



**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)**

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

September 17, 2015 from 12:30-2:00 p.m.
School Board Office – Gibsons, BC

- 1) Summer Work Review and Discussion
- 2) Minor Capital Project Applications – Review and Discussion
- 3) District of Sechelt Referral – Spani Developments OCP and Zoning Amendment
- 4) Regulation 3350 (Disposal of Surplus Property) Amendment
- 5) Safe Stop Program Correspondence

Summer 2015 Work Report
Submitted by Rob Collison
September 17, 2015

Roofing:

- Cedar Grove
- Roberts Creek

Asbestos Abatement

- SBO Flooring
- RCE flooring
- ESS Ceiling Tiles
- CSS Science lab
- WSE Change rooms

Grounds Upgrades

- Top dressing
- Aerating
- Over seeding
- Rebuilt and repainted portions of the RCE playgrounds
- WSE Parking
- New concrete stairs from student parking lot at CSS
- Rebuilt 16 picnic tables

DDC Controls

- Langdale – New DDC Controls
- ESS – Fine tuning for energy performance
- WSE – Fine tuning for energy performance

Windows/Doors

- WSE
- ESS
- WSE
- SLC
- MPE

Gym Floors

- Sand, paint, re-coat SLC and KES
- Repair and re-coat LES and WSE

Painting

- CSS exterior repaint
- Reconfigured parking and traffic flow at WSE, CGE and KES
- Repainted lines – Various

Summer 2015 Work Report (cont.)

Interior Renovation at RCE

- Mural on 4 walls in gym
- Staff room
- Change rooms
- PAC kitchen
- New flooring

Energy/Water efficiency

- 50 – 13.4 l flush toilets replaced with 4.6 l
- 15 waterless urinals
- Continued with motion sensors and wattage reduction for lighting at CSS and WSE
- Outside lighting at CSS replaced with LED
- Serviced all district gas fired equipment

2015/16 Routine Capital Plan Submission

School District **46** Sunshine Coast

School Name	Capital Plan Project Code	Project Scope	Project Estimate (\$)	Current FCI	FCI After Investment	Capacity	Other Benefits	Substantial Completion Prior to March 31, 2016?
All (District Upgrade)	Energy	DDC upgrade - See attached spreadsheet for FCI info	\$371,000				Student learning, energy savings, improved comfort	Y
Madeira Park Elementary	Mechup	Boiler plant replacement	\$453,750	0.36	0.23	165	Carbon eduction, plant renewal, energy reduction	Y
Halfmoon Bay Elementary	Mechup	Boiler replacement phase 1 - purchase equipment	\$165,000			215	Carbon eduction, plant renewal, energy reduction	Y
Halfmoon Bay Elementary	Mechup	Boiler replacement phase 2 - substantial completion Fall 2016	\$362,900	0.45	0.36			N
Various Roofing	Roofrep	Roofings - See attached spreadsheet for FCI info	\$104,566					Y
								Y/N
								Y/N
								Y/N
								Y/N
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SD46 Minor Capital 2015/2016 DDC Upgrade

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Repl. Value</u>	<u>FCI Value</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Current FCI</u>	<u>New FCI</u>
Cedar Grove	\$40,000.00	\$7,046,969	\$3,100,666	290	0.44	0.43
Davis Bay	\$29,000.00	\$3,768,766	\$2,072,821	190	0.55	0.54
Halfmoon Bay	\$25,300.00	\$5,046,881	\$2,271,097	215	0.45	0.44
Kinnikinnick	\$63,600.00	\$6,079,727	\$1,702,324	490	0.28	0.27
Langdale	\$21,200.00	\$3,679,803	\$2,134,286	140	0.58	0.57
Madeira Park	\$28,700.00	\$2,941,825	\$1,059,057	165	0.36	0.35
Roberts Creek	\$19,600.00	\$6,948,979	\$3,057,551	340	0.44	0.44
West Sechelt	\$29,400.00	\$4,104,492	\$1,929,111	215	0.47	0.46
Sechelt	\$20,000.00	\$6,428,380	\$3,149,906	365	0.49	0.49
Board Office	\$14,400.00	\$1,123,525	\$494,351	20	0.44	0.43
Pender Harbour	\$20,700.00	\$6,528,633	\$3,917,180	175	0.60	0.60
Chatelech	\$18,900.00	\$20,696,303	\$5,381,039	900	0.26	0.26
Elphinstone	\$22,200.00	\$16,050,964	\$7,543,953	675	0.47	0.47
Sub Total	\$353,000.00					
Intelliweb	\$18,000.00					
Total	\$371,000.00					

SD46 Minor Capital 2015/2016 Roofing Project

Facility	Budget	Repl. Value	FCI Value	Capacity	Current FCI	New FCI
Pender Harbour	\$65,940	\$6,528,633	\$3,917,180	175	0.60	0.59
Elphinstone	\$5,775	\$16,050,964	\$7,543,953	675	0.47	0.47
Maintenance	\$22,680	\$1,463,057.38	\$965,618	N/A	0.66	0.64

Sub Total **\$94,395**

Consultant Fees \$10,171

Total **\$104,566**

APPLICATION NO: 3360-20 2015-02					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OCP
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Zoning
APPLICANT	Spani Developments Ltd.		APPLICANT'S ADDRESS	Box 164 Sechelt, BC		Subdivision
						Dev. Permit
SITE ADDRESS	Cowrie Street		Date	August 27, 2015		Dev. Variance
LEGAL	Lot	Parcel A (consolidation of Lot 1 and Lot 2)	Block			OTHER:
	District Lot	1331	Plan	LMP16375		
	Zoning	Existing	R-4 & R-1	Proposed	CD-36	
OCP Designation	Existing	Multifamily/ Mixed Residential	Proposed	unchanged		

PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS REFERRAL BY September 27, 2015.

Please comment on the attached referral for potential effect on your agency's interest. We would appreciate your response within 30 days. If no response is received within that time, it will be assumed that your agency's interests are unaffected.

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION:

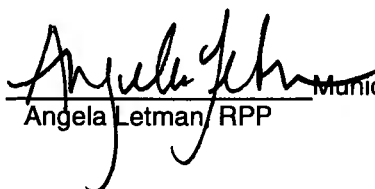
1. To apply for an OCP amendment for an extension to the height of the apartment building on Strata Lot B (proposed is 6 ½ storeys plus loft on the north side, and 8 ½ storeys plus loft at the south side);
2. To apply for a site-specific comprehensive development (CD) zone, zoning amendment with a density of 91 units per hectare on the property, to permit the zoning for:
 - a) a 125 unit seniors' independent/supportive living facility building on Strata Lot A;
 - b) a 60 unit residential condominium apartment building, on Strata Lot B;
 - c) a 26 unit residential condominium apartment building, on Strata Lot C and;
 - d) a 6 unit residential apartment building on Strata Lot D (proposed community amenity).

Note: Drawing No. 12 outlines the proposed community amenities in lieu of the density increase over 50 units per hectare (OCP).

GENERAL LOCATION: north side of Cowrie St, between Chatelech Secondary School and the Rockwood Centre, in the Downtown Village Neighbourhood

OTHER INFORMATION:

If your agency's interests are "Unaffected" no further information is necessary. In all other cases, we would appreciate receiving additional information to substantiate your position and, if necessary, outline any conditions related to your position. Please note any legislation or official government policy which would affect our consideration of this bylaw.


 Angela Letman/RPP Municipal Planner

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This referral has also been sent to the following agencies:

X	District of Sechelt Engineering		Archaeology Branch of SIB & BC
X	District of Sechelt Public Works	X	Sechelt Volunteer Fire Department
X	District of Sechelt Parks	X	FortisBC Energy / Energy Services Advisor
X	District of Sechelt Building	X	Telus
X	SC Regional District	X	B.C. Hydro / BC Transmission Co
X	Sechelt Indian Government	X	Coast Cable -Eastlink
	Vancouver Coastal Health Authority	X	Canada Post
X	Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure	X	School District #46
	Agriculture Land Commission	X	APC
		X	Accessibility Advisory Committee

Community Associations

	East Porpoise Bay		Sandy Hook		West Sechelt		Tuwanek
	Selma Park/Davis Bay/Wilson Creek	X	Chamber of Commerce		SHORA	X	Sechelt Downtown Business Assoc.



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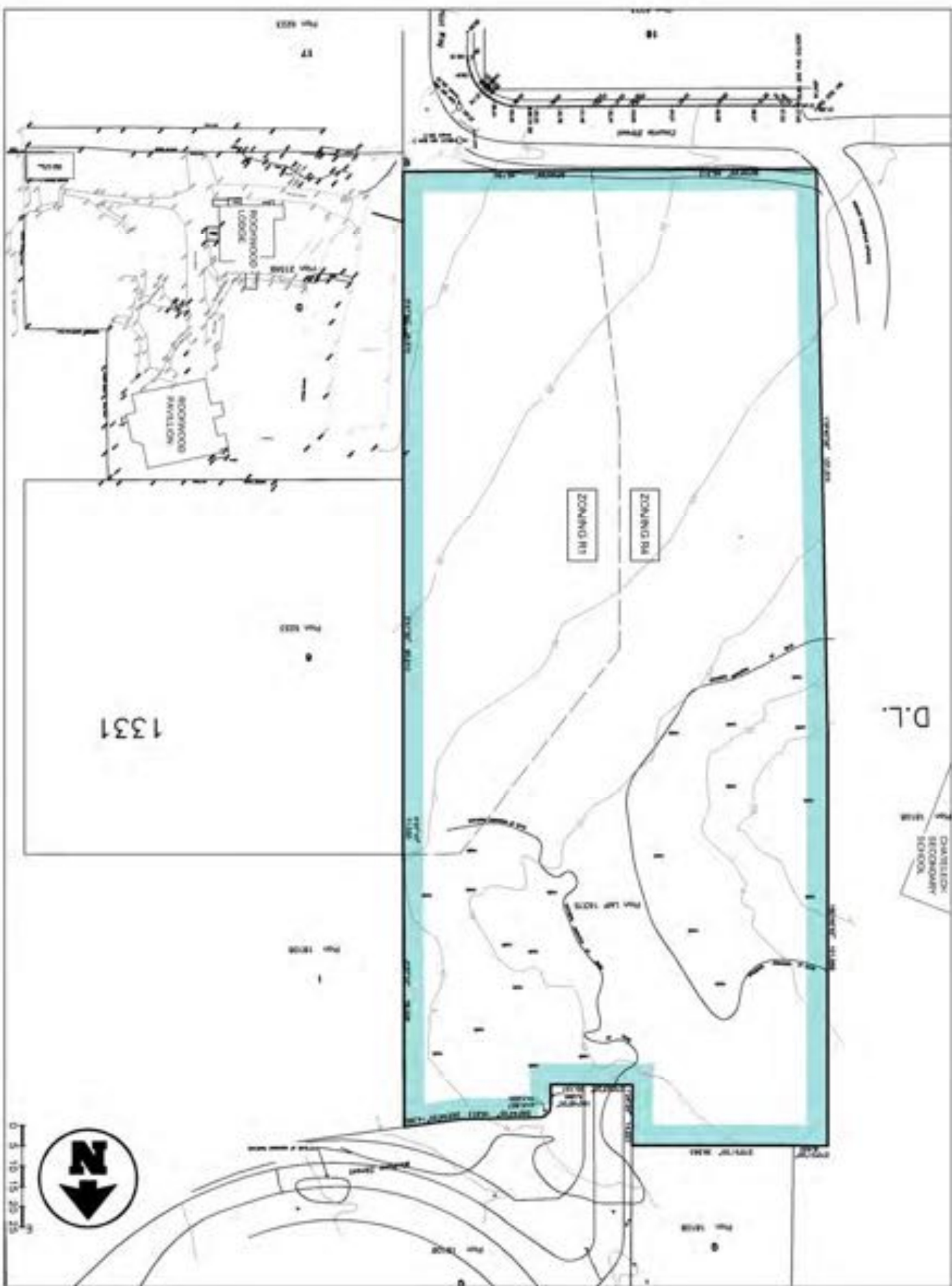
Interstate Route 44

Context Site Aerial



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EXISTING LOT STATISTICS

Lot Area	2,417 ha
Split Zoning R1	0,769 ha
Split Zoning R4	1,648 ha
R1 Lot Density	15 Units
R4 Lot Density	82 Units
Total of Units	97

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PLAN STATISTICS

Strata	Building #1	Building #2	Building #3	Building #4	Total
Strata lot A, Building #1	1 Bedroom Units	84			
Strata lot A, Building #2	2 Bedroom Units	8			
Strata lot A, Building #3	Studio Units	35			
Strata lot A, Building #4	Total	125			
Strata lot B, Building #1	1 Bedroom Units	39			
Strata lot B, Building #2	2 Bedroom Units	11			
Strata lot B, Building #3	3 Bedroom Units	10			
Strata lot B, Building #4	Total	60			
Strata lot C, Building #1	1 Bedroom Units	6			
Strata lot C, Building #2	2 Bedroom units	20			
Strata lot C, Building #3	Studio units	0			
Strata lot C, Building #4	Total	26			
Strata lot D, Building #1	Units	6			
Unit Total		217			



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LOT COVERAGE

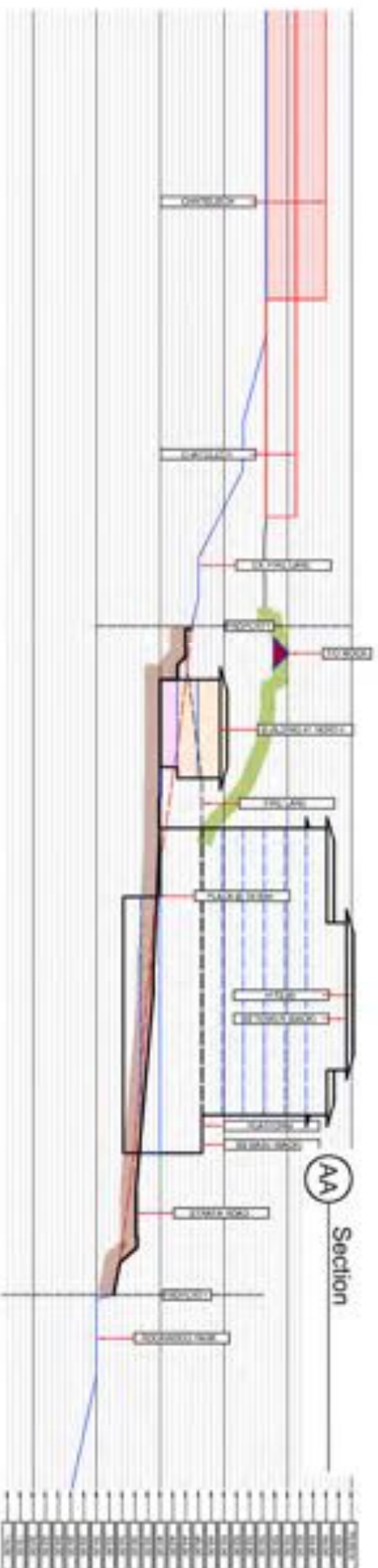
Strata lot	Strata lot area (m ²)	Building area (m ²)	Coverage %
A	7060	3403	48
B	6041	2296	38
C	3430	1821	53
D	1671	671	40
Subtotal	18202	8191	45
Common Area	5968	0	
Total	24170	8191	34

Conceptual Site Plan Existing Contour Plan

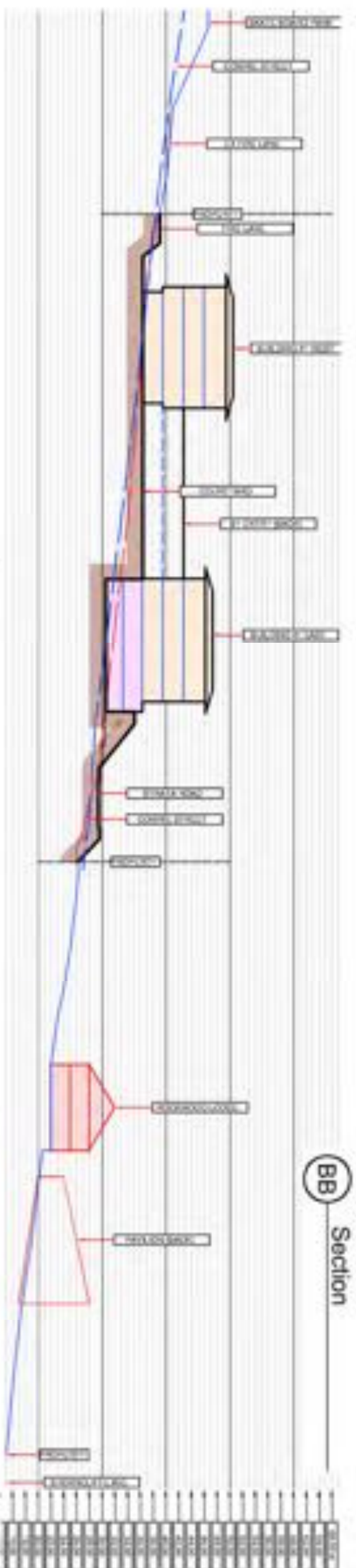


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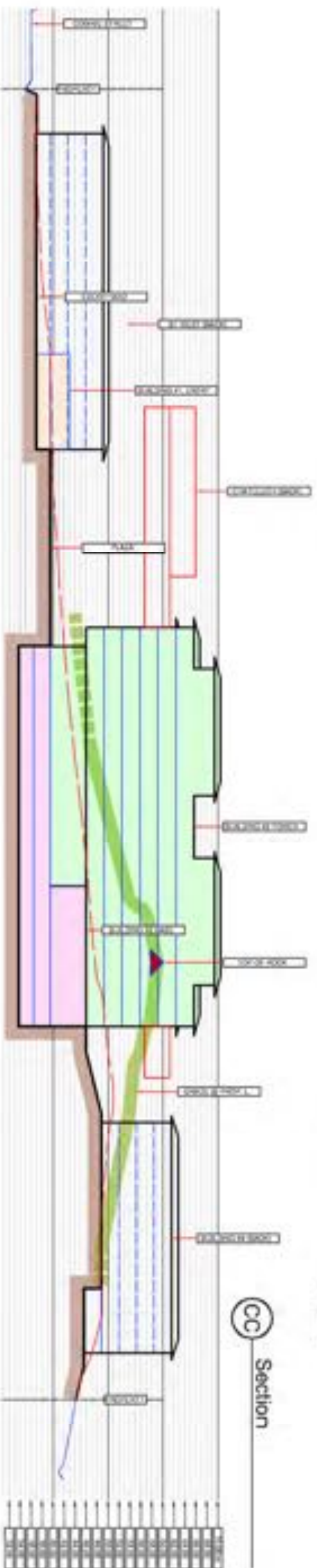
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AA Section



BB Section



CC Section

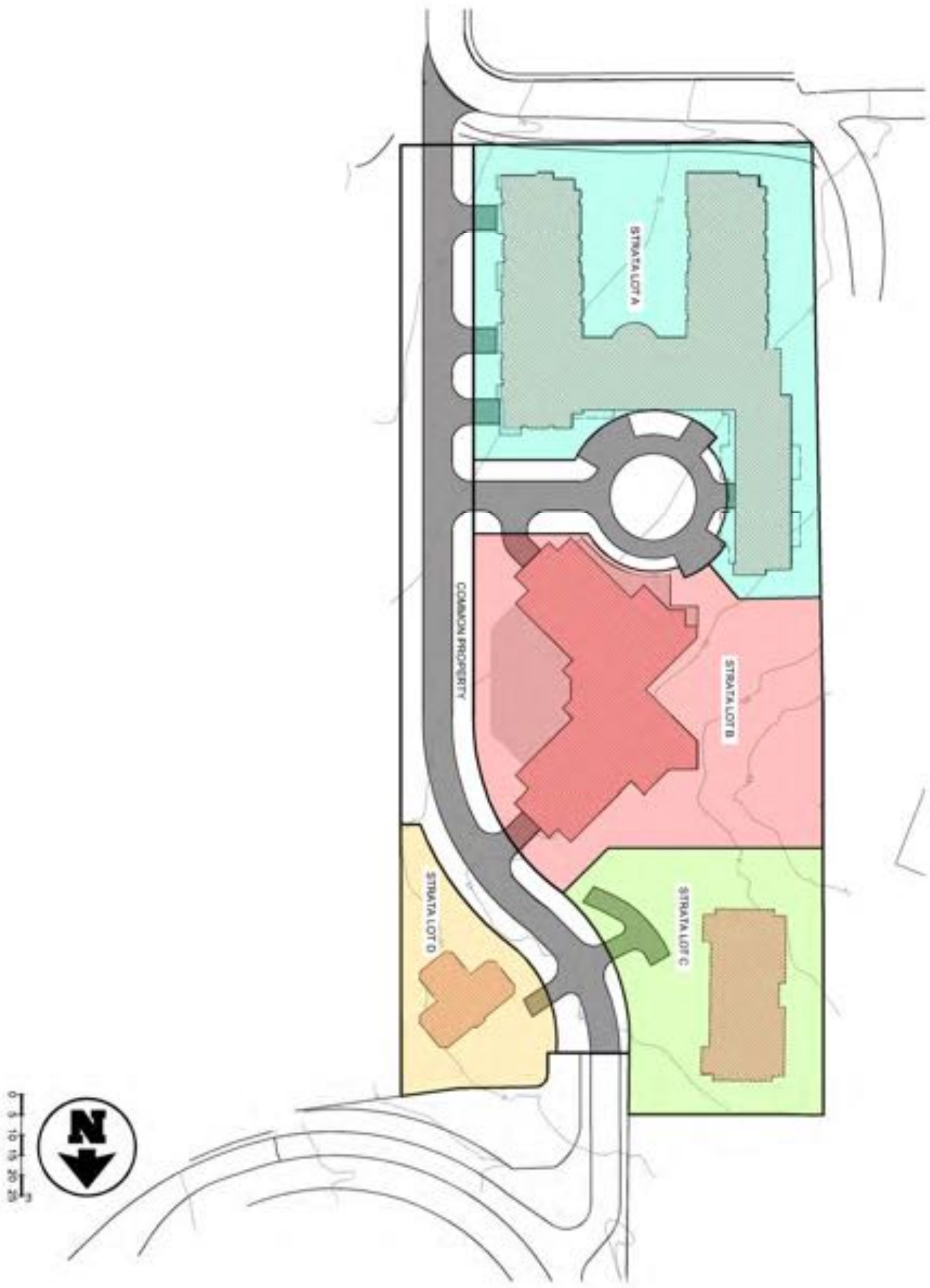
- NEW GRADE
- EXISTING GRADE
- EXISTING ROCK
- COMBINE ST GRADE
- BUILDING #1 SECTION
- BUILDING #2 SECTION
- PARKING SECTION
- BUILDING BACK

Conceptual site Sections



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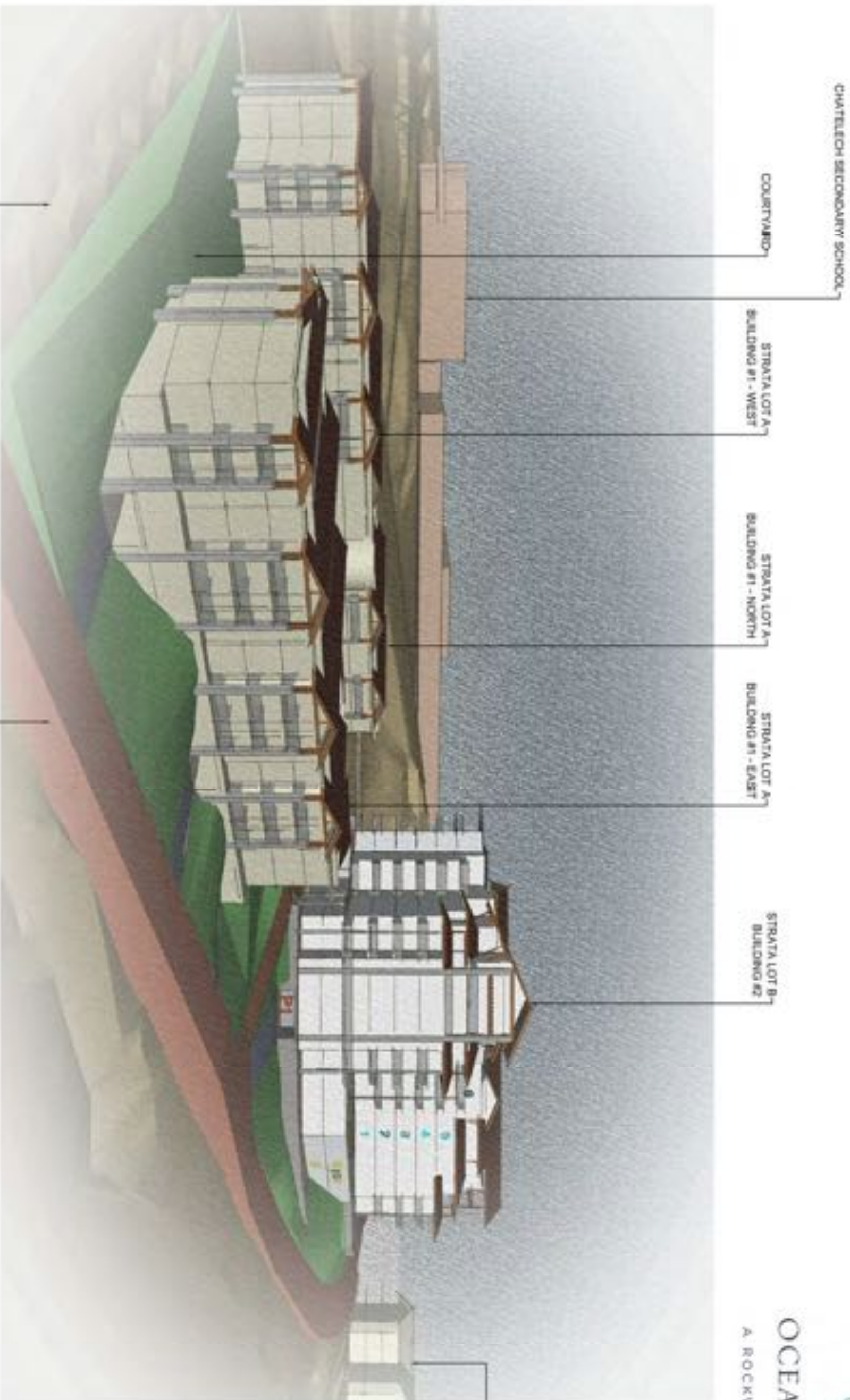


STRATA LOTS AREA	m ²
LOT A	7060
LOT B	6041
LOT C	3430
LOT D	1671
SUBTOTAL STRATA A to D	18202
COMMON PROPERTY	5968
TOTAL	24170



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STRATA LOT D
BUILDING #4

CHATELICH SECONDARY SCHOOL

COURTYARD

STRATA LOT A1
BUILDING #1 - WEST

STRATA LOT A1
BUILDING #1 - NORTH

STRATA LOT A1
BUILDING #1 - EAST

STRATA LOT B1
BUILDING #2

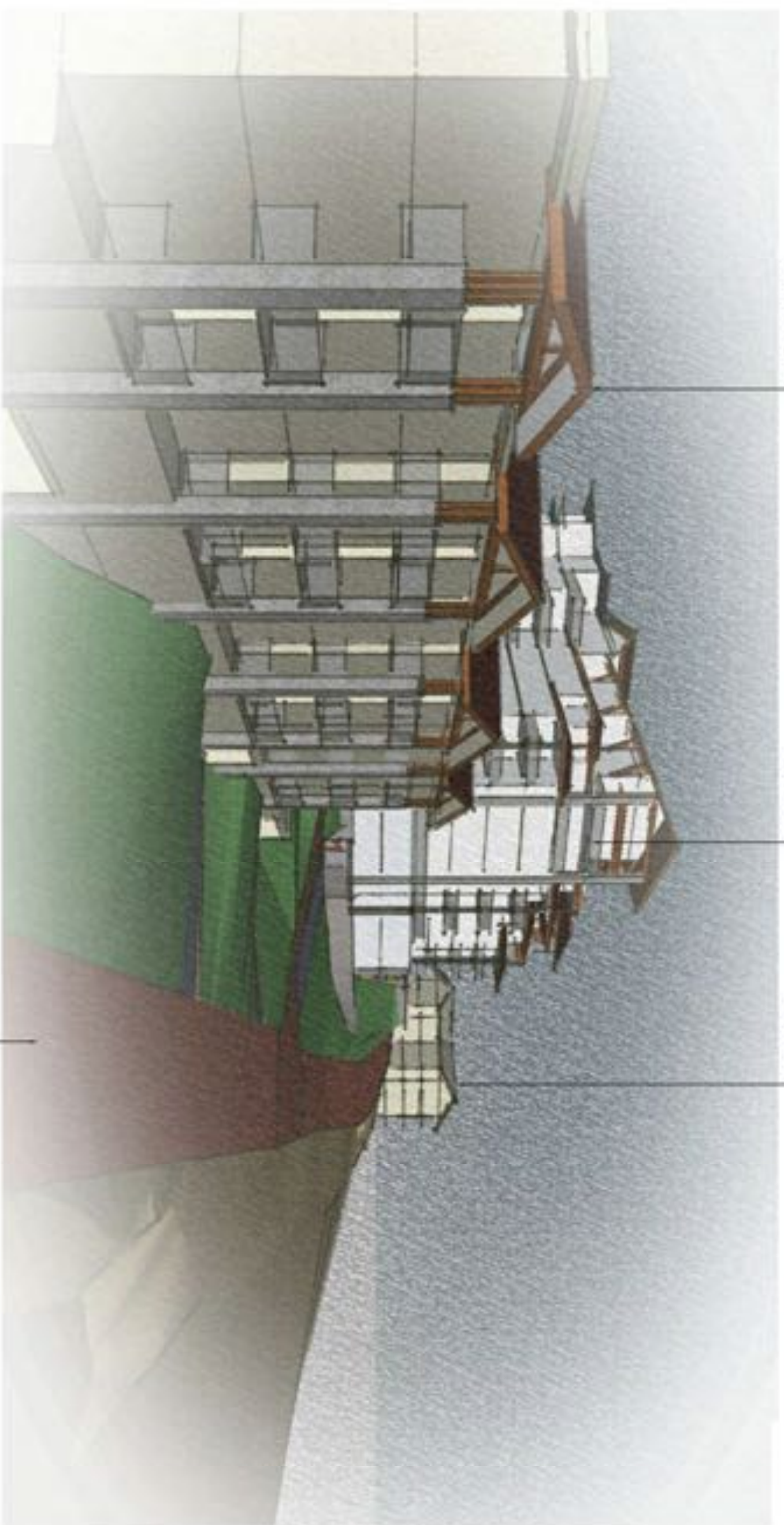
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NEW ROAD





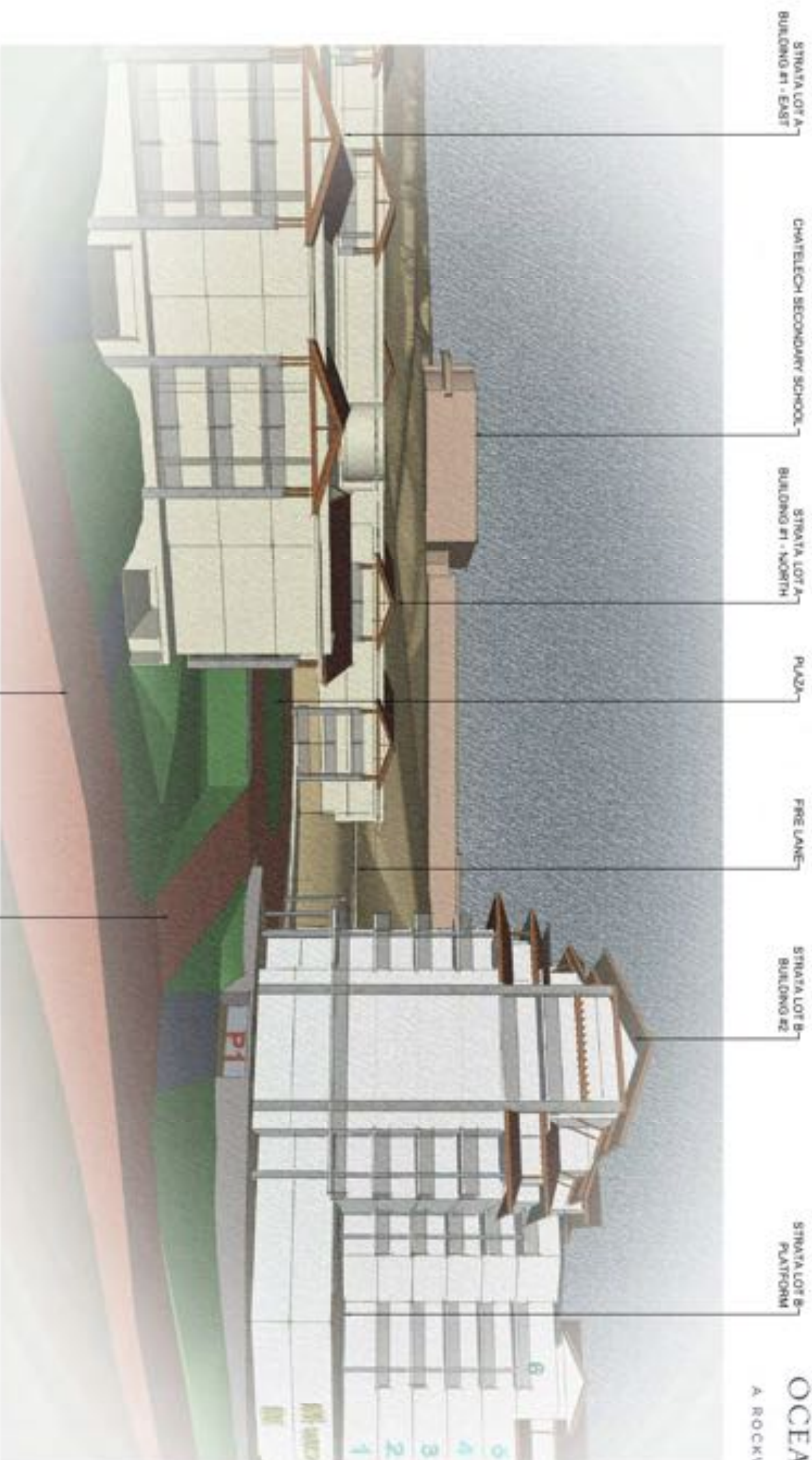
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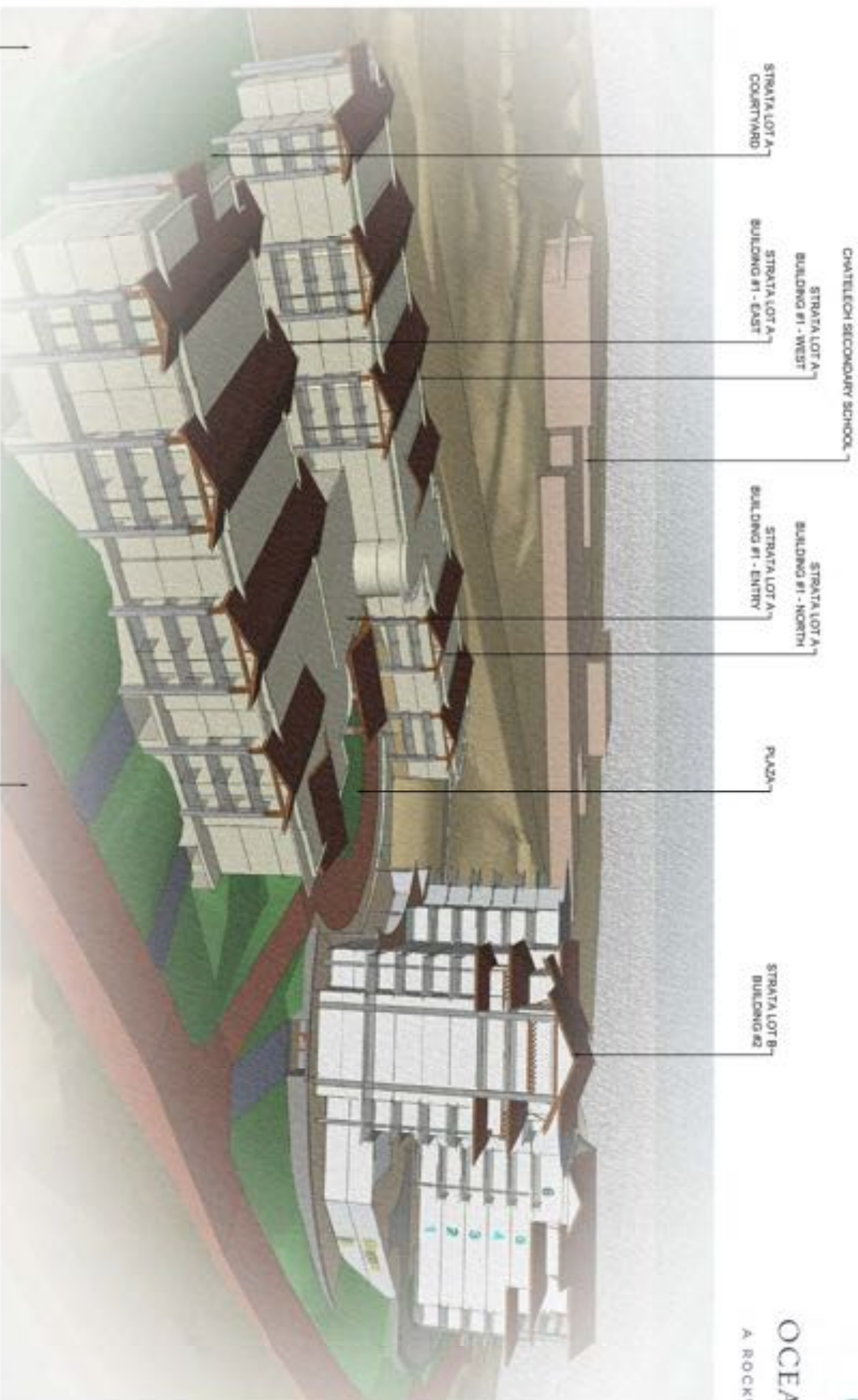


Conceptual Rendering West





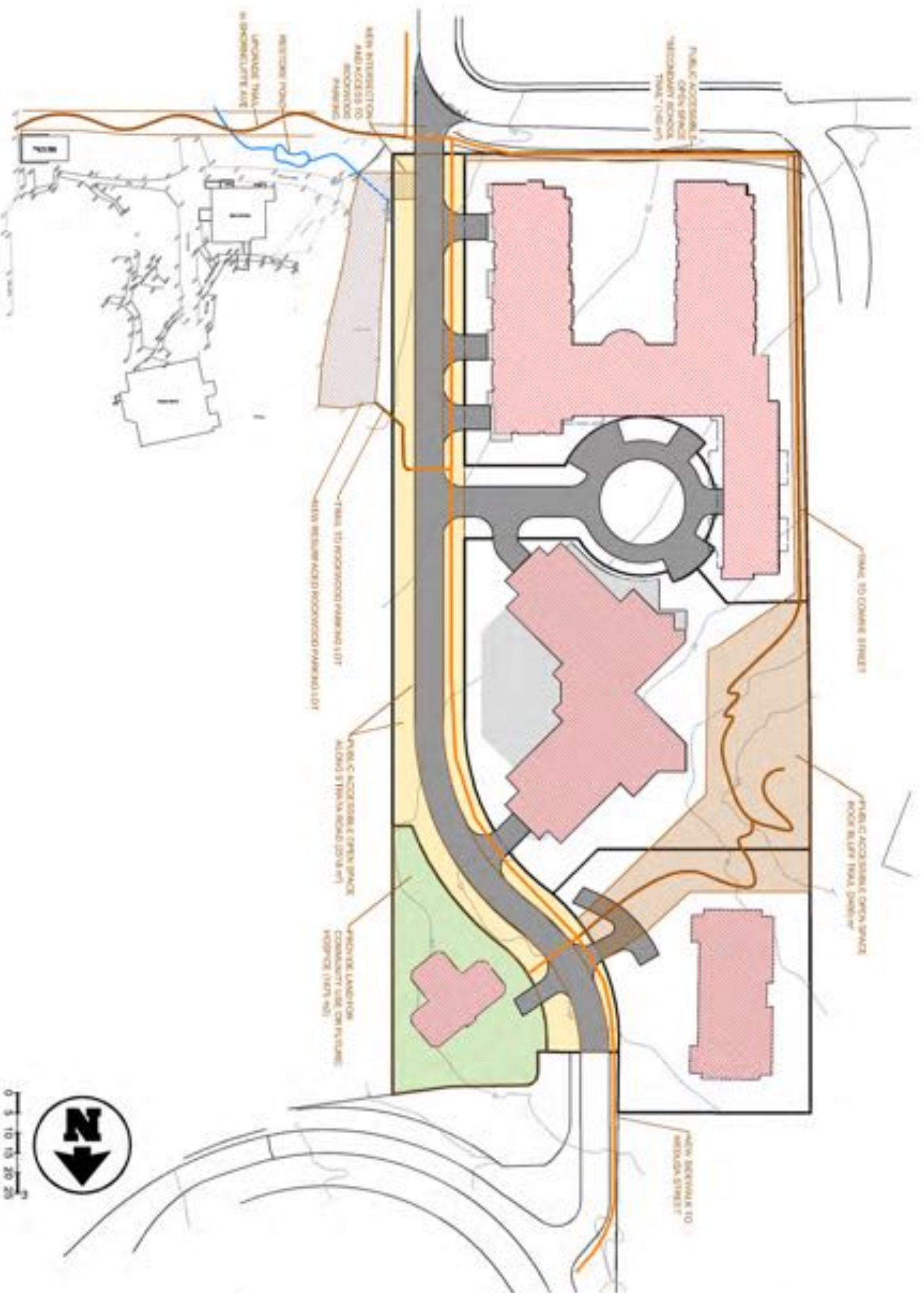
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Public Open Space Area	m ²
Rock Bluff Trail	2400
High School Trail	140
Boulevard along Strata Road	2518
TOTAL	5058

Or 20.9% of Total Area



Studio Unit (365 sf)



1 bedroom Unit (630 sf)



1 bedroom Unit (720 sf)



2 bedroom Unit - Companion (1000 sf)





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Site Images





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Proposed Site Statistics - 2





Ocean Stories, A Rockwood Community

A Retirement Residential Community Development in Sechelt, B.C.

Introduction

Spani Developments acquired ownership of a 6-acre parcel of land in Sechelt, BC in the early 1990's. The land is in the town center, on a slight hillside, nestled between the Rockwood Centre, home of Sechelt's Festival of The Written Arts, and Shorncliffe, one of two aging VCH Residential Care facilities in Sechelt. Across the street on the west side of the property is Osprey Apartments. The property is one block from the Trail Bay Mall, which offers pharmacy, grocery, coffee shop and restaurants (3), fashion, hairdresser, insurance, liquor store, and all variety of retail enterprise. The property offers walking access to the beach, a church, Sechelt Aquatic and Fitness Centre, the weekend farmers market, RCMP station and public library, and is one kilometer from Sechelt Hospital.

Philosophy

Spani Developments and an industry-leading Residential Care service provider will create a vibrant, residential care community on the property, featuring a west-coast inspired 60-unit tower, targeted to a 60 – 80 year old independent living demographic, with two adjacent buildings offering 157 premium retirement residence homes based on an 'aging in place' model, with professional 24-7-365 continuous care services. Our philosophy is actually quite simple: All of us, at every age, *are better* when we are part of a true community. Older and younger, diverse and engaged, multi-ethnic, and of every creed, *Community* is what sustains human beings. We believe that everyone has a story to tell, and it is the design intent of Rockwood Ocean Stories to facilitate the sharing of those personal narratives. From the library and theatre, to the outdoor sitting areas and picnic tables, to the Saturday music events, Sunday readings and monthly Ted-inspired talks, Ocean Stories at Rockwood is *by design* a catalyst for community building. The property is designed to naturally facilitate the necessary transition from independent living to assisted living to complex care, all within one consistent and connected community, brought together by the shared experience of all tenants.

The physical property, comprised of four buildings respectively offering independent living and a la carte care living, sharing a garden complex, with multiple walking and

sitting areas all contained within a secure environment. The main building will contain a library, theater, pickle ball courts and exercise room. A hobby room and coffee shop will also be available to all residents, following our belief that what connects people are their interests and hobbies, skills and passions, which we wish to encourage. Recognizing that a continuum of care is inevitably the key to success, just as a continuum of aging is the reality we all face, the design of Ocean Stories is centered on the concept of making the transition to greater support a natural development. Our owners and renters will all gradually migrate through our continuum of care, from independent to assisted living, and from assisted living to complex care. The model itself, the design idea, is predicated on *choosing to be prepared* for these life changes, so that moving and changing and the associated stresses they bring are minimized. Our tenants will move to a new apartment within the same complex, remaining in close contact with all of the friends and associates they have grown comfortable with.

Spani Developments has worked in partnership with the consultative support of Sechelt Fire Department, Binnie Civil Engineers, Western Geotechnical Consultants, Mobius Architecture and PMG Landscape Architects, all local Sunshine Coast organizations and fellow community members.

Zoning & Community Amenities for Consideration

Existing Lot Statistics

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Proposed Plan Statistics

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Strata lot D, Building #1 Total Units:	6
Total Units:	217

Proposed Community Amenities

Adaptable & Accessible Unit Design

Gold Green LEED Building Standard

Affordable Housing: 20 Units

20% Open Public Space for Community Use:

- Upgrade to Rockwood Parking
- Rockwood Trail Sidewalk, pond
- Sidewalk to Medusa
- Accessible trail for wheelchairs and walkers
 - Rockbluff Trail
 - High School Trail
 - Public Boulevard along Strata Road



School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)

Administrative Regulations

FACILITIES - REVISED

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DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Purpose:

The Board may approve the disposal of land or improvements. These disposals include sales of land and buildings, leases, rentals, rights-of way and easements. Property disposals are subject to Ministerial Order M193/08, the Disposal of Land or Improvements Order, brought into force on September 3, 2008, and the *School Act*.

Practices:

1. The school district shall retain the title of any property it is not using for school purposes until such time as the Board determines that the property will no longer be required. During this period, the Secretary-Treasurer may lease the property.
2. Prior to approving the disposal of land or improvements, the Board must consider the future educational needs of the district, as well as alternative uses of the land including development, rezoning and subdivision. Reasonable effort will be made to maximize the return to School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)
3. ~~The Secretary-Treasurer shall obtain reasonable, independent evidence of the fair market value of the property or interest to be granted. Disposals must occur through a listing agent. Before any property is listed for sale, the Secretary-Treasurer shall commission at least two evaluations (prepared by licensed realtors), or two appraisals (conducted by certified appraisers).~~
4. ~~The Board will only approve the disposition of land or improvements at fair market value. Fair market value means the amount, price, consideration or rent that would be obtained by a Board of Education in an arm's length transaction in the open market between willing parties acting in good faith.~~
4. The Secretary-Treasurer must complete a title search and check for a Crown Grant Trust Condition before disposing of a property.
5. The Board will approve disposition of land and improvements by a Disposal Bylaw. The Disposal Bylaw will be approved in accordance with the Board's Procedural Bylaw. The

Date adopted: January 1996
Revised:

Reference: Board Policy 12.6, 16, School Act 96,
Ministerial Order M193/08

Supt. Signature:



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Disposal Bylaw authorizing the disposal of property owned or administered by the Board, made pursuant to section 65(5) of the *School Act*, must include:

- (a) confirmation that the Board will not require the property for future educational or district purposes;
- (b) the name and facility number of the property, and;
- (c) the address and legal description of the property.

~~6. The Board will inform the Minister of Education of the disposal of land or improvements under section 96(3) of the *School Act*, and provide both a copy of the Disposal Bylaw and the allocation of any proceeds as required under section 100(2) of the *School Act*.~~

~~7.6. When the Board intends to dispose of a Facility by a fee simple transfer or Long Term Lease of a Facility to a transferee or lessee other than another school board or an independent school for educational purposes, the Secretary Treasurer shall obtain Ministry approval. When the Board determines that it no longer needs a real property, the Secretary Treasurer shall request Ministry approval to sell it.~~

~~8. The Secretary Treasurer shall advertise sale of the property by public tender using the broadest means possible, including, but not limited to, local and provincial newspapers, and to all government agencies that may be interested in acquiring it for public purposes. The advertisement shall include the sentence, "The highest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted".~~

~~9. If the Board considers that it is in the public interest to dispose of a property to a person or organization other than the highest bidder, the Secretary Treasurer shall conduct such investigations necessary to assist the Board reach a decision.~~

~~7. If all tenders are lower than the appraised value, the Secretary-Treasurer may negotiate with the highest bidder or re-advertise the sale.~~

~~8. The Board shall promptly notify the Minister of any disposal of land or improvements and the allocation of the proceeds as required under Section 100(2) of the *School Act*, and promptly deliver to the Minister a copy of the bylaw approving the disposal.~~

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Revised:

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Supt. Signature:



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9. The Board shall offer to dispose of the Facility in a public tender or other competitive bidding process, unless the Board proposes to dispose of the Facility:
- a. to a not for profit corporation,
 - b. to a public authority,
 - c. to a person who, as part of the consideration for the disposition, will exchange land or an improvement with the Board,
 - d. to a person under a partnering agreement that has been the subject of a process involving the solicitation of competitive proposals, or
 - e. to an owner of adjoining land for the purpose of consolidating the lands.
10. The Board must only dispose of a Facility by fee simple transfer or Long Term Lease through a public process as follows:
- a. If the disposition is to a person referred to in Section 9, then the Board may only proceed with the disposal after it has passed a bylaw at a public meeting of the Board approving the disposal, provided that the Board has published, on its publicly accessible website or in some other public manner, notice of its agenda at least seven days' prior to the meeting, and the notice includes:
 - i. a description of the Facility,
 - ii. the person or public authority who is to acquire the Facility under the proposed disposition,
 - iii. the nature and, if applicable, the term of the proposed disposition, and
 - iv. the consideration to be received by the Board for the disposition.

Date adopted: January 1996
Revised:

Reference: Board Policy 12.6, 16, School Act 96,
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Supt. Signature:



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- b. For all other dispositions by fee simple transfer or Long Term Lease, the Board shall post at the Facility a sign visible from a public street indicating the nature of the proposed disposition, and the Board shall publish on its publicly accessible website or in some other public manner for at least 2 consecutive weeks a notice that includes:
- i. a description of the Facility,
 - ii. the nature and, if applicable, the term of the proposed disposition,
 - iii. the process by which the Facility may be acquired, and
 - iv. the sentence "The highest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted."
- c. Any proposed transferee or lessee of a Facility must satisfy the Board that it has the ability to meet its financial obligations to the Board, and the Board must be satisfied that the disposition of the Facility is at fair market value.

Date adopted: January 1996
Revised:

Reference: Board Policy 12.6, 16, School Act 96,
Ministerial Order M193/08

Supt. Signature:

August 17, 2015

School District No. 46 - Sunshine Coast
PO Box 220
Gibsons, BC V0N 1V0

Re: Safe Stop - Increase fine/penalties
Attention: Board Chairman

Safe Stop is a program that was introduced to School District No. 60 in April of this year. Its sole purpose is to remind the motoring public that driving through the flashing red lights of a school bus is both dangerous and illegal. Between April 15th and June 25th, 2015, the Transportation Department of School District No. 60 recorded every instance of motorists driving through the flashing red lights of the school buses. More than one infraction per day was recorded during this time period.

The fine for "Fail to stop for school bus" in B.C. is only \$167.00 and 3 points, to put this in perspective:

Section	Description	Fine	Points
140	Disobey Construction Signs	\$196-\$253	3
141	Disobey Flagman	\$196	3
144(1)(a)	Drive without Due Care	\$368	6
144(1)(b)	Drive without Consideration	\$196	6
147(1)	Speed in School Zone	\$196-\$253	3
147(2)	Speed in Playground Zone	\$196-\$253	3
151.1(3)	Improper use of leftmost lane	\$167	3

In Alberta, the fine associated with failing to stop for a school bus is \$400.00 and Ontario's fines range between \$400.00 and \$2000.00 depending on the amount of infractions the driver has had. Ontario has an absolute Zero Tolerance for this offense.

Drivers in British Columbia do not take this issue seriously, and it is just a matter of time before another child is injured or killed. Increasing the fine and points to \$368.00 plus 6 points is necessary to reflect the severity of the infraction.

Please lend your voice to this matter by writing letters in support of having the fine/points increased. Contact information and addresses as well as the letter that I have sent out are attached for your convenience. I would be very interested in hearing about your response (or actions) regarding this request and have also included my contact information. Thank you in advance for any consideration or support that you might lend to this endeavor.

Sincerely,



Cindy Detting - Safe Stop Coordinator
detting@telus.net
Ss2 Site 22 Comp 6
Fort St. John, BC V1J 4M7
250 262-9965

August 17th, 2015

MLA Peace River North
10104 - 100th Street
Fort St. John, BC V1J 3Y7
V8W 9E2

Re: Section 149, Fail to Stop for School Bus

Attention: Pat Pimm, MLA

Please accept this letter as my formal request to have the fine associated with Section 149 "Fail to stop for School Bus" increased from \$167.00 plus 3 points, to \$368.00 plus 6 points.

To put this in perspective:

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140	Disobey Construction Signs	\$196-\$253	3
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147(2)	Speed in Playground Zone	\$196-\$253	3
151.1(3)	Improper use of leftmost lane	\$167	3

Between April 15th and June 25th, 2015, the Transportation Department of School District No. 60 recorded every instance of motorists driving through the flashing red lights of the school buses. During that time, there were 50 days in which the school buses operated, and 51 infractions - at least one per day. This concern is not limited to Northern British Columbia, School District Transportation Supervisors throughout B.C. confirm that the number of "Fail to stop for School Bus" infractions is unacceptable.

At this time, the fine for driving through the flashing red lights of a school bus in BC is \$167 plus 3 points. In Alberta it's \$400 and Ontario it ranges from \$400 to \$2000 depending on the number of repeat infractions the driver has had. Jail time is also an enforcement tool in Ontario where there is a zero tolerance for this infraction.

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Accident statistics clearly show that the most dangerous part of the school bus ride, to and from school, is when the child is outside the bus, i.e. loading and unloading. Over 2200 students ride the school buses every day within our district. With the increasing number of vehicles sharing the road with school buses, more close calls or near misses are happening every day. It is important to get the word out that driving through the flashing red lights of a stopped school bus is both dangerous and illegal.

Safe Stop is a program that was introduced within School District No. 60 intended to remind motorists of the importance of stopping for the flashing red lights of the school buses. School bus drivers and administrators are doing what they can to bring this issue to the public's attention but we need help.

The penalties in BC need to be increased so that drivers take this seriously. I urge this Government to take a proactive step regarding the safety of our school bus passengers, before another child is injured or killed.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this issue and any resolution that you may come to.
Sincerely,

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