# PLANNING RATIONALE REPORT FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT AND SITE PLAN CONTROL APPLICATIONS

# PANORAMA MEDICAL CENTRE - UPPER CANADA DRIVE - KANATA CITY OF OTTAWA

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This report has been prepared on behalf of 2635939 Ontario Inc.in support of a Rezoning and Site Plan Control Application for their lands at the north east corner of Palladium Drive and Upper Canada Street in the Kanata West Business Park. The legal description of the property is Block 2 Plan 4M-1627 City of Ottawa (see Survey Plan in Appendix).

The property is located on the east side of Palladium Drive at Upper Canada Road (see Location Plan in Appendix) within Phase 3 of the Kanata West Business Park. The property is to the north of a roundabout at the junction of Campeau Drive and Palladium Drive. Surrounding land uses are primarily commercial (hotel to the south, major commercial (Cabela's sports store and the Tanger Outlets to the south and south west) and office uses to the south east. A recently constructed residential community (Arcadia) has been built approximately 700 m due east of the subject property. To the immediate north there is an orthodontic use which has recently been constructed at the northern terminus of Palladium Drive.

The subject lands have a frontage of 60.9 m on Upper Canada Street and approximately 70 m on Palladium Drive and a lot area of 4856 m2.

The property is in an IP13 zone and at the present time the lands are vacant and generally flat in nature with no vegetation on site.

The intent of the proposal is to develop the lands for 2 storey medical building with a footprint of approximately 1110 m2 (11950 ft2) and a total GFA of approximately 1974 m2 (21250 ft2) with a proposed 82 parking spaces (see Site Plan in Appendix). The medical centre will contain both medical labs, medical practitioners and a pharmacy. The exact breakdown of internal space requirements will change due to tenants requirements however at this point in time, the intent is to have a full service pharmacy, a general practitioner (family doctor), a gynecologist and a diagnostic testing facility on the ground floor with a cardiologist clinic and other related medical space on the 2nd (upper) level.

In order to facilitate this development it will be necessary to file both a site plan application and a rezoning application.

The IP13 zone only permits a pharmacy under very limited situations and it is the intent and desire of the owners to have a full service pharmacy within the building. This pharmacy would be able to serve the tenants within the medical building and would also serve as a pharmacy in a growing area of Kanata in which there are currently no nearby pharmacies. There are many examples where a full service pharmacy is located within a medical services building including the Kanata Medical Arts Building at 99 Kakulu (Kakulu/Castlefrank). As

well, there are examples in Kanata where a medical professional is located next to a pharmacy such as at March Road/Klondike Road where the Kanata North Medical Centre is next to a Rexall Drugstore, and two locations in the Bridlewood area of Kanata where Bridlewood Medical Centre is next to the Bridlewood Drug Mart in a plaza and the Westend Family Care Clinic is next to a Shoppers Drug Mart.

At the present time, the closest pharmacy location is at the Costco building in Kanata and this is in excess of 4 km away.

A full service pharmacy at this location will not create any land use conflicts and will enhance the Kanata West Business Park and add to the businesses and services that can be provided within the Business Park for both visitors and employees of the area. One of the intents of the IP zoning is to permit service commercial (e.g. convenience store, personal service business, restaurant, automobile service station and gas bar), occupying small sites as individual occupancies or in groupings as part of a small plaza, to serve the employees of the Enterprise, Employment or General Urban Area, the general public in the immediate vicinity, and passing traffic. A pharmacy operation in this building would be an individual occupancy in the building and would serve the employees of the area, the surrounding residential areas and also passing traffic.

This location is a very convenient location for residents of the Arcadia residential development that has been built over the last few years on the east side of Huntmar Road, north of Campeau Drive for their pharmaceutical and medical space needs.

The only request through rezoning application being filed for the IP13 zone that is in place for the property is to permit a 'pharmacy' as a permitted use.

The intent of the site plan application is to build a 2 storey medical building that will have a ground floor area of 1088 m2 and a total gross floor area of 1974 m2 (see Appendix for the site plan drawing and architectural elevation plans).

The maximum building height is approximately 8 m and this height will not create any negative impacts on surrounding properties..

The architecture is intended to evoke wellness, a reflection of the building's use. This is conveyed through the use of materiality and colouring in natural palettes including elements of wood patterning, soft beige metal cladding, in the soft (blue/green) accent colours of the spandrel glazing, as well as through organic forms, including the playful weave detailing on the façade and fenestration. Window mullions would compliment this softness by themselves being anodized aluminum in colour.

The windows are large in the common areas and also at the corners to admit abundant natural lighting into interior spaces. Other windows are high level openings to facilitate ability to organize private, or semi-private, spaces within (for example exam rooms) in accordance with medical facility functions.

The landscaping will also be integral to this restorative theme with use of reed grasses native to our climate and trees surrounding parking areas (see Landscaping Plan in Appendix section). The entrance is signaled via an L-shaped canopy, providing shelter, and will continue the organic theme with wood patterned soffit. The use of sprinkled colour in accent walls and spandrel glazing, together with shallow sloping parapets and slightly skewed accent corners, help the building's relatively simple planimetric shape at gaining a certain level of liveliness.

The development calls for 82 parking spaces in total. Eighteen of these parking spaces will be immediately adjacent to the east wall of the building. The four handicapped parking spaces will be in this row parking spaces closest to the building. Further to the east are the remainder of the parking spaces. All of the parking spaces are accessible via the single vehicular access point on Upper Canada.

There will also be pedestrian access to the building from the Palladium Drive frontage with a walkway connecting the entrance of the building to the sidewalk proposed along Palladium Drive.

The parking calculations for the building require 79 parking spaces based on the most restrictive use within the building as if it was all 'medical' space. A use such as a pharmacy would only have a parking requirement of 3.4 spaces/100 m2 of GFA.

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

• Total required parking = Medical space = @ 4 spaces/100 m2 of GFA = 79 spaces. The development proposal being submitted calls for 82 parking spaces in total. Eighteen of these are directly in front of the building and sixty four are in a large parking area on the east side of the property with landscaped areas on the perimeter of the parking area adjacent to the property lines. Four of the provided parking spaces are handicapped spaces which is in excess of the requirements, however as it is a medical space building, it is appropriate to provide handicapped parking in excess of the zoning requirements.

A landscaping area will be provided between the lot line along Palladium Drive Merivale and the building that is approximately 10 m in width. This area is approximately 60 m in length and will allow for new planting and to provide an attractive landscaped areas between the building and Palladium Drive. Currently, the site does not have any natural vegetation or formal landscaping.

# Traffic

At the pre consult meeting that was held for this file it was indicated to us by City Staff that a traffic study/traffic analysis was not required. This is based on the distance that the property is located away from a roundabout at the intersection of Campeau/Palladium. The parking that is proposed is in excess of the zoning requirements for the use.

# Zoning

Under Zoning By-law 2008-250 the subject lands are zoned IP13.

This is a zone which permits medical facilities, office uses, and personal service businesses.

The following are the key IP 13 zone provisions and how the proposed development meets these requirements.

# REQUIREMENT PROVIDED

Minimum front yard setback	6 m	6 m
Minimum interior side yard	4 m	37.7m
Minimum rear yard	6 m	6 m
Minimum corner side yard	6 m	10.7 m
Maximum Building Height	22 m	8 m
Parking	79 spaces	82 spaces

Please note that for zoning purposes, the front lot line is considered to be Upper Canada Drive.

The existing zoning, IP 13 does not permit a full service pharmacy and would only allow very limited pharmacy space. As one of the three principals in the development is a registered pharmacist it is the intent of the zoning by law amendment being filed in conjunction with the site plan application to allow for a full service pharmacy that one of the owners will operate as his own pharmacy.

### Official Plan Designation – City of Ottawa Official Plan

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

Lands in the Urban Employment Area designation are planned to be developed as places of business and economic activity. These will predominantly consist of a mix of offices, manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, research and development facilities. As well, uses such as health and fitness uses, doctor and dentist offices are permitted within the Urban Employment Area designation. Uses within the Urban Employment Area designation generally consist of large parcel sizes for users that require large areas for parking and the building floor plate and are usually situated close to major roads.

The proposed use of the property as a medical clinic facility complies with the Official Plan designation for the property.

#### Conclusions

The proposed development of a new 2 storey building for a number of different medical space and pharmacy uses at 1380 Upper Canada Drive is consistent with the current zoning and Official Plan policies for the lands with the requested modification to the IP13 zoning to allow a pharmacy use in addition to the existing permitted uses.

The site represents a development that will allow for:

- a well designed contemporary building that will be located in a business park that is experiencing new development and serves the needs of the nearby residential communities
- parking that serves the proposed uses
- a new development that meets setbacks in place based on the current zoning
- buffering through setbacks to adjacent properties.
- No adverse 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 through existing service connections along Upper Canada Drive. The overall site drainage and grading has been designed based on current City guidelines (see Appendix)

Landscaping will be provided along the two street frontages and around the

perimeter of the parking area and adjacent to the building and this will provide screening and buffering to adjacent properties.

The proposed entrance on Upper Canada Drive along the south edge of the property will be used by clients, employees and the limited deliveries for the site.

It is our opinion that the proposed development is consistent with the City of Ottawa Official Plan and Zoning By-law policies and regulations. It is being proposed at an appropriate scale of development and will be compatible with surrounding land uses and will contribute to this area of the Kanata West Business Park.

Should you have any questions or require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 599 9216 or via email at probinson@probinsonconsulting.com

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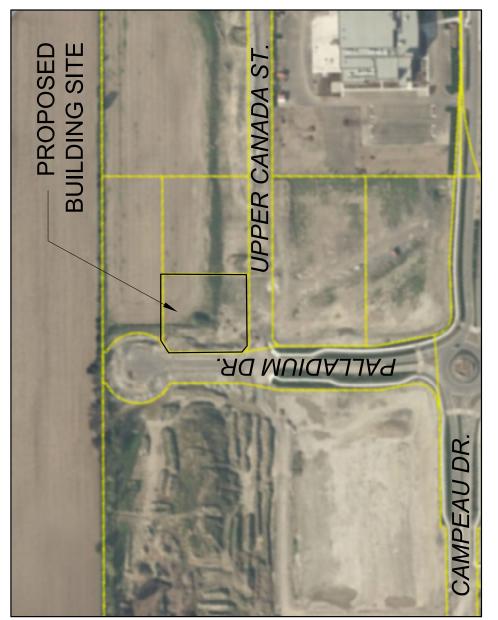
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#### APPENDIX

# SITE LOCATION PLAN, SITE SURVEY, SITE PLAN AND ARCHITECTURAL ELEVATION PLANS, ENGINEERING PLANS AND LANDSCAPE PLAN

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# KEY PLAN - N.T.S.

