior to the City releasing any associated securities, the Owner shall provide certification satisfactory to the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services, from a Professional Engineer, licensed in the Province of Ontario, that the site lighting has been constructed in accordance with the Owner's approved design plan.

# 26. Private Servicing Maintenance

The Owner acknowledges that the configuration of the sanitary and storm laterals within the private site, as shown on the Site Servicing Plan (C102), do not align with the City of Ottawa's Guidelines. It is recommended that the owner shall perform maintenance of the laterals on a regular basis and all costs associated will be borne by the owner. The owner acknowledges and agrees that the City of Ottawa is not responsible for future issues which may arise within the private lands due to the private servicing arrangement.

# 27. Waste Collection

The Owner acknowledges and agrees that the City will provide curb-side cart (and/or container) garbage, recycling, and organic waste collection for the residential units. The Owner acknowledges and agrees that it is recommended that the containers and carts be placed on a concrete floor where being stored.

# 28. Corner Sight Triangle

Prior to registration of this Agreement, the Owner acknowledges and agrees to convey to the City, at no cost to the City, an unencumbered corner sight triangle measuring 3.0 metres x 3.0 metres at the intersection of Somerset Street East and Nelson Street. The exact location and area of the corner sight triangle must be determined by legal survey. The Owner shall provide a reference plan for registration, indicating the corner sight triangle, to the City Surveyor for review prior to its deposit in the Land Registry Office. Such reference plan must be tied to the Horizontal Control Network in accordance with the municipal requirements and guidelines for referencing legal surveys. The Owner acknowledges and agrees to provide an electronic copy of the Transfer and a copy of the deposited reference plan to the City Solicitor prior to the execution of this Agreement by the City. All costs shall be borne by the Owner.

# 29. Notice on Title - School Accommodation

The Owner acknowledges and agrees that a notice shall be registered on title to the subject lands, at the Owner's expense. The Owner further acknowledges and agrees that such notice on title, or the clauses as written directly below, shall be included in all agreements of purchase and sale and lease agreements to inform prospective purchasers and tenants of these matters. The notice on title shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

The Owner, or any subsequent owner of the whole or any part of the subject lands, acknowledges and agrees that all agreements of purchase and sale or lease agreements shall contain the following clauses, which shall be covenants running with the subject lands:

"The purchaser/lessee for themself, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, acknowledges being advised that the Ottawa-Carleton

District School Board has pupil accommodation concerns for this dwelling unit. The purchaser/lessee agrees to inform prospective purchasers or tenants in all subsequent agreements of purchase and sale and lease agreements that school accommodation pressures exist in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, which are currently being addressed by the utilization of portable classrooms and/or by directing students to school outside their community."

"The purchaser/lessee covenants with the vendor/lessor that the above clauses, verbatim, shall be included in all subsequent agreements of purchase and sale and lease agreements for the lands described herein, which covenant shall run with the said lands."

# 30. <u>Contribution Agreement</u>

The owner acknowledges and agrees that the City shall secure site plan securities, as referenced in Schedule "B" hereto, through the withholding of funding from Action Ottawa, the particulars of which are outlined in the Affordable Housing Contribution Agreement between the Owner and the City (the "Contribution Agreement"). The Contribution Agreement implementing the withholding provisions shall be provided to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services Department, prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit. If the Contribution Agreement is not received at the time of the request for the issuance of an occupancy permit, the Owner acknowledges and agrees to submit securities at a rate of 100% of Total Estimated Cost of Works on public property and 50% of Total Estimated Cost of Works on private property and as indicated on Schedule "B" hereto.

# 31. Contribution Agreement Securities

Subject to Condition 31 above, the Owner acknowledges and agrees that the required security as indicated in Schedule "B", in the amount \$50,000, hereto will be secured by the withholding of milestone payments in the Contribution Agreement and that said milestone payments will continue to be withheld until all site Works, including but not limited to, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, stormwater management Works, watermain Works, landscaping Works and road Works, have been completed to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services Department.

July 31, 2025

Date

Allison Hamlin

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Manager, Development Review All Wards, Planning, Development and Building Services Department Enclosure: Site Plan Control Application approval – Supporting Information



# SITE PLAN CONTROL APPROVAL APPLICATION SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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#### SITE LOCATION

214 Somerset Street East, and as shown on Document 1.

# SYNOPSIS OF APPLICATION

The subject site is located at the southwest corner of Somerset Street East and Nelson Street in the Sandy Hill neighbourhood. The site is approximately 533.8 square metres and is currently occupied by a vacant four-townhouse dwelling and a vacant semi-detached dwelling. There is a grade change eastward down Somerset Street East and south down Nelson Street. Low-rise residential uses predominantly surround the site; other uses in the area include the Sandy Hill Community Centre, located immediately across from the proposed development, the Francojeunesse Public Elementary School, various commercial uses, Strathcona Park; the Minto Sports Complex Fitness Centre, the Viscount Alexander Public School, the University of Ottawa, and the Ottawa O-Train Station.

The proposed development is a four-storey, low-rise apartment building with a gross floor area of 1,235 square metres and two basement levels. The building will feature 23 one-bedroom supportive housing units, including four accessible units, a communal kitchen, a multi-purpose room, shared laundry facilities, and office space. The proposal includes an area for 20 bicycle parking spaces and a waste storage area located in the rear yard; no on-site parking is required. There is a shared easement for access between the subject property and 442 Nelson Street.

The apartment's main entrance will face Nelson Street. There is a second entrance providing access from Somerset Street East; a high glass guard is proposed at the entrance on Somerset. The building's façade will consist of a combination of wood veneer and fiber cement cladding. A retaining wall is proposed against the abutting properties to the west due to the significant grade change on the site. The garbage and recycling enclosures, as well as the covered bicycle parking, will be set back against the retaining wall.

The site will connect to the existing sanitary, water and storm services present on Somerset Street West. Runoff from the site is also proposed to be collected and stored on the roof.

# **Residential Units and Types**

Dwelling Type	Number of Units
Apartment	23

# **Related Applications**

N/A

#### **DECISION AND RATIONALE**

This application is approved for the following reasons:

- The development complies with the Urban Design Guidelines for Low-rise Infill Housing and the Central and East Downtown Core Secondary Plan.
- The proposal is consistent with the Downtown Core Transect Policy Area and with policies in the Minor Corridor and Neighbourhood Overlay designation, which permit low-rise buildings, as well as with Official Plan policies that address the provision of different housing options, including affordable housing, which supports the goal of the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan.
- The proposal complies with all zoning provisions, including the provisions of the R4UC[3010]H(11.5)-c (Residential Fourth Density, Subzone UC, Urban Exception 3010, Maximum Height 11.5 metres, Residential Neighbourhood Commercial Suffix)
- The Report includes conditions of approval to ensure the proposed development is constructed in conformity with City policies and guidelines.
- The proposed development represents good planning under the current policy framework.

# PARKLAND DEDICATION

Parkland dedication, in accordance with By-law 2022-280, is not applicable to this development.

# **CONSULTATION DETAILS**

# **Councillor's Comments**

Councillor Stéphanie Plante was aware of the application related to this report.

# **Public Comments**

This application was subject to public circulation under the Public Notification and Consultation Policy. There was no public comment received online.

# **Technical Agency/Public Body Comments**

N/A

# **Advisory Committee Comments**

N/A

# **APPLICATION PROCESS TIMELINE STATUS**

This Site Plan application was processed by the On Time Decision Date. The Council approved timeline has been met.

Contact: Solé Soyak Tel: 613-315-1597 or e-mail: Sole.Soyak@ottawa.ca

# **Document 1 – Location Map**

