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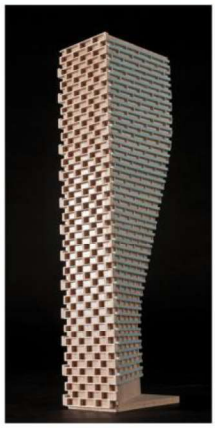

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report describes a pedestrian level wind (PLW) study undertaken to satisfy Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-Law Amendment, and Site Plan Control application submission requirements for the proposed development located at 340 Parkdale Avenue in Ottawa, Ontario (hereinafter referred to as "subject site" or "proposed development"). Our mandate within this study is to investigate pedestrian wind conditions within and surrounding the subject site, and to identify areas where wind conditions may interfere with certain pedestrian activities so that mitigation measures may be considered, where required.

The study involves simulation of wind speeds for selected wind directions in a three-dimensional (3D) computer model using the computational fluid dynamics (CFD) technique, combined with meteorological data integration, to assess pedestrian wind comfort and safety within and surrounding the subject site according to City of Ottawa wind comfort and safety criteria. The results and recommendations derived from these considerations are detailed in the main body of the report (Section 5), illustrated in Figures 3A-9, and summarized as follows:

1) Most grade-level areas within and surrounding the subject site are predicted to experience conditions that are considered acceptable for the intended pedestrian uses throughout the year. Conditions over most surrounding sidewalks, transit stops, neighbouring surface parking lots, Parkdale Park and Market, the proposed drive aisle, walkways, designated seating areas, and in the vicinity of building access points, are considered acceptable.

    a. Wind conditions that may be considered uncomfortable for walking are predicted during the winter over a limited area at the intersection of Armstrong Street and Hamilton Avenue North to the southwest. The windier region is predicted to exceed the walking criterion threshold by 1% during the winter season. Noting that the region is primarily located over the roadway surface, combined with the marginal exceedance of the criterion, the noted conditions may be considered satisfactory.

    b. During the typical use period (May to October, inclusive), wind conditions over the proposed restaurant terrace and designated seating areas located along the south perimeter and central to the subject site are predicted to be suitable for a mix of sitting

and standing. Sitting conditions may be extended over the proposed terrace and neighbouring bench seating by implementing a combination of dense arrangements of plantings in the proposed planters, an overhead canopy, and other landscape elements.

2) With regards to the Level 7 amenity terrace, which was modelled with 1.8-m-tall perimeter wind screens, recommended to buffer against direct winds, wind conditions within the terrace during the typical use period are predicted to be suitable for a mix of sitting, standing, and strolling.

    a. The extent of mitigation measures is dependent on the programming of the terrace. It is recommended to include the noted wind screen, in addition to a wraparound canopy at the southwest corner of the tower that extends at least 3 m from the tower facades and is at a height no greater than 4 m from the local walking surface in combination with inboard mitigation targeted around designated seating areas, as described in Section 5.2. These elements, or similar elements that may be effective and form an appropriate mitigation strategy may be developed in collaboration with the building and landscape architects as the design of the proposed development progresses.

3) The foregoing statements and conclusions apply to common weather systems, during which no dangerous wind conditions, as defined in Section 4.4, are expected anywhere over the subject site. During extreme weather events, (for example, thunderstorms, tornadoes, and downbursts), pedestrian safety is the main concern. However, these events are generally short-lived and infrequent and there is often sufficient warning for pedestrians to take appropriate cover.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Gradient Wind Engineering Inc. (Gradient Wind) was retained by 1000147699 Ontario Inc. in c/o Taggart Realty Management to undertake a pedestrian level wind (PLW) study to satisfy Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-Law Amendment, and Site Plan Control application submission requirements for the proposed development located at 340 Parkdale Avenue in Ottawa, Ontario (hereinafter referred to as "subject site" or "proposed development"). Our mandate within the current study is to investigate pedestrian wind conditions within and surrounding the subject site, and to identify areas where wind conditions may interfere with certain pedestrian activities so that mitigation measures may be considered, where required.

Our work is based on industry standard computer simulations using the computational fluid dynamics (CFD) technique and data analysis procedures, City of Ottawa wind comfort and safety criteria, architectural drawings prepared by Hobin Architecture Incorporated in December 2025, surrounding street layouts and existing and approved future building massing information obtained from the City of Ottawa, as well as recent satellite imagery.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The subject site is located at 340 Parkdale Avenue in Ottawa, situated on a parcel of land bounded by Parkdale Avenue to the east, Armstrong Street to the south, Hamilton Avenue North to the west, and Spencer Street to the north. A low-rise restaurant building, referred to as "The Carleton", is to be reconstructed at the southeast corner. The proposed development comprises a 38-storey mixed-use residential building, topped with a mechanical penthouse (MPH).

Above the underground parking, the ground floor of the proposed development comprises two rectangular masses divided by a north-south drive aisle that extends perpendicular from Spencer Street to a parking ramp. The eastern wing includes a residential lobby along the west elevation with main entrances to the north and south, and retail spaces throughout the remainder of the level. The western wing includes a central residential lobby with main entrances to its east and west, retail spaces to the south, a lounge to the west, a gym at the northwest corner, and shared building support spaces at the northeast corner. A restaurant terrace is proposed along the west elevation of The Carleton and additional

seating is proposed along the east, south, and west perimeters of the subject site and centrally within the site within a central plaza.

At Level 2, the east and west wings are joined above the drive aisle. Levels 2-6 are reserved for residential use and comprise a 'C'-shaped planform with long axes that are oriented along Spencer Street and Hamilton Street South. Level 7 includes an indoor amenity and a mechanical space to the south of wing extending along Hamilton Street South, and residential units throughout the remainder of the level. The building steps back from all elevations at this level, accommodating a common amenity terrace to the south and private terraces within the remaining setbacks. The building is divided again into two separate rectangular wings at Level 8. Levels 8-38 are reserved for residential occupancy.

The near-field surroundings (defined as an area within 200 metres (m) of the subject site) comprise low-rise residential dwellings from the north-northeast clockwise to the east-southeast, a cluster of mid-rise buildings to the southeast, and a mix of low- and mid-rise buildings in the remaining directions. Notably, a 16-storey development is approved at 1186-1194 Wellington Street West, and a 25-storey development is approved at 1560 Scott Street, located approximately 170 m to the south and to the northwest of the subject site, respectively. The Parkdale Park and the Parkdale Public Market are also located to the immediate south of the subject site. The far-field surroundings (defined as an area beyond the near-field but within a 2-kilometre (km) radius of the subject site) are characterized by low-rise massing with isolated mid- and high-rise buildings in all compass directions. Dow's Lake is situated approximately 2 km to the east-southeast, the open exposure of the Central Experimental Farm is situated approximately 1.3 km to the southeast, and the Ottawa River flows from the northwest clockwise to the northeast, approximately 1 km to the north.

Site plans for the proposed and existing massing scenarios are illustrated in Figures 1A and 1B, while Figures 2A-2H illustrate the computational models used to conduct the study. The existing massing scenario includes the existing massing and any developments approved by the City of Ottawa.

3. OBJECTIVES

The principal objectives of this study are to (i) determine pedestrian level wind conditions at key areas within and surrounding the development site; (ii) identify areas where wind conditions may interfere with the intended uses of outdoor spaces; and (iii) recommend suitable mitigation measures, where required.

4. METHODOLOGY

The approach followed to quantify pedestrian wind conditions over the site is based on CFD simulations of wind speeds across the subject site within a virtual environment, meteorological analysis of the Ottawa area wind climate, and synthesis of computational data with City of Ottawa wind comfort and safety criteria[1]. The following sections describe the analysis procedures, including a discussion of the noted pedestrian wind criteria.

4.1 Computer-Based Context Modelling

A computer based PLW study was performed to determine the influence of the wind environment on pedestrian comfort over the proposed development site. Pedestrian comfort predictions, based on the mechanical effects of wind, were determined by combining measured wind speed data from CFD simulations with statistical weather data obtained from Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport. The general concept and approach to CFD modelling is to represent building and topographic details in the immediate vicinity of the subject site on the surrounding model, and to create suitable atmospheric wind profiles at the model boundary. The wind profiles are designed to have similar mean and turbulent wind properties consistent with actual site exposures.

An industry standard practice is to omit trees, vegetation, and other existing and planned landscape elements from the model due to the difficulty of providing accurate seasonal representation of vegetation. The omission of trees and other landscaping elements produces slightly stronger wind speeds.

4.2 Wind Speed Measurements

The PLW analysis was performed by simulating wind flows and gathering velocity data over a CFD model of the site for 16 wind directions. The CFD simulation model was centered on the proposed development, complete with surrounding massing within a radius of 480 m. The process was performed for two context massing scenarios, as noted in Section 2.

[1] City of Ottawa Terms of References: Wind Analysis
https://documents.ottawa.ca/sites/documents/files/wind_analysis_tor_en.pdf

Mean and peak wind speed data obtained over the subject site for each wind direction were interpolated to 36 wind directions at 10° intervals, representing the full compass azimuth. Measured wind speeds approximately 1.5 m above local grade and the common amenity terrace serving the proposed development at Level 7 were referenced to the wind speed at gradient height to generate mean and peak velocity ratios, which were used to calculate full-scale values. Gradient height represents the theoretical depth of the boundary layer of the earth's atmosphere, above which the mean wind speed remains constant. Further details of the wind flow simulation technique are presented in Appendix A.

4.3 Historical Wind Speed and Direction Data

A statistical model for winds in Ottawa was developed from approximately 40 years of hourly meteorological wind data recorded at Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport and obtained from Environment and Climate Change Canada. Wind speed and direction data were analyzed during the appropriate hours of pedestrian usage (that is, between 06:00 and 23:00) and divided into four distinct seasons, as stipulated in the wind criteria. Specifically, the spring season is defined as March through May, the summer season is defined as June through August, the autumn season is defined as September through November, and the winter season is defined as December through February, inclusive.

The statistical model of the Ottawa area wind climate, which indicates the directional character of local winds on a seasonal basis, is illustrated on the following page. The plots illustrate seasonal distribution of measured wind speeds and directions in kilometers per hour (km/h). Probabilities of occurrence of different wind speeds are represented as stacked polar bars in sixteen azimuth divisions. The radial direction represents the percentage of time for various wind speed ranges per wind direction during the measurement period. The prominent wind speeds and directions can be identified by the longer length of the bars. For Ottawa, the most common winds occur for westerly wind directions, followed by those from the east, while the most common wind speeds are below 36 km/h. The directional prominence and relative magnitude of wind speed changes somewhat from season to season.

SEASONAL DISTRIBUTION OF WIND
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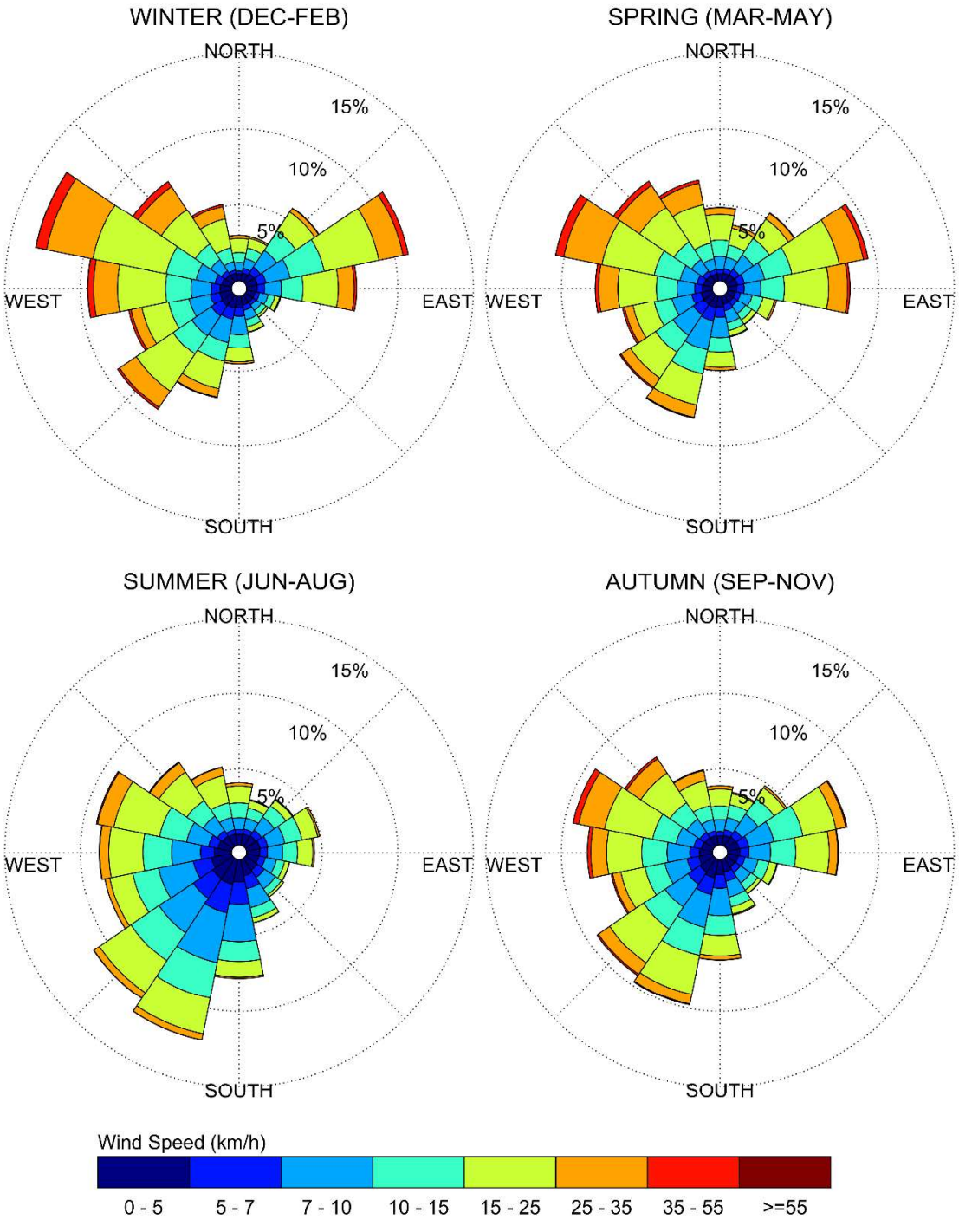

Notes:

1. Radial distances indicate percentage of time of wind events.
2. Wind speeds are mean hourly in km/h, measured at 10 m above the ground.

4.4 Pedestrian Wind Comfort and Safety Criteria – City of Ottawa

Pedestrian wind comfort and safety criteria are based on the mechanical effects of wind without consideration of other meteorological conditions (that is, temperature and relative humidity). The comfort criteria assume that pedestrians are appropriately dressed for a specified outdoor activity during any given season. Five pedestrian comfort classes based on 20% non-exceedance mean wind speed ranges are used to assess pedestrian comfort: (1) Sitting; (2) Standing; (3) Strolling; (4) Walking; and (5) Uncomfortable. The gust speeds, and equivalent mean speeds, are selected based on the Beaufort scale, which describes the effects of forces produced by varying wind speed levels on objects. Wind conditions suitable for sitting are represented by the colour blue, standing by green, strolling by yellow, and walking by orange; uncomfortable conditions are represented by the colour magenta. Specifically, the comfort classes, associated wind speed ranges, and limiting criteria are summarized as follows:

PEDESTRIAN WIND COMFORT CLASS DEFINITIONS

Wind Comfort Class	Mean Speed (km/h)	Description
SITTING	≤ 10	Mean wind speeds no greater than 10 km/h occurring at least 80% of the time. The equivalent gust wind speed is approximately 16 km/h.
STANDING	≤ 14	Mean wind speeds no greater than 14 km/h occurring at least 80% of the time. The equivalent gust wind speed is approximately 22 km/h.
STROLLING	≤ 17	Mean wind speeds no greater than 17 km/h occurring at least 80% of the time. The equivalent gust wind speed is approximately 27 km/h.
WALKING	≤ 20	Mean wind speeds no greater than 20 km/h occurring at least 80% of the time. The equivalent gust wind speed is approximately 32 km/h.
UNCOMFORTABLE	> 20	Uncomfortable conditions are characterized by predicted values that fall below the 80% target for walking. Brisk walking and exercise, such as jogging, would be acceptable for moderate excesses of this criterion.

Regarding wind safety, the pedestrian safety wind speed criterion is based on the approximate threshold that would cause a vulnerable member of the population to fall. A 0.1% exceedance gust wind speed of 90 km/h is classified as dangerous. From calculations of stability, it can be shown that gust wind speeds of 90 km/h would be the approximate threshold wind speed that would cause an average elderly person in good health to fall. Notably, pedestrians tend to be more sensitive to wind gusts than to steady winds for lower wind speed ranges. For strong winds approaching dangerous levels, this effect is less important because the mean wind can also create problems for pedestrians.

Experience and research on people's perception of mechanical wind effects has shown that if the wind speed levels are exceeded for more than 20% of the time, the activity level would be judged to be uncomfortable by most people. For instance, if a mean wind speed of 10 km/h (equivalent gust wind speed of approximately 16 km/h) were exceeded for more than 20% of the time most pedestrians would judge that location to be too windy for sitting. Similarly, if mean wind speed of 20 km/h (equivalent gust wind speed of approximately 32 km/h) at a location were exceeded for more than 20% of the time, walking or less vigorous activities would be considered uncomfortable. As these criteria are based on subjective reactions of a population to wind forces, their application is partly based on experience and judgment.

Once the pedestrian wind speed predictions have been established throughout the subject site, the assessment of pedestrian comfort involves determining the suitability of the predicted wind conditions for discrete regions within and surrounding the subject site. This step involves comparing the predicted comfort classes to the target comfort classes, which are dictated by the location type for each region (that is, a sidewalk, building entrance, amenity space, or other). An overview of common pedestrian location types and their typical windiest target comfort classes are summarized on the following page. Depending on the programming of a space, the desired comfort class may differ from this table.

TARGET PEDESTRIAN WIND COMFORT CLASSES FOR VARIOUS LOCATION TYPES

Location Types	Target Comfort Classes
Primary Building Entrance	Standing
Secondary Building Access Point	Walking
Public Sidewalk / Bicycle Path	Walking
Outdoor Amenity Space	Sitting / Standing
Café / Patio / Bench / Garden	Sitting / Standing
Transit Stop (Without Shelter)	Standing
Transit Stop (With Shelter)	Walking
Public Park / Plaza	Sitting / Standing
Garage / Service Entrance	Walking
Parking Lot	Walking
Vehicular Drop-Off Zone	Walking

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The following discussion of the predicted pedestrian wind conditions for the subject site is accompanied by Figures 3A-6B, which illustrate wind conditions at grade level for the proposed and existing massing scenarios and by Figures 8A-D, which illustrate wind conditions over the common amenity terrace serving the proposed development at Level 7. Conditions are presented as continuous contours of wind comfort throughout the subject site and correspond to the comfort classes presented in Section 4.4.

Wind comfort conditions are also reported for the typical use period, which is defined as May to October, inclusive. Figures 7A-B and 9 illustrate wind comfort conditions during this period at grade level for the proposed and existing massing scenarios and within the noted amenity terrace serving the proposed development, respectively, consistent with the comfort classes illustrated in Section 4.4.

The details of these conditions are summarized in the following pages for each area of interest.

5.1 Wind Comfort Conditions – Grade Level

Sidewalks and Transit Stops along Parkdale Avenue: Prior to and following the introduction of the proposed development, wind comfort conditions in the vicinity of the nearby transit stops along Parkdale Avenue are predicted to be suitable for standing, or better, throughout the year. The noted conditions are considered acceptable.

Following the introduction of the proposed development, wind comfort conditions over the nearby public sidewalks along Parkdale Avenue are predicted to be suitable for standing, or better, throughout the year with an isolated region suitable for strolling at the intersection of Parkdale Avenue and Spencer Street during the spring and winter. The noted conditions are considered acceptable.

Under the existing massing scenario, conditions over the sidewalks along Parkdale Avenue are predicted to be suitable for mostly sitting throughout the year, with regions suitable for standing to the northeast of the subject site during the winter and spring. While the introduction of the proposed development produces slightly windier conditions in comparison to existing conditions, wind comfort conditions over the public sidewalks along Parkdale Avenue with the proposed development are nevertheless considered acceptable.

Sidewalks along Spencer Street, Armstrong Street, and Hamilton Avenue North: Under the existing massing, conditions over the sidewalks along Spencer Street, Armstrong Street, and Hamilton Avenue North are predicted to be suitable for sitting throughout the year. Following the introduction of the proposed development, wind conditions over the nearby public sidewalks along Spencer Street, Armstrong Street, and Hamilton Avenue North are predicted to be suitable for strolling, or better, during the summer and autumn, becoming suitable for walking, or better, during the winter and spring.

Conditions that may occasionally be considered uncomfortable for walking during the winter are predicted to the southwest of the subject site, at the intersection of Armstrong Street and Hamilton Avenue North. Where conditions may be considered uncomfortable, they are predicted to be suitable for walking at least 79% of the winter, representing a 1% exceedance of the walking criterion threshold. Given the marginal exceedance and that the noted conditions are primarily located over the road surface where pedestrian access is limited, the noted conditions may be considered satisfactory.

Neighbouring Existing Surface Parking Lots: Under the existing massing, wind conditions over the neighbouring existing surface parking lots serving Parkdale Park and the Parkdale Public Market to the south of the subject site are predicted to be suitable for sitting throughout the year. Following the introduction of the proposed development, conditions over the noted areas are predicted to be suitable for strolling, or better, throughout the year. While the introduction of the proposed development produces windier conditions over these areas in comparison to existing conditions, wind comfort conditions over the noted existing surface parking lots with the proposed development are nevertheless considered acceptable.

Parkdale Park and Parkdale Public Market: Under the existing massing and during the typical use period, wind conditions over the nearby areas of Parkdale Park and Parkdale Public Market located to the south of the subject site are predicted to be suitable for sitting. Following the introduction of the proposed development and during the same period, wind conditions over the noted areas are predicted to be suitable for a mix of sitting and standing. Specifically, standing conditions are predicted to the north and west of the park and to the north of the market.

The noted standing conditions within Parkdale Park are not located over designated seating or lounging areas; as such, the noted conditions may be considered acceptable. Wind conditions to the north of the Parkdale Public Market are also predicted to be suitable for sitting at least 78% of the time during the typical use period, where the target is 80% to achieve the sitting comfort criterion. Given the marginal exceedance and that the market primarily supports standing and walking activities, the noted conditions may be considered as satisfactory.

Proposed Drive Aisle and Walkways: Wind conditions over the proposed drive aisle and walkways within the subject site are predicted to be suitable for walking, or better, throughout the year and are considered acceptable.

Proposed Restaurant Terrace and Seating Areas: During the typical use period, wind comfort conditions over the proposed restaurant terrace and designated seating areas located along the south perimeter and central to the subject site are predicted to be suitable for a mix of sitting and standing. Specifically, standing conditions are predicted within the southern portion of the restaurant terrace and over bench seating on raised planters to the south. Within the proposed restaurant terrace, where conditions are

predicted to be suitable for standing during the typical use period, they are also predicted to be suitable for sitting at least 75% of the same period, where the target is 80% to achieve the sitting comfort class. If required by programming, sitting conditions may be extended over the proposed terrace and neighbouring bench seating by implementing a combination of dense arrangements of plantings in the proposed planters, an overhead canopy, and other common landscape elements.

During the typical use period, the remaining proposed bench seating areas along the west and east perimeters of the subject site are predicted to be suitable for sitting and are considered acceptable.

Building Access Points: Conditions in the vicinity of the building access points serving the proposed development are predicted to be suitable for standing, or better, throughout the year, which is considered acceptable.

5.2 Wind Comfort Conditions – Level 7 Common Amenity Terrace

The common amenity terrace serving the proposed development at Level 7 was modelled with 1.8-m-tall wind screens along the full terrace perimeter to deflect unmitigated prevailing winds. During the typical use period, wind conditions over the common amenity terrace are predicted to be suitable for a mix of sitting, standing, and strolling. Specifically, sitting conditions are predicted closer to the tower façade, while standing and strolling conditions are predicted elsewhere throughout the terrace. Prevailing westerly winds are predicted to downwash over the west façade of the tower and accelerate around the tower's southwest corner over the terrace, resulting in the noted windier conditions, in combination with some easterly winds that accelerate around the southeast corner of the tower and enter to the terrace.

To improve wind comfort conditions within the amenity terrace, it is recommended to include the above-noted perimeter wind screen, in addition to a wraparound canopy at the southwest corner of the tower that extends at least 3 m from the building facades and is at a height no greater than 4 m from the local walking surface in combination with inboard mitigation targeted around designated seating areas. Inboard mitigation may take the form of wind screens, free-standing canopies, raised plantings, and other common landscape elements. The extent of mitigation measures is dependent on the programming of the terrace. An appropriate mitigation strategy, which may include the above-noted elements, or similarly effective measures may be developed in collaboration with the building and landscape architects as the design of the proposed development progresses.

5.3 Wind Safety

Within the context of typical weather patterns, which exclude anomalous localized storm events such as tornadoes and downbursts, no pedestrian areas within or surrounding the subject site are expected to experience conditions that could be considered dangerous, as defined in Section 4.4.

5.4 Applicability of Results

Pedestrian wind comfort and safety have been quantified for the specific configuration of existing and foreseeable construction around the subject site. Future changes (that is, construction or demolition) of these surroundings may cause changes to the wind effects in two ways, namely: (i) changes beyond the immediate vicinity of the subject site would alter the wind profile approaching the subject site; and (ii) development in proximity to the subject site would cause changes to local flow patterns.

6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A complete summary of the predicted wind conditions is provided in Section 5 and illustrated in Figures 3A-9. Based on computer simulations using the CFD technique, meteorological data analysis of the Ottawa wind climate, City of Ottawa wind comfort and safety criteria, and experience with numerous similar developments, the study concludes the following:

1) Most grade-level areas within and surrounding the subject site are predicted to experience conditions that are considered acceptable for the intended pedestrian uses throughout the year. Conditions over most surrounding sidewalks, transit stops, neighbouring surface parking lots, Parkdale Park and Market, the proposed drive aisle, walkways, designated seating areas, and in the vicinity of building access points, are considered acceptable.

    a. Wind conditions that may be considered uncomfortable for walking are predicted during the winter over a limited area at the intersection of Armstrong Street and Hamilton Avenue North to the southwest, The windier region is predicted to exceed the walking criterion threshold by 1% during the winter season. Noting that the region is primarily located over the roadway surface, combined with the marginal exceedance of the criterion, the noted conditions may be considered satisfactory.

    b. During the typical use period (May to October, inclusive), wind conditions over the proposed restaurant terrace and designated seating areas located along the south perimeter and central to the subject site are predicted to be suitable for a mix of sitting and standing. Sitting conditions may be extended over the proposed terrace and neighbouring bench seating by implementing a combination of dense arrangements of plantings in the proposed planters, an overhead canopy, and other landscape elements.

2) With regards to the Level 7 amenity terrace, which was modelled with 1.8-m-tall perimeter wind screens, recommended to buffer against direct winds, wind conditions within the terrace during the typical use period are predicted to be suitable for a mix of sitting, standing, and strolling.

a. The extent of mitigation measures is dependent on the programming of the terrace. It is recommended to include the noted wind screen, in addition to a wraparound canopy at the southwest corner of the tower that extends at least 3 m from the tower facades and is at a height no greater than 4 m from the local walking surface in combination with inboard mitigation targeted around designated seating areas, as described in Section 5.2. These elements, or similar elements that may be effective and form an appropriate mitigation strategy may be developed in collaboration with the building and landscape architects as the design of the proposed development progresses.

3) The foregoing statements and conclusions apply to common weather systems, during which no dangerous wind conditions, as defined in Section 4.4, are expected anywhere over the subject site. During extreme weather events, (for example, thunderstorms, tornadoes, and downbursts), pedestrian safety is the main concern. However, these events are generally short-lived and infrequent and there is often sufficient warning for pedestrians to take appropriate cover.

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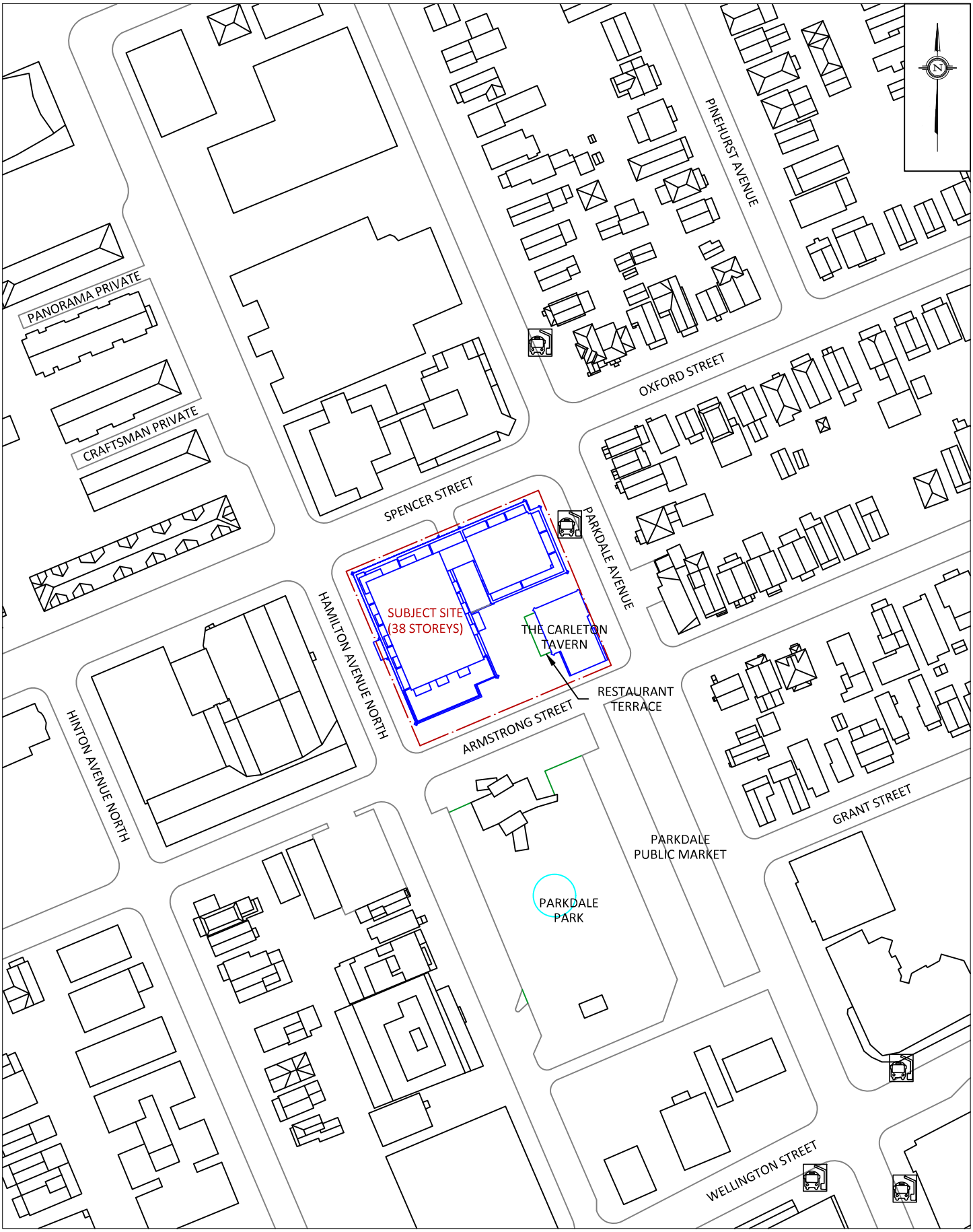

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FIGURE 1A:
PROPOSED SITE PLAN AND SURROUNDING CONTEXT

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FIGURE 1B:
EXISTING SITE PLAN AND SURROUNDING CONTEXT

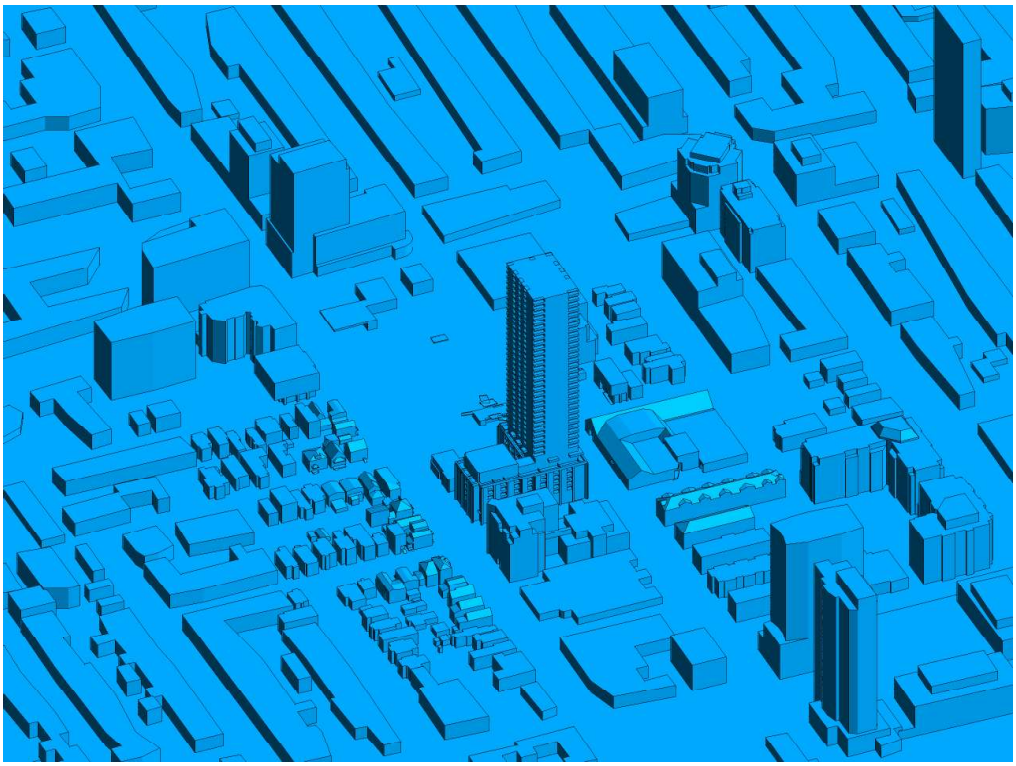

FIGURE 2A: COMPUTATIONAL MODEL, PROPOSED MASSING, NORTH PERSPECTIVE

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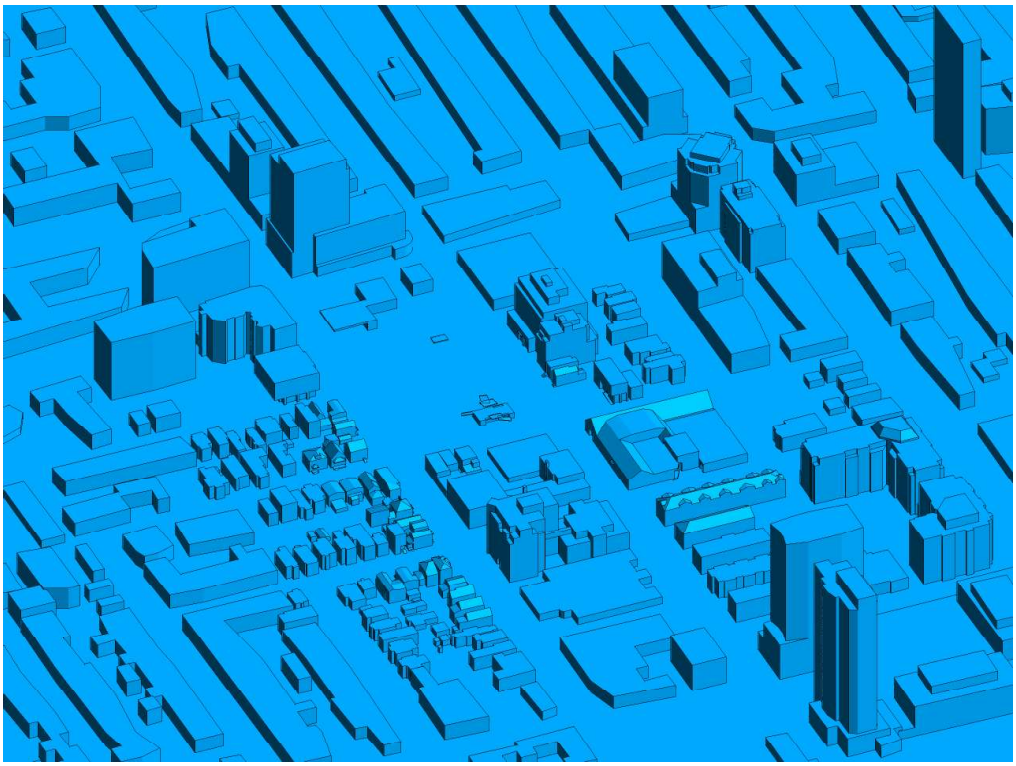
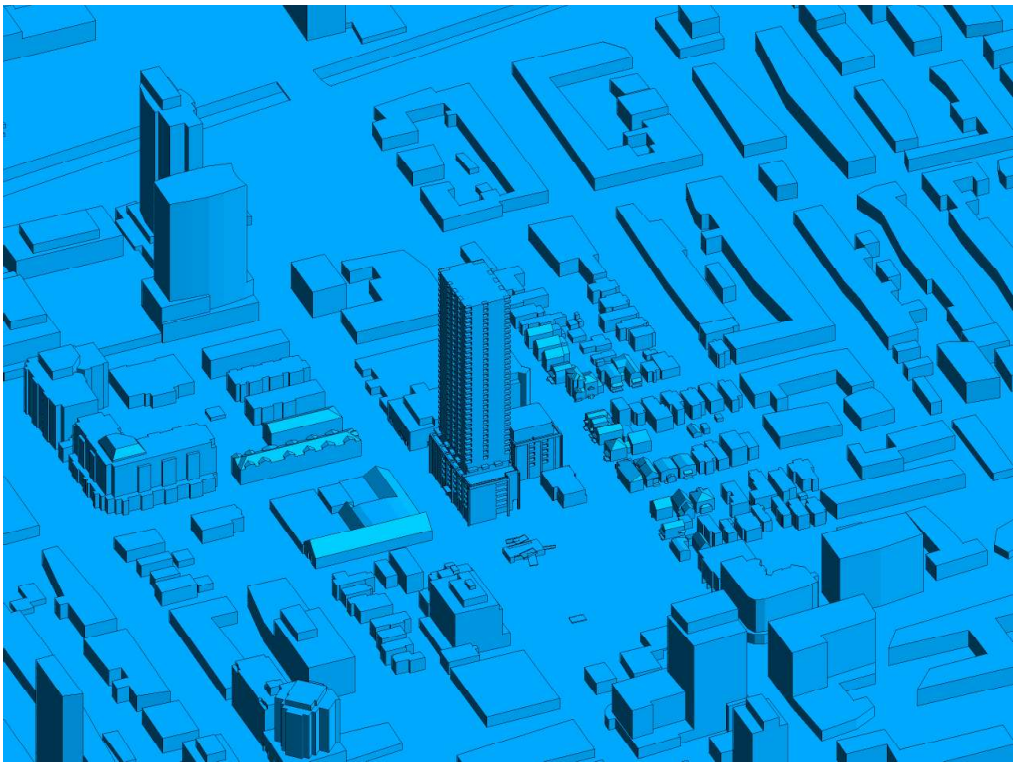


FIGURE 2C: COMPUTATIONAL MODEL, EXISTING MASSING, NORTH PERSPECTIVE

FIGURE 2D: CLOSE UP OF FIGURE 2C



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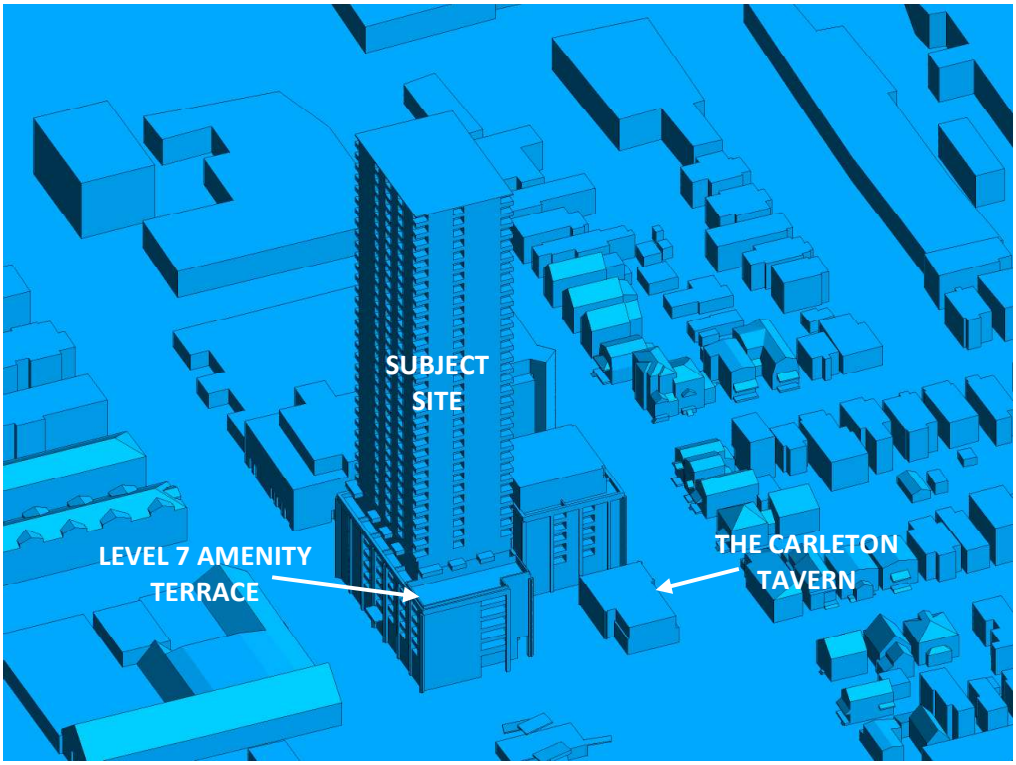

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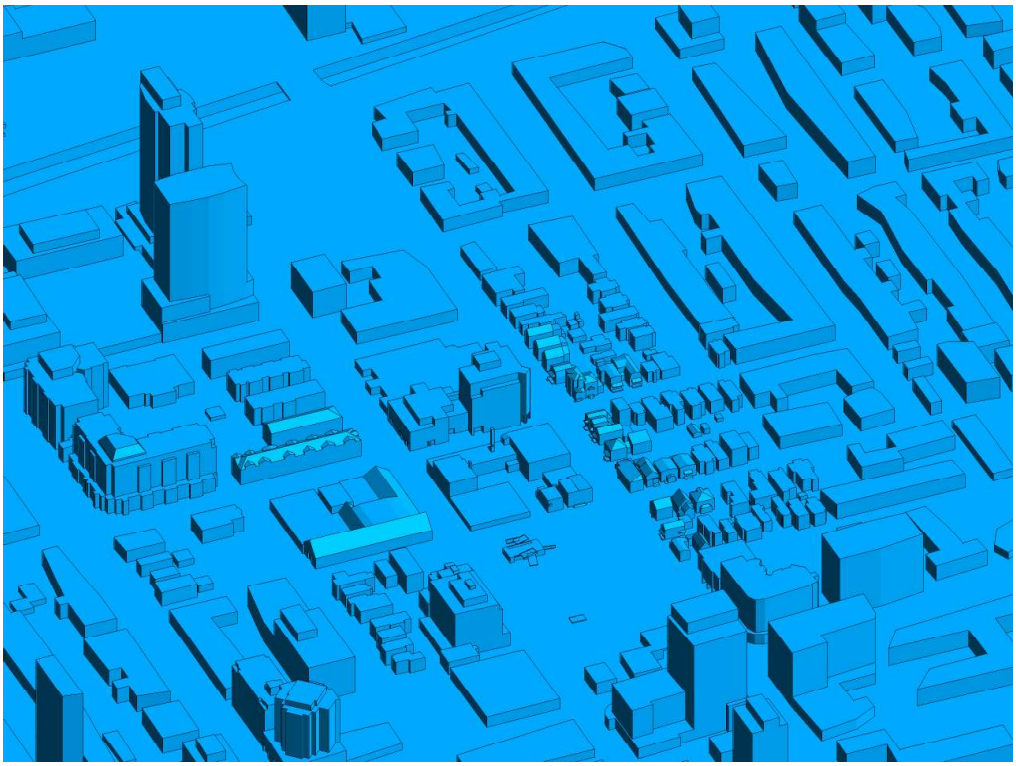
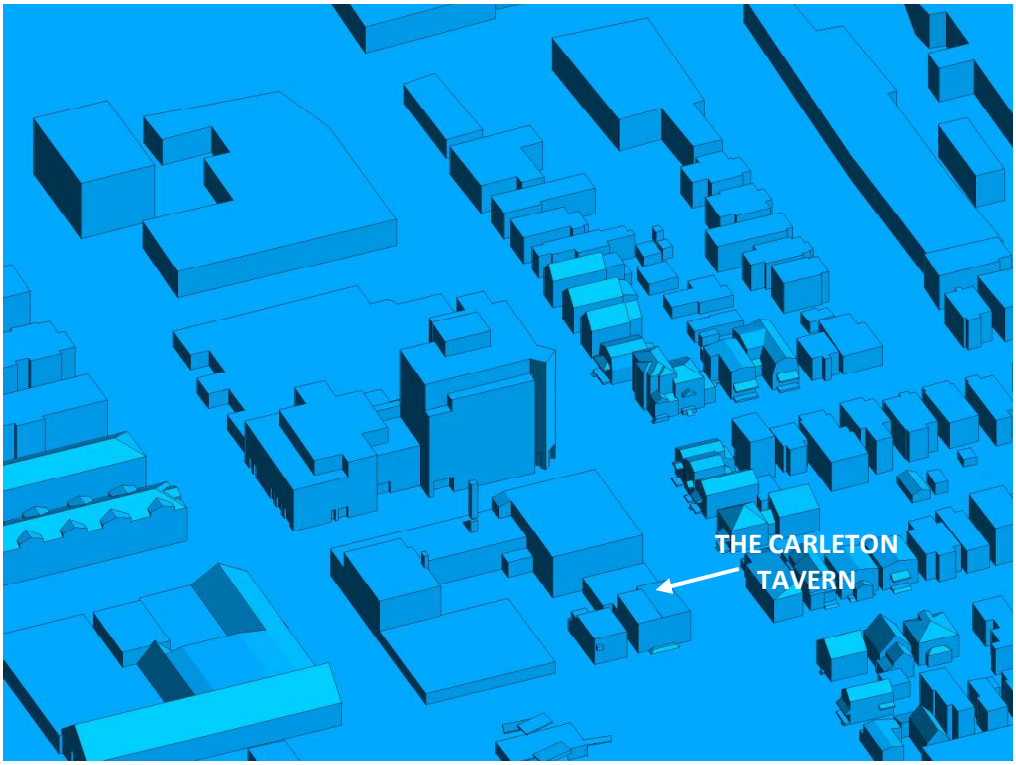


FIGURE 2G: COMPUTATIONAL MODEL, EXISTING MASSING, SOUTH PERSPECTIVE



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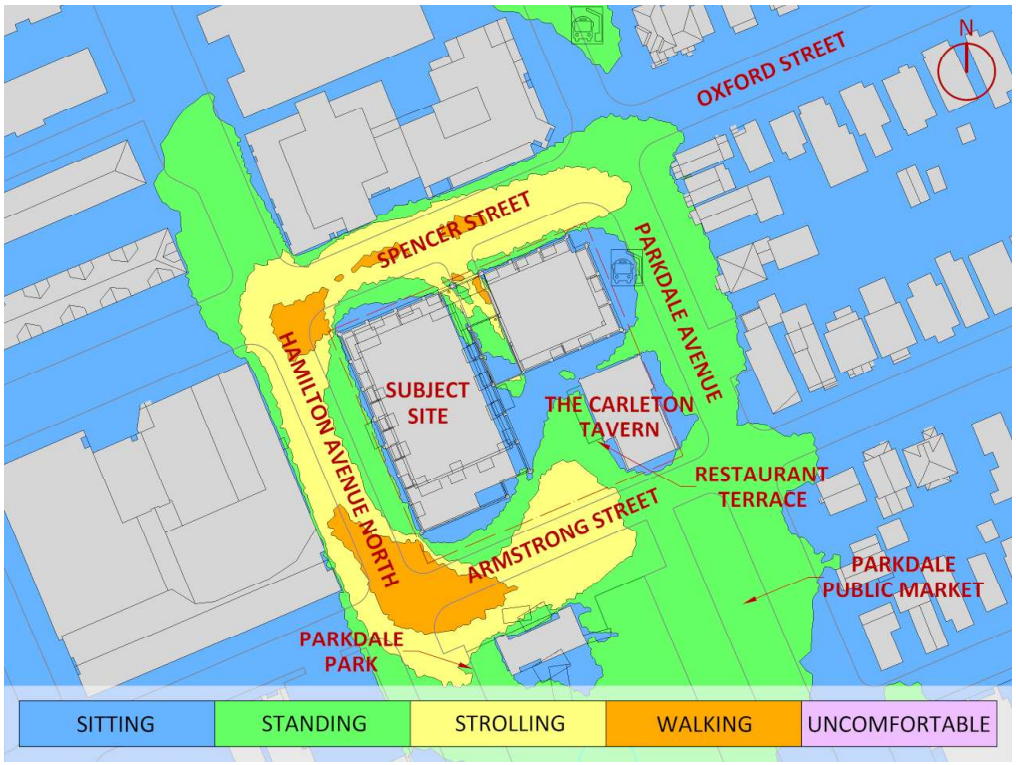

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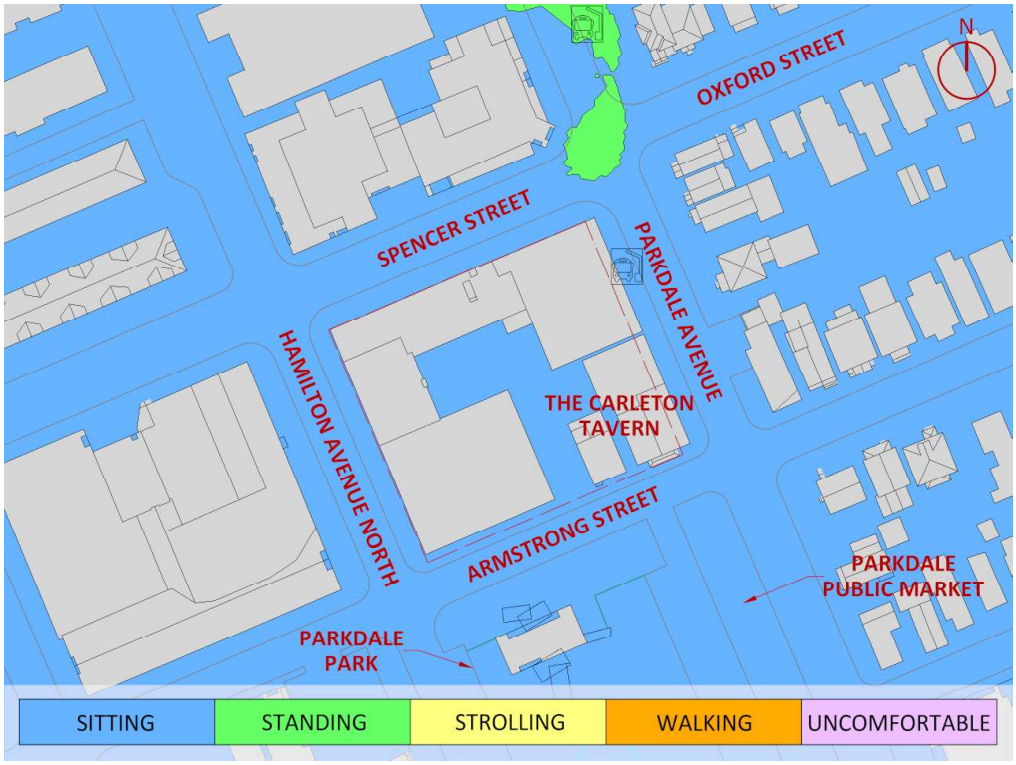

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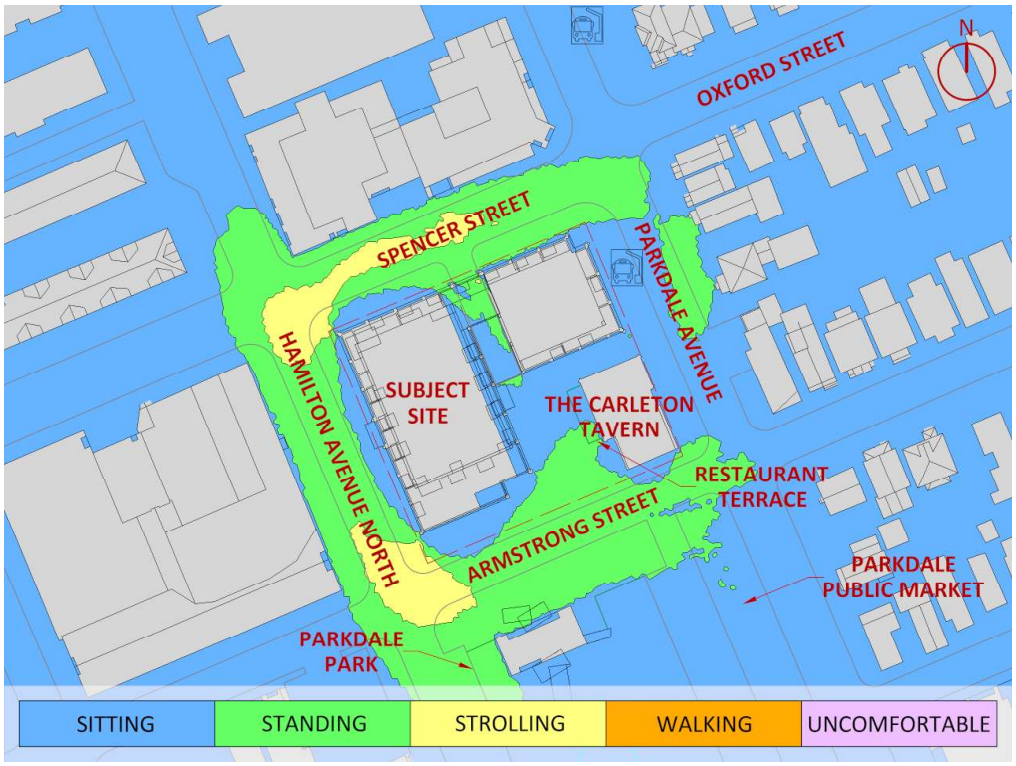

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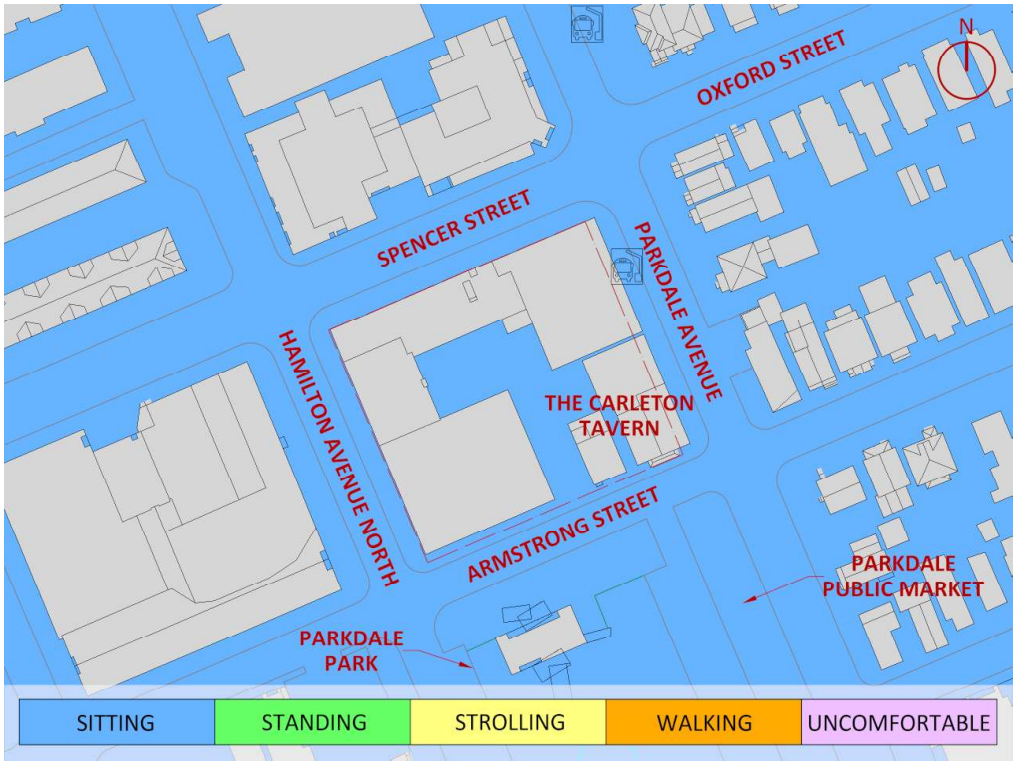

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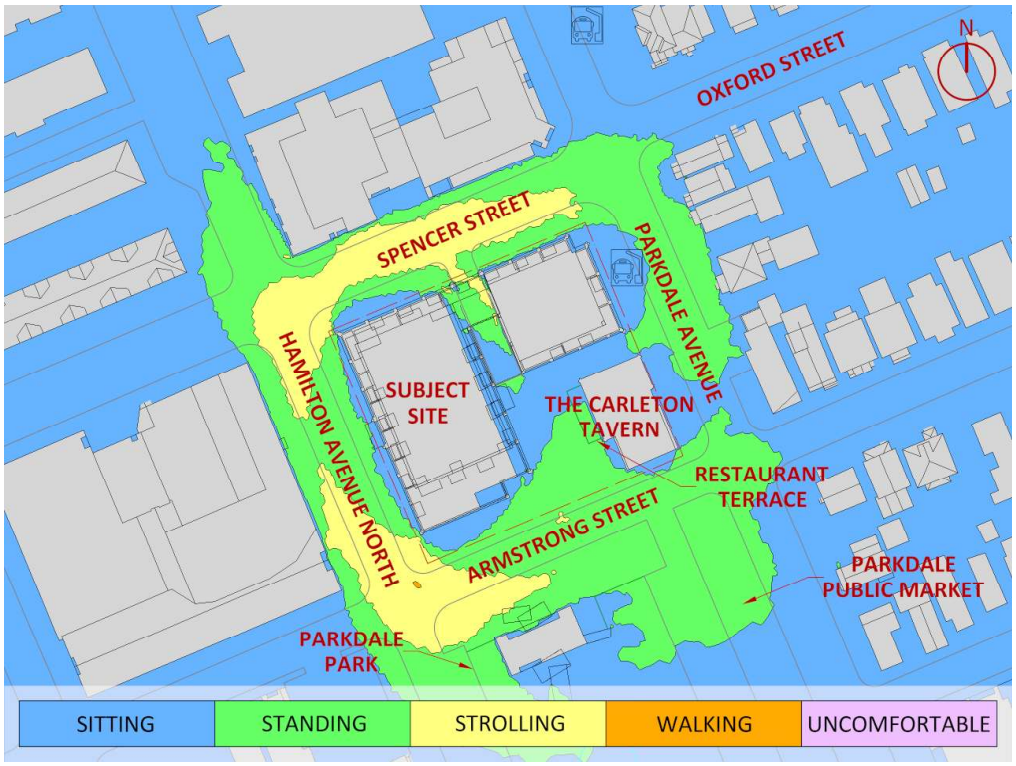

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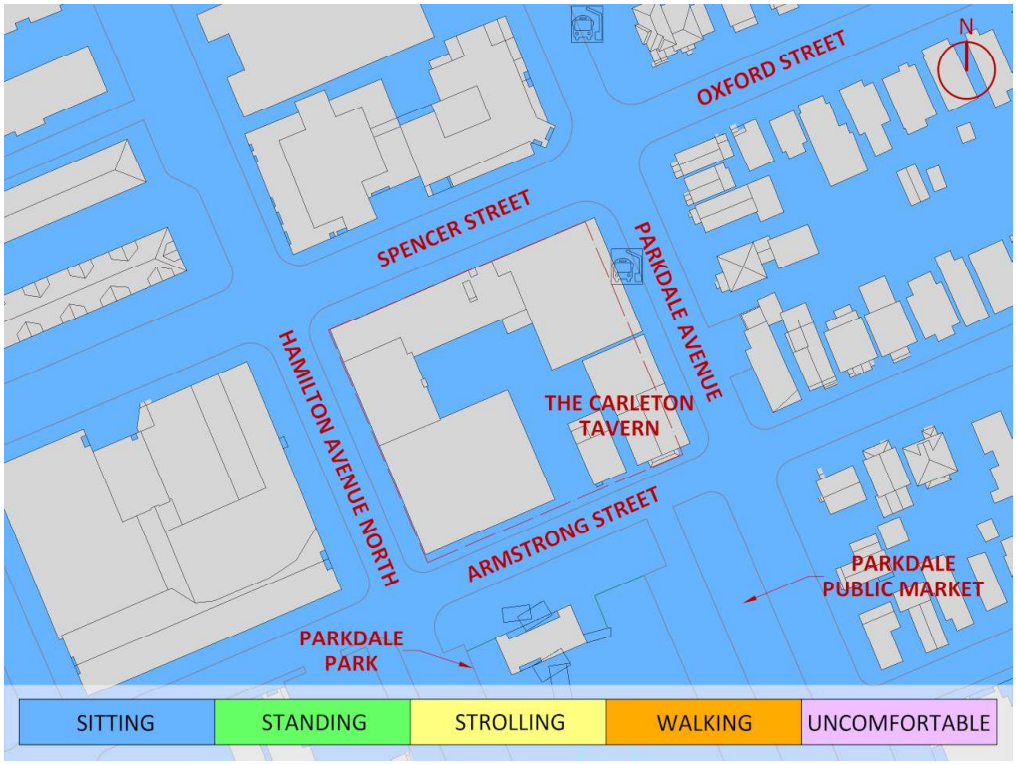

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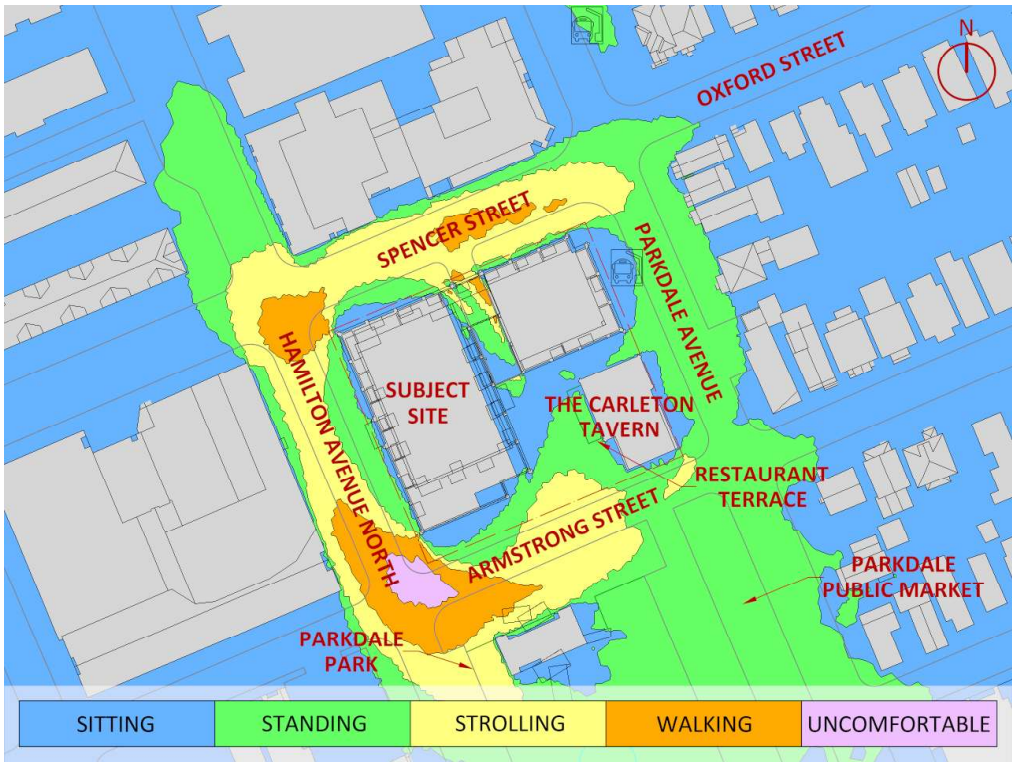

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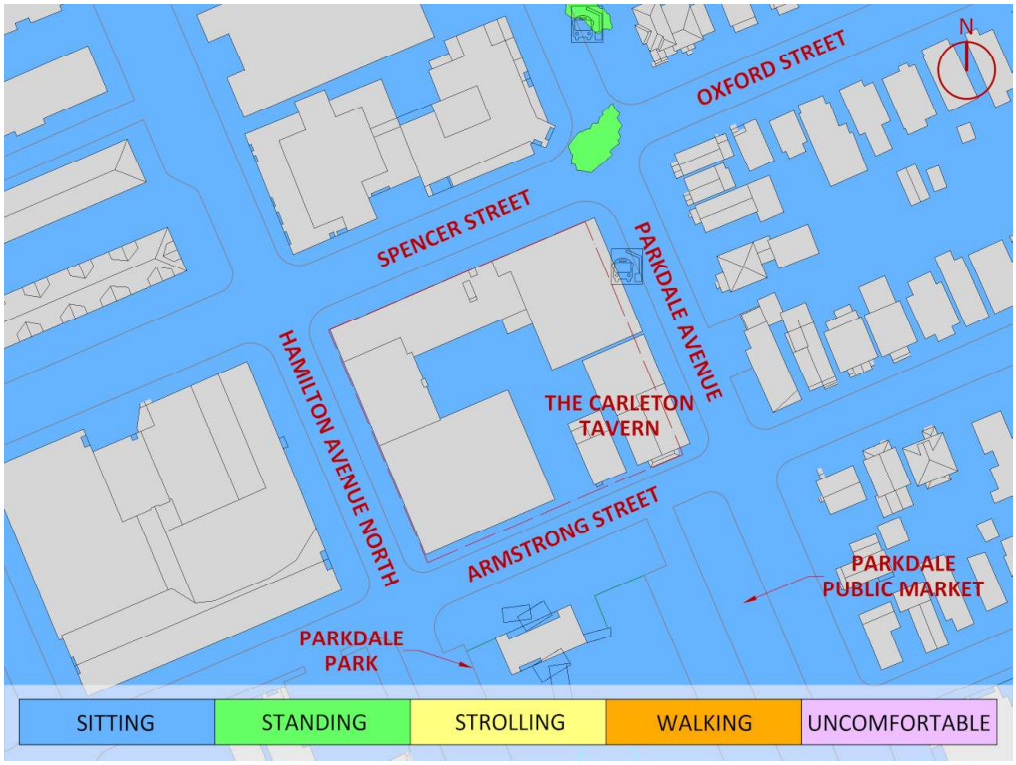

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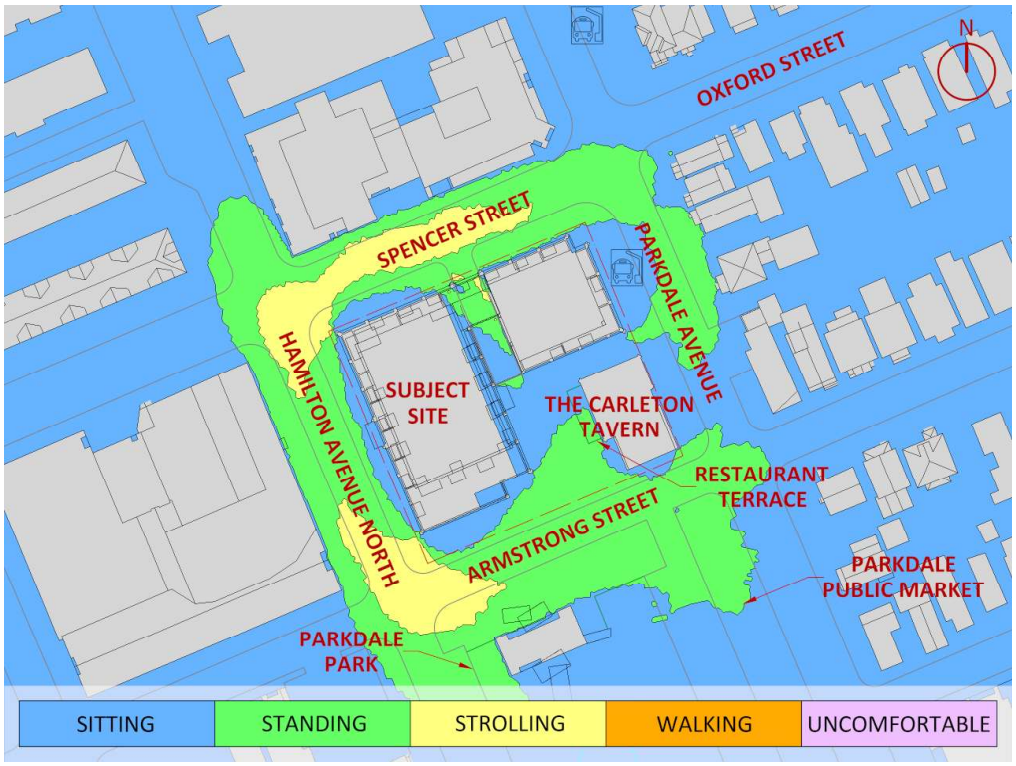
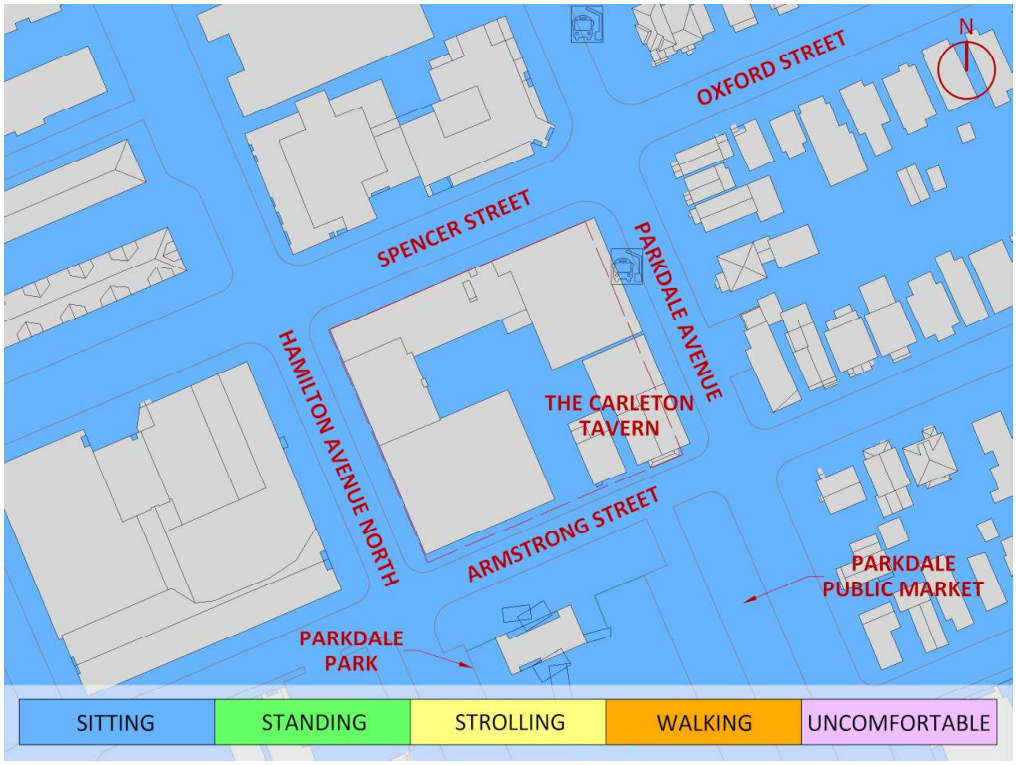


FIGURE 7A: TYPICAL USE PERIOD – WIND COMFORT, GRADE LEVEL – PROPOSED MASSING



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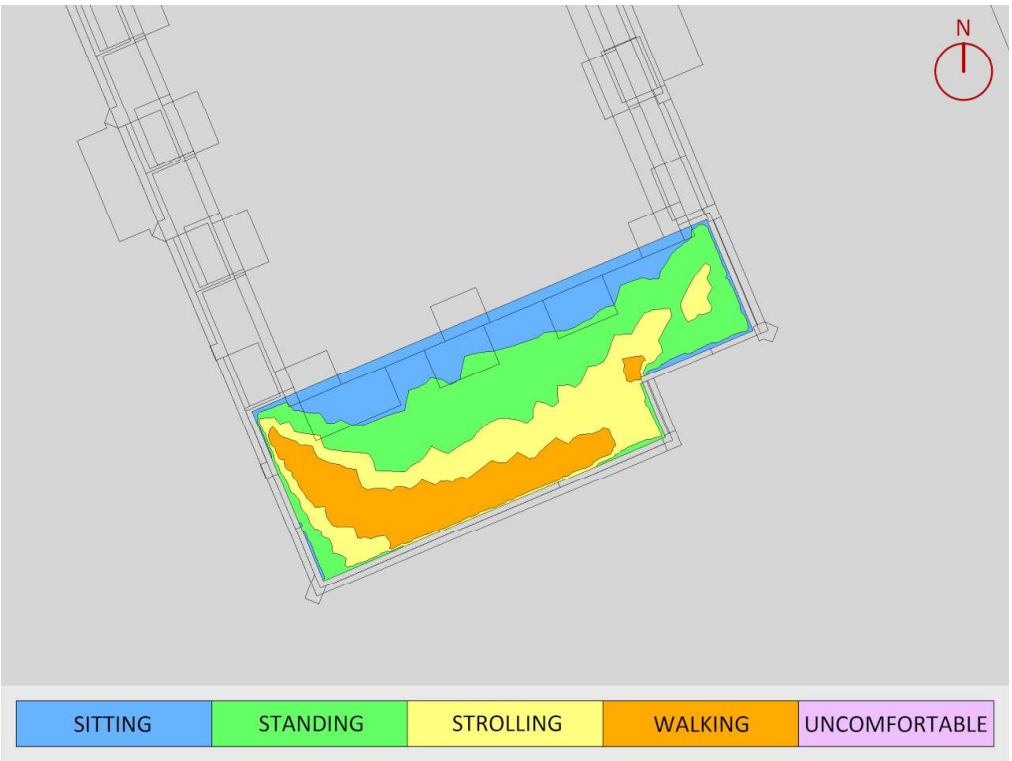

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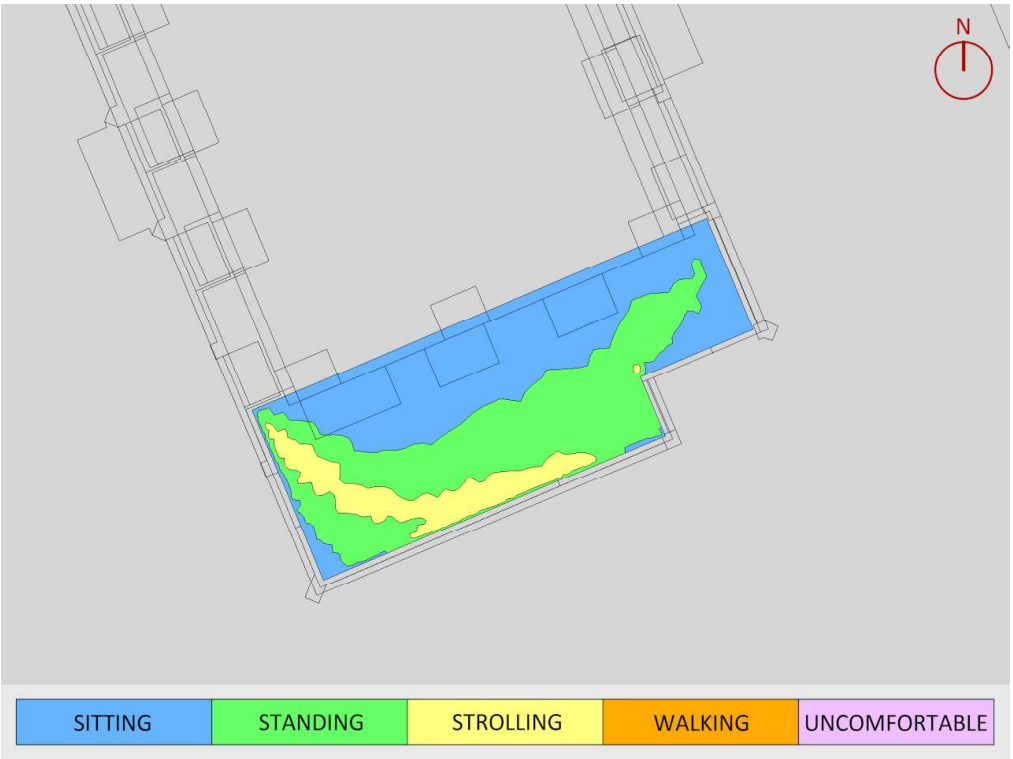

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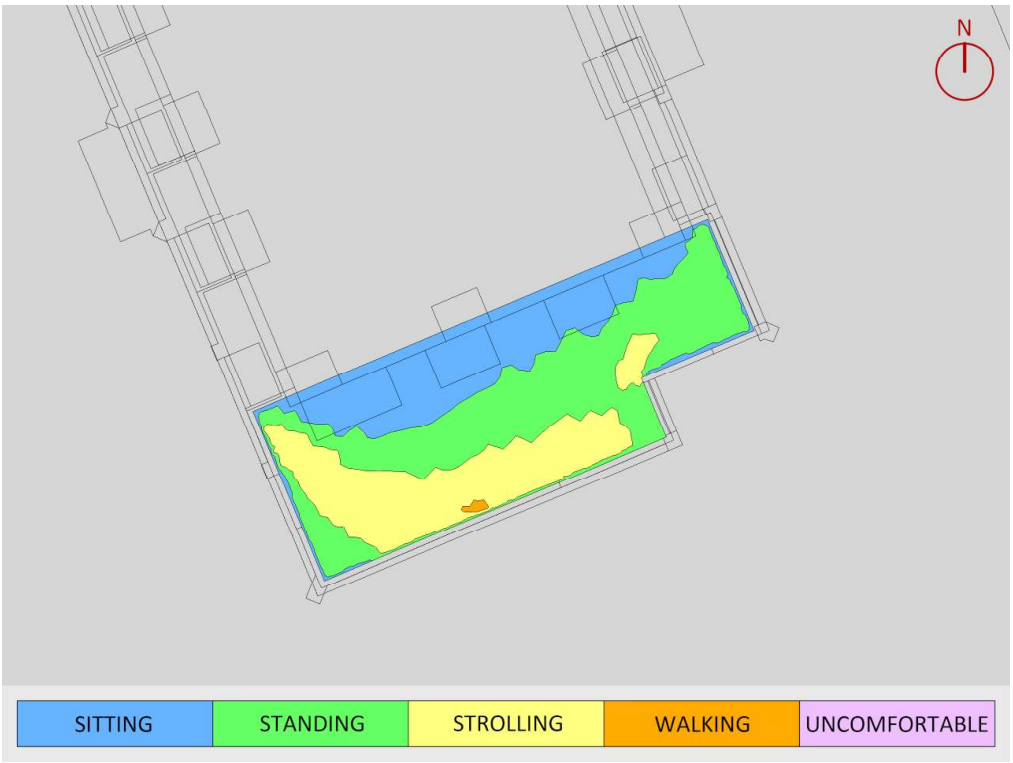

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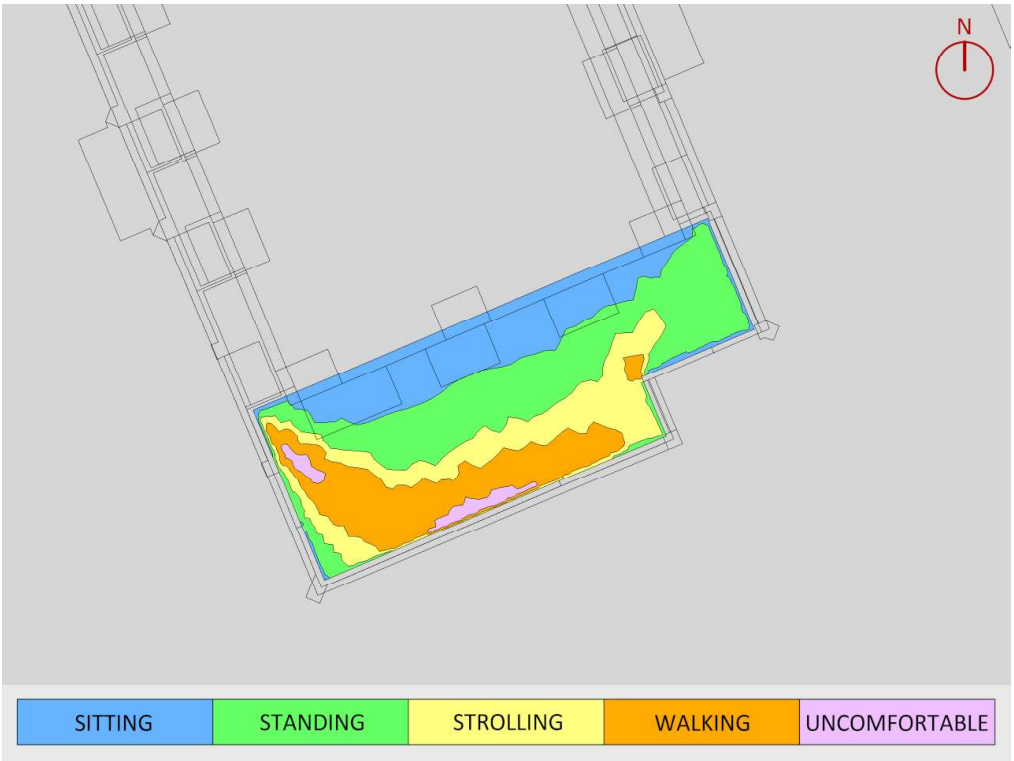
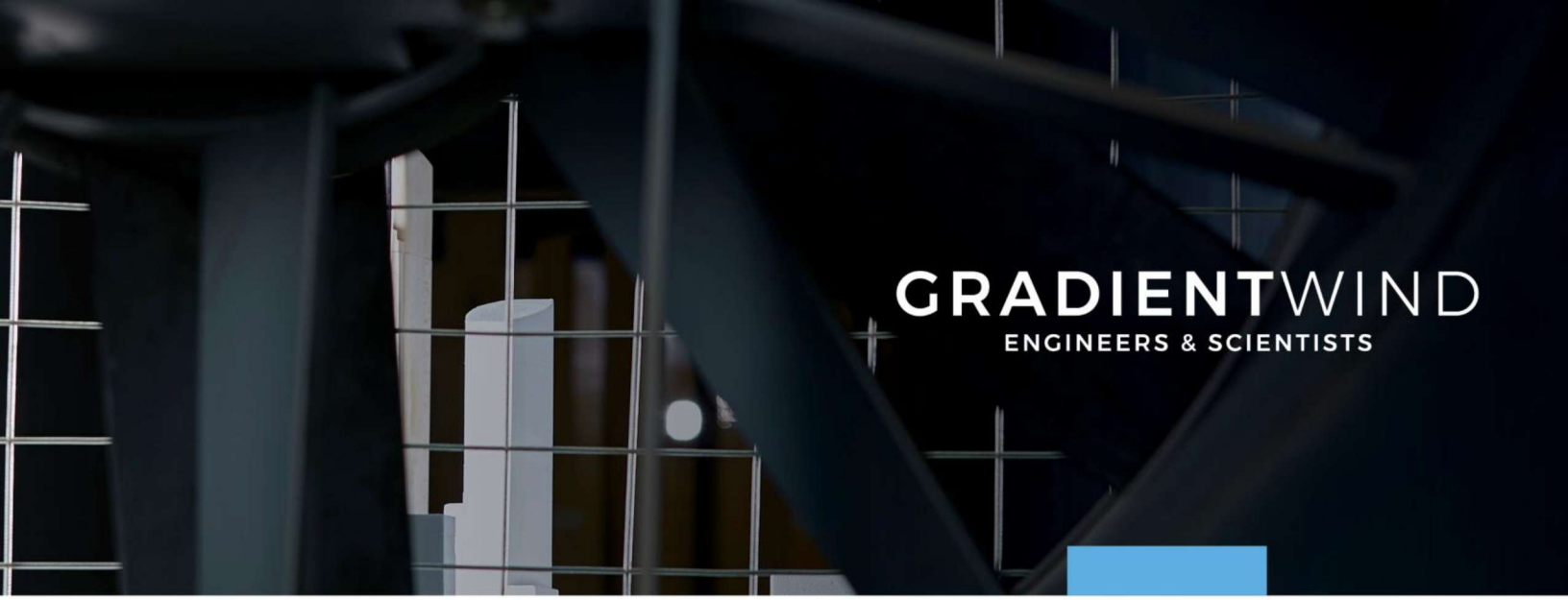
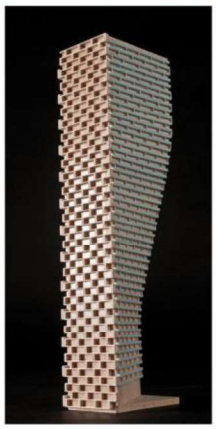


FIGURE 8D: WINTER – WIND COMFORT, LEVEL 7 AMENITY TERRACE

FIGURE 9: TYPICAL USE PERIOD – WIND COMFORT, LEVEL 7 AMENITY TERRACE





APPENDIX A

SIMULATION OF THE ATMOSPHERIC BOUNDARY LAYER

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The atmospheric boundary layer (ABL) is defined by the velocity and turbulence profiles according to industry standard practices. The mean wind profile can be represented, to a good approximation, by a power law relation, Equation (1), giving height above ground versus wind speed (1), (2).

$$U = U_g \left(\frac{Z}{Z_g}\right)^{\alpha} \qquad \text{Equation (1)}$$

where $\boldsymbol{U}$ = mean wind speed, $\boldsymbol{U_g}$ = gradient wind speed, $\boldsymbol{Z}$ = height above ground, $\boldsymbol{Z_g}$ = depth of the boundary layer (gradient height), and α is the power law exponent.

For the model, U_g is set to 6.5 metres per second (m/s), which approximately corresponds to the 60% mean wind speed for Ottawa based on historical climate data and statistical analyses. When the results are normalized by this velocity, they are relatively insensitive to the selection of gradient wind speed.

Z_g is set to 540 m. The selection of gradient height is relatively unimportant, so long as it exceeds the building heights surrounding the subject site. The value has been selected to correspond to our physical wind tunnel reference value.

α is determined based on the upstream exposure of the far-field surroundings (that is, the area that is not captured within the simulation model).

Table 1 presents the values of α used in this study, while Table 2 presents several reference values of α. When the upstream exposure of the far-field surroundings is a mixture of multiple types of terrain, the α values are a weighted average with terrain that is closer to the subject site given greater weight.

TABLE 1: UPSTREAM EXPOSURE (ALPHA VALUE) VS TRUE WIND DIRECTION

Wind Direction (Degrees True)	Alpha Value (α)
0	0.22
22.5	0.21
45	0.24
67.5	0.26
90	0.25
112.5	0.25
135	0.24
157.5	0.25
180	0.24
202.5	0.24
225	0.25
247.5	0.25
270	0.22
292.5	0.22
315	0.22
337.5	0.22

TABLE 2: DEFINITION OF UPSTREAM EXPOSURE (ALPHA VALUE)

Upstream Exposure Type	Alpha Value (α)
Open Water	0.14-0.15
Open Field	0.16-0.19
Light Suburban	0.21-0.24
Heavy Suburban	0.24-0.27
Light Urban	0.28-0.30
Heavy Urban	0.31-0.33

The turbulence model in the computational fluid dynamics (CFD) simulations is a two-equation shear-stress transport (SST) model, and thus the ABL turbulence profile requires that two parameters be defined at the inlet of the domain. The turbulence profile is defined following the recommendations of the Architectural Institute of Japan for flat terrain (3).

$$I(Z) = \begin{cases} 0.1\left(\frac{Z}{Z_g}\right)^{-\alpha-0.05}, & Z > 10\ \text{m} \\ 0.1\left(\frac{10}{Z_g}\right)^{-\alpha-0.05}, & Z \leq 10\ \text{m} \end{cases} \qquad \text{Equation (2)}$$

$$L_t(Z) = \begin{cases} 100\ \text{m}\sqrt{\frac{Z}{30}}, & Z > 30\ \text{m} \\ 100\ \text{m}, & Z \leq 30\ \text{m} \end{cases} \qquad \text{Equation (3)}$$

where I = turbulence intensity, L_t = turbulence length scale, Z = height above ground, and α is the power law exponent used for the velocity profile in Equation (1).

Boundary conditions on all other domain boundaries are defined as follows: the ground is a no-slip surface; the side walls of the domain have a symmetry boundary condition; the top of the domain has a specified shear, which maintains a constant wind speed at gradient height; and the outlet has a static pressure boundary condition.

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