

Lethbridge

Office of the City Clerk

December 16, 2020

RE: NOTICE OF HEARING - SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

An appeal has been filed on the approval of a Development Permit by the Municipal Planning Commission to build a 3 storey supportive housing facility for 24 residents along with two commercial rental units located at 108 8 Street South.

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 14, 2021

TIME:

5:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Council Chambers, 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 david.sarsfield@lethbridge.ca, no later than 12:00 noon on the Wednesday 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.

The City is following the recommendations from the Province of Alberta and the City of Lethbridge with regards to social distancing.

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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NOTICE OF A SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD HEARING

DATE: Thursday, January 14, 2021

PLACE: Council Chambers, 1st Floor

City Hall - 910 - 4th Avenue South

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATIONS:

2.1 5:00 p.m.

SDAB No. 2020-06

APPEAL OF GRANTING OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 12501

Appellants: Darrell Alexander, Bruce Plausteiner, Dean Plausteiner

and Brad Plausteiner

Address: 108 8 Street South

To build a 3 storey supportive housing facility for 24 residents along with two commercial rental units

Land Use District: C-D

From: Darrell Alexander <darrell@mortgagedesigngroup.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 1:07 PM **To:** David Sarsfield < David.Sarsfield@lethbridge.ca> **Cc:** Kevin Ronan < kdronan@petersonpurvislaw.ca>

Subject: [External] BULK:Appeal re 108 8 St S & 712 1 Ave S

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Hi David

As discussed on the phone, I formally wish to appeal last night's MPC decision

Please advise accordingly

Cheers;

Darrell W. Alexander Mortgage Broker



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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Subdivision & Development Appeal Board

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LAND DESCRIPTION

108 - 8 Street South, Lethbridge

Plan 4353S

Block 8

Lot 19 AND THAT PORTION OF LOT 20 WHICH LIES TO THE EAST OF THE WEST 25 FEET THEREOF

712 - 1 Avenue South, Lethbridge

Plan 4353S

Block 8

THE WESTERLY TWENTY FIVE (25) FEET OF LOTS TWENTY (20), TWENTY ONE (21) AND TWENTY TWO (22)

Re: Development Application No. DEV 12501

GROUNDS FOR APPEAL

The proposed development:

- 1) Unduly interferes with the amenities of the neighbourhood;
- 2) Materially interferes and affects the use, enjoyment and/or value of the neighbouring parcels of land; and
- 3) Does not conform with the vision and goals of redevelopment for Lethbridge, specifically but not limited to the Heart of the City Master Plan.

HEGGIE DEVELOPMENTS LTD.

317 5TH STREET SOUTH
LETHBRIDGE ALBERTA T1J 2B4

December 2, 2020

Municipal Planning Commission

Re: 108 8th Street Development

I would like to add my voice to those who have concerns regarding this project. Here are the concerns I would hope would be addressed by the developer.

1.It seems that this location has been chosen because it is already owned by the developer. There may be better locations for the building and that should be investigated before approval.

- 2. With the current building on 1st Ave, men are standing around the building smoking and catcalling patrons and employees of neighboring businesses. A good neighbor policy of some kind should be considered to prevent future problems. The Rooftop patio may also help with this if it will be used.
- 3. I have been a neighbor of Streets Alive Mission on 4th Street for 4 years. Although Mr. Kissick is a very nice person, with I believe good intentions, I have yet to see any regular communication from them as they claim. I have also not experienced the formal mechanism for resolving neighbor complaints which they speak of in their letter to neighbors.

I would ask that these concerns be considered.

Thank you for your consideration and your devotion to improving our great city.

Hunter Heggie

President

Heggie Developments Ltd.

317 5th St. S

Lethbridge

403-382-5954



309 – 6 Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 2C7

December 22, 2020

Darrell Alexander Re: Streets Alive 8th Street Proposal

Dear Mr. Alexander.

On behalf of the Downtown Business Revitalization Zone (BRZ) Board of Directors and its more than 500 member businesses, I would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with us to discuss the proposed concept for the Streets Alive development on 8th Street in downtown Lethbridge.

The purpose of the BRZ board is to ensure the organization is supporting the commercial interests of membership through revitalization initiatives that include, but are not limited to, the improvement and beautification of downtown lands, buildings and structures.

The BRZ is supportive of the development of permanent and affordable housing in downtown Lethbridge. As this facility is to offer transitional housing that is not permanent, we are not able to support the proposed development of the Streets Alive 8th Street project.

Yours sincerely,

Hunter Heggie - Chair, Downtown BRZ

The VISION
Building a vibrant, safe, and economically viable downtown ...
a downtown that our community can take pride in.

I am the current owner of the immediately adjacent building to the south 110 8 St S, O/A Chrome Salon & Spa

I am writing in deep opposition to this project, with many concerns.

First of all a citizen, volunteer and big supporter of our downtown

In 2003 I was incoming President of the Rotary Club of Lethbridge. I was charged with the responsibility of developing a "Legacy Project", to celebrate Rotary & the Province of Alberta's 100th anniversary & the next year the City of Lethbridge's too.

Between 2003 & 2005 I worked in close consort with the City of Lethbridge to develop the Rotary Galt Gardens Water feature. We wanted to help take the downtown back from "problem" people.

I and our committee raised \$3.5Million to complete this project.

I was one of my proudest accomplishments.

Over the past few years I have seen our downtown slip tragically backward significantly.

I believe MPC should strongly consider the impact to our fragile downtown, prior to allowing developments, that could worsen our situation.

Just because Streets Alive owns this empty lot, does not mean that is the best place for this facility.

Currently, for years I have noted many negative of the presence of Streets Alive as a neighbor. The constant loitering, smoking, littering of buts, etc. I have taken many complaints from my tenants, who run a high end hair salon & spa, that their staff & clients are made to feel uncomfortable by these behaviors.

Perhaps the City of Lethbridge should look at purchasing back both Streets Alive locations and assisting them in locating to a far more advisable location. This would clean up the downtown immediately, and likely help Streets Alive with its long term goals.

We as citizens need to stand up and make GOOD decisions, to do everything possible to save our downtown, both for small businesses, & citizens wanting a safe downtown experience.

Darrell Alexander

City Development Service

City Planning Commission

City Council,

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read my submission regarding my concerns over the proposed development at 108 8th Street S.

My name is Dean Plausteiner. I am the current owner and operator of Professional Optical located at 808 1st Ave S and the rental tenant of 103 8th Street S; both of which are located adjacent to the proposed project in question.

This letter is to express my five major concerns regarding the development at 108 8th Street S. To outline these concerns for your consideration, they are:

- 1. The Safety and Security concerns expressed by our staff and clients
- 2. Does this project contribute positively to the Downtown objectives and complement the Neighbourhood?
- 3. Does Downtown Lethbridge contribute positively to the objectives of this project?
- 4. The current and future relationship with Streets Alive and, in particular, Ken Kissick
- 5. The overall objective and strategy for the identity of Downtown Lethbridge

The Safety and Security concerns expressed by our staff and clients

Over the past 2 years there has been an obvious growing concern over the safety and well-being of our staff and clients. Our employees have, on numerous occasions, express their growing fear of working downtown. Currently, I do not offer any late hours due to our staff expressing their reluctancy to be in Downtown Lethbridge after dark. They fear this project will only make things worse.

Everyone on staff has a story to tell about a recent encounter that waivers their commitment to downtown and our business. These sentiments have been expressed as well by our clients time after time. As an employer and someone who has spent the past 25 years serving our clients in Downtown Lethbridge, I feel I need to state their reality to you and we both need to empathize with their feelings with action. I have reduced their risk by reducing my hours and not allowing anyone to work alone – this costly to our business but a sacrifice I am willing to make to ensure their safety and their comfort. We ask that you do not increase their perception and potential of risk by voting in favour of this project. Please help our staff and clients feel safe in Downtown Lethbridge by voting against the proposed development.

Does this project contribute positively to the Downtown objectives and complement the Neighbourhood?

Currently, we as business owners in Downtown Lethbridge, the BRZ and even city council are encouraging the community of Lethbridge to come Downtown to shop and even to now live. But, in reality, we need to give the community of Lethbridge a reason to change their current perception of downtown before they do. The past few years have been filled with reasons to stay away, be it: parking meters, SCS, COVID 19, panhandling, drug use, drug paraphernalia and even the tremendous amount of business closures and vacancies. We cannot give them another reason to stay away. We need to change the narrative of Downtown Lethbridge.

We all know that the construction of a 3-story building in the downtown core will create a lot of buzz around Lethbridge. What will that conversation be? Will it be positive? Will it invigorate people to come downtown? Or will it give them another reason to stay away?

When it comes to Downtown Lethbridge, I believe it is the job of the Development Office, the Planning Commission and City Council to make decisions that have a positive impact on the downtown perception, while giving tools and opportunity to its citizens to live, enjoy and succeed in downtown. This project does not benefit the downtown, it does not contribute to changing the narrative and does not have a positive impact on living or doing business in Downtown Lethbridge.

One may argue that the new facility will have office space on the ground level that will contribute to the Downtown community. I argue that these spaces are self-serving and will be used for the residence of the facility only, and therefore generates no positive direct impact to the surrounding businesses.

Currently, we have developed a complementary network of businesses long our street. Clients from our businesses usually support more than one business within the area, with a significant number coming off the adjacent highway from our rural communities to do so. It has taken years to achieve a level of confidence within our clients, however, this confidence has wavered with recent downtown events. This project may be exactly what deters them for good in the future. What our street needs are more service-based businesses that complement our existing businesses. This is why we took over the 103 8th Street S rental space in 2018. Our plan was to compliment The Port and others by offers a premium co-working space by bringing more likeminded businesses and people to our area. This plan is currently on hold and has been since the opening of the SCS. We are waiting to make a decision after the decision of this hearing. The proposed facility will definitely deter our plans for moving forward with our plans and the doors will remain boarded up for security.

When it comes to Downtown Lethbridge every business counts, every space is meaningful, every street has an impact – and they are all needed to make change. Please help us by instead choosing to add impactful businesses to our area that will complement our street and contributes to changing the current perception of Downtown Lethbridge.

Does Downtown Lethbridge contribute positively to the objectives of this project?

From my understanding, the facility's primary objective is to offer a sober living facility with no meal plan, that will encourage sobriety, reduce temptation, help their integration back in society, which includes finding a job. When you consider the location, it would seem that downtown actually has a negative impact on the objectives of the facility. Currently, Downtown Lethbridge does not even provide the basic necessary of a grocery store. It has very little entry level employment opportunities in the current climate, and with the current homeless population and drug use, it would seem temptation to relapse is everywhere.

We all know that members of our community who have invested into downtown living are struggling to sell or rent their condos – 601 Suites being the biggest example. This is because, at this stage, people do not find value in moving to Downtown Lethbridge due to its lack of certain amenities, certain conveniences and current perception. You need to be able to survive and work downtown before you want to move downtown. This begs the question, if it isn't good enough for people to choose to move downtown, why is it good enough for these individuals to be placed downtown? The answer is: that it is not. We need to give the individuals who need a facility like Streets Alive the best chance for recovery and a new beginning. Downtown Lethbridge is not it. They will struggle to find a job in the area, they will struggle to go get groceries in the area, and they will be tempted by drug and alcohol. This does not sound like a foundation for success. What is the motivation to be in Downtown Lethbridge? When considering what resources the individual will need for success, we are not making the best decision for that individual by building the facility in Downtown Lethbridge.

The current and future relationship with Streets Alive and, in particular, Ken Kissick

We have been in our current location since 1998. During that time, Street Alive has been located across the street for that entire time... I think. To be honest, I am not actually sure, as we have never met anyone from Street Alive, never mind ever meeting the director Ken Kissick himself. Over the years, we have never once been given the courtesy of an introduction or a contact phone number just in case something may need their immediate attention. I have never even seen Mr Kissick in the neighbourhood once to go over myself for introductions. This is concerning to me. I have met all my other business neighbours over the years. Why not Ken - especially now? Does he not value us as neighbours? Does he not want us we feel safe with his new facility? Does he understand what we are trying to build in Downtown Lethbridge? With a bigger facility usually means bigger problems follow. If, and when, these issues come up, will someone be there to listen and, furthermore, will something be done about it? Speaking with other businesses in our same situation, such as Mocha Cabana, LA Home Solutions, and to members of the board of the BRZ, the answer seems to be "No". What we try to encourage in Downtown Lethbridge is unity, where businesspeople know and help each other, and we are all "neighbourly". It would seem from my own experience and others, that the reputation of Street Alive and Ken Kissick is not one of a friendly neighbour at all. By not supporting this project, you are deciding in favour of neighbourly conduct. You are supporting accountability within your community. And you are showing how important it is to listen, empathize and help everyone in our community, not just the few, but the many.

The overall objective and strategy for the identity of Downtown Lethbridge

There is no doubt that services like this one proposed for 108 is important in our community. Facilities like these recognize that sometimes we all may need some help along the way. Although, this is not an issue of if we need a facility like this in our city, it is a question of where. We all need to consider all the hard work and money that has gone into the current identity of the downtown by every business, every customer, the BRZ, and our community – in spite of the recent setbacks. We need to consider the struggle and sacrifices the small business owner has been going through for the past few years downtown. As our community migrates away from downtown to other parts of the city, we need to consider the value downtown provides to bring them back. It's time to give small business owner in Downtown Lethbridge some help along the way. By supporting this project, you are devaluing Downtown Lethbridge and all of the hard work and money that has gone into its identity.

In Conclusion

The situation in Downtown is dire. This decision is a critical juncture in our downtown narrative. I believe there is true character in our downtown that is trying to emerge. I believe we have leaders in our community in our downtown wanting to lead. I also believe Downtown is worth saving. We, as business owners, are ready for something to rally behind and to believe in again. A 3-story sober living facility is not on the roadmap to downtown success. Show you are in favour of small business, in favour of saving Downtown Lethbridge, in favour of community-minded thinking, in favour of giving the individuals who need a sober living facility the best chance to make it - by voting to not allow Street Alive to build at 103 8th Street S.

Thank your time and consideration.

Dean Plausteiner Professional Optical Owner Dear The Subdivision & Development Appeal Board,

I take great pride in being one of the original board members in the formation of the Downtown Business Revitalization Zone in 1987, whose mandate we are all familiar with. Since its' inception, we can all take pride in the progress and the changes that have occurred in our heart of the city over the past three plus decades.

Streetscapes, decorative streetlamps, cobblestone walks, store fronts and signages have all been wonderfully enhanced and beautified with the help of the tax levy contributions by all of the participating merchants, businesses and property owners.

But most importantly, it has changed attitudes and mind sets towards Lethbridge's most important asset, it's downtown, the heart of our city.

It has attracted more interest, more investment, and most importantly, a younger generation of entrepreneurs into the downtown business community.

I have willingly invested my time in downtown, have worked in downtown for well over 50 years, have invested in commercial buildings, and have owned and operated Professional Optical for 46 years. My two sons have also chosen to own and operate businesses in the heart of our downtown.

Stating these facts, it behooves me to respond to the evident erosion that has begun and is very evident and occurring in the heart of our downtown. Lack of consumer confidence to frequent downtown now Is alarming. We are constantly reminded by customers that they are fearful to frequent and shop downtown.

A stigma has been created to our downtown. A perception of rampant pervasive crime and drug use has riddled our core. Where and how has this begun? Allowing the safe injection site to take root in the heart of our downtown, certainly severely exacerbated the negative perception of consumers to not visit downtown, due to enormous increased presence of individuals to be wary of in the downtown.

This perception is affecting businesses to heartbreaking levels. How can confidence for consumers to frequent downtown be recouped? How will the young entrepreneurs cope to run their businesses and pay the rent? How will future generations perceive our downtown, what will remain for them? How will landlords pay their taxes when their buildings are vacated? What will happen to these buildings when there is no revenue to pay the taxes. I am a building owner who has these serious concerns, so it is real, this is not perception. Property values are being severely eroded that hard working people have invested their life into.

When the Safe Injection Site was allowed to locate in the heart of downtown, we are all aware of the devastating effects and the stigma it created. This was introduced to the downtown at the expense of the thousands of people who work, own property, and make a living in downtown Lethbridge.

The proposed project at 108 8th Street by Mr. Kissick, for the expansion of a halfway house, adds another element and perception of "seediness" to our beautiful downtown. It should be noted that three members of The Development Board, voted against this proposal, they obviously felt this project was not suitable for that location, the BRZ Board on behalf of the downtown businesses as well, submitted a letter not agreeing with this project in the heart of our city. Mr. Kissick himself stated, when I met him for the first time in 22 years (after the Planning Commission hearing), that Streets Alive had been pursuing a different location for some time but ran out of time since government funds had to be applied for by Dec 31, 2020. That suggests even he felt a different location would be more suitable. This 2 block radius, conservatively employs 60-70 females, putting a 24 bed halfway house for men in the middle of this environment in itself makes no sense. The people, especially the females who work, walk and shop in this area have the right to do so without fear, intimidation, and feeling unsafe.

There are dire social needs of paramount importance in our society today that need our commitment but not at the expense of thousands of hard working people in the core of a business community. Surely we can come up with a better long range social plan for this urgent social need, not another disastrous band-aid solution.

When future plans and projects are being considered for the heart of our city, I hope and trust that the custodians for the future of our downtown and the tax paying hard working people of the downtown, who's futures hang in the balance, will bring in projects that will enhance and support the business core.

The proposed project at 108 8th Street further erodes the confidence of consumers to visit downtown, a project that furthers the perception of a "seedy" downtown, it is certainly not suitable for a potential, vibrant, business core.

It should not be allowed to proceed.

Respectfully submitted;

Bruce Plausteiner RO RCLP

City of Lethbridge Subdivision & Development Appeal Board,

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read my submission for our concerns regarding the proposed development at 108 - 8 Street South.

I am writing on behalf of my two businesses LA Home Solutions and Riverpark Homes, which are located immediately next door to the proposed building at 104 – 8th Street South. We have been located here since 2013, but I have had a business in this building and a neighbor to Streets Alive for over 15 years now.

We have several concerns that I want to express. My biggest concern with this development is the affects to my wife who works at LA Home Solutions and Riverpark Homes with me, and our female staff, both of which are at times left to manage our retail store front on their own during the day. Organizations and places that house offenders make our female staff very nervous. They do not feel comfortable and safe in their own work environment. I think myself and men in general take for granted our comfort level as we walk the streets or sit in a storefront by ourselves. We never have the same feelings of angst as females do. I implore anyone to follow my wife and my staff out to their vehicles as they quickly shuffle, check corners, and verify nobody is coming when they just want to go for lunch, to an appointment or go home. I ask anyone to sit at our front desk watching to see who might be coming to the door, maybe having to run and lock doors before someone can get in. Is this what they deserve? As a male business owner I need to stand up for their concerns, as they are real and not always articulated by women. This also affects our ability to hire staff, especially younger female employees, who will not apply or stay at the job if they do not feel safe. Having an organization next to us with high or higher risk offenders is not suitable for our work and female friendly environment.

Another major concern is the potential for loitering and unwanted behavior in front of our building after the proposed building is in use. Tenants would now have access to the front of 8th Street South from their living quarters, substantially increasing the chance of unwanted behavior and an unfriendly uninviting store front for our business. The Streets Alive building in its current location has their entrance behind our storefront, and although we have to deal with the nuisance it creates as a staff, generally speaking our customers do not have to deal with it in front of our building to come in to our business. We are thankful for that. So as much as we don't like dealing with this as a staff in our back parking lot and back door, it is better than having to deal with it in the front of our store and having customers required to do the same. We can use Hamilton's Carpets as an example of a similar business who suffered severely after customers got uncomfortable with the environment around their building and just stopped going there because it's easier and safer to just go somewhere else.

Being next door to the Streets Alive organization for over 15 years has proven that it does not deal with our concerns and our issues as we have never met Ken or any of his people in person, and any issues that we have raised over the years in writing are completely ignored. The most recent issue is the disposal of smoking materials. Their tenants use our parking lot to stand in to smoke, which is a bit of an issue, but they just throw their discarded smoking material into our driveway and in front of our back door. We then track some of these cigarette butts unknowingly on our shoes into our store and into our office, and then we have to deal with it. This is unacceptable, and even more unacceptable when dealing with health concerns such as COVID-19. This is terrible. The simple courtesy of properly disposing their smoking materials cannot be accomplished even after being contacted, and it leaves us with a huge amount of doubt as to whether or not the same or bigger issues can be adequately dealt by Streets Alive in a bigger location, with more tenants, and having immediate access to our store front. The disrespect is immense. We do not need this same nuisance and health concern in the front of our building as we currently have to deal with in the back and there is no historical evidence from Streets Alive to prove this won't occur.

Over the years, our female staff have had issues with men blocking them from getting into their car (until they give them their phone number), being approached awkwardly and general harassment and the Streets Alive organization has never addresses our concerns when they have been expressed. The proof is in the pudding, and they have had 15 years to prove they can handle being a good neighbor and a bigger building with more beds, and they have failed miserably. So now when Streets Alive comes across some money to fund a multi-million dollar building they try and say all the right things to boards like you to get approval, but have never earned their stripes with us, the neighbors. So when they need us and need you, they play nice, but until now, and presumably after an approval, we will be right back to where we were, and probably even worse. I have 15 plus years of proof.

Finally, generally speaking, my question to the planning commission, the development department and city council is what are you doing and what have you done in the last 5 years or so to make our businesses in the downtown stronger, better and easier to do business or start a business in the downtown? I think we are all aware that the downtown is made up of mostly small, independent and local businesses. Pricing in other parts of the city for land or buildings to buy or in malls to rent is outrageous and much too difficult for local small businesses to make a go of it. Local businesses are generally resorted to the downtown. Yet it is the downtown that is lagging in development, revitalization, and opportunity relative to other parts of the city. The downtown is left dealing with parking meters, the ramifications of the SCS, homelessness, drug use, safety concerns and a bad reputation that other parts of the city (and big box store businesses) do not have to deal with. It is the people and businesses least equipped to deal with these issues that in fact are left to deal with them. This is unfair and an unreasonable expectation on local small businesses.

I ask what 25-year-old new entrepreneur wants to be in the downtown? Why would they invest in a building and/or business downtown with these facilities taking over the downtown area? What future would they see in the downtown? What building can they lease or buy that will properly represent the image they want in their business? A lot of buildings are all old and in need major renovation to appeal to a new business. What incentives are there in the downtown for their business being it financially or simple ambience? This person will see they have to deal with parking meters, homelessness, safety risks, break-ins and never want to be downtown. Why would they rent never mind buy a building downtown to pour their life savings into or take out loans to pay for? How well does that bode for the future of the downtown in general?

The downtown has developed a terrible reputation as being unsafe for the general public. A simple check of social media can verify such. People have simply determined that the downtown is far too unsafe to frequent and patronize the businesses down there. Our business is obviously in the downtown, and I can tell you that many of these concerns and not unfounded but have been exaggerated. The downtown is generally a safe place to be. But unfortunately for us, perception is reality and that is what we are left dealing with. City Council has done a terrible job of defuncting these perceptions. But the Planning Commission and Development Services also have a role in this by having a plan for a revamped downtown, for making people want to be downtown and support the businesses down here and providing a safe clean environment to flourish. This must be a top concern for the downtown moving forward and desperately needs to be addressed.

In as much as we recognize the need and the services provided by organizations such as Streets Alive, there must be a better location for these organizations. The downtown can not continue to be the location for all these services leaving the local small business owners to deal with the ramifications. The tenants do not frequent the businesses they are surrounded by so there is no need for them to be in the area. Other areas of the city would work just as well if not better. Why doesn't Costco have to neighbor such organizations? Why doesn't Wal-Mart? I could make the argument that the tenants of Streets Alive would be better served around grocery stores, restaurants and the like and not by flooring stores, optical shops, chiropractors, hair salons and dry-cleaning services. Grocery stores, restaurants, fast food establishments are also opportunity for the tenants to gain employment as they do not have the skills required to obtain jobs at chiropractors, optical shops, interior design studios in the surrounding area, nor do many of them have vehicles

to get them there. In essence, the downtown is not meeting the tenants needs for recovery and the tenants do not serve the needs of the downtown. Both the businesses and the tenants are better served with these facilities placed elsewhere. I believe this is very clear.

As a small business in Lethbridge, we are very limited to where we can put our retail locations for either cost reasons or traffic flow / accessibility reasons. The downtown is our best option. Organizations such as Streets Alive can go just about anywhere and it realistically does not affect their ability to serve their clients in a dramatic way. If they can get to a job from the downtown, they can get to the downtown just the same. The impact Streets Alive has on my business is substantial, way more than the impact my business has on them. Sad to say, for 15 years the impact has all been negative, as their clients do not frequent our store and yet they can turn my customers', my staff's and my own experience and livelihood bad in a hurry. What good is their organization if they are helping some people's lives, but destroying other people's lives as a cost of doing business? That is not a net gain to society. Our safety, our livelihood and our lives matter too.

So I ask, what is the future of the downtown? Is it not part of the job of the Planning Commission, Development Services, City Council and this Development Appeal Board to provide a plan for the revitalization and opportunity for the downtown, as this is where the residents of Lethbridge set up their businesses? Organizations such as Streets Alive have their place, and may even do great work, but they do not serve the downtown well and I argue the downtown does not serve them well either.

There must be a happy medium for organizations like Streets Alive. This compromise would work for the businesses and their owners and staff, the reputation of the downtown, the future of the downtown, the tenants of Streets Alive and the community at large. We do not believe that the location at $108 - 8^{th}$ Street South checks all those boxes and should not be approved for development.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Brad Plausteiner LA Home Solutions Owner From: Elizabeth Sutton <elizabeth@peakpt.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 11:15 AM
To: David Sarsfield <David.Sarsfield@lethbridge.ca>

Subject: letter of support

Hello,

It is my understanding that an appeal has been filed on the approval of the development permit for 108 8th Street South.

The appeal indicated that the proposed development would interfere with the amenities of the neighbourhood and would interfere with the value of the surrounding land.

I would respectfully disagree with this assertion. The current building and it's parking lot are somewhat rundown. There is a boarded up building across the street from the proposed site. The proposed building would enhance the look of the neighbourhood rather than detract.

Having commercial rental space on the main floor does fit in with the current vision for the area as well.

Additionally, the proposed building will have a roof top patio. This should mean that the tenants who wish to smoke could do so out of the public eye rather than on the side walks as they do now.

We have had no issues with the tenants of the current facility and fully support the initiatives of the Streets alive Family Support Association.

I would encourage the review board to let the development proceed.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sutton Owner/Physiotherapist Peak Physical Therapy Lethbridge AB



Land Use Bylaw 6300 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

PERMIT NO. DEV12501

Address: 108 8 ST S District: C-D

Legal: 4353S;8;19,20

Applicant: ALVIN REINHARD FRITZ ARCHITECT INC Phone: 403-320-8100

Address: 10-90001 RANGE ROAD 212 LETHBRIDGE COUNTY AB T1J 5N9

Development Proposed A request to 3 storey supportive housing building with basement, to have main floor cru's,

residential amenity space, 2 floors of residential occupancy with a total of 4 units, holding 24 beds

for supportive housing

District C-D DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL

Land Use OFFICE - PERMITTED

RETAIL STORE - PERMITTED

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING - DISCRETIONARY

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Land Use:

"Supportive Housing" which is a discretionary use in the C-D District and is limited to housing a maximum of 24 persons at any one time. "Retail Store" and "Office" which are permitted uses in the C-D District.

2. Compliance with plans:

The development shall be in accordance with the plans submitted November 27, 2020. Any change to these plans requires the approval of the Development Officer.

3. Waivers:

- (i) A 7.56m (24'10") parcel width waiver be granted, thereby allowing a 15.24m (50'0") parcel width.
- (ii) A 164m2 (1756 sq ft) parcel area waiver be granted, thereby allowing a 696m2 (7492 sq ft) parcel area.

4. Parking:

Seven (7) off street parking spaces shall be provided and maintained for these uses.

5. Signs:

Prior to the installation of any exterior signs, a sign permit must be approved by the Development Officer.

6. Landscaping:

The landscaping as shown on drawing DD1.1 submitted November 27, 2020 is approved and shall be installed by June 30, 2022 and maintained thereafter. All landscaped areas shall be irrigated.

7. Neighbourhood Communication Plan:

The Neighbourhood Communication Plan as submitted must be adhered to by the owner/operator of the supportive housing facility. The Communication Plan log will be also shared with the Development Compliance Officer annually, who is also able to enforce the Communication Plan.

Decision Date

Development Commencement

Dec 09, 2020

Provided this decision is not appealed, development shall commence:

Valid Date Jan 05, 2021 on or after the valid date, andwithin 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. DEV12501

Development. Authority

MAUREEN GAEHRING, SECRETARY TO MPC

STATUTORY PLANS

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

APPEALS

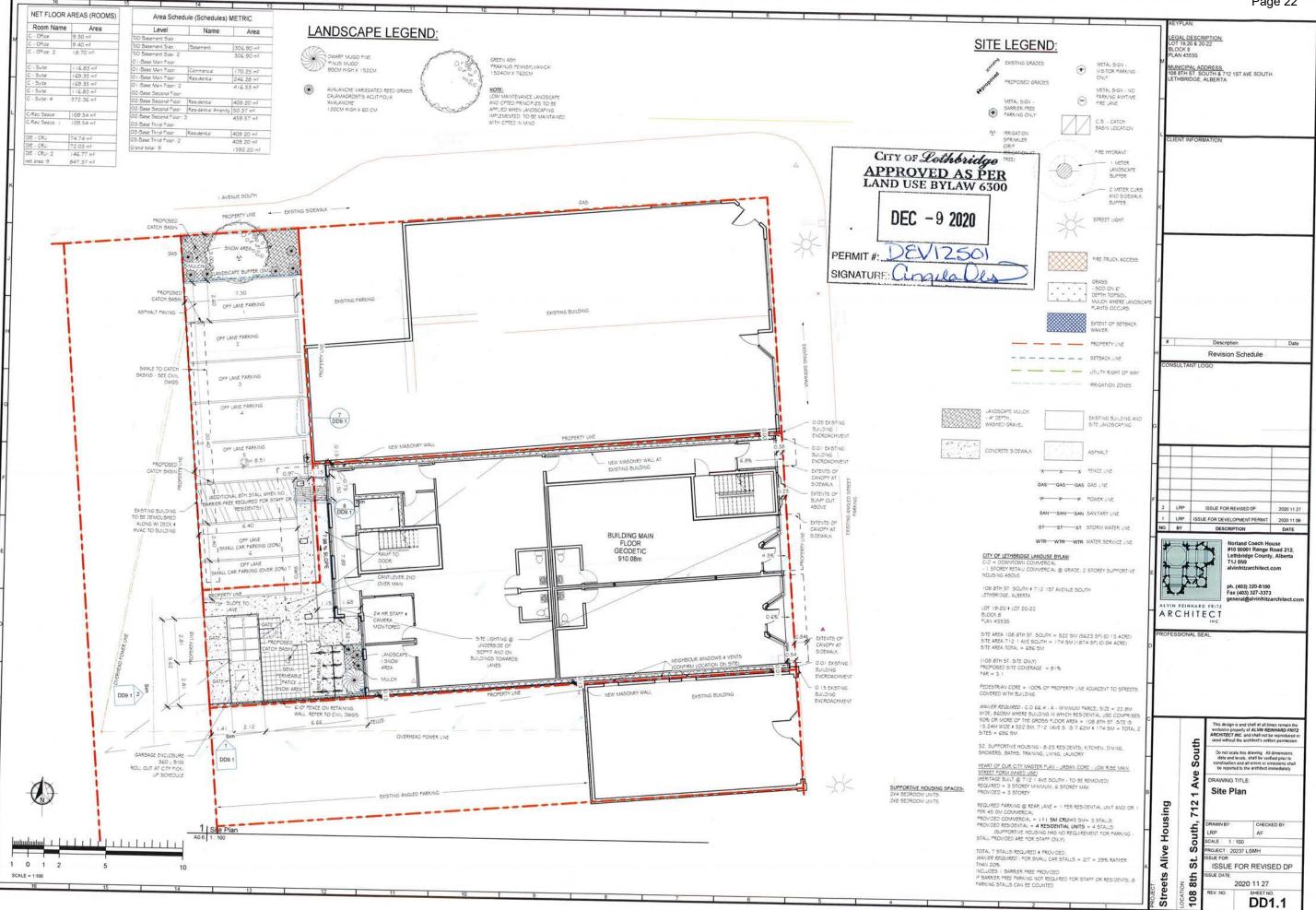
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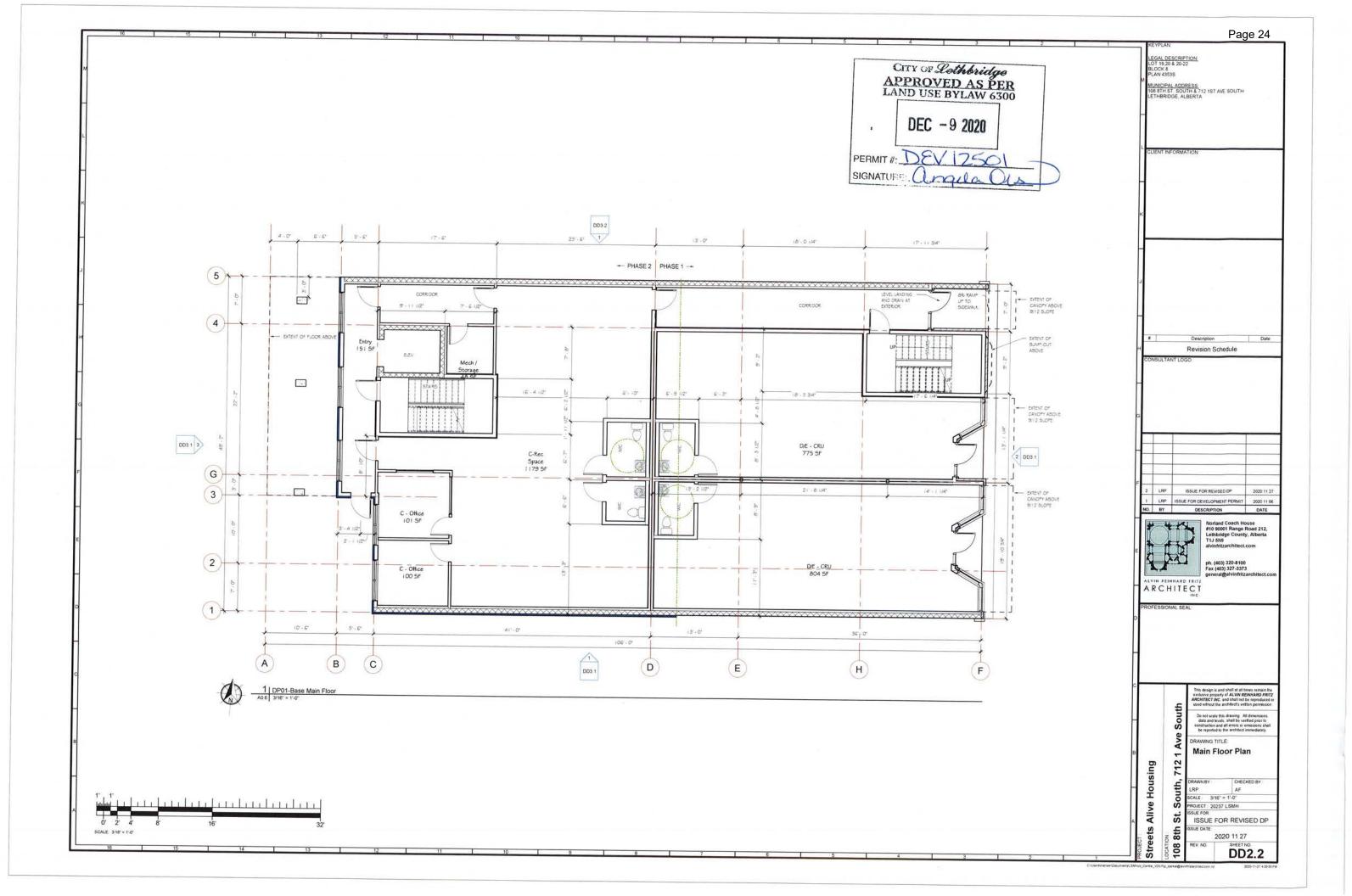
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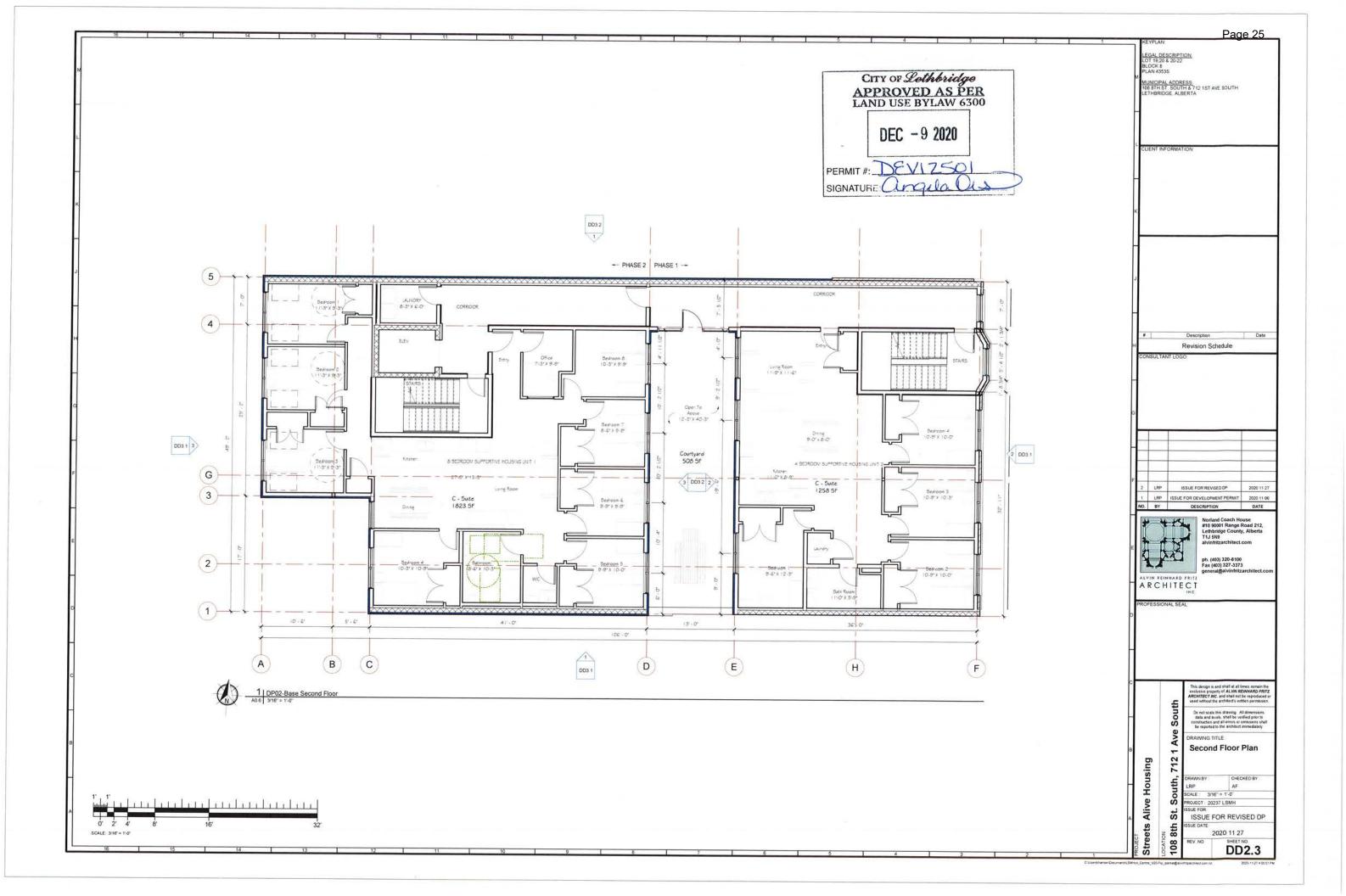
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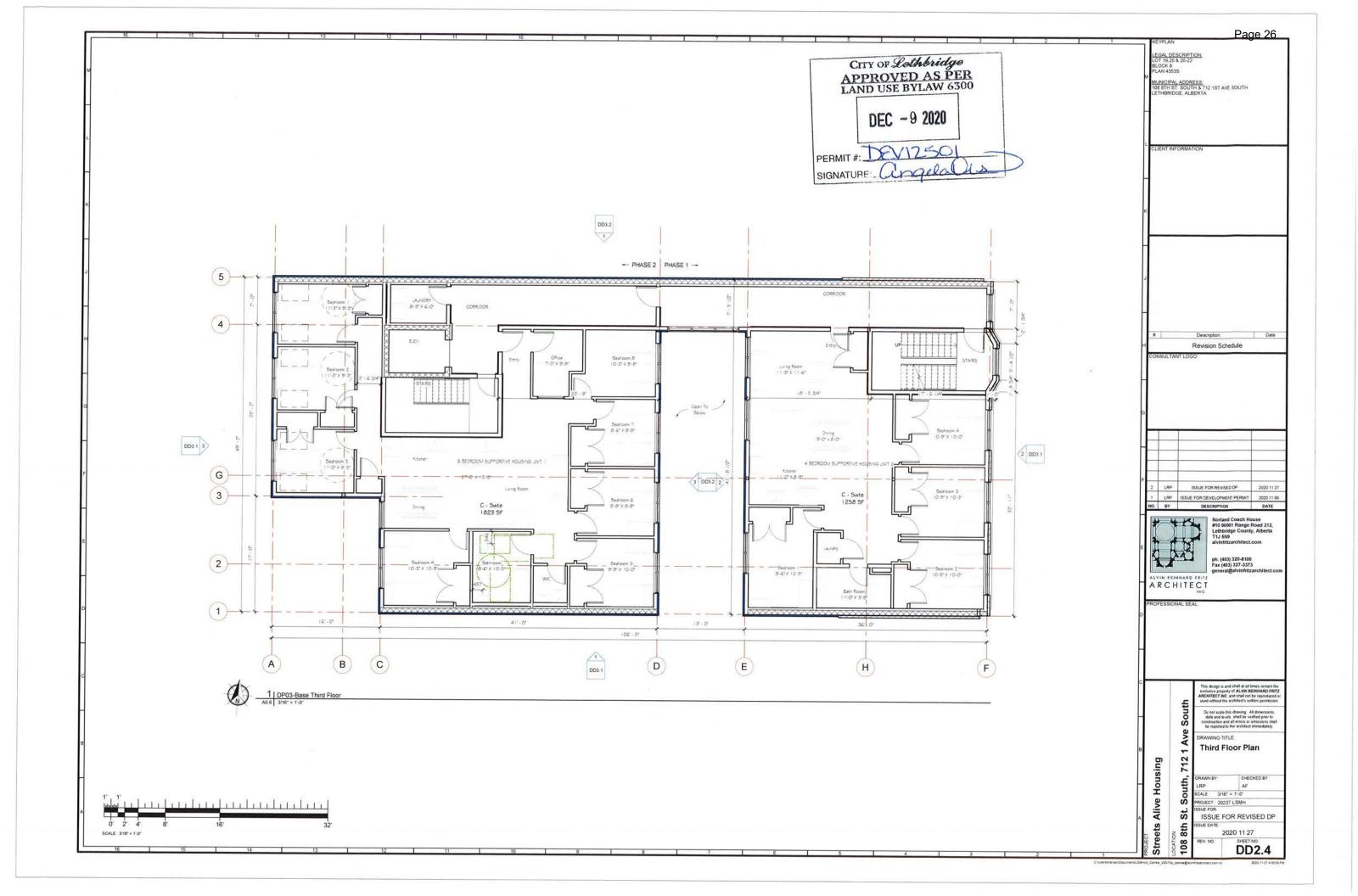
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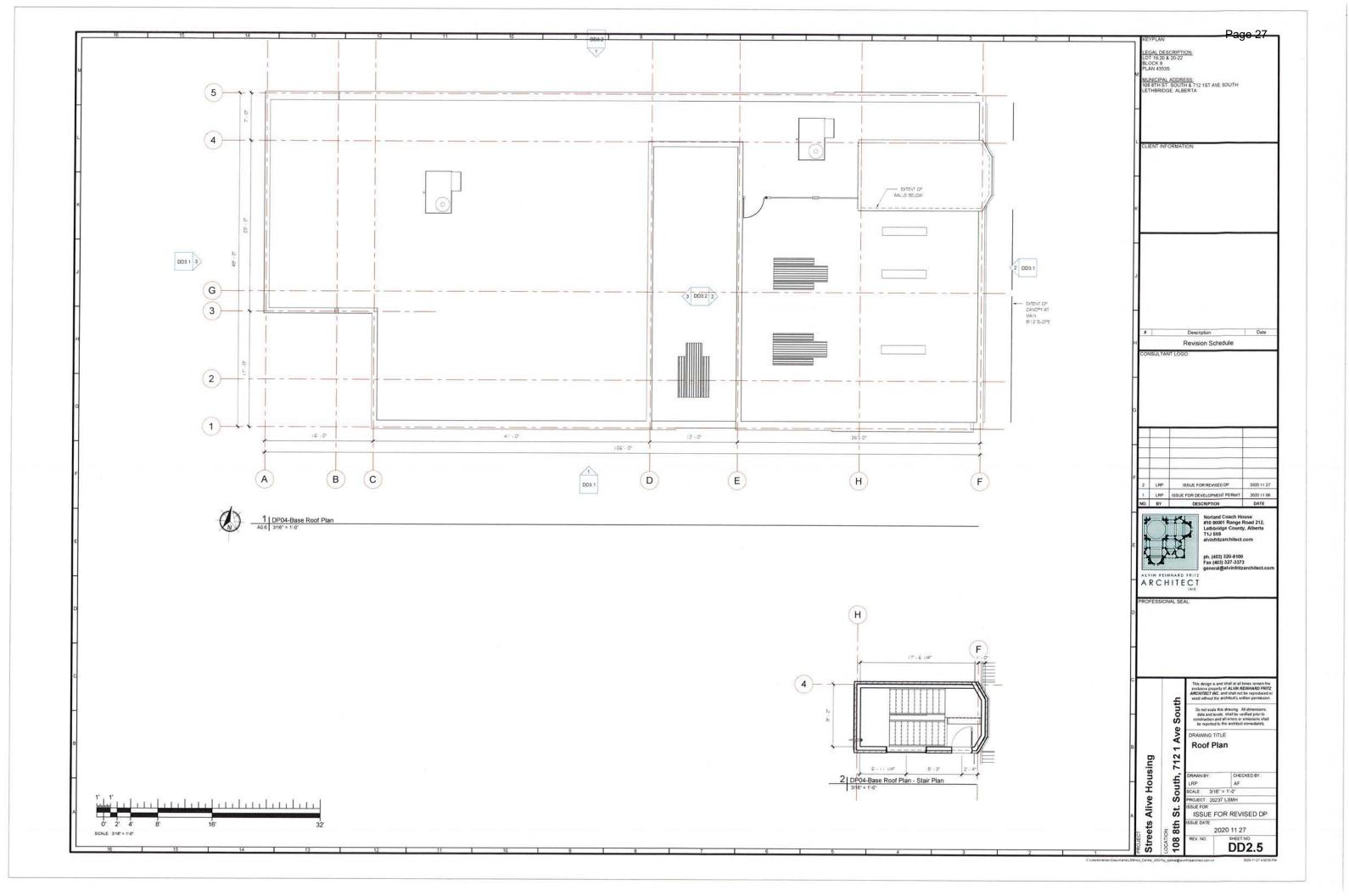
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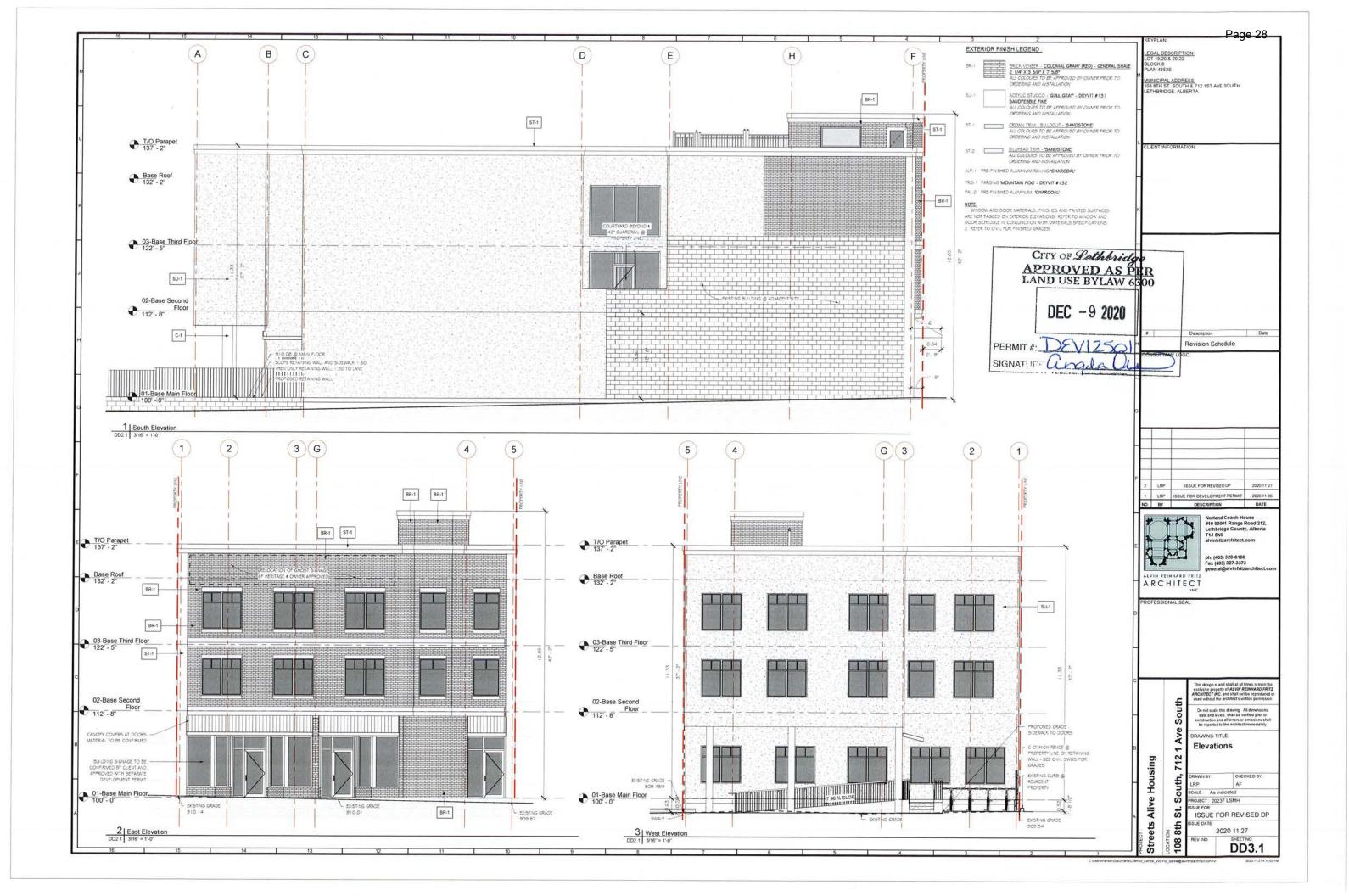


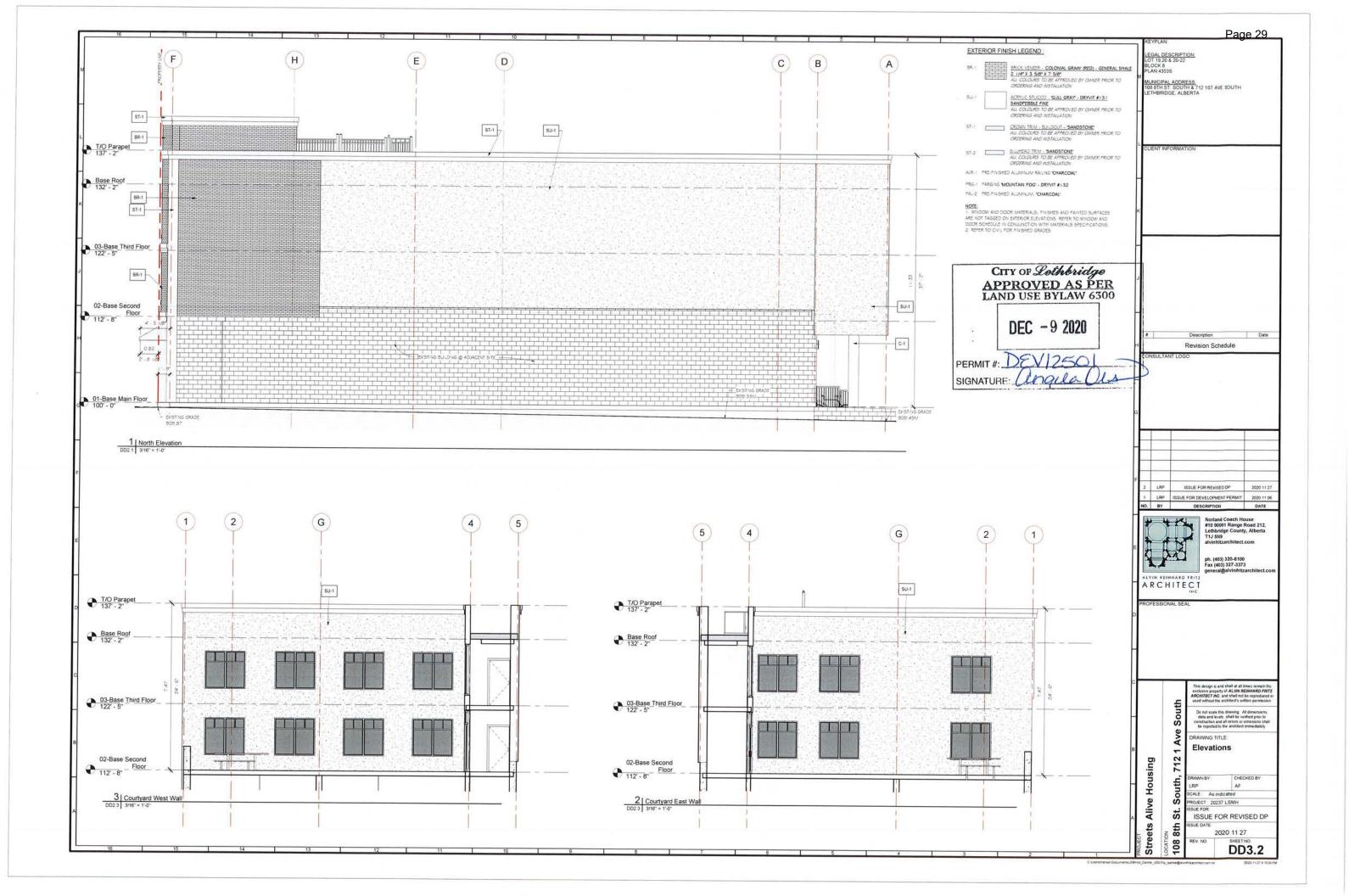


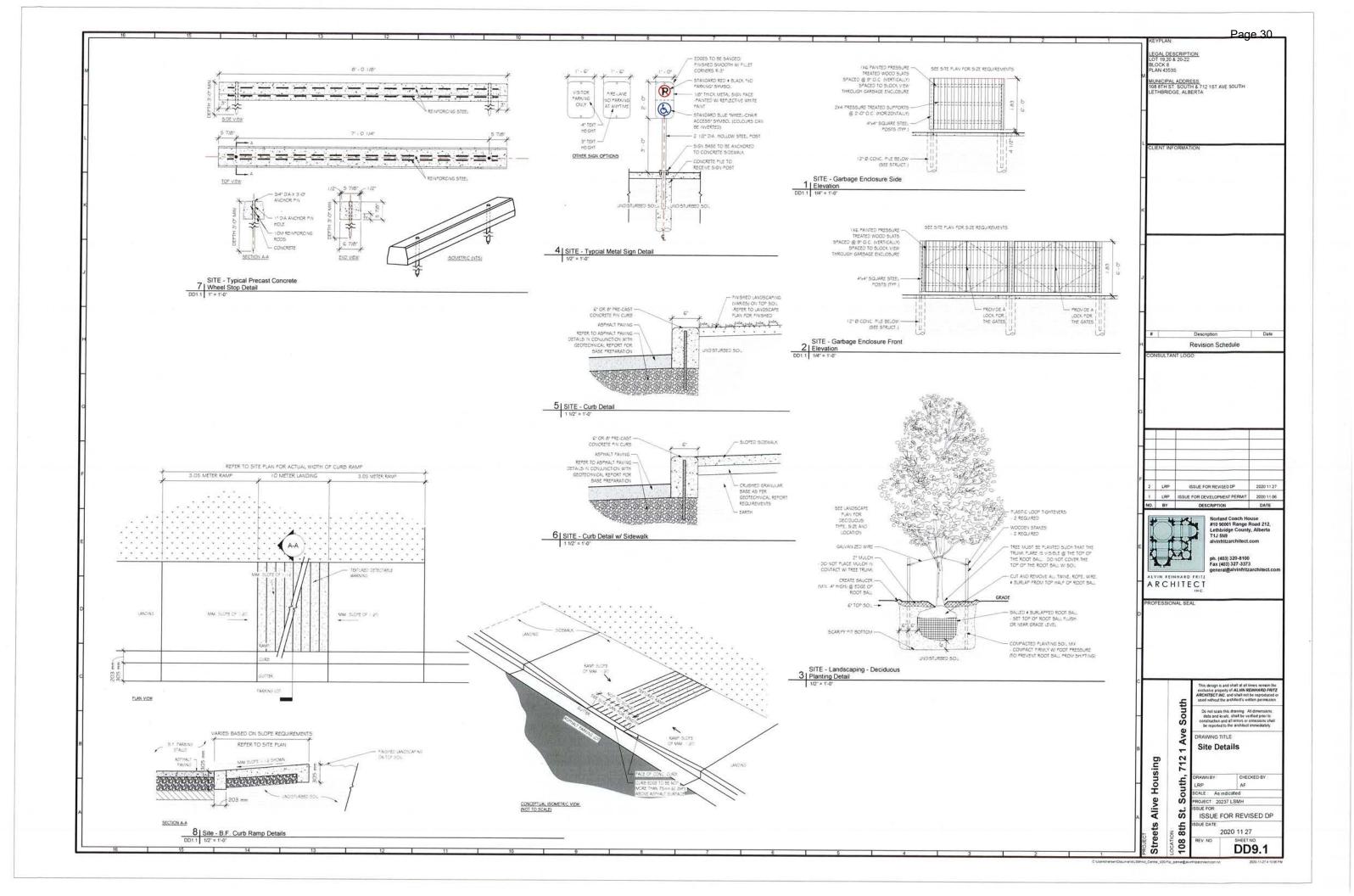


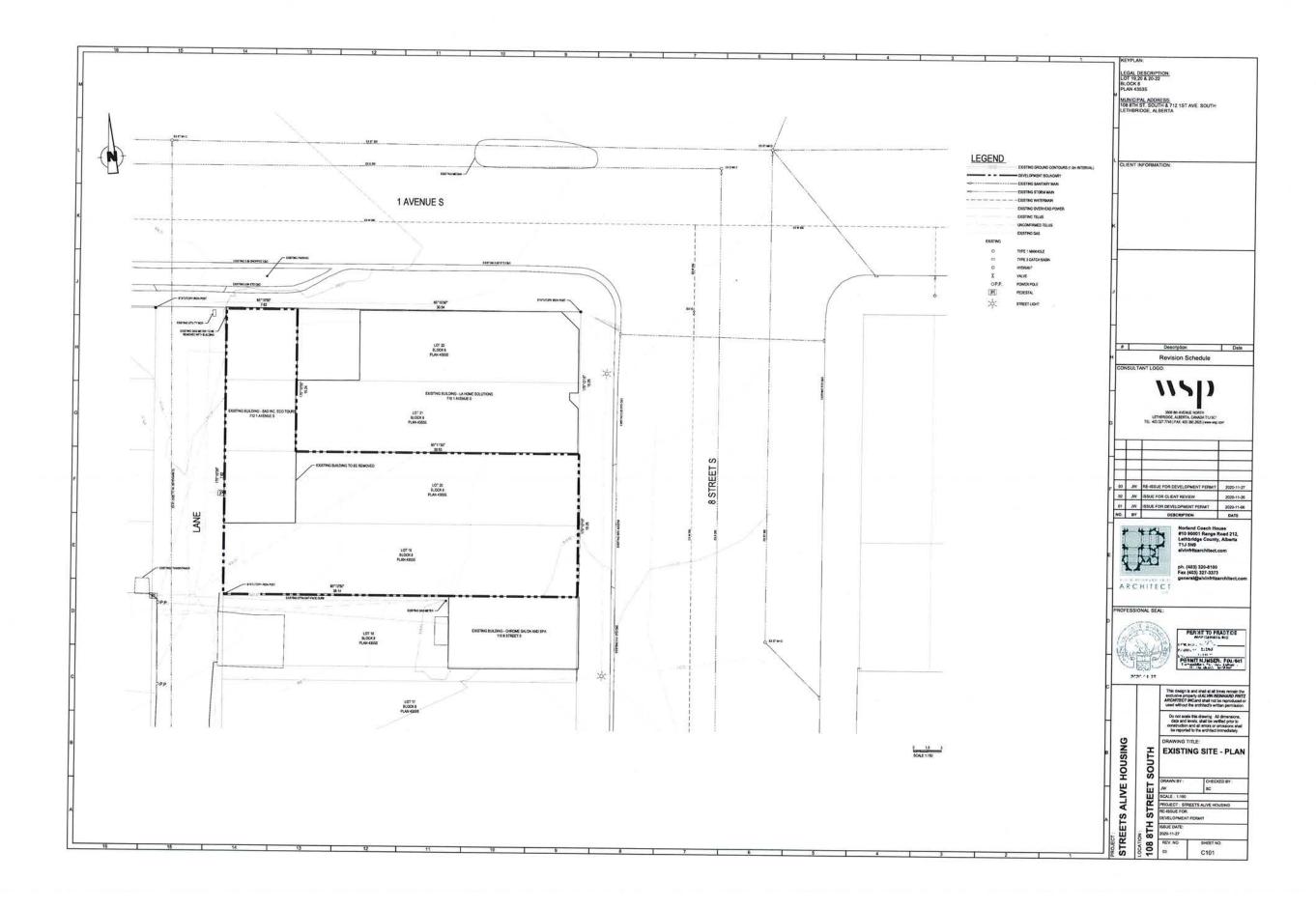


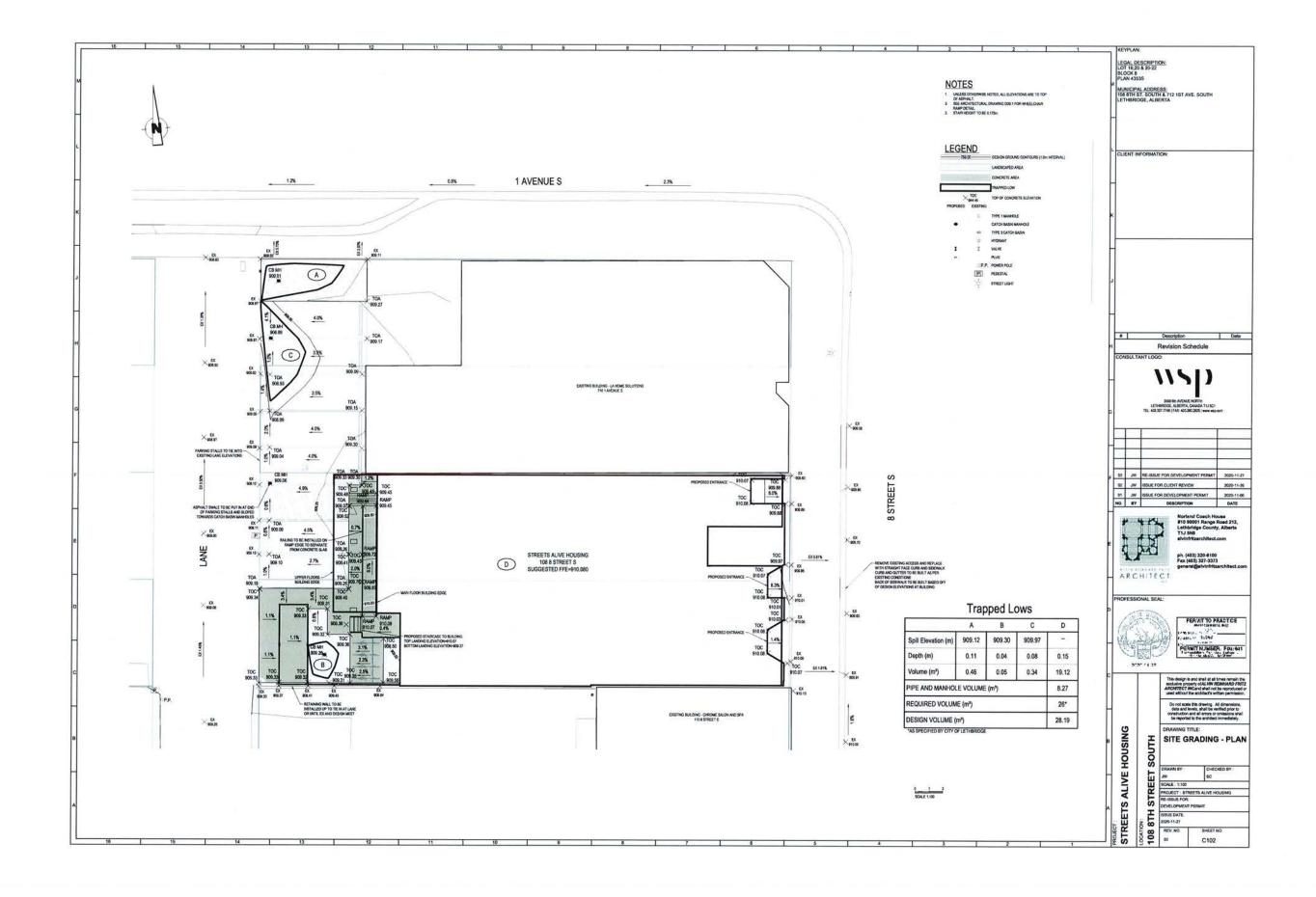


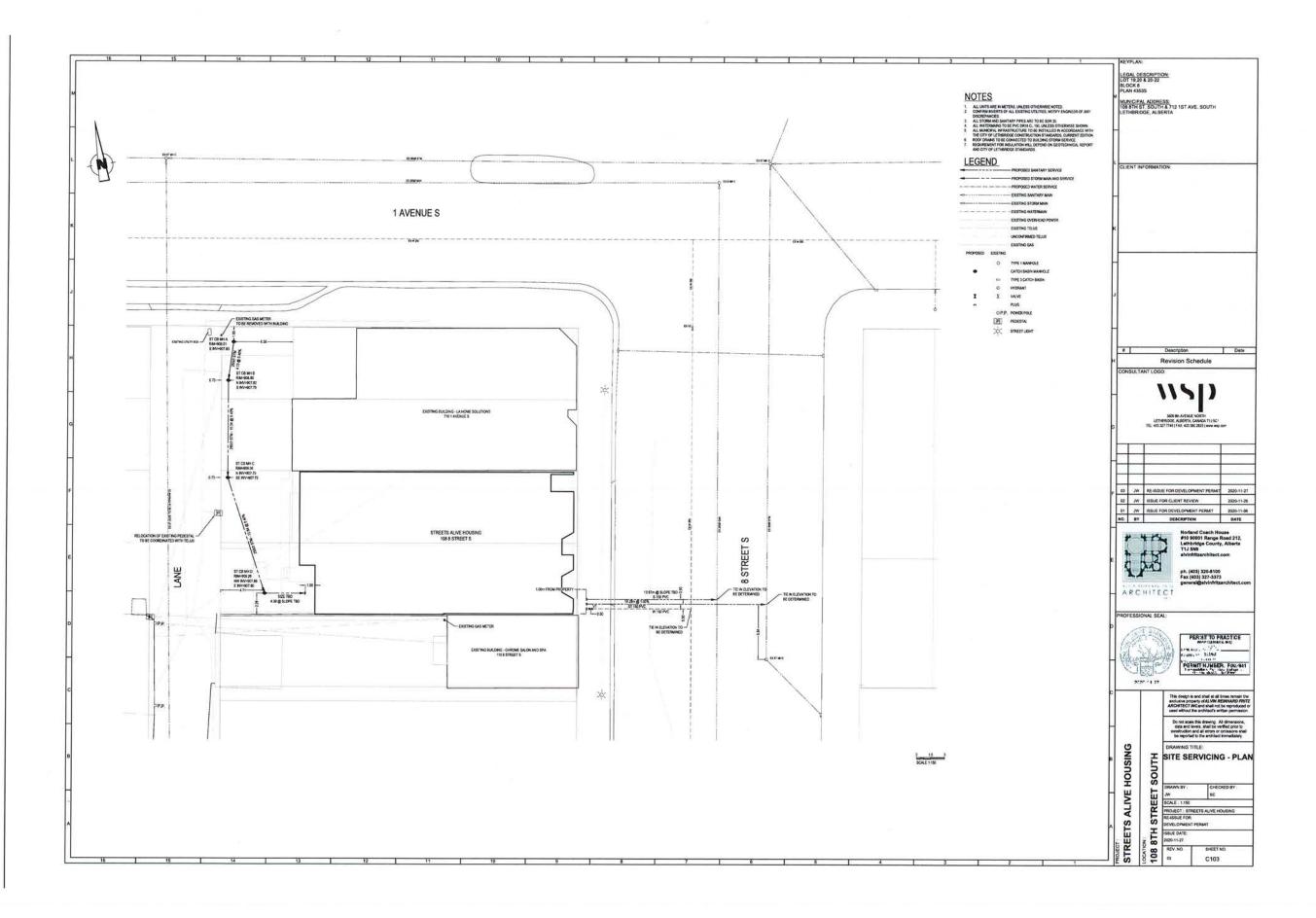














Permit Application

Development Permit Application

Multi-Family, Commercial, Industrial, and Public Use Developments

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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Voluntary Waiver of Claims

Development Commencement

Land Use Bylaw 6300

Development Permit Number

Building Permit Number

Project Address

DEV125-01

108-8th Street South, Lethbridge, AB

"VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF CLAIMS" (Optional)

This "Voluntary Waiver of Claims" allows you to commence your development in advance of the date of validity on your Development Permit. The permit's valid date is the date at which the appeal period for the public has expired.

By agreeing to this "Voluntary Waiver of Claims" you agree that should an appeal be made you will immediately cease the development pending the outcome of the appeal and will waive all claims to compensation from the City of Lethbridge for costs associated with that cessation and/or costs resulting from the outcome of the appeal.

Agreement to this "Voluntary Waiver of Claims" does not nullify your own right to an appeal. You may appeal any condition of approval on the Development Permit to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by the date identified on your permit.

Agreement to this "Voluntary Waiver of Claims" and possession of the released Development Permit does not eliminate the need for a Business License, Building Permit or other permits. Do not commence development without first obtaining all the necessary permits.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREE TO THIS "VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF CLAIMS"

Signature Date 12/9/20

Name (Print) Ken Kissick

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Neighborhood Communications Plan Streets Alive Family Support Association Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing 108-8th Street S Lethbridge, AB

What is Happening?

- For the past 22 years the facility located at 712-1st Ave S has housed a men's transitional recovery housing program. This is a residential facility offering program assistance to help up to 18 men recover and stabilize their lives to return them to independent living.
- A decision has been made by the Association to replace this facility with a new one to be located on the property at 108-8th Street S. A development application is being made to the City of Lethbridge which will approve and accomplish the following:
 - a) Combine the titles of 712-1st Ave S and 108-8th Street S into one title for 108-8th Street S.
 - b) Allow for the construction of a three-story structure that will house store front commercial space and programming space on the main floor and 24 beds of supportive recovery housing on the upper two floors
 - c) See the demolition of the old facility at 712-1st Ave S to allow for parking stalls for staff and commercial space occupants. Parking for residents under the new Supportive Housing use is not required.
- ➤ The facility will have staff on 24 hours a day.

Who are we?

Streets Alive Family Support Association

- > Streets Alive Family Support Association is local nonprofit charity that was established in 1990 as a Christian Humanitarian Organization dedicated to providing for the physical, social, emotional and spiritual wants of those people lacking hope or in need in the Lethbridge area to empower them to change their lives through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ➤ To accomplish our mandate our operations include in addition to the men's supportive reovery housing program: A women's supportive recovery housing unit, men's and women's recovery programs, mobile outreach; clothing, furniture and food distribution center, counseling and referral services; trustee services and a fellowship service. The main office of the Mission is located at 323-4th Street S., Lethbridge Alberta. Streets Alive Family Support Association conducts a yearly review of its operations neighbor relations are one of the areas examined. We review the Neighborhood Communication Log and we review and up-date the Neighborhood Communication Plan.
- > Streets Alive Family Support Association is governed by a Board of Directors, a list of which can be obtained from www.streetsalive.ca

Funding & Ownership

- ➤ The Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing Program is funded by program fees and private donations through the charity.
- ➤ The facilities are owned by Streets Alive Family Support Association.

Property maintenance

➤ Building maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner who has contracted Lethbridge Housing Authority to handle all maintenance after construction.

Maintaining Neighborhood Relations

- Streets Alive Family Support Association is committed to keeping communication lines with the neighborhood open. Annually senior administration staff of the Association will deliver a current Neighborhood Communication Plan relative to the Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing to all the businesses, or apartment building managers within a two-block radius of 108-8th Street S.
- ➤ Should some significant aspect of the Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing operation change in the course of an upcoming year (particularly, the contact names and numbers), neighbors who have received this Neighborhood Communication Plan will be notified of the changes by letter.
- Interested neighbors are welcome to contact Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing staff to arrange for a tour of the facilities and an explanation of the program and protocols.
- ➤ Please note the letter accompanying this plan. It asks if you have experienced any concerns with the Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing in the past year. If you have, please read the 'Responding to Complaints and Concerns' section below.

Responding to Complaints and Concerns

- ➤ If you experience a problem with the operation of the Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing located at 108-8th Street S. you may do any of the following:
 - a) Contact Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing staff at 403-320-1103 or attend the facility in person
 - b) Contact the Streets Alive Mission at 403-320-1159 or drop into the Mission at 323-4th Street S. to speak to a senior staff member
- The Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing and Streets Alive Mission staff are required to record your concern in the 'Neighborhood Communication Log' so they will take a little of your time to get the details. They will ask your name, address, and phone number and ask for a full description of what you have been experiencing. The action taken and resolution to the problem is also recorded in the logbook.
- ➤ The Neighborhood Communication Log is examined during the yearly operational review mentioned in 1(3) above as well as copies are made available to Downtown Lethbridge BRZ.
- ➤ If the solution to your problem is simple and under staff control, they may immediately implement the solution.
- If the problem is more complex, your concern will be relayed to the Streets Alive Family Support Association management team under the direction of Founders Pastors Julie and Ken Kissick. A member of the management team will try to reach you within 5 working days to discuss the circumstances with you. In case they are unable to, you may reach any member through the contact information found at www.streetsalive.ca. The management team will do their utmost to solve the problem to your satisfaction.

Resolving Disputes

- ➤ Please allow the management team adequate time to derive a solution. If, after 4 weeks from the time of your original complaint, that appears to be impossible, you may take your concern to the Board of Directors of Streets Alive Family Support Association. The Board will work to resolve the situation within 60 days. The Board contact is Chuck Leblanc, Chairman who can be reached at 403-715-1712 or chuck@streetsalive.ca
- > Should you be dissatisfied with the outcome of the Board decision you may contact:

Pastor Craig Webber, President Lethbridge Evangelical Ministerial Association 82002 Range Road 215 Lethbridge, County, AB (403) 328-8915 APPLICATION NO. LAND USE DISTRICT LOCATION

DEV12501 C-D Downtown 108 – 8 Street South & 712 – 1 Avenue South

Commercial District

APPELLANT LANDOWNER

Darrell Alexander & Bruce, Dean and Brad Streets Alive Family Support Association

Plausteiner

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

To construct a new three storey building to be located at 108 8 St S for the purpose of a supportive housing facility for 24 residents on the second and third floors. The main floor will be used for some programming space for the residents and two commercial rental units. A request for a 7.56m (24'10") parcel width waiver and a 164m² (1765 sq ft) parcel area waiver.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENT

108 8 Street South is a vacant parcel and 712 1 Avenue South was approved as a rooming house, which would align with the boarding house definition in the current Land Use Bylaw.

ADJACENT DEVELOPMENT

North Commercial
South Commercial
East Commercial
West Commercial

CONTEXT MAP

CROWSNEST TRAIL

NAVES

1. AVES

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60m radius 108 8 St & 712 1 Ave S

November 9, 2020
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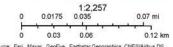
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108 8 St S



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NOTIFICATION SUMMARY

Neighbourhood Assoc.	N/A
Neighbourhood	17 letters were sent (twice) to landowners within a 60m radius of the subject parcel, and Downtown BRZ on November 10, 2020 notifying them of the proposed development and that the application would be brought before the Municipal Planning Commission on December 8, 2020. There was an advertisement in the Lethbridge Herald's November 28, 2020 edition for the MPC meeting. There were eight letters received on the proposal.

EVALUATION

Background

An application to construct a three storey supportive housing facility with two commercial retail units was received on November 9, 2020. The main floor would be occupied by two commercial retail/office units that would have frontage onto the street, the rear portion would be for the programming for the supportive housing residents. The second and third floors consist of two dwelling units per floor. One dwelling unit comprises of eight residents and the other will house four residents on each floor, 12 resident per floor for a total of 24 residents. The basement is an open concept for storage and bicycle parking.

In 2008, there was an application that was received and approved by the Municipal Planning Commission but later denied by the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for a similar development. The appeal board had denied the proposal based on "the extent of the waiver for parking would unduly interfere with the amenities of the neighbourhood or materially interfere with or affect the use, enjoyment or value of the neighbouring parcels of land". However, with the new proposal they are not asking for a parking waiver.

The two waivers that are being requested are only required because they have a housing component with this development. Section 66(4)(a) states that: building in which a residential use comprises 50% or more of the gross floor area the parcel width requirement is 22.8m and 860m² parcel area required. The request is for a 7.56m parcel width waiver and a 164m² parcel area waiver. If this was a three story retail/office building, these waivers would not be required. The requirement in the Land Use Bylaw for all other uses states a minimum of 4.6m in width for the parcel and 140m² area for the parcel. So there is no impact to neighbouring properties to the granting of these waivers.

This is in the pedestrian core area of the downtown, which states "development in the pedestrian core area must have 100% of the property line adjacent to streets covered with building, or alternatively, a pedestrian oriented environment must be provided."

The building that occupies 712 – 1 Avenue South currently houses 18 of the individuals that would be residing in the new building. With the 24 residents that are being requested this would be a six person increase into the neighburhood.

"Supportive Housing" means development providing accommodation for 8 to 25 residents and associated support programs meant to foster self-sufficiency. This use may include common kitchen and dining facilities, showers and bathrooms, training rooms, relaxation areas and laundry facilities as well as offices and accommodation for staff.

LAND USE BYLAW SUMMARY

Supportive Housing Office Use:

Retail

Discretionary Permitted Permitted

	Standard	Proposed	Waiver Requested	
Residents	8 to 25	24	✓	
Parking: (HOCMP)	1/Dwelling Unit for supportive housing and 1/45m² (NFA) for retail (if we based the parking requirements on the LUB, they would only require 4 spaces for the commercial component, Supportive Housing has a zero parking requirement)	7		
Visitor Parking:	0	0	✓	
Parcel Width	22.8m	15.24m	7.56m	
Parcel Area	860m²	696m²	164m²	
Submission of a Neighbourhood Communication Plan	Submitted	Submitted and attached	✓	

Context	This application is before the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board because:		
	 The decision of the Municipal Planning Commission has been appealed by some neighbouring land owners. 		

Considerations

Compliance with Land Use Bylaw 5700

Context/Zoning

- Parcel is zoned C-D Downtown Commercial District.
 - Purpose: For the development of a variety of commercial, residential, institutional, cultural and recreational uses that incorporate the Heart of our City Campaign pillars of beauty, livability, sustainability, accessibility, vibrancy and excitement in order to achieve the Vision of the Heart of our City Master Plan.
 - Supportive housing facilities are considered to be a compatible use.
 - Supportive housing facilities are discretionary uses in the C-D Downtown Commercial District.
 - Retail and Offices are a permitted use in the C-D Downtown Commercial District.
 - The residents of the building have adequate amenity space, there is a courtyard at the rear of the property, a second storey courtyard as well as a roof top patio.
 - There is adequate parking supplied. Residents in supportive housing facilities typically do not own vehicles. There are 7 off street parking spaces supplied for staff of the building. As well, there is ample on street parking available on the streets surrounding the development.
 - The building meets or exceeds the requirements of the Land Use Bylaw, the Downtown ARP as well as the Heart of our City Master Plan.

Legislation & Policy

Land Use Bylaw 5700

- Section 1.4.3 Definitions
 - Supportive Housing
 - o Retail Store
 - Office
- Section 66 C-D District

Integrated Community Sustainability Plan/Municipal Development Plan:

• 6.2.1 – Lethbridge Has a Range of Housing that Meets Everyone's Needs

The intent of these policies is that everyone has safe and accessible housing in our City.

- 2) Integrate a range of housing types throughout the City.
- 3) Encourage and facilitate the adequate supply of housing for all income groups.
- 4) Develop accessible housing units in areas where ancillary neighborhood facilities are currently available (e.g. schools, parks, transit routes, groceries) or will be developed in the future."
- 6.2.2 Lethbridge is a Welcoming and Diverse City

The intent of these policies is to foster an environment of inclusivity and provide a welcoming community for all residents and visitors."

• 6.4.1 – Lethbridge is a Compact City

The intent of these policies is to minimize the urban footprint of Lethbridge by using land more effectively."

• 6.4.7 – Lethbridge has a Strong and Vibrant Downtown

The intent of these policies is to create a strong and vibrant Downtown."

DOWNTON AREA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN:

- 5.1 Land Use Goals and Policies
- 5.2 Urban Design Goals and Policies
- 5.5 Livability Goals and Policies
- 5.7 Circulation and Mobility Goals and Policies

Heart of our City Master Plan

- Part 4 The Guiding Framework
 - Urban Core and Heritage Blocks
- Part 5 Development Design Guidelines for Urban Core Summary Table
- Part 5 Central District Built Form Design Guidelines 3.1 to 3.8
- Part 5 4.1 Residential & Mixed-Use Types Low Rise Main Street Form

South Saskatchewan Regional Plan 2014-2024

5. Efficient Use of Land

Objective:

• The amount of land that is required for development of the built environment is minimized over time.

Strategies:

5.1 All land-use planners and decision-makers responsible for land-use decisions are encouraged to **consider the efficient use of land principles** in land-use planning and decision-making.

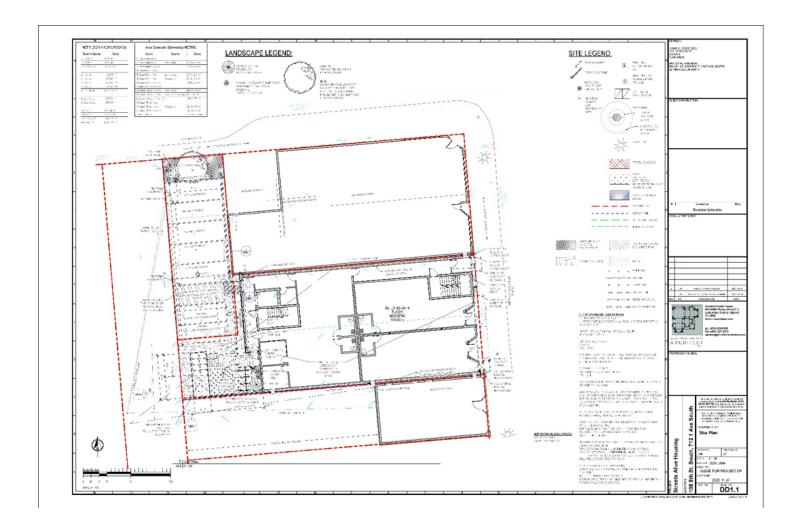
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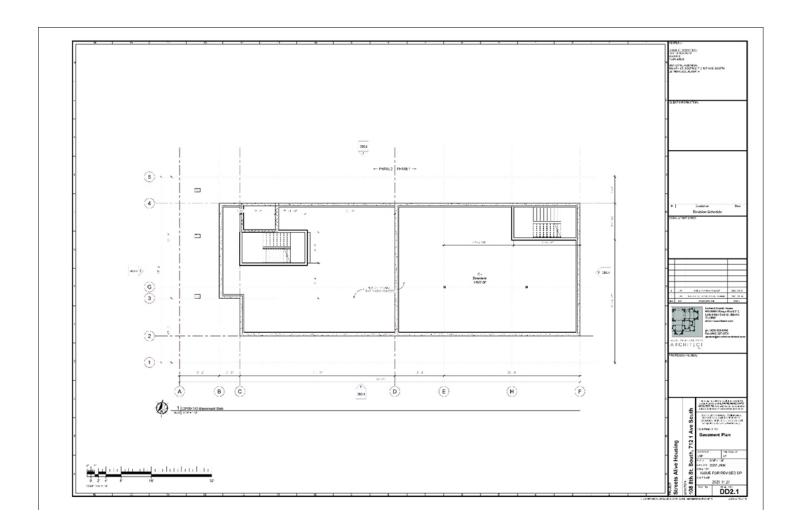
- 2. Utilize the minimum amount of land necessary for new development and build at a higher density than current practice.
- 3. Increase the proportion of new development that takes place within already developed or disturbed lands either through infill, redevelopment and/or shared use, relative to new development that takes place on previously undeveloped lands.
- 4. Plan, design and locate new development in a manner that best utilizes existing infrastructure and minimizes the need for new or expanded infrastructure.

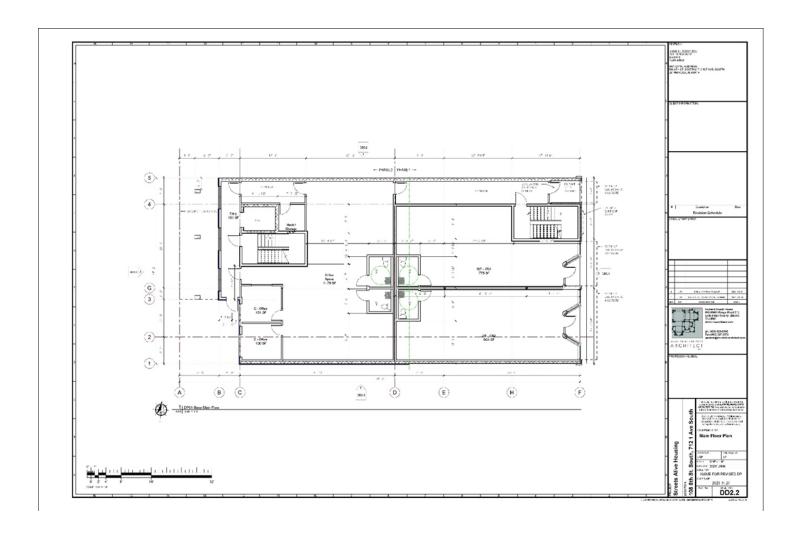
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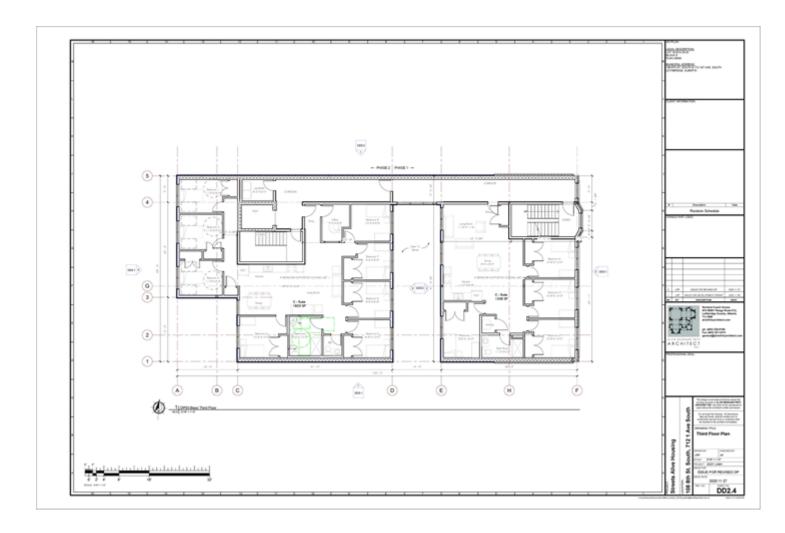
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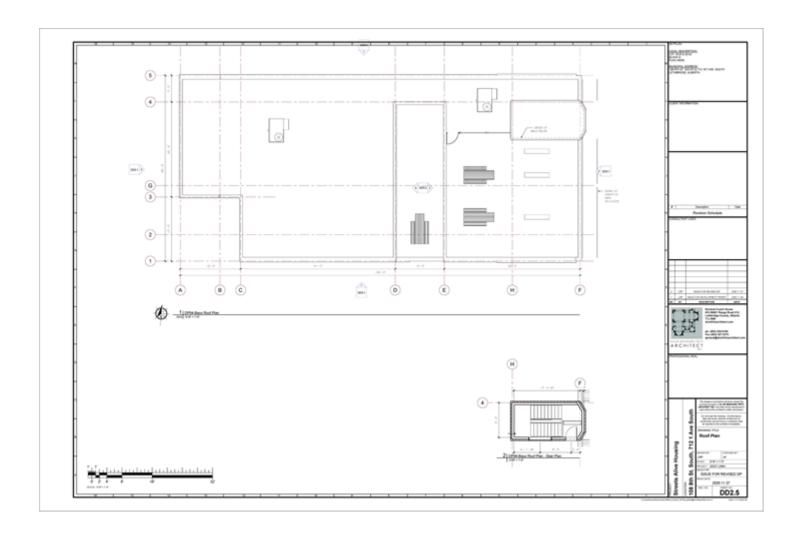


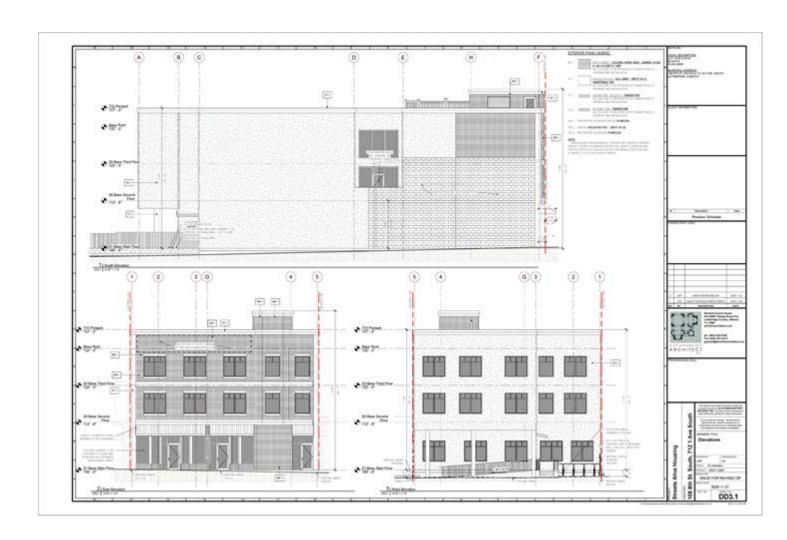


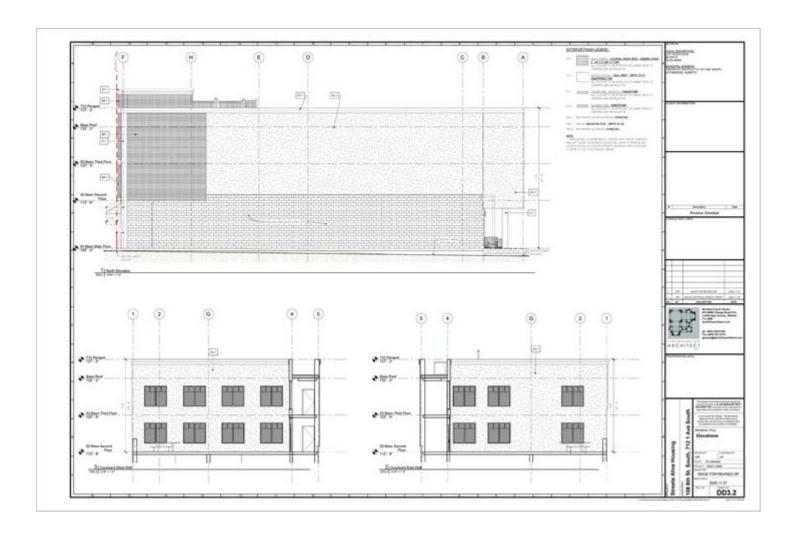


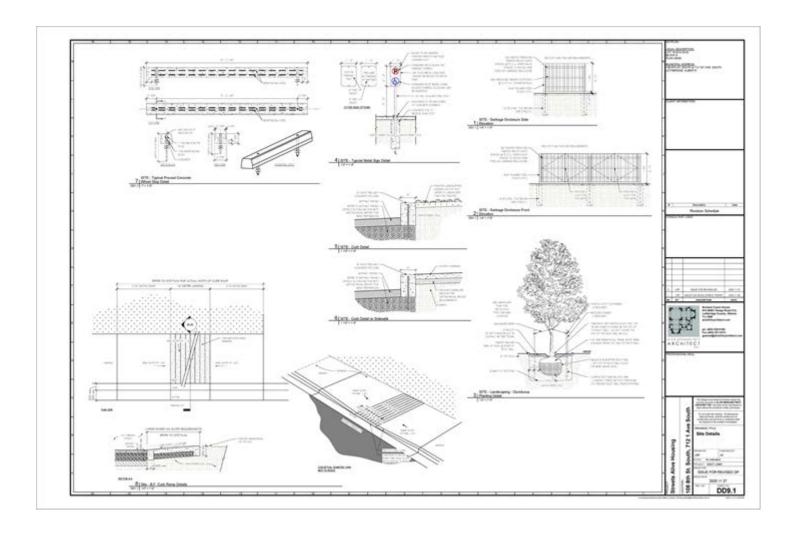












Neighborhood Communications Plan Streets Alive Family Support Association Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing 108-8th Street S Lethbridge, AB

What is Happening?

- ➤ For the past 22 years the facility located at 712-1st Ave S has housed a men's transitional recovery housing program. This is a residential facility offering program assistance to help up to 18 men recover and stabilize their lives to return them to independent living.
- A decision has been made by the Association to replace this facility with a new one to be located on the property at 108-8th Street S. A development application is being made to the City of Lethbridge which will approve and accomplish the following:
 - a) Combine the titles of 712-1st Ave S and 108-8th Street S into one title for 108-8th Street S.
 - b) Allow for the construction of a three-story structure that will house store front commercial space and programming space on the main floor and 24 beds of supportive recovery housing on the upper two floors
 - c) See the demolition of the old facility at 712-1st Ave S to allow for parking stalls for staff and commercial space occupants. Parking for residents under the new Supportive Housing use is not required.
- The facility will have staff on 24 hours a day.

Who are we?

Streets Alive Family Support Association

- Streets Alive Family Support Association is local nonprofit charity that was established in 1990 as a Christian Humanitarian Organization dedicated to providing for the physical, social, emotional and spiritual wants of those people lacking hope or in need in the Lethbridge area to empower them to change their lives through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- To accomplish our mandate our operations include in addition to the men's supportive recovery housing program: A women's supportive recovery housing unit, men's and women's recovery programs, mobile outreach; clothing, furniture and food distribution center, counseling and referral services; trustee services and a fellowship service. The main office of the Mission is located at 323-4th Street S., Lethbridge Alberta. Streets Alive Family Support Association conducts a yearly review of its operations neighbor relations are one of the areas examined. We review the Neighborhood Communication Log and we review and up-date the Neighborhood Communication Plan.
- > Streets Alive Family Support Association is governed by a Board of Directors, a list of which can be obtained from www.streetsalive.ca

Funding & Ownership

- ➤ The Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing Program is funded by program fees and private donations through the charity.
- The facilities are owned by Streets Alive Family Support Association.

Property maintenance

➤ Building maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner who has contracted Lethbridge Housing Authority to handle all maintenance after construction.

Maintaining Neighborhood Relations

- ➤ Streets Alive Family Support Association is committed to keeping communication lines with the neighborhood open. Annually senior administration staff of the Association will deliver a current Neighborhood Communication Plan relative to the Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing to all the businesses, or apartment building managers within a two-block radius of 108-8th Street S.
- ➤ Should some significant aspect of the Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing operation change in the course of an upcoming year (particularly, the contact names and numbers), neighbors who have received this Neighborhood Communication Plan will be notified of the changes by letter.
- ➤ Interested neighbors are welcome to contact Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing staff to arrange for a tour of the facilities and an explanation of the program and protocols.
- ➤ Please note the letter accompanying this plan. It asks if you have experienced any concerns with the Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing in the past year. If you have, please read the 'Responding to Complaints and Concerns' section below.

Responding to Complaints and Concerns

- ➤ If you experience a problem with the operation of the Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing located at 108-8th Street S. you may do any of the following:
 - a) Contact Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing staff at 403-320-1103 or attend the facility in person
 - b) Contact the Streets Alive Mission at 403-320-1159 or drop into the Mission at 323-4th Street S. to speak to a senior staff member
- The Exodus Supportive Recovery Housing and Streets Alive Mission staff are required to record your concern in the 'Neighborhood Communication Log' so they will take a little of your time to get the details. They will ask your name, address, and phone number and ask for a full description of what you have been experiencing. The action taken and resolution to the problem is also recorded in the logbook.
- ➤ The Neighborhood Communication Log is examined during the yearly operational review mentioned in 1(3) above as well as copies are made available to Downtown Lethbridge BRZ.
- ➤ If the solution to your problem is simple and under staff control, they may immediately implement the solution.
- If the problem is more complex, your concern will be relayed to the Streets Alive Family Support Association management team under the direction of Founders Pastors Julie and Ken Kissick. A member of the management team will try to reach you within 5 working days to discuss the circumstances with you. In case they are unable to, you may reach any member through the contact information found at www.streetsalive.ca. The management team will do their utmost to solve the problem to your satisfaction.

Resolving Disputes

- ➤ Please allow the management team adequate time to derive a solution. If, after 4 weeks from the time of your original complaint, that appears to be impossible, you may take your concern to the Board of Directors of Streets Alive Family Support Association. The Board will work to resolve the situation within 60 days. The Board contact is Chuck Leblanc, Chairman who can be reached at 403-715-1712 or chuck@streetsalive.ca
- ➤ Should you be dissatisfied with the outcome of the Board decision you may contact:

Pastor Craig Webber, President Lethbridge Evangelical Ministerial Association 82002 Range Road 215 Lethbridge, County, AB (403) 328-8915

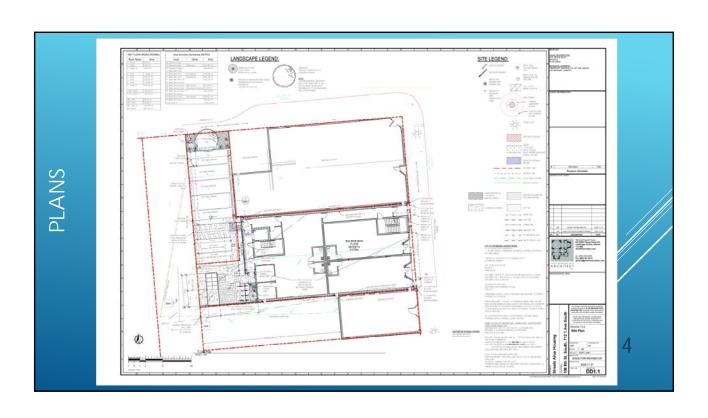


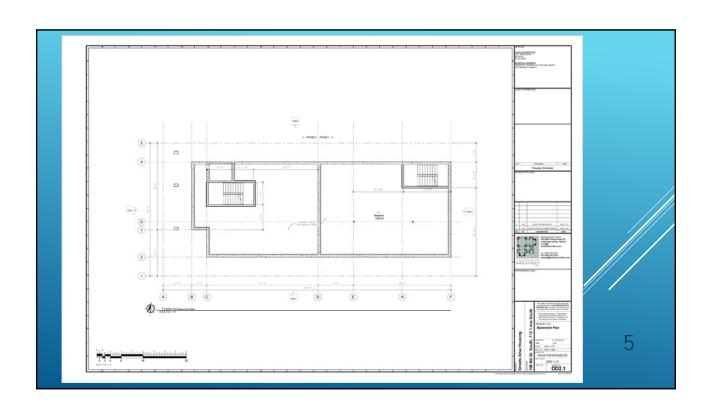


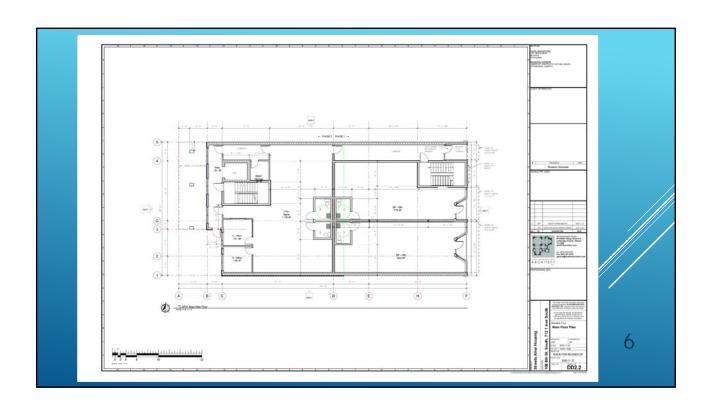
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING -DISCRETIONARY USE IN C-D DISTRICT, RETAIL STORE AND OFFICE USE – PERMITTED USE

- ► Land Use Bylaw Standards:
- ▶ 8 to a maximum of 25 residents
- > Parking based on Heart of our City Master Plan
 - One space per dwelling unit and One space per 45m2 of Net Floor Area for retail component.
 - ▶ Visitor spaces no requirement

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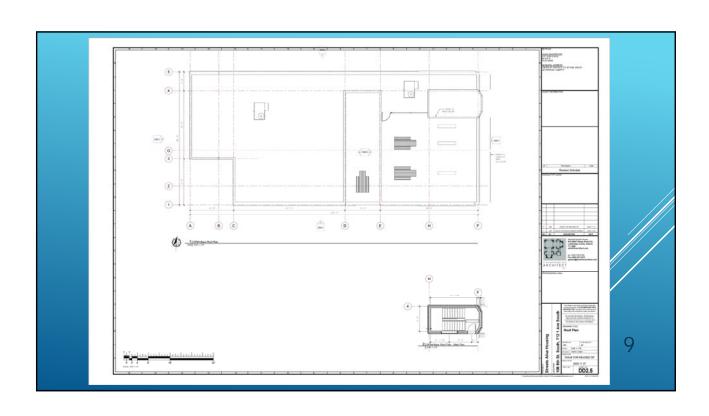


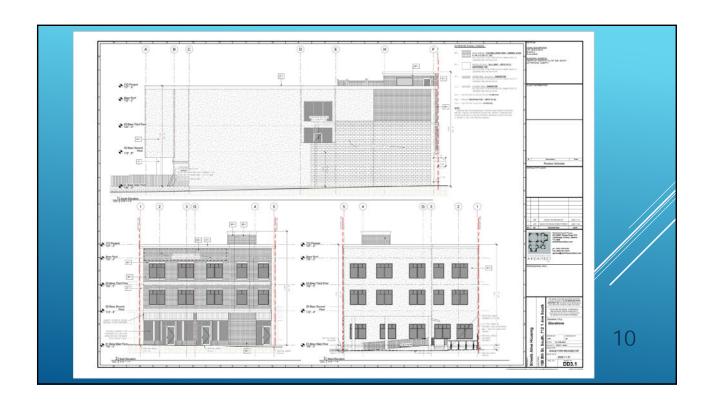


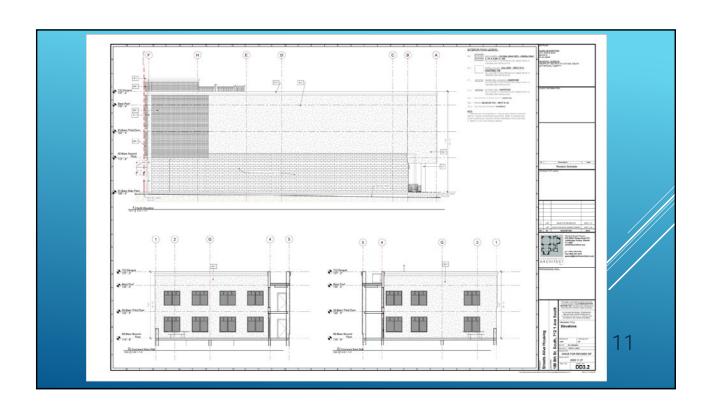












HEART OF OUR CITY MASTER PLAN AND LAND USE BYLAW RULES

- ► HOCMP
- Design good example of appropriate built form
- Land Use meets requirements (retail/office ground floor, residential above)
- ▶ Parking: Seven spaces

- ► <u>LUB</u>
- Design: meets all requirements
- Land Use: meets requirements
 "Supportive Housing", Discretionary
 Use "Retail and Office", Permitted
 Use.
- ▶ Parking: Four Spaces

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LAND USE IMPACTS

Parking:

- Supportive Housing residents don't typically own cars
- Seven spaces should provide adequate parking for staff, if more parking stalls are required, there is sufficient on street parking spaces.

Waivers:

 The two waiver that are requested for parcel width and area would not cause any undue or material impacts to adjacent properties.

Supportive Housing:

Neighbourhood Communication Plan required and must be adhered too.

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