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Halifax and West Community Council

Public Hearing

Case 19987:

Proposal for a Development Agreement allowing a multi-unit residential development transitioning from 8 to 10 storeys at 1034-1056 Wellington Street, Halifax.

September 13th, 2016

Staff Presentation

Site Context;

History of the Site/Project;

Planning Policy;

Applicant Proposal;





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Wellington Street - Subject Site



Looking East from Park

History of the Project

- Site specific policy added to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (Policy: 7.7B.1 and 7.7B.2) in January 13th, 2015.
- Public Information Meeting held on September 16th, 2015.
- Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on January 25th and April 29th, 2016.
- Urban Capital Inc. became involved in the proposal in Winter 2016.
- Final plans submitted Spring 2016.







Policy 7.7B.1 and 7.7B.2 Requirements:

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- Height transition from north to south of the lot.
- Maximum gross floor area of 141,000 sq. ft.
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- Minimum 50% two+ bedrooms units.
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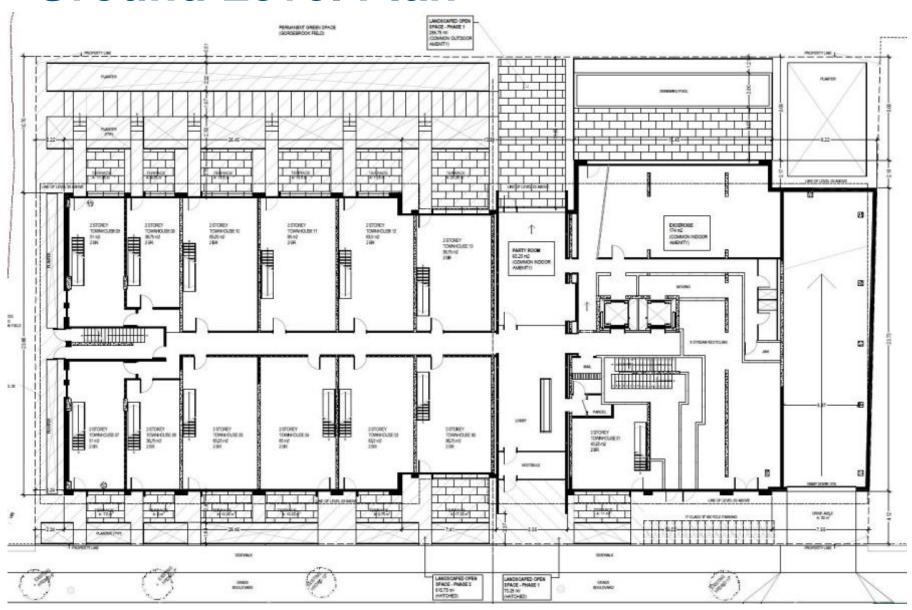
Project Rendering



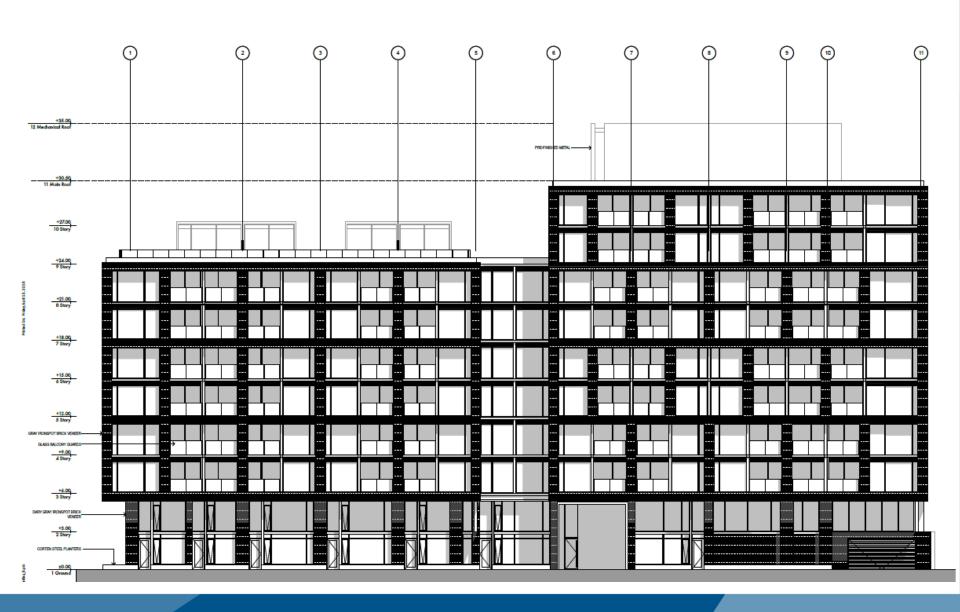
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- 10 Storeys (30.5m) on the north transitioning to 8 storeys
 (25m) on the south.
- 13 two storey townhouse units with individual ground access.
- Phased project with design and landscaping proposed for the potential interim south facing wall and unbuilt portion of the lot.
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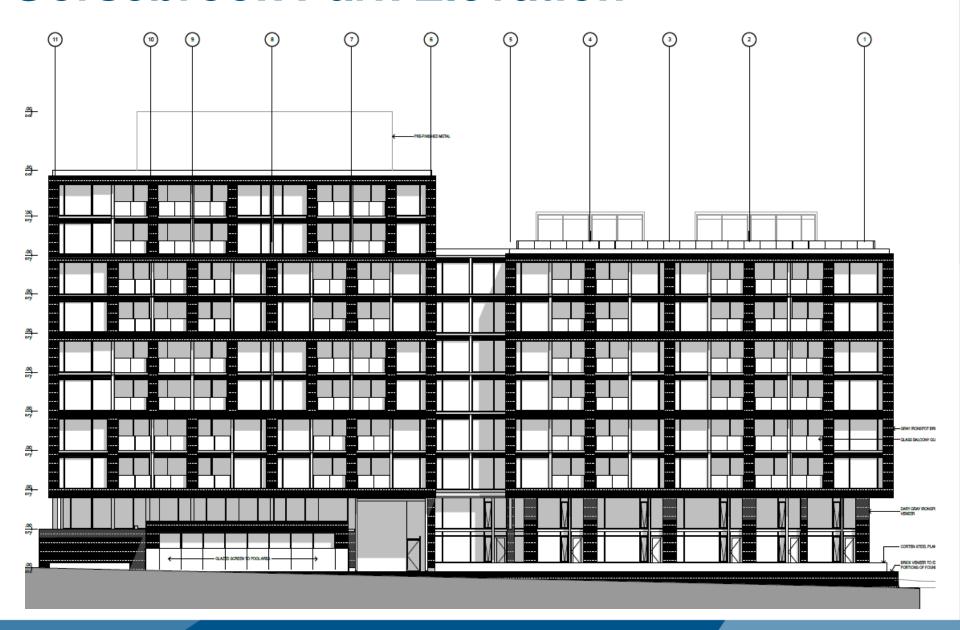
Ground Level Plan



Wellington Street Elevation



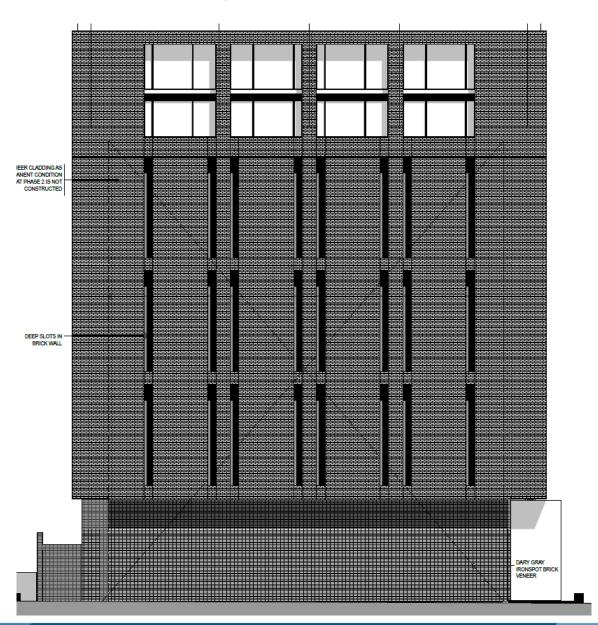
Gorsebrook Park Elevation



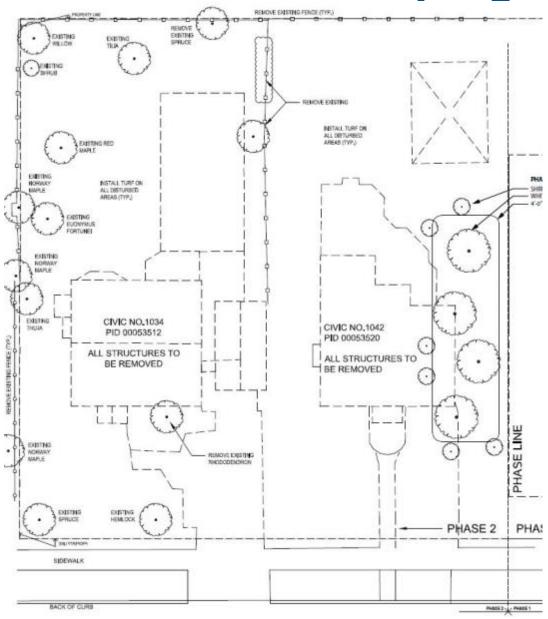
Interim Phase 1 Wellington St Elevation



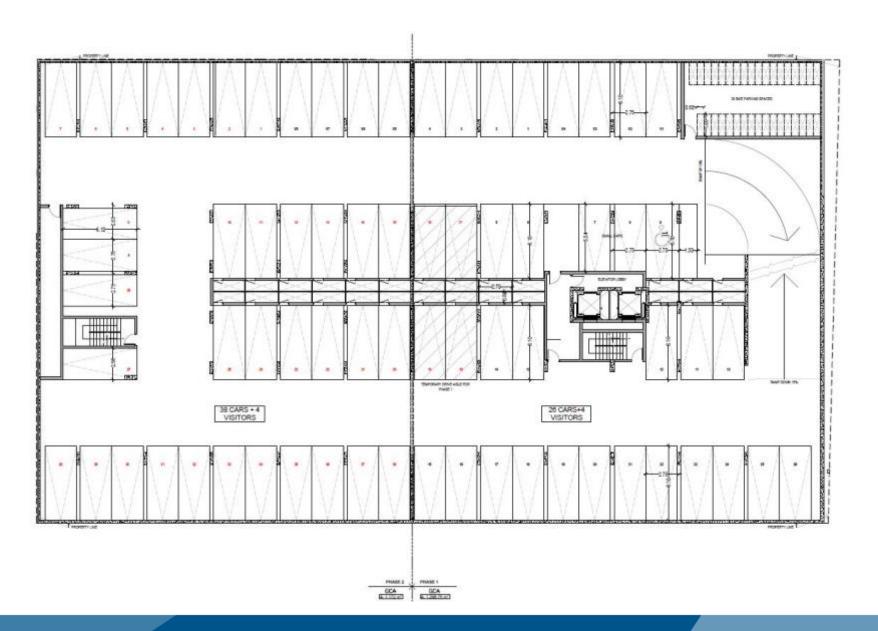
Interim Phase 1 South Elevation



Interim Phase 1 Landscaping



Interim Phase 1 Parking



PIM and PAC Feedback







Public Comment from PIM

- Comments on transition between the proposed building and surrounding community and the park.
- Building material does not reflect the neighbourhood character.
- Questions regarding parking and traffic capacity.
- Asked for protection measures such as mature tree protection, stormwater and ground water management.
- Concerns about potential phasing of the project.

PAC Recommendations

- Include townhouses on front face of the building.
- Increase tower separation on North side of the proposal.
- Do not permit encroachment onto Gorsebrook Park during construction.
- Retain existing tree canopy and incorporate a vegetative screen or softscaping along the property's podium.
- Reduce third parking level.
- Ensure diversity of unit mixture as prescribed in the current Municipal Planning Strategy.
- Ensure adequate setbacks on east and west of the proposal.
- PAC does not support phasing.

Recommendation

 Approve the proposed development agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment A of this report;

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Thank You!

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