



Office of the City Clerk

December 17, 2024

### RE: NOTICE OF HEARING - SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

An appeal has been filed against the Development Permit approved by the Development Officer on December 16, 2024 for the construction of a front attached garage with a secondary suite at 5 Loyola Place West.

When an appeal is filed with the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB), all persons who own property within 200 feet or 60 meters of the development are notified of the hearing by way of this letter. In addition, the owner of the property will also receive a copy of this letter.

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) will hold a Public Hearing as follows:

DATE:

Thursday, January 16, 2025

TIME:

5:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Council Chamber, Main Floor, City Hall

910 - 4 Avenue South

Persons affected by this development have the right to present a written, verbal and/or visual submission to the Board. When making a presentation, keep in mind that in accordance with the legislation that governs the SDAB, the Board can only consider relevant planning matters when rendering its decision. It is recommended that you limit your presentation to five minutes.

If you wish to submit written material to the Board, it should be delivered to the Secretary of the SDAB via email at <a href="mailto:david.sarsfield@lethbridge.ca">david.sarsfield@lethbridge.ca</a>, including your full name and mailing address no later than 12:00 noon on the Tuesday prior to the hearing. If you are unable to meet this submission deadline, please bring 12 copies of the materials to the Hearing and it will be distributed at the start of the Hearing. Any written and/or visual material received will be made available to the public.

We will be pleased to answer any questions you may have regarding the appeal and can also provide information or advice on Board procedures and how to make presentations to the Board. Please feel free to contact me at 403 329 7329 if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

David Sarsfield Board Secretary.

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

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Dear Subdivision & Development Appeal Board,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed attached two-storey front garage addition at 5 Loyola Place W. Upon review of the blueprint and design document, it is clear the addition would negatively impact neighbouring houses, the street, and the neighbourhood as a whole for the following reasons:

- Encroachment of privacy Due to the height, the north-facing windows of the
  addition would be in very close proximity and have direct line of sight into our two
  upstairs bedrooms and into our living room, and would have a clear view of our
  backyard. The south-facing windows would have direct line of sight into the sunroom
  and living space of 37 Dalhousie Rd W.
- 2. Loss of sunlight This addition would cast our front yard in shadow, along with a large portion of our backyard, as the sun travels East to West in the Southern sky. Not only would this affect our lawn, but our multiple flower beds and vegetable garden as well. The amount of sunlight that enters through our windows into our living room, bedrooms, office spaces, and garage would also drastically decrease.
- 3. Negative impact on a small local business The decrease of light and obstruction of view this addition would cause would be detrimental to Lauren's art business, as she works from home and depends on the natural lighting from the front-facing windows to create, photograph, and film her work and process. Her livelihood depends directly on her ability to take high-quality, well-lit product photos to promote and sell her work. With that in mind, the incredible natural lighting was a major component in our decision to purchase this house.
- 4. Neighborhood aesthetics and character This addition would be taller than the house it is attached to, as well as our own 4 level split house, and at only 6 meters from the property line, it would be the tallest structure that close to the street in the surrounding area. The design, as per the design document, is obstructive, oversized, unattractive, and looks vastly different than the attached home and the rest of the street. It is, therefore, not in keeping with the character of our well-developed and mature neighbourhood and does not fit the aesthetic of the area. Due to this, the resellability of the surrounding houses would be impacted.

When we bought this house in 2019, we were a young couple, a pair of first-time home buyers, and we were thrilled to find such a beautiful home that met all our needs. From the privacy, to the natural light, to the lovely view, this home is perfect for Lauren's small business, and Juston, who does photography. If this addition is built, it will no longer be that home. The city is not required to approve an application simply because it meets technical requirements and guidelines when it is demonstrated that its fulfillment will unreasonably diminish the quality of life in the neighbourhood. We strongly urge you to not approve this project as it would negatively impact so many people who do not have a choice. A single-storey attachment would be much more appropriate for the area.

We have included a to-scale artist's rendering of the proposed addition from the view of the street, based off of measurements stated in the blueprints and design documents at City Hall. We have also included photos of the street and houses as they currently are without the rendering for your reference and comparison.

We have also included a copy (the original was included with the first letter of opposition to Leda Tittsworth) of the petition opposing this addition signed by 28 residents from 20 different homes in the area.

Thank you for your attention and time,

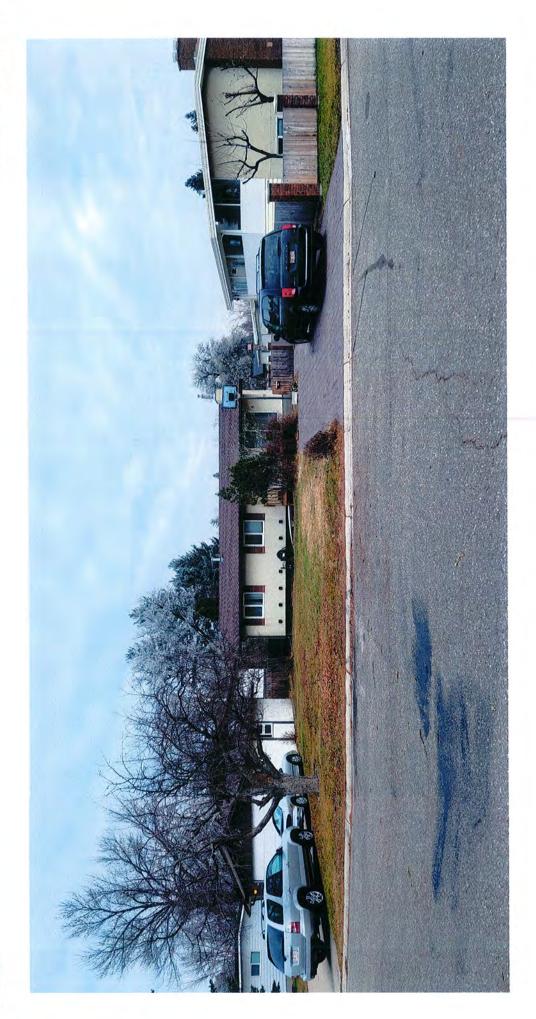
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We, the undersigned, Varsity Village residents and/or property owners, respectfully petition that the City of Lethbridge Planning & Design not approve the proposal of 5 Loyola Place W to construct an attached two-storey front garage addition for the following reasons:

- Neighbourhood aesthetics This addition will be much taller than nearby houses, will extend closer to the street than any other building of this height in the area, and it will also greatly obstruct the view of nearby houses. It is, therefore, oversized and not in keeping with the character of our established neighbourhood.
- Encroachment of privacy Windows facing the North and South will have a direct line of sight into bedrooms, living spaces, and backyards of nearby houses.
- Reduction of property values Due to the reasons above, the property values of the surrounding houses would likely be severely impacted.

As residents of Lethbridge, we should be considerate of others in our neighbourhoods, aiming to not unreasonably diminish the quality of life of those around us. Please consider the concerns of and impacts on the neighbouring residents, and do not approve this project.

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The Secretary
Subdivision & Development Appeal Board
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We are writing to appeal the development permit application approval to construct an attached front garage addition with secondary suite on the second floor at 5 Loyola Place W.

This proposed attached front garage addition with secondary suite on the second floor will greatly exceed the height of the neighbouring houses. It will be situated on the front lawn of the existing bungalow, extending closer to the street than any other neighbouring structure of this height. It will create a vast obstruction of view for the adjacent homes and all in the vicinity.

The extreme large scale and placement of the proposed addition is not in conformity with the aesthetics and primary architectural design of this well established neighbourhood. The original development characteristics of Varsity Village has visually pleasing house frontages with unobstructive garages. The design of this structure will be out of proportion and have an unsightly facade which will affect the resale potential of all homes in this neighbourhood.

If this proposed front garage addition with secondary suite on the second floor meets all the City of Lethbridge building guidelines, it still must be considered on a discretionary basis. The Subdivision & Development Appeal Board must take into consideration the affects on the community as it will still negatively impact the residents in terms of invasion of privacy, resale potential, and overall aesthetics.

We are adamantly opposed to the construction of this addtion, as are many residents in our neighbourhood. Please consider our concerns and the negative impact it will have on individual homeowners and our entire community.

Sincerely,

John and Janice Kurmey 22 Dalhousie Road W Lethbridge, Alberta jkurmey@gmail.com





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### **REASONS FOR APPEAL**

I was notified by a neighbour respecting the proposed secondary suite and attached garage development at 5 Loyola Place. I reside on the cul-de -sac where this development is intended.

I have no objection to the construction of an attached garage nor potentially to a secondary suite. However I do object to a proposal that consists of an attached garage with a secondary suite above the garage. The Land Use Bylaw states a maximum height of 5.18 m for a garage. A secondary suite above the garage (total building height) is stated as 7.6 m. No intrpretation was provided by the development officer. One would have to assume therefore that there will either be a 12.24 m (7.6+5.18) or a 7.6 m structure. Both are out of scale with the houses on this street. In the extreme, a 12.24 m building would be equivalent to a 4 story edifice. The development officer failed to take into account the height and massivenes of such an addition relative to the surounding buildings. For that reason I oppose this application and ask the Board to turn down this application as presented.

As a sidebar, a"secondary suite above a garage" is separate and district from a suite inside a residence. By its imposing nature and visual impact on a streetscape the Appeal Board should consider that this use needs to be listed as a separate new use i.e. Secondary Suite Above a Garage, in the discretionary use column of this R-L district, and not simply grandfathered in the defiinition of 'Secondary suite' as it presently is. If the Board is in agreement with this intrepretation, it should turn down this application since Secondary Suite Above a Garage is is not listed as either permtted or discretionary.

Lastly I believe the Planning Department might consider a different approach to dealing with controversial applications such as this. The 60 meter information mailout is helpful but not enough. There should be an onus on the applicant to consult with neighbours to explain her/his proposal prior to reaching the application stage. Many Planning departments in other cities use this approach to not only augment the

consultation process but also to offset the rancour that often develops during these processes.





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15 December 2024

The Secretary
Subdivision & Development Appeal Board
Office of the City Clerk
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – City Hall
910 – 4 Ave S
Lethbridge AB T1J 0P6

RE:

Address of Appeal: 5 Loyola Place West, Lethbridge, AB. T1K 3W9
Site Description: Attached front garage addition with secondary suite

Development #: DEV15540

Dear Secretary,

I am grateful for the opportunity to outline my concerns through the Appeal Process that your office has established.

Regarding the proposed building of an attached double garage with a secondfloor suite on top of the garage proposed to be built across the front lawn of the house at 5 Loyola Place West, I am opposed to this for multiple reasons.

Firstly, having viewed the graphic depiction of this proposed structure that I understand is based on the 3-dimensional measurements as listed on the official blueprints for this development, this structure just looks entirely out of place — completely disproportionate compared to the other homes and structures in the neighbourhood, with which I am familiar. I live a block away on Carleton Rd W — I often walk our dogs along Dalhousie Rd W and also drive on that road on a regular basis, and so I pass by Loyola often. The proposed structure looks out of place and disproportionate because it is so much larger than anything like it in the area. Few houses have garages on the front, and those that do are small, and set far back from the road. They are not double garages with an entire full storey floor on top of that. The proposed double garage with suite on top is much taller than even the main houses nearby! It is an exceedingly large structure both in terms of footprint, height, and also placement.

I know that if I lived on that street or in that immediate area, I wouldn't be happy because of the obvious impact this would have on the resale value of homes in the area. It truly is an anomaly – something that if you went down the road it immediately stands out like a "sore thumb" and just looks out of place. I personally would be reluctant to buy near there because of it. I don't quite know how else to say it but it all just looks kinda weird. At any rate, it certainly detracts from the area.

I suspect for those families immediately adjacent to this property, this large addition could create some potential safety issues, especially for any young children in

the area – either now or in the future – owing to the reduced sightlines that would be imposed by the large structure. Additionally, it would block long-held views of the nicely maintained properties in the area – to instead be subjected to a large, and high (two-storey) extended wall. I'd also be concerned about the reduced available sunlight and overall brightness that would be diminished.

I understand that there is widespread opposition to this in the neighbourhood – something like over 25 signatures on the petition, and at least 10 formal appeal submissions. I'm not surprised. It is certainly noteworthy, especially at this time of year, that there has been such a large turn-out from this rather short street and area.

By all accounts that I am aware – and certainly by the vast majority of residents in the immediate affected area, this proposal is opposed by virtually everyone – if not everyone – in the area. Therefore, in the interest of a democratic decision that respects the clear will of the people, I cannot see any outcome consistent with that process other than to support the appeal, and deny the original application that few if any in the neighbourhood asked for nor wants.

I end as I started, to reiterate my gratitude for the process, and the opportunity to participate in a democratic appeal process such as this. I do realize it is additional work, but it is important to provide the citizens of the affected areas the opportunity to express their view and preferences, many of which I suspect are from long term homeowners with a direct vested interest in the matter. As a long term homeowner myself, just on another nearby road, I would want to be reassured that the process such as this would be respectful of the viewpoints of people who have lived there for a long time, and – equally importantly – those that intend to stay and put down roots in the neighbourhood. Undoubtedly, given the large response, you will have a full range of people and households in those situations.

If you have any questions about my grounds for this appeal, I would be happy to respond and elaborate. You would be most welcome to contact me per below.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Derek R. Peddle

5 Carleton Road West Lethbridge AB T1K 3X4

Phone: 403.328.3811 [home] / 403.329.2524 [work]

Email: derek.peddle2@gmail.com





### **Subdivision & Development Appeal Board**

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# Land Use Bylaw 6300 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

### PERMIT NO. DEV15540

Address: 5 LOYOLA PL W District: R-L

Legal: 7410379;1;19

Applicant: ORR, BENJAMIN T Phone: 403-795-3594

ORR, KRISTI L Phone:

Address: 5 LOYOLA PL W LETHBRIDGE AB T1K 3W9

Development Proposed To construct a front attached garage with secondary suite. Three off-street parking spaces

provided.

**District** R-L LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

Land Use SECONDARY SUITE, NEW - DISCRETIONARY

### **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

1. Compliance with the plans:

The dwelling shall be developed in accordance with the plans submitted November 18, 2024, October 28, 2024, and September 16, 2024. Any changes to these plans require the approval of the Development Officer.

2. Parking:

A minimum of four off-street parking spaces (2 per unit) shall be provided and maintained at all times.

3. The exterior appearance of the dwelling shall be in accordance with the plans submitted September 26, 2024 to the satisfaction of the Development Officer and must match or compliment the exterior of the existing house.

### INFORMATIVE:

Dec 17, 2024

Comments received from Building:

An egress window will need to be provided for each bedroom.

Comments received from Urban Construction and Right of Ways:

Service connection excavations taking place outside of private property or within the UR/Ws requires an excavation permit. Please contact Urban Design at the below email address.

Please ensure that the contractor contacts Urban Design to obtain a Street Use permit if they'll be encroaching into the ROW at all (with construction materials, fencing, etc.).

If any dirt/mud gets tracked onto the roadway from construction, it needs to be cleaned up

Contact: rowapplications@lethbridge.ca

Decision Date Development Commencement

Nov 19, 2024 Provided this decision is not appealed, development shall commence:

**Valid Date** • on or after the valid date, and

· within one year of the valid date.

Development may commence before the valid date only if the applicant has signed the

"Voluntary Waiver of Claims" and is in receipt of this signed permit.



## Land Use Bylaw 6300 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

PERMIT NO. DEV15540

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### STATUTORY PLANS

The SSRP and applicable municipal statutory plans were considered in rendering this decision.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**

The City of Lethbridge assesses applications according to the development requirements and standards of the Land Use Bylaw in force at the time of application. This Development Permit does not relieve the owner, the applicant, or the owner's authorized agent from full compliance with (i) the terms and conditions of any easement, covenant, building scheme or other agreement affecting the property, or (ii) the requirements of any other applicable laws and regulations.

### **APPEALS**

The applicant has the right to appeal this decision to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. An appeal shall contain a statement of the grounds of appeal and shall be delivered either personally or by Registered Mail so as to reach the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board not later than twenty-one (21) days after the decision date indicated on the Development Permit or 'Development Permit Application - Refused' letter

Permits which were the subject of a license, permit, approval or other authorization granted by the Natural Resources Conservation Board, Energy Resources Conservation Board, Alberta Energy Regulator, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, Alberta Utilities Commission, or by the Minister of Environment and Parks must be appealed through the Land and Property Rights Tribunal.

### **FOIP**

The personal information provided as part of this permit is collected under the Alberta Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The information is required and will be used for issuing permits, Land Use By-law 6300 compliance verification and monitoring, and property assessment purposes. The name of the permit holder and the nature of the permit is available to the public upon request and may be revealed in public appeal processes.

If you have questions about the collection or use of the personal information provided, please contact Information Management at 910 4 Ave S Lethbridge, AB, T1J 0P6 or phone at (403) 329-7329, or email planninganddesign@lethbridge.ca.

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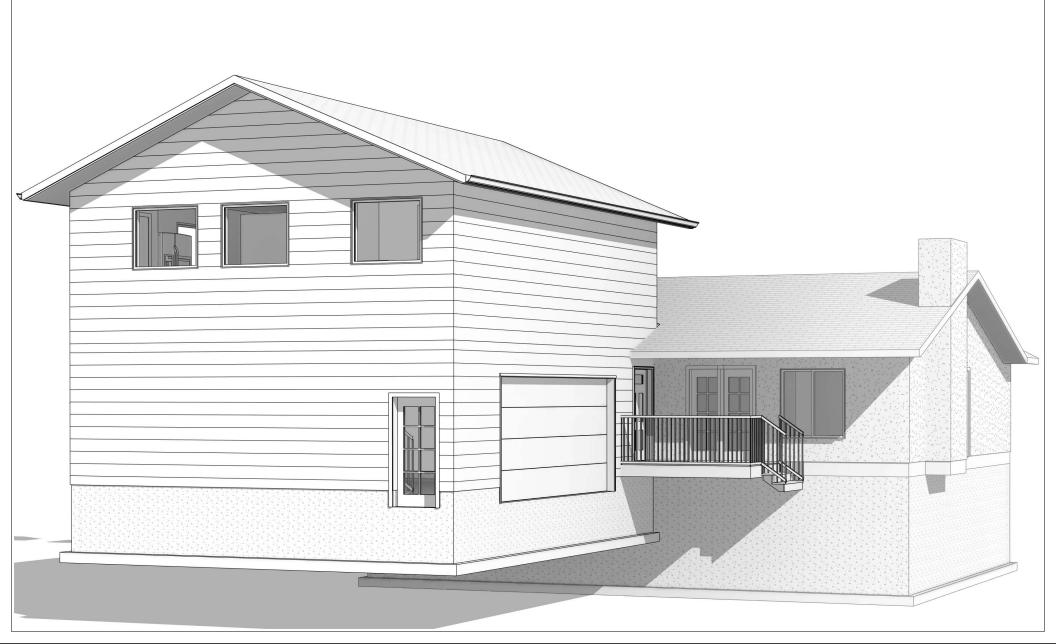
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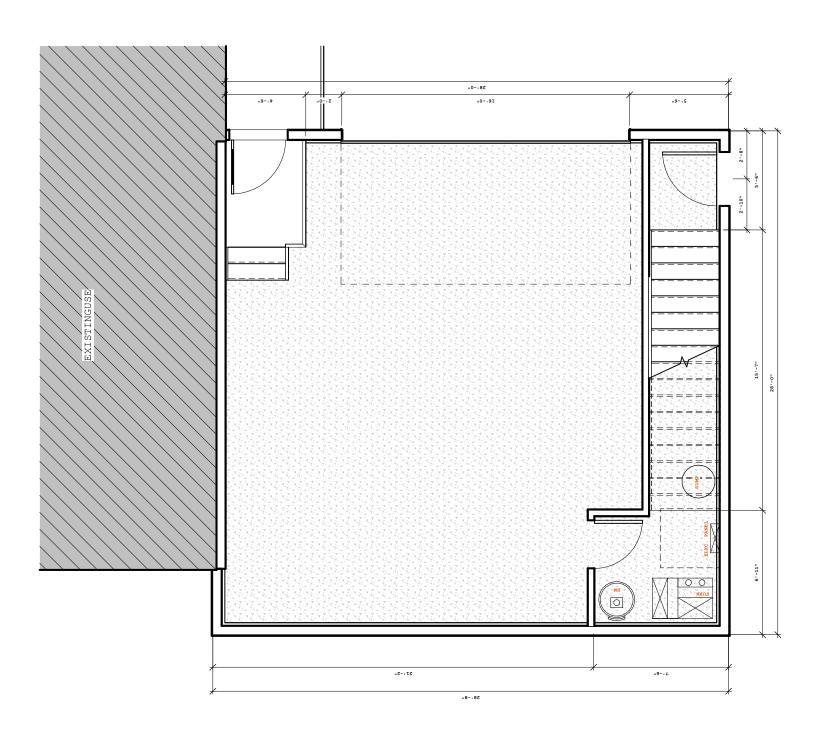
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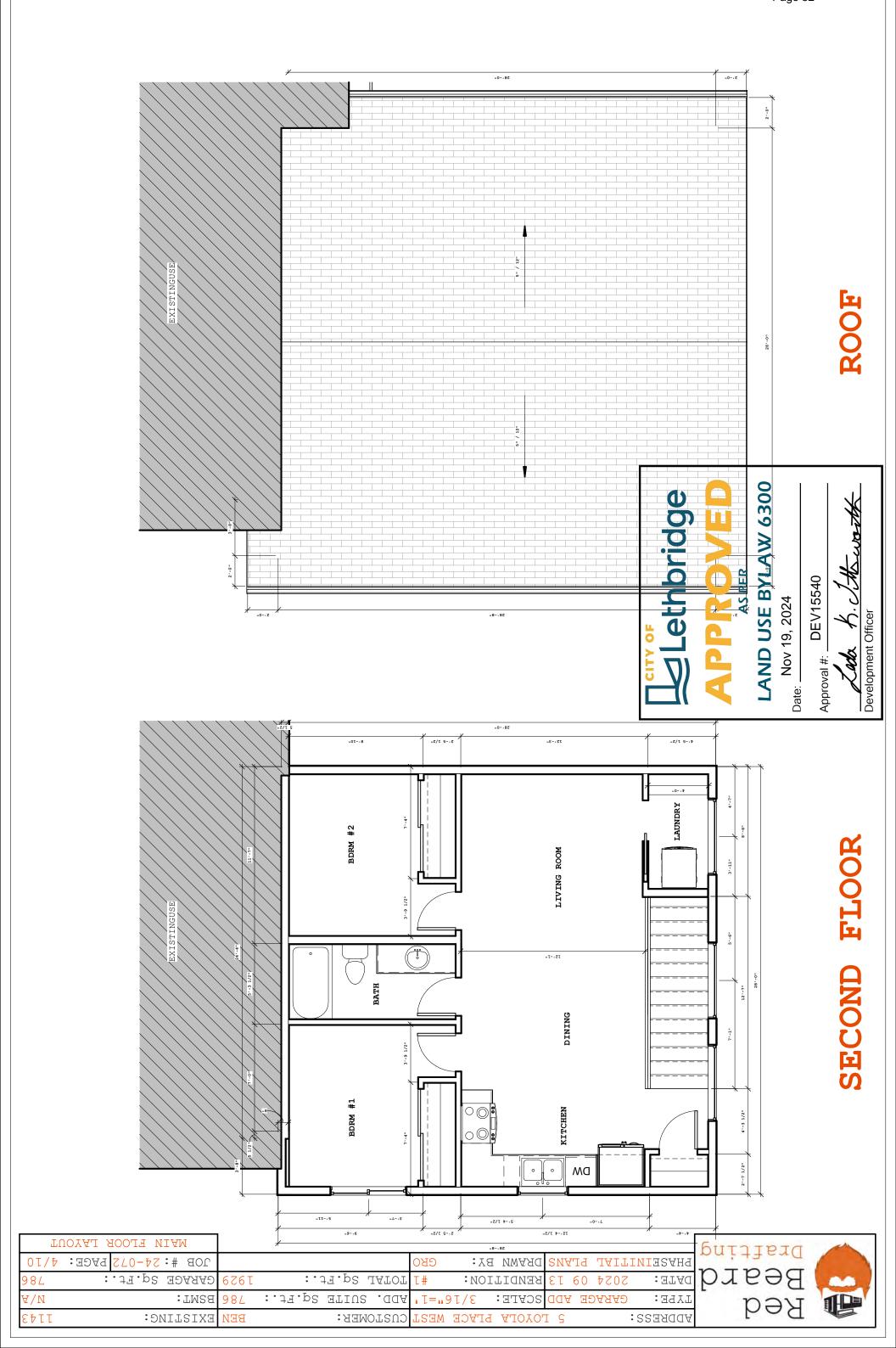




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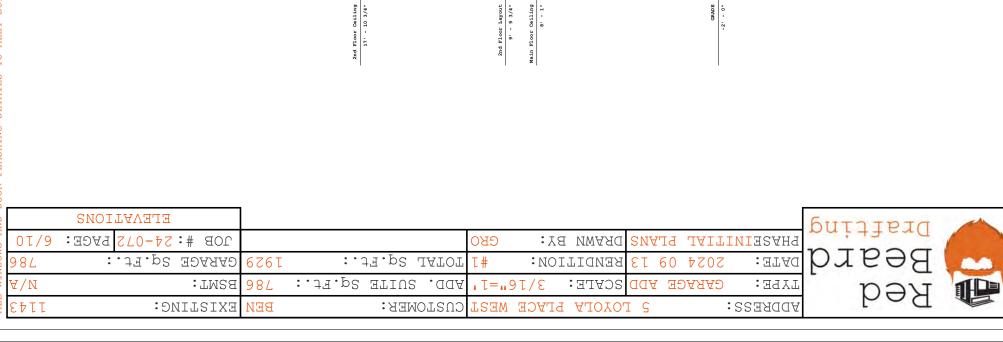
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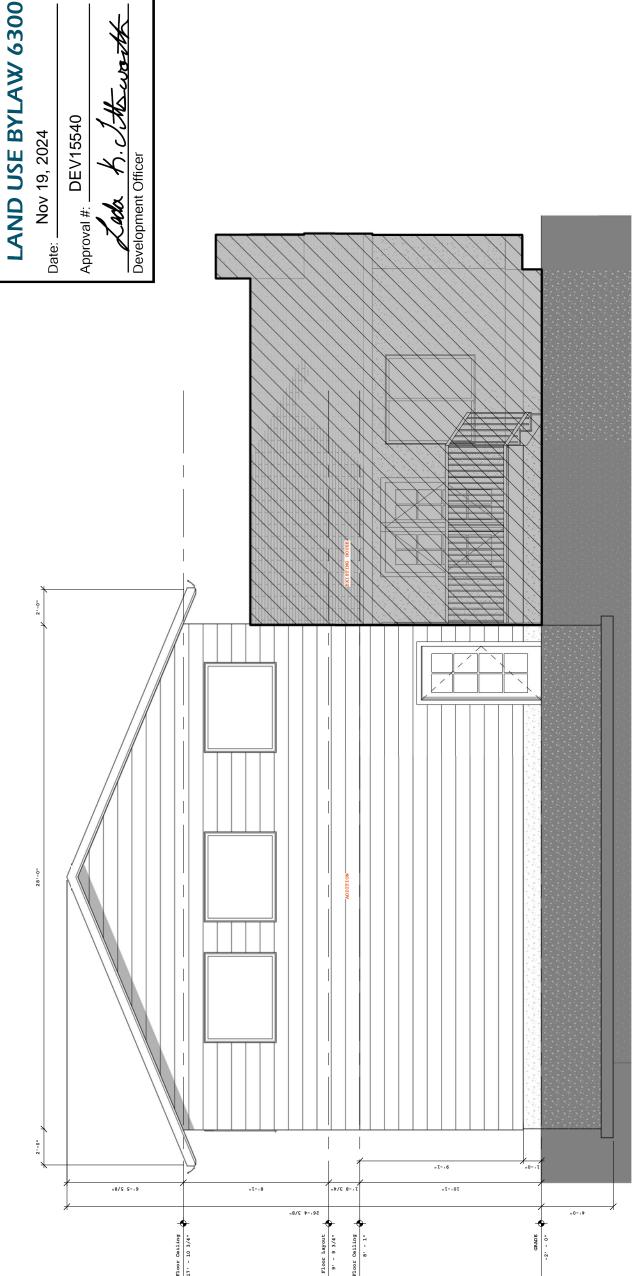
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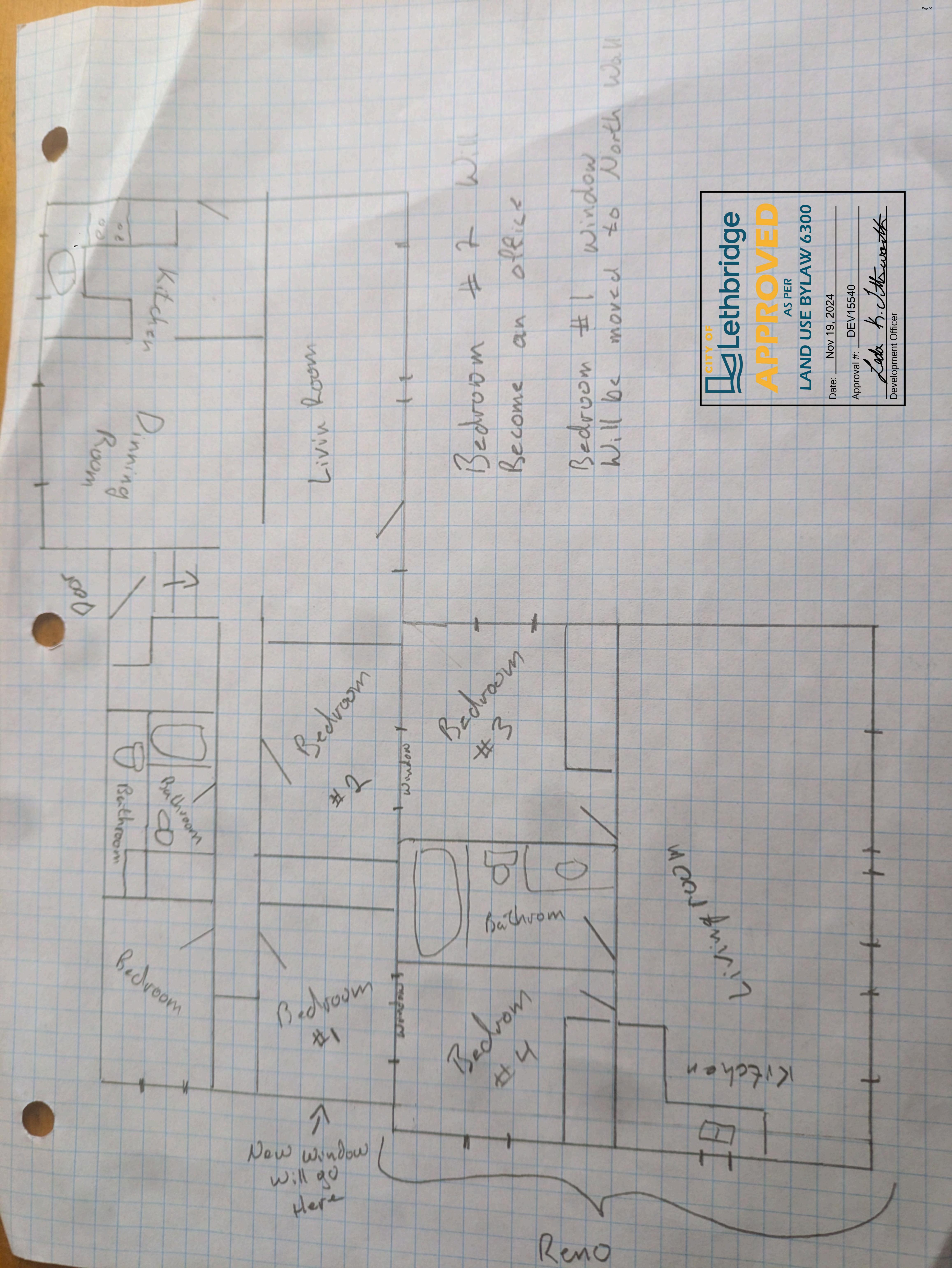
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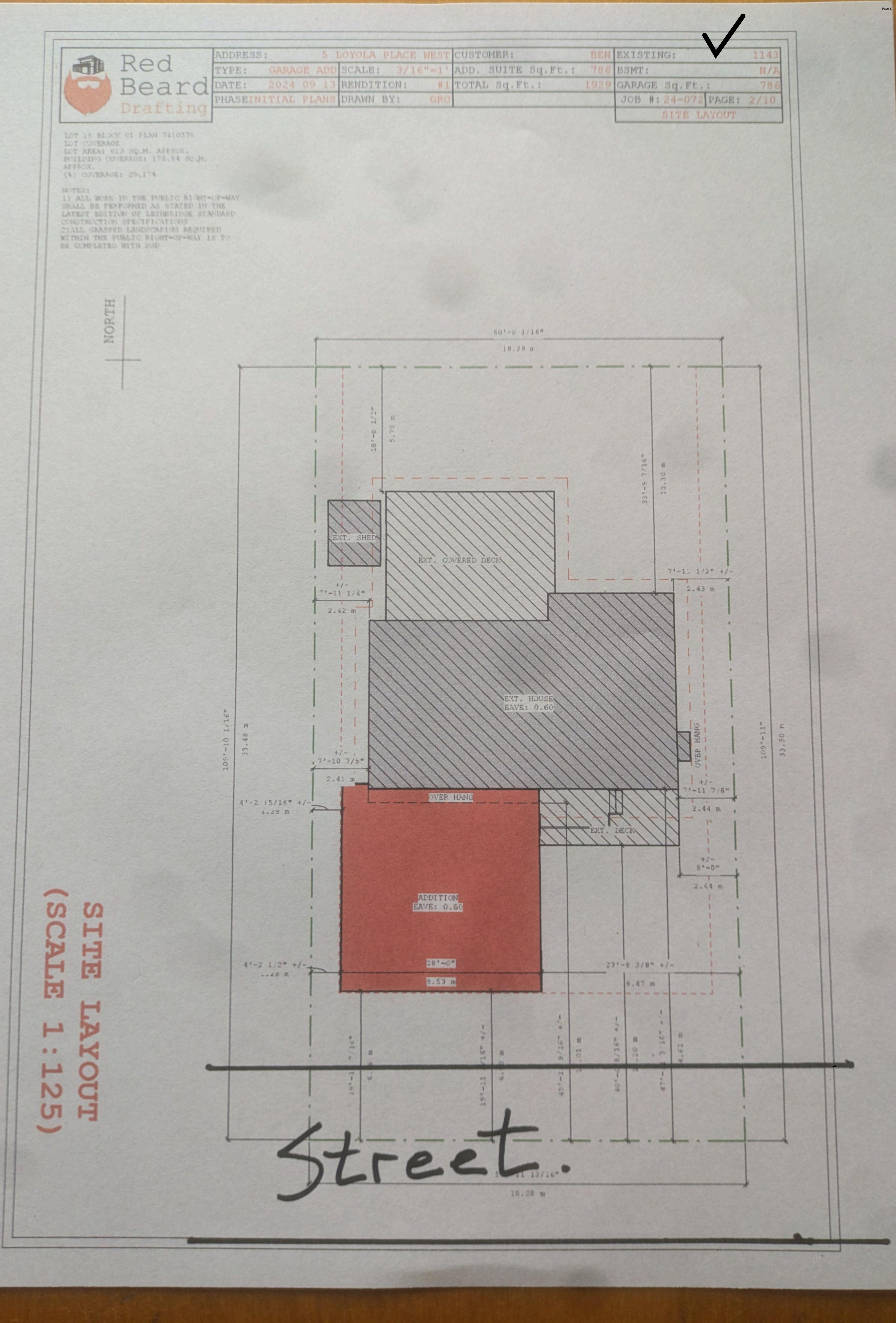


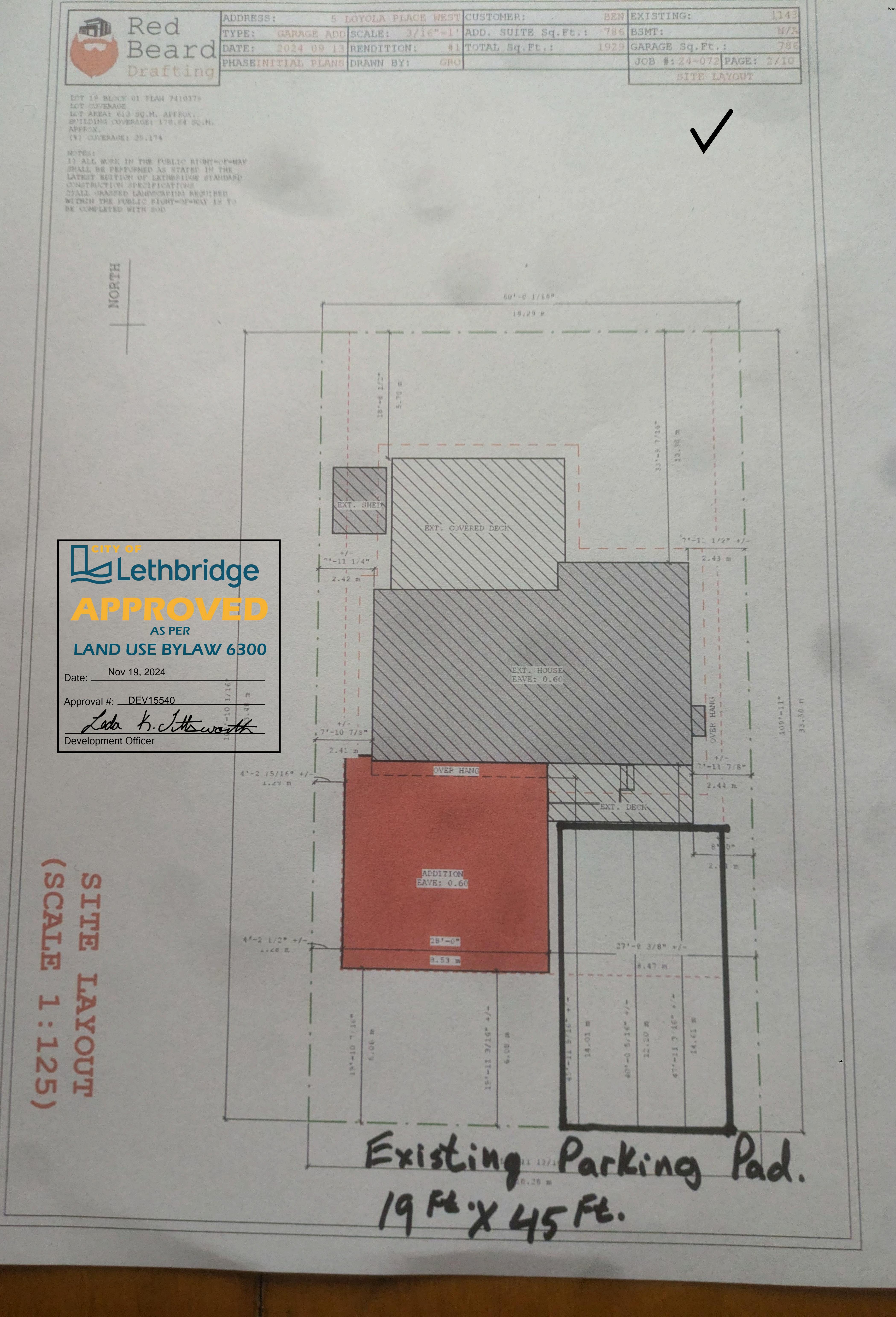
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# Planning & Design

**Development Permit Application** 

Revised: Jan 11, 2023

Low Density Residential - Single Detached Dwelling, Two-Unit, Secondary Suite

All of the following information is necessary to facilitate a thorough and timely evaluation and decision of your application. All materials submitted must be clear, legible and precise. Only applications that are complete will be accepted. PLEASE NOTE: this application is ONLY for a development permit. If a building permit is also required, you must apply for it separately.

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Name BEN ORR	Na	R		
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I acknowledge and agree that this application does not relieve the owner, the applicant, or the owner's authorized agent from full compliance with (i) the terms and conditions of any easement, covenant, building scheme or other agreement affecting the property, or (ii) the requirements of any applicable laws and regulations.				
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As the applicant I affirm:				
I am the registered owner of the above	re noted property			
I have entered into a binding agreem	ent to purchase the above noted prope	erty with the registered owner(s)		
		make the attached application for a De	evelopment Permit	
Description of Work:				
Has a dwelling(s) existed on this lot pre-	riously?	Yes No		
Is a waiver required?		Yes No		
Square footage of dwelling(s) (not including basement and garage spaces)  784  m²				
Type of Work Being Performed: (Check all		7 7 m		
☐ Single Detached Dwelling ☐	Two-Unit Dwelling	Secondary Suite ( Existing)	Addition	
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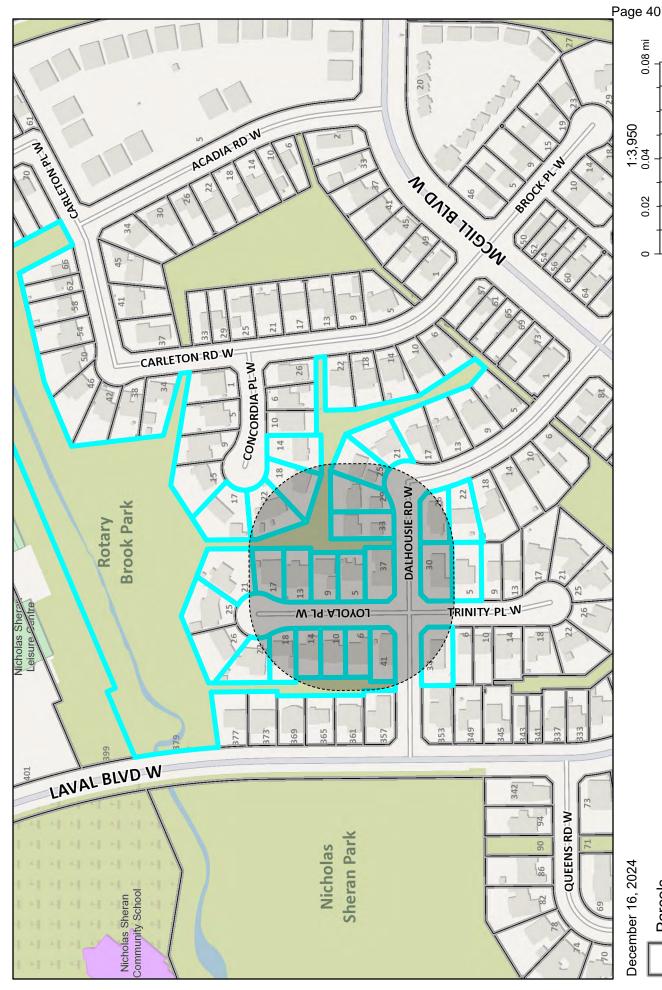
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December 16, 2024

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# Development Authority's Written Submission

For the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing on January 16, 2025



### **APPLICATION NO.**

### LOCATION

Ben Orr Kristi Orr

DEV15540

5 Loyola Place West

### **LAND USE DISTRICT**

R-L Low Density Residential

## **APPELLANTS**

### **APPLICANT / LANDOWNER**

Juston Steward Lauren Kurmey Frank Helga Arnold

Lydia & Rick Furgeson

Ward Harper Linda Joly

John and Janice Kurmey

Leilani & Kendall McCutcheon

F. Michna

Horst & Delores Mueller

Derek R. Peddle

Marlene Schikowsky

Nancy Staniforth

# **CURRENT DEVELOPMENT**

Single Detached Dwelling, Permitted

# PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT Appendix A: Drawings

A request to construct a front attached garage addition with a secondary suite. The required three off-street parking spaces provided.

# **ADJACENT DEVELOPMENT**

**North** Single Detached Dwelling **South** Single Detached Dwelling

East City park pathway and Single Detached Dwelling

West Single Detached Dwelling

# **CONTEXT MAP**



# NOTIFICATION SUMMARY Appendix B: Notification Letters, Map & Responses

Neighbourhood: Varsity Village

**Neighbourhood Associations(s):** N/A

# **LAND USE BYLAW SUMMARY**

**Use:** Addition for the purpose of an attached garage and secondary suite.

Proposed Use	Permitted/Discretionary			
Attached Garage	Permitted			
Secondary suite	Discretionary			
	Requirement	Proposed	Waiver Requested	
Front setback	6.0 m	6.06	N/A	
Side setback	1.2 m	1.28 m & 2.43 m	N/A	
Height	max. 10 m	8.05 m	N/A	

### **EVALUATION**

# Background

- An application to construct an addition, for the purpose of an attached garage and a secondary suite on the second floor, was received on September 16, 2024.
- Existing on the property is a single detached dwelling.
- Under Land Use Bylaw 6300, attached garages and additions are a permitted use and are considered part of the principal building (i.e. single detached dwelling).
- Secondary suites are a discretionary use, and applications for secondary suites require notification to neighboring properties within a 60 m radius.

- The existing driveway is sufficient to provide 4 off-street parking spaces. Land Use Bylaw 6300 requires 3 off-street parking spaces for a single detached dwelling with a secondary suite (2 for the single detached dwelling and 1 for the secondary suite).
- Without a secondary suite, the proposed addition met all Land Use Bylaw requirements, and would have been processed and approved as a permitted use (i.e. no circulation or neighbourhood letters would have been sent).
- Properties in the area consist of single storey, two-storey, bilevel and four-level split homes, with no garages, front attached garages, and front detached garages, and with front setbacks ranging from 5.56 m to 9.21 m.
- There are 4 approved secondary suites within a 60 m radius of the property.
- The application was circulated October 28, 2024. The following comments were received:
  - Comments from Building: "An egress window will need to be provided for each bedroom."
  - Comments from Right of Ways: "Service connection excavations taking place outside of private property or within the UR/Ws requires an excavation permit. Please contact Urban Design at the below email address.
     Please ensure that the contractor contacts Urban Design to obtain a Street Use permit if they'll be encroaching into the ROW at all (with construction materials, fencing, etc.)
    - If any dirt/mud gets tracked onto the roadway from construction, it needs to be cleaned up
    - Contact: rowapplications@lethbridge.ca"
  - o Comments from Electric Design: "No issues from electric utility for this one."
  - o Comments from Transportation: "No comments."
- Neighbourhood Notification letters were sent to residents within a 60 m radius of the subject parcel on October 29, 2024 with the comment period ending November 12, 2024. Comments received (both verbal and written) indicated opposition to the size and location of the addition with concerns being regarding privacy, sunlight, neighbourhood aesthetics and character, property values, height of structure, and front setback of the structure.

### Context

This Application was heard before the Appeal Board because:

Adjacent landowners submitted the appeal.

### **LEGISLATION & POLICY**

# Land Use Bylaw 6300

Section 4 Definitions

**Accessory Building** – means a Building which is subordinate or incidental to the Principal Building on, or Principal Use of, the same Parcel or Site. This term refers to Buildings such as garages, sheds or free-standing carports.

**Discretionary Use** – means a Use of land or Buildings in a District for which a Development Permit may be issued, with or without conditions, at the discretion of the Development Authority.

**Dwelling** – means Development which consists of a Building, or portion(s) thereof, containing one or more Dwelling Units to be Used primarily as a residence.

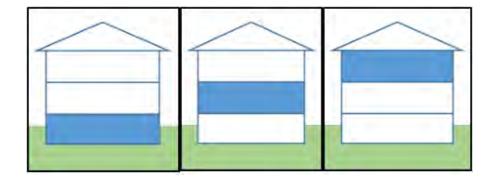
**Dwelling, Single Detached or Single Detached Dwelling** – means a Dwelling which contains not more than one Dwelling Unit which may be rented to a maximum of four (4) individuals. Manufactured Home/Tiny Home is a separate Use.

**Dwelling Unit** – means one or more rooms operated or intended to be operated as a residence for a Household containing cooking, sleeping and sanitary facilities only for that unit.

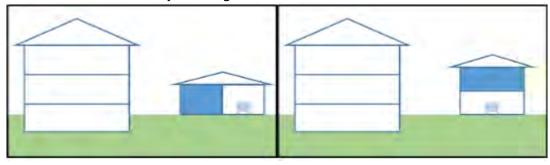
**Permitted Use** – means Use of land or Buildings in a District for which, unless exempted from requiring a Development Permit, a Development Permit must be issued with or without conditions, if the proposed Development conforms with this Bylaw.

**Secondary Suite** – means a second self-contained Dwelling Unit located on a Parcel in which the principal use is a Single Detached Dwelling. A Secondary Suite may take the following forms:

**House suite**: A suite incorporated into a Single Detached Dwelling and may be located in the Basement, on the main storey or on an upper storey or a combination thereof.



**Garage Suite**: A suite incorporated into a garage Accessory Building and may be located at Grade, or above Grade or a combination thereof. Garage Suites cannot occupy more than 50% of the Accessory Building. Principal purpose of the Building must remain an Accessory Building.



- Section 13(2)(w) When a Permit is Not Required
   Unless otherwise required by a Statutory Plan, the following do not require a
   Development Permit but may require other permits from the municipality, provincial
   or federal government: Single Detached Dwellings, additions to Single Detached
   Dwellings and Accessory Buildings in Residential Districts which are Permitted Uses
   and which comply with the Land Use Bylaw.
- Section 82(4) Accessory Buildings
   Unless otherwise provided in a Residential District, an Accessory Building shall:
  - (a) Have a design character and appearance that is in accordance with a Residential District. The Building cladding and roof forms and materials shall be typical of residential Buildings in the surrounding area,
  - (b) Not be located in the Front Yard,
  - (c) Maintain a minimum side Setback and rear Setback of 0.6 m, except where an Accessory Building is used to enclose a swimming pool, in which case a minimum 1.2 m Side Yard Setback and 1.5 m Rear Yard Setback shall be provided.

- (d) Have a minimum separation distance of 1.2 m from the Principal Building on the same Parcel or Site,
- (e) Have a maximum height of 5.18 m
- (f) Not exceed a Parcel Coverage of 14%
- (g) Not be a Shipping Container.
- Section 82(5) Secondary Suite Requirements
  - (a) One parking stall per Secondary Suite must be provided onsite,
  - (b) One Secondary Suite allowed per Parcel,
  - (c) The Secondary Suite must have a separate access either through an entryway from the exterior of the Dwelling or through a separate entrance within a common landing.
  - (d) The Secondary Suite shall not be subject to separation from the principal Dwelling through a condominium conversion.
- Section 86(6) Maximum Building Height
  - (a) All Uses, except Accessory Buildings 10.0 m
  - (b) Accessory Buildings 5.18 m
  - (c) Secondary Suite above garage (total Building Height) 7.6 m or the Height of the principal Dwelling, whichever is less
- Section 86(7)(a)(ii)(A) & (b) Minimum Setbacks
  - (a) On Interior Parcels or Sites without Lane access where no garage or carport is provided
    - (A) Dwelling, Single Detached and Child Care, Minor Front setback – 6.0 m Side setback -1.2 m & 3.0 m

Rear setback – 7.6 m

(b) All Accessory Buildings – See Section 82(4)

### **APPLICATION OF FACTS**

- Additions to a principal building are considered part of the principal building and therefore all requirements, such as height and setbacks, for the principal building apply to the addition.
- If the addition had been applied for without the secondary suite (i.e. second floor storage, living space that is not a suite, or air space to allow for a lift inside the

- garage), the application would have complied with the Land Use Bylaw requirements and the permit reviewer would have been required to issue a permit.
- Secondary suites are considered a discretionary use for the Low Density Residential district, and are subject to neighborhood circulation.
- Neighbourhood circulation comments received were regarding the structure. No comments were received regarding the secondary suite.

### CONCLUSION

The application to construct an attached garage addition with secondary suite, was approved with the following conditions.

1. Compliance with the plans:

The dwelling shall be developed in accordance with the plans submitted November 18, 2024, October 28, 2024, and September 16, 2024. Any changes to these plans require the approval of the Development Officer.

# 2. Parking:

A minimum of four off-street parking spaces (2 per unit) shall be provided and maintained at all times.

3. The exterior appearance of the dwelling shall be in accordance with the plans submitted September 26, 2024 to the satisfaction of the Development Officer and must match or compliment the exterior of the existing house.

# SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

5 Loyola Pl W DEV15540



# INTRODUCTION

# **Application No.:**

DEV15540

# **Location:**

5 Loyola Pl W

# **Land Use District:**

**R-L Low Density Residential** 

# **Current Development:**

Single Detached Dwelling, Permitted

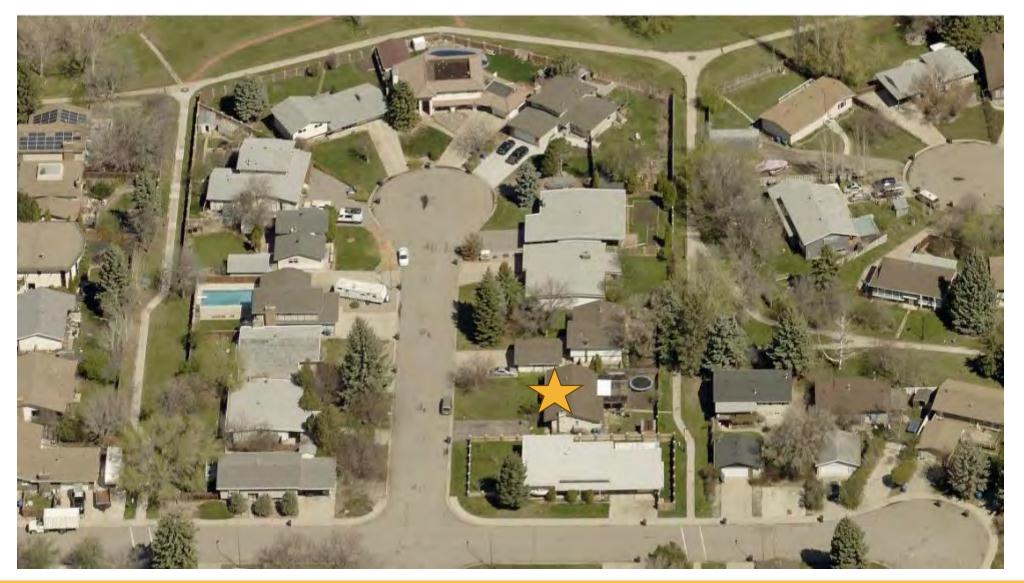
# **Proposed Development:**

A request to construct a front attached garage addition with a secondary suite.





# **VISUAL CONTEXT**



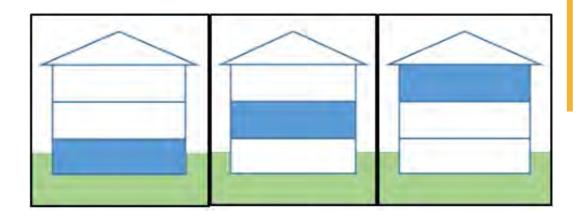


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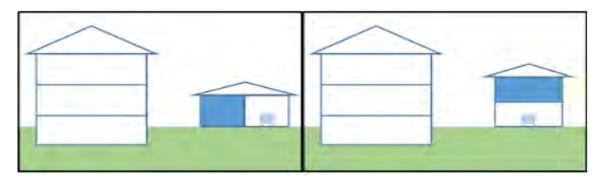
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# **Section 82(5) Secondary Suite Requirements**

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- (b) One Secondary Suite allowed per Parcel,
- (c) The Secondary Suite must have a separate access either through an entryway from the exterior of the Dwelling or through a separate entrance within a common landing.
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# **Section 86 (6) Maximum Building Height**

(a) All Uses, except Accessory Buildings - 10.0 m

# **Section 86 (7) Minimum Setbacks**

Dwelling, Single Detached, Dwelling Two-Unit, and Child Care, minor:

Front  $-6.0 \, \text{m}$ 

Side – 1.2 m



# Neighbourhood Notification

- Neighbourhood notification letters were sent to residents within a 60 m radius of the subject parcel on October 29, 2024.
- Comments received indicated opposition to the size and location of the addition with concerns regarding: privacy, sunlight, neighbourhood aesthetics and character, property values, height of structure, and front setback of the structure.



# **EVALUATION SUMMARY**

- Additions to a principal building are considered part of the principal building and therefore all requirements (i.e. height and setbacks) for the principal building apply to the addition.
- If the addition had been applied for without the secondary suite (i.e. second floor storage, living space that is not a suite, or air space to allow for a lift inside the garage), the application would have been approved complies with Land Use Bylaw 6300.
- Secondary suite are considered a discretionary use and subject to neighbourhood notification.
- Comments received from neighboring properties expressed concerns regarding the structure of the addition. No comments were received regarding the secondary suite.



# **CONCLUSION**

The application for the construction of an addition for an attached garage with secondary suite, was approved with the following conditions:

- 1. Compliance with the plans: The dwelling shall be developed in accordance with the plans submitted November 18, 2024, October 28, 2024, and September 16, 2024. Any changes to these plans require the approval of the Development Officer.
- 2. Parking: A minimum of four off-street parking spaces (2 per unit) shall be provided and maintained at all times.
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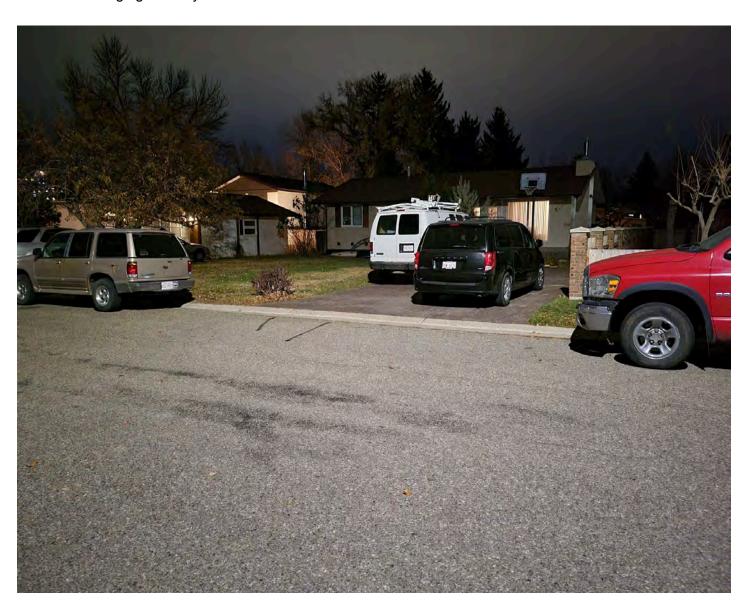
Updated render for 5 Loyola Place W. This is slightly taller than the one we attached in our original document. It is updated with the official measurements provided by the city.



Please see below for photos and dates showing parking at 5 Loyola Place W. There are consistently 4-6 cars parked in the afternoon/evening between both the driveway and the street. If the proposed garage is to be used for cars, they will need to have access, but it will be inaccessible if there are cars in the driveway. This means that 2-4 cars will be parked on the street. If the garage is not to be used for cars, there is the potential for 8+ cars to be parked in the driveway and street. Either of these scenarios indicates there is not sufficient parking to accommodate a suite, and will cause congestion issues for the neighbourhood.

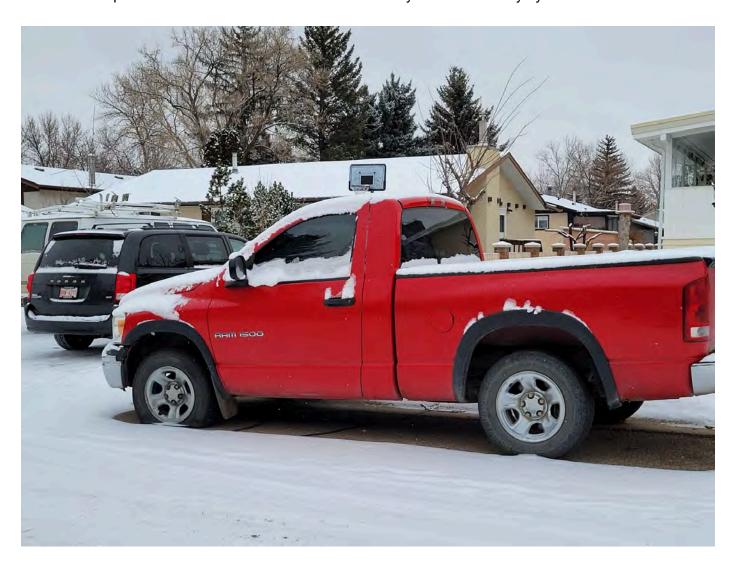
# Nov 4, 2024

This shows the Red Truck parked on the street along with 3 other cars. Two in the driveway and 1 on the street. All belonging to 5 Loyola Place.



# Jan 3, 2025

This shows the red truck in the same spot as the previous photo with its front driver side tire beginning to flatten.. It was parked unmoved for 2 months which is far beyond what the city bylaw allows.



Jan 10, 2025
One week later, the red truck is still unmoved and the tire completely flat.



Jan 12, 2025
Five cars parked. Red truck still parked in the same spot on the street. Two of these cars are different from those in the first photo.

