

MEETING MINUTES

| Date: | Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 5:30 pm |
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| Present: | Jennifer White (President), Liam Hall (Vice-President), Lauren Ober |
| | (Treasurer), Mauricio Curbelo, Dan Sharp, Charlotte Clar |
| Regrets: | Genevieve Weber, Councillor Karen Harper, Kimberly Van Nieuvenhuyse |
| Guests: | Jim Kerr |

| ITEM | NOTES |
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| 1 | Welcome |
| | Jennifer volunteered to take minutes |
| | MOVED by Charlotte and Seconded by Mauricio "That the agenda be approved". |
| | CARRIED |
| 2 | Previous Meeting Minutes |
| | MOVED by Lauren and Seconded Jennifer by "That the minutes of the April 9, 2024 meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED |
| | 691 Donnington Place |
| | Presentation from Jim Kerr regarding the proposed addition to 691 |
| | Donnington Place (registered). SHF was requested to provide feedback on the |
| | proposal as it will require a Board of Variance application. |
| | A discussion occurred, and noted: |
| | The height variance requested is within the existing overall building height |
| | • The dormers proposed are consistent with the style of this 1949 |
| | Registered heritage home. The applicant demonstrated an |
| | understanding of the home's character-defining elements. We noted |
| | that the design, proportions, and detailing of the dormers are clearly inspired by the existing windows and roof. |
| | • The tall first floor, combined with the tall attic, require the centre |
| | dormers to be taller in order for them to be proportioned correctly. We |
| | believe the applicant has struck a balance between designing the |
| | dormers to be large enough to allow sufficient light to reach the |
| | interior, while ensuring the new dormers are visually subordinate to the |
| | large roof (a character-defining element) as well as to the windows and |
| | doors on the first floor. |



- The addition of a second storey on a house with a massive attic is supportable from a preservation perspective. Increasing the home's useful square footage will reduce the possibility that a subsequent owner will need to demolish the home in order to meet their need for space.
- Overall, the design was deemed a tasteful proposal that adds space to this home without compromising its character.
- The SHF supports this application
- ACTION: Mauricio to draft response letter, Jennifer to issue

3 Heritage Tracker Status Updates

- 4512 West Saanich Road (original Municipal Hall/Med Grill)
 - o No new updates received from Saanich Planning.
 - Applicant has asked to present at June meeting
 - ACTION: Councillor Harper to confirm back to applicant that this is acceptable
- 2254 Arbutus Road
 - Application for heritage designation forwarded to SHF for review by Saanich Planning on January 31, 2024. SHF Board supports the heritage designation of the main property as submitted, and response was provided via letter dated March 1, 2024. SHF also recommended that the homeowner also include designation of the remaining two buildings mentioned in the Statement of Significance as part of the designation application.
 - No new updates received from Saanich Planning. Was planned to go to Saanich Council for approval May 13, 2024, but was pulled from the agenda just before the meeting.

4 Treasurer's Report

- See attached statement (to May 14, 2024)
- Current balances for the accounts are as follows:
 - o Operating Account: \$6,353.39
 - o Grant Account: \$58,529.73

MOVED by Jennifer and Seconded by Mauricio "That the Treasurer's report be received for information".

CARRIED

- ACTION: Jen and Lauren to go to bank in person to close Dodd/Hall house accounts
- ACTION: Liam to be added to signing authority list. Lauren to coordinate.



• ACTION: Lauren to create sponsor document that summarizes the process/requirements for future transition of signing authorities.

5 2023 House Grants

- 762 Ralph Street (roof ventilation and exterior paint)
 - Exterior paint work complete and grant funds issued
 - Ventilation work still pending, with electrical required before insulation can occur.
 - Homeowner has requested extension to end of October to allow for additional air testing in summer. No issues noted with granting this extension
 - ACTION: Jennifer to email homeowner re revised timeline extension

6 2024 House Grants

- Applications intake closed April 30. Five applications were received, and reviewed by the board.
- Grant application for 762 Ralph Street was not approved, as it does not meet the Restoration Guidelines. The guidelines note: "New work and materials should replicate old work exactly, or if old work is already missing, new work should be based on research of archival (photographic) sources of the same or similar buildings (pg 2), Windows and doors (pg4) require separate panes of glass.
 - Since this proposal is to change the design of an original element of the home, the onus is on the applicant to prove that the change is necessary and that the new designs are historically accurate.
 - A door with a 3/4 window consisting of one sheet of glass is not historically accurate to a 1938 home of this style.
 - Catalog doors are almost never historically accurate. In this case, the proposed front door from Lumberworld, though it has a "peak" like the existing window, is not close enough to the design of the existing sidelights.
 - It was discussed and agreed to invite the application to resubmit at the next meeting with an updated application, if so desired.
 - ACTION: Jennifer to respond to homeowner re status of application

MOVED by Jennifer and Seconded by Lauren: "That the following 2024 Grant Applications be approved and Foundation liaisons be assigned:



| Address | Activity | Lowest Quote | Grant Amount Approved: (35% of lowest quote to a maximum of 10K) | Board Liaison |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| 702 Gorge Road West | Exterior Painting | \$16,500.00 | \$5,775.00 | Mauricio Curbelo |
| 1084 Marigold | Roof Replacement | \$31,354.40 | \$10,000.00 | Jennifer White |
| 1650 Earlston Ave | Roof Replacement | \$44,950.00 | \$10,000.00 | Liam Hall |
| 4516 West Saanich Road | Exterior Painting | \$58,835.00 | \$10,000.00 | Liam Hall |

CARRIED

ACTION: Jennifer to draft letters to homeowners notifying them of grant awards

7 Website Creation/Graphics

- No mockup available yet from 48North.
 - ACTION: Liam to connect back to 48North to see if mockup will be ready for next meeting
- Charlotte and Genevieve have updated the territorial acknowledgement, and continue to discuss the Indigenous heritage page content
- Need to create new signs for grant work. Due to timing, may require approval via email to approve costs once known
 - ACTION: Liam to request font package for logo from 48North
 - ACTION: Liam to connect with sign company re quotes for work
 - ACTION: Jen to provide Liam previous sign wording

8 Social Media/Public Engagement

 Postings have predominantly been to flag registered and designated houses in Saanich.



| Query was received via the past president regarding potential volunteer opportunities with SHF. (There is a posting on a board at UVIC.) Jennifer reached out, but no follow up response was received. |
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| • ACTION: Charlotte to update board at UVIC with current info@ |
| email address |
| A local resident group has requested a tour of Dodd House. Saanich was |
| contacted and confirmed a day/time that worked for both, and will notify |
| tenant. Sheila Colwill will be leading tour. |
| o ACTION: Jennifer to forward calendar invite to all board |
| members who would like to join. |
| Electronic Records |
| Scanning of key file info/adding of info to house database master file - ongoing |
| Adjournment |
| • The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. |
| Next Meeting |
| • The next regular meeting of the SHF will be held on Tuesday June 11, 2024 at |
| 5:30 pm. |
| Attachments |
| Letter and drawings re 691 Donnington Place |
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May 7, 2024

Board of Variance
District of Saanich
770 Vernon Avenue
Victoria, BC V8X 2W7

RE: Board of Variance Application
Addition to Existing Single Family Residence
691 Donnington Place, Victoria BC

Dear Chair and Board Members,

On behalf of Julie and Richard Owen, Owners of the subject property, a height variance is requested to the applicable A-1 Rural Zone standard for the purpose of adding a new second storey to their existing single family dwelling.

Existing Site & Context

The A-1 zoned 3.0 hectare property includes an existing single family dwelling and several accessory buildings. The house was built in 1949 for owners Ada & Norman Yarrow (then president of Yarrows Ltd Shipyard) and was the last major residence designed by acclaimed local architect Percy Leonard James. The property was originally known as Orchard Gate, later Donnington Farm, and is currently listed on the Saanich Heritage Registry.

The house was designed in the British Arts & Crafts style as the centre-piece of a large country estate surrounded by gardens, working orchards and woodlands. It features a one level "butterfly" plan, rustic brick walls, horizontal muntin-ed windows, a massive cedar shake roof and multiple chimneys.

Proposed Variance Requested

The Owners wish to add a new second floor within the existing attic to accommodate 2 additional bedrooms and a games room for their family. A series of new dormers with windows are proposed for needed daylight and headroom. Their proportions, sizes, finishes and details are designed to be purposely understated to fit into and be visually subordinate to the existing massive roof, a key character defining element of James' original design.

The two central dormers proposed are located over the existing main level "great" room which has a ceiling height of 12.0 feet. In order to accommodate the new required floor structure and provide adequate headroom, the height of both these dormers, as measured from grade to the top of their 2:12 sloped roofs, will exceed

the maximum permitted 6.5m height in the A-1 zone by up to 0.91m (3.0 feet). Hence a variance to increase the allowable height to <u>7.41m</u> is requested.

We respectfully submit that the requested variance is reasonable and can be justified on the grounds that, without it, the existing ceiling height of the main level living room (and new upper floor) would need to be lowered by 3.0 feet to make the dormer heights conform to the 6.5m standard. This would require a complete reworking of the central portion of the house and create undue hardship. Given that the existing house is relatively distant from and screened by evergreen forest from neighbouring properties, the granting of this variance will not in any way adversely impact their use and enjoyment.

No variance is required for the height of new dormers proposed at each side wing because these are at a lower elevation and located over main floor space with ceiling height of only 9.0 feet.

All other aspects of the proposed alterations meet the A-1 zone standards.

Attached for reference are photos of the existing house and 3D images of the proposed design showing the added dormers.

Given the heritage significance of the existing house, the proposed design will be presented to the Saanich Heritage Foundation for feedback prior to the Board of Variance hearing. We will also contact the immediately adjacent neighbours prior to the BOV hearing to discuss this application and gather their feedback.

We look forward to presenting the proposal to the Board of Variance in person and thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

James Kerr Architect AIBC

Principal, JAMES KERR ARCHITECT

cc Julie & Richard Owen, Owners
Saanich Heritage Foundation

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Proposed Second Level Addition - East View 691 Donnington Place JKA 05-07-2024

CONSTRUCTION ASSEMBLIES

Note minimum RSI values for new assemblies or existing assemblies upgraded for new additon are based on Zone 4 for Victoria Mt.Tolmie location (2700 Degree Days below 18C) as per BCBC 2024 Table 9.36.2.6.-C

EW1 Typical Existing Exterior Wall

4" brick veneer

1" airspace

building paper or stucco base coat TBC

1x ship lap sheathing

2x4 studs @16"+/- oc w/ 3.5" fiberglass batt insulation interior lath & plaster

EW2 Existing Attic Exterior Wall

wave edge cedar siding building paper, 1x ship lap sheathing

2x4 studs @16"+/- oc & furring

EW3 Existing Attic Exterior Wall Modified

| exterior air film | 0.03 R |
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| ex wave edge cedar siding | 0.17 |
| ex building paper, 1x ship lap sheathing | 0.16 |
| ex 2x4 studs @16"+/- oc & furring | |
| 1. Add 2x2 furring to studs | |
| 2. Add 5" polyurethane spray foam insulation | 2.94 |
| (Polarfoam PF-7300 or equal) | |
| 3. Add 1/2" GWB finish at interior side | 0.08 |
| interior air film - wall | 0.12 |
| Total Effective RSI | 3.50 |
| BCBC 2024 Table 9.36.2.6-C minimum RSI | 3.08 |
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EW4 Typical Existing Interior Wall

lath & plaster OR drvwall

2x4 studs @16"+/- oc lath & plaster OR drywall

W1 New Exterior Wall (above roof level)

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| exterior air film - wall | 0.03 |
| cedar shingles 6" exposure | 0.17 |
| synthetic sheathing membrane (SSM) air barrier w/ | |
| taped joints (Tyvek or equal) | 0.00 |
| 1/2" plywood sheathing | 0.11 |
| 2x6 studs @16"oc w/ 5.0" polyurethane | |
| spray foam insulation (Polarfoam PF-7300 or equal) | 2.94 |
| 1/2" GWB finish w/ vapour barrier paint primer | 0.08 |
| interior air film - wall | 0.12 |
| Total Effective RSI | 3.45 |
| BCBC 2024 Table 9.36.2.6-C minimum RSI | 3.08 |

W2 New Attic Wall (below roof level)

2x6 studs @16"oc 1/2" GWB finish

W3 New Attic Exterior Wall

| exterior air film - wall | 0.03 RSI |
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| synthetic sheathing membrane (SSM) air barrier w/ | |
| taped joints (Tyvek or equal) | 0.00 |
| 1/2" plywood sheathing | 0.11 |
| 2x6 studs @16"oc w/ 5.0" polyurethane | |
| spray foam insulation (Polarfoam PF-7300 or equal) | 2.94 |
| 1/2" GWB finish w/ vapour barrier paint primer | 80.0 |
| interior air film - wall | 0.12 |
| Total Effective RSI | 3.28 |
| BCBC 2024 Table 9.36.2.6-C minimum RSI | 3.08 |

W4 Typical New Interior Wall

1/2" GWB (or as required to be flush w/ existing plaster) 2x4 studs @ 16"oc

3.5" acoustic batts at all bathrooms, laundry bedrooms & study 1/2" GWB (or as required to be flush w/ existing plaster)

W5 Typical New Interior Wall

same as W1 but with 2x6 studs @ 16"oc

EF1 Existing Main Level Assembly

finish flooring on 1x shiplap

2x8 joists @ 16"oc

EF2 Existing Attic Floor Assembly ex 2x8 joists @ 16 or 20"oc w/ fg batt insulation 1x2 strapping, lath & plaster or GWB ceiling

EF3 Existing Upper Level Assembly Modified

ex 2x8 joists @ 16"oc w/ fg batt insulation

ex 1x2 strapping, lath & plaster or GWB ceiling

1. Remove ex batt insulation

2. Sister ex joists w/ new 9.25" LVLs as per structural

3. Add new finish flooring & 5/8" T&G plywood

EF4 Existing Upper Level Assembly Modified

ex 1x decking w/ fg batt insulation

ex 2x10 joists @ 12"oc

ex 1x2 strapping, lath & plaster or GWB ceiling

1. Remove ex 1x decking & batt insulation

2. Sister ex joists w/ new11.75" LVLs as per structural

3. Add new finish flooring & 5/8" T&G plywood

ER1 Existing Roof Assembly

ex cedar shakes replace w/ synthetic shingles ex 1x shiplap ex 2x6 rafters @ 20"oc

ER2 Existing Roof Assembly Modified

| ex cedar shakes replaced w/ synthetic shingles | 0.08 |
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| ex 1x shiplap | 0.16 |
| ex 2x6 rafters @ 20"oc | |
| 1. Sister ex rafters w/ new 2x10s as per struct | |
| 2. Add 6.0" polyurethane spray foam insulation | |
| (Polarfoam PF-7300 or equal) | 4.51 |
| 3. Add 1/2" GWB ceiling | 0.08 |
| interior air film - ceiling | 0.11 |
| Total Effective RSI | 4.94 |
| BCBC 2024 Table 9.36.2.6-C minimum RSI | 4.67 |
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ER3 Existing Roof Assembly Modified

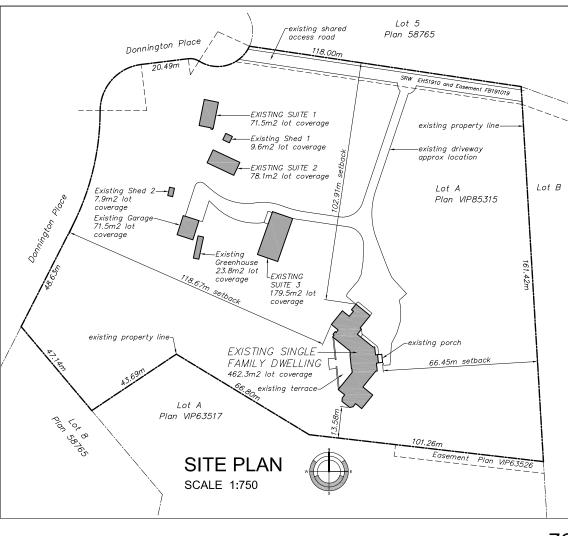
Same as ER2 but no GWB ceiling

ER4 Existing Low Slope Roof Modified

| ex roofing & sloped 1x wood deck | |
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| ex 2x10 joists @ 12"oc w/ fg batt insulation | |
| ex 1x2 strapping, lath & plaster ceiling | 80.0 |
| . remove ex roofing & wood deck | |
| 2. Sister ex joists w/ 11.75" LVLs as per structural | |
| 3. Add new 5/8" T&G plywood on shims sloped 2% | 0.14 |
| 4. Add new copper foil faced SBS roof membrane | 0.03 |
| 5. Add 7.0" polyurethane spray foam insulation | |
| Polarfoam PF-7300 or equal) | 4.56 |
| 6. repair/replace ex strapping & ceiling as required | |
| nterior air film - ceiling | 0.11 |
| Total Effective RSI | 4.92 |
| 3CBC 2024 Table 9.36.2.6-C minimum RSI | 4.67 |
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| R1 New Roof Assembly | |
| 2 ply SBS roof membrane | 0.03 |
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5/8" T&G plywood sheathing

| 70 TAG prywood sneathing | 0.1 |
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| x8 rafters @ 24"oc w/ 6.0" polyurethane | |
| pray foam insulation (Polarfoam PF-7300 or equal) | 4.9 |
| x6 flat ceiling framing where noted | |
| /2" GWB ceiling | 0.0 |
| terior air film - ceiling | 0.1 |
| otal Effective RSI | 5.2 |
| CBC 2024 Table 9.36.2.6-C minimum RSI | 4.6 |



GENERAL & BC BUILDING CODE NOTES

- 1. The existing house was originally built in 1949. Current project scope of work includes:
- Selective demolition
- New upper level addition, interior & exterior modifications including structural changes
- Repair of existing interior & exterior finishes, windows, doors & features
- New interior finishes, doors, fixtures & cabinetry
- New electrical, heating, plumbing & ventilation systems Modifications to existing septic field system as required
- 2. *Refer to Limited Hazardous Materials Survey Report dated April 11, 2024 by AREC Environmental for further information
- 3. Refer to Structural drawings and specifications prepared by Skyline Engineering Ltd for further information
- 4 All NEW construction to meet current edition of BC Building Code 2024, related regulations and municipal by-laws
- 5. All NEW guards and handrails to meet BC Building Code 2024 Subsection 9.8.8 requirements.
- 6. All NEW bedroom egress windows to be provided to meet BC Building Code 2024 9.9.10.1 requirements including
- minimum 0.35m2 unobstructed area opening with no dimension less than 380mm
- 7. Smoke alarms to be provided as per BCBC 2024 9.10.19.3 in each Bedroom and other locations required.
- 8. Carbon monoxide alarms to be provided as per BCBC 2024 9.32.4.2
- 9. Exhaust fans with air-flow rates conforming to BCBC 2024 Table 9.32.3.6 to be installed in NEW Upper Level Bathrooms, Ensuite & Lower Level Bathroom. Due to age of existing house and relative lack of airtightness a principal ventilation system conforming to BCBC 2024 9.32.3 is not technically required but make-up air in heating season will be provided TBC. New heating & cooling system to be provided.
- 10. Fire blocks to be provided in concealed spaces and walls as per BCBC 2024 9.10.16. in NEW construction
- 11. Fire protection for electric cooktops & ovens to be provided as per BCBC 2024 9.20.22.
- 12. Protection of foamed plastics including EPS and SPF insulation to be provided as per BCBC 2024 9.10.17.10.
- 13. Contractor to confirm all measurements and dimensions and report any discrepancies to Architect prior to start of construction. Unless noted otherwise, dimensions shown are to face of concrete foundation, face of exterior sheathing or face of drywall. DO NOT SCALE DRAWINGS.
- 14. Contractor is responsible for the coordination and supervision of work by their own forces, sub-trades and suppliers
- 15. Contractor to ensure all work is carried out by the rules and customs of best trade and safety practices by qualified personnel in accordance with all Worksafe BC regulations
- 16. Contractor shall keep the Architect and Structural Engineer informed of the progress of work onsite and shall arrange for inspections by Municipal officials and electrical & plumbing inspectors as required 17. All demolition work to be conducted in strict accordance with WorkSafe BC requirements including identification, testing
- and verification of hazardous materials* present on site and their handling and/or removal by approved means as required. 18. Contractor to provide solid wood blocking in walls for attachment of handrails, guards, cabinetry, electrical and plumbing fixtures or as otherwise required

ZONING INFORMATION

1.7m Multi Cedar

85.5

85.7

Multi Decid.

_typ existing tree & diameter

0.6m Pine

Llandscaped area

existing terrace

existing metric

grade as per

*5.5

1.5m Cedai

survey typ

85.5

1. Street Address: 691 Donnington Place, Victoria, BC 2. Legal Description: Lot A Section 54 Lake District Plan VIP85313

3. Parcel Identifier Number: 027-567-851 4. Existing Zoning: A1 Rural Zone 5. Existing Uses: Single Family Dwelling Accessory Buildings & Structures

6. All existing property lines, easements, structures, grades, trees and utilities shown on Site Plan are based on survey prepared by Wey Mayenburg (BCLS) dated September 14, 2023

7. Existing Lot Area: 3.0 hectares (7.41 acres)

8. Property is NOT located within the Agricultural Land Reserve

9. Zoning Checklist for existing Single Family Dwelling:

Setbacks

A1 Zone Standard Existing (E) or Proposed (P)

asphalt

grade=85.05m

*ex grade by 🔊

-Grade=85.20m

-landscaped area-

O,4m Fir PARTIAL

O.3m Fir SITE PLAN

SCALE 1:250

calculation

polygon

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interpolation

area typ

Lowest

EXISTING

DWELLING

Main Level

SINGLE FAMILY

driveway

Front yard (Donnington PI): 7.5m minimum 118.6m (E) Side yard (north): 3.0m minimum 102.9m (E) Side vard (south): 3.0m minimum 13.58m (E) Rear vard (east): 7.5m minimum Lot Coverage 462.3m2 or 1.5% (E) Building Height (101.5(b)(i) 7.5m maximum 5.58m (E)

> 6.5m maximum 7.41m (P) (new dormer w/ 2:12 roof)**

**Variance required

Building Height (101.5(b)(ii) 7.5m maximum 4.61m (E) 592.1m2 (P) excl ex garage 49.4m2 (E) Gross Floor Area (R) n/a

Floor Space Ratio (R) 0.45 maximum

10. <u>Grade</u> (Zoning) as per BCLS Letter of Assurance: <u>85.20m</u> geodetic (see also Site Plan)

| 29APR2024 | BOV APPLICATION |
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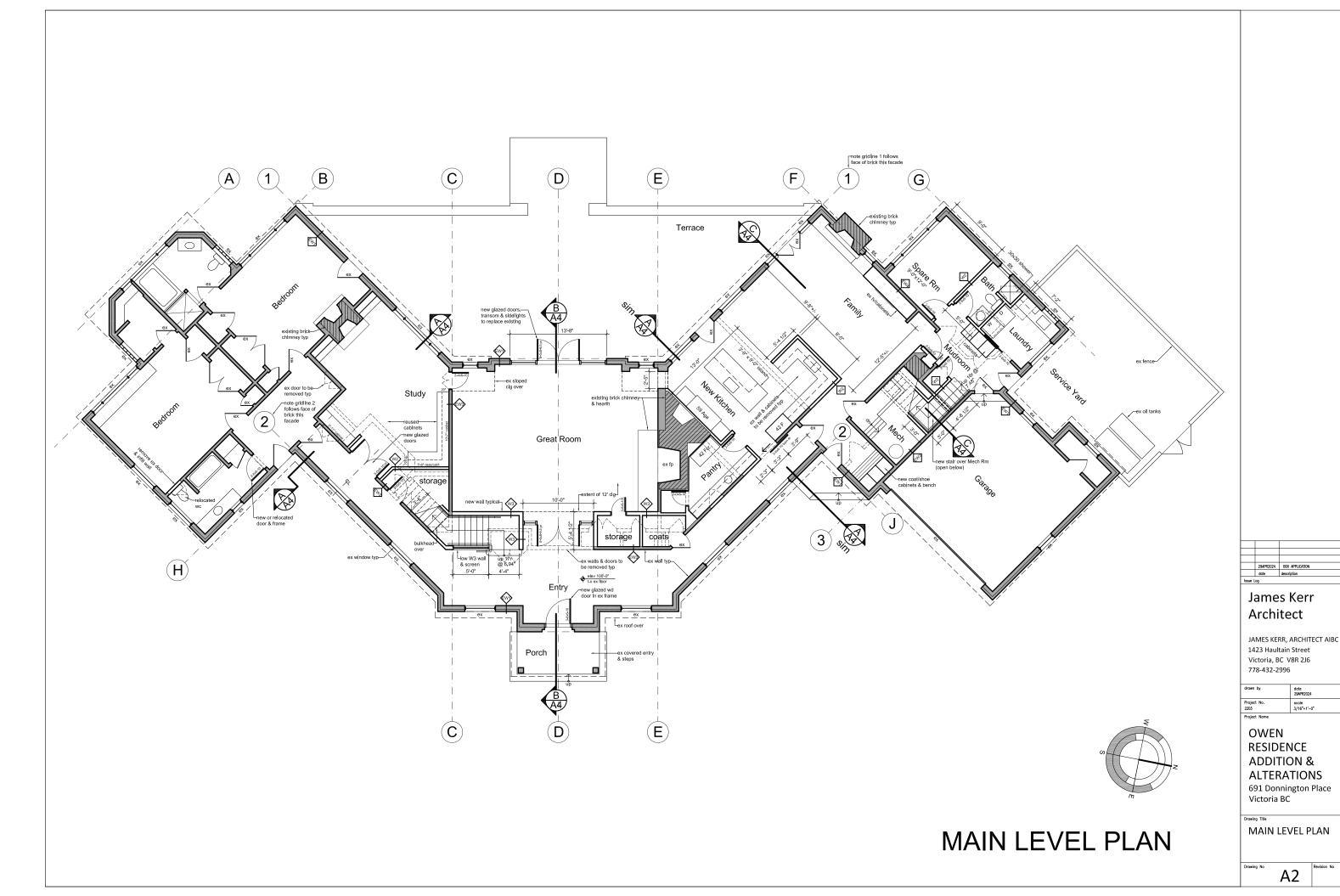
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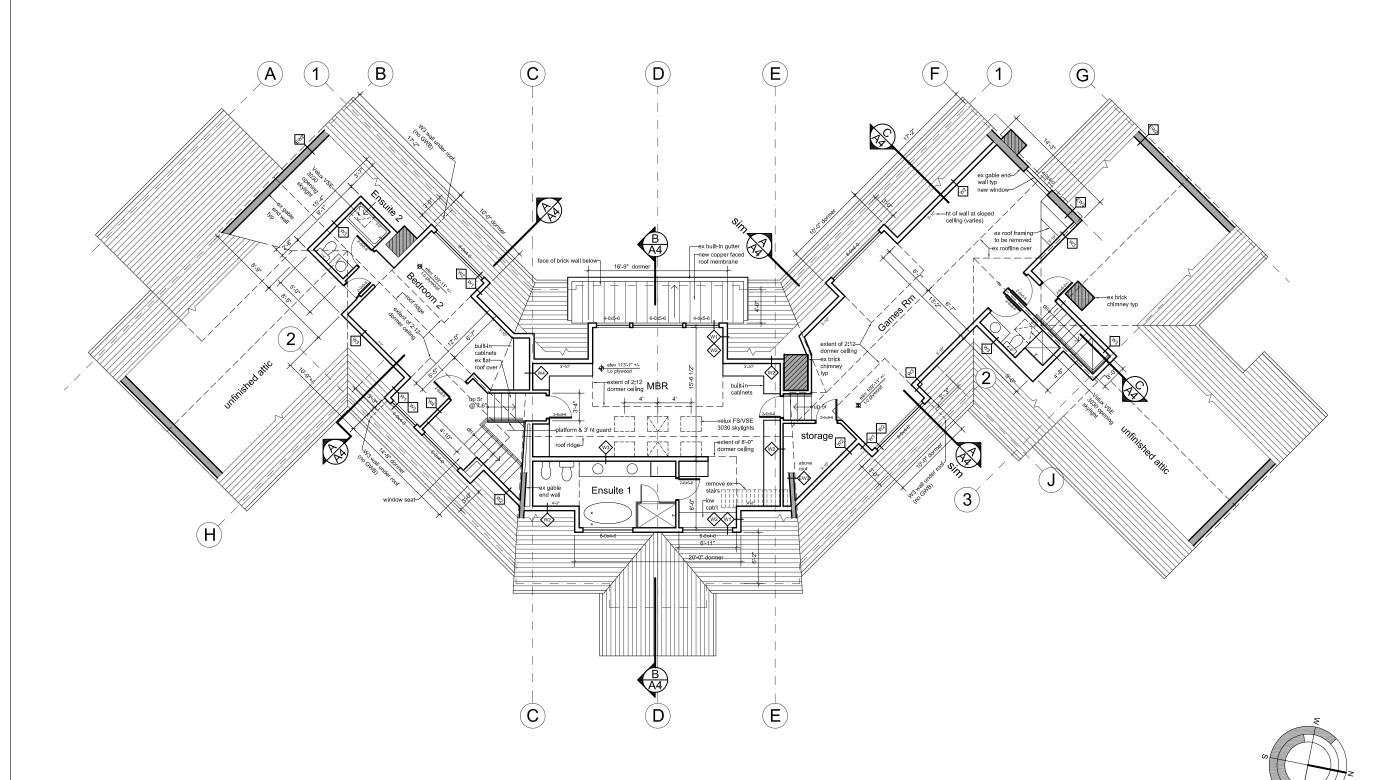
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SITE PLAN NOTES

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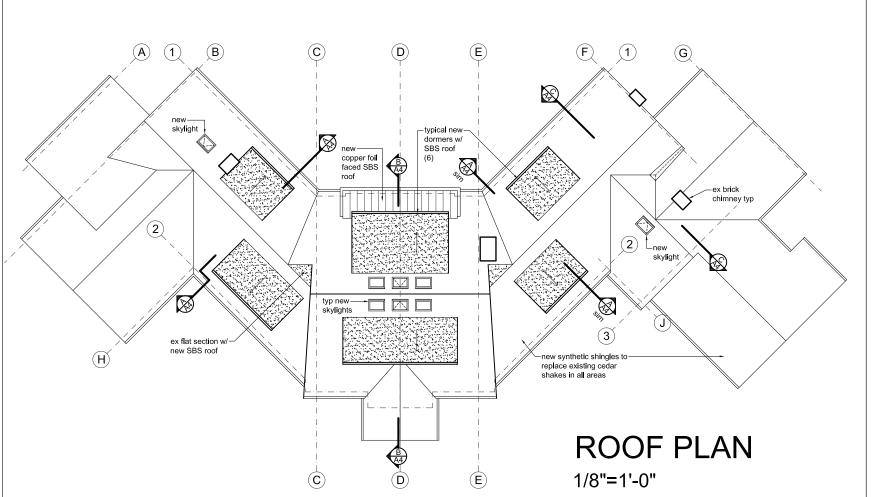
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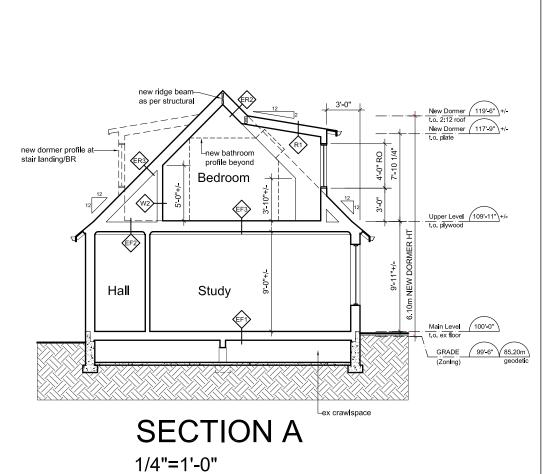
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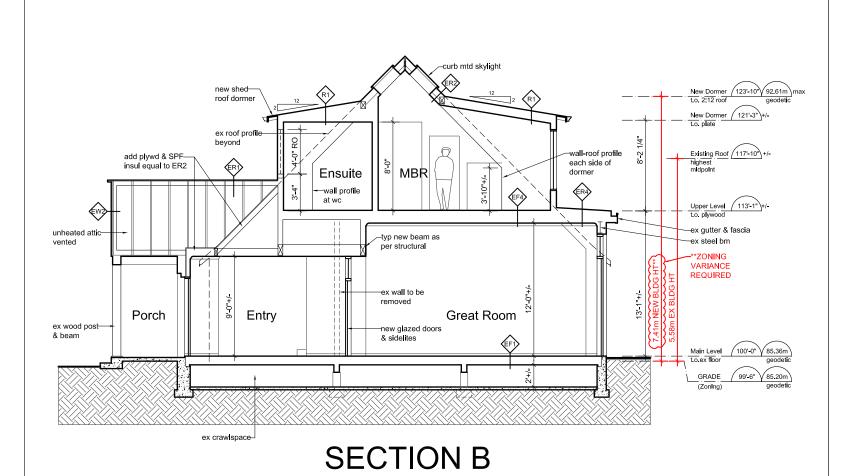
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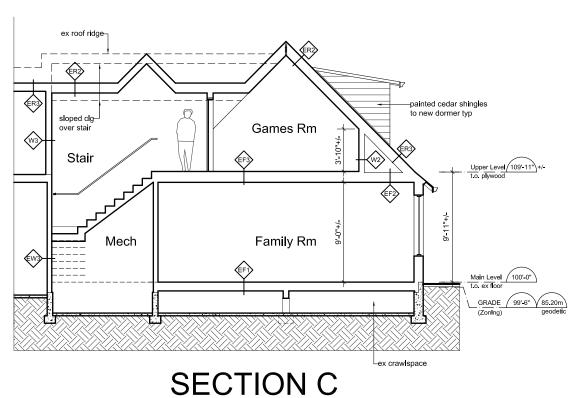
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29APF22024 BOV APPLICATION date description to Log

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OWEN RESIDENCE ADDITION & ALTERATIONS 691 Donnington Place

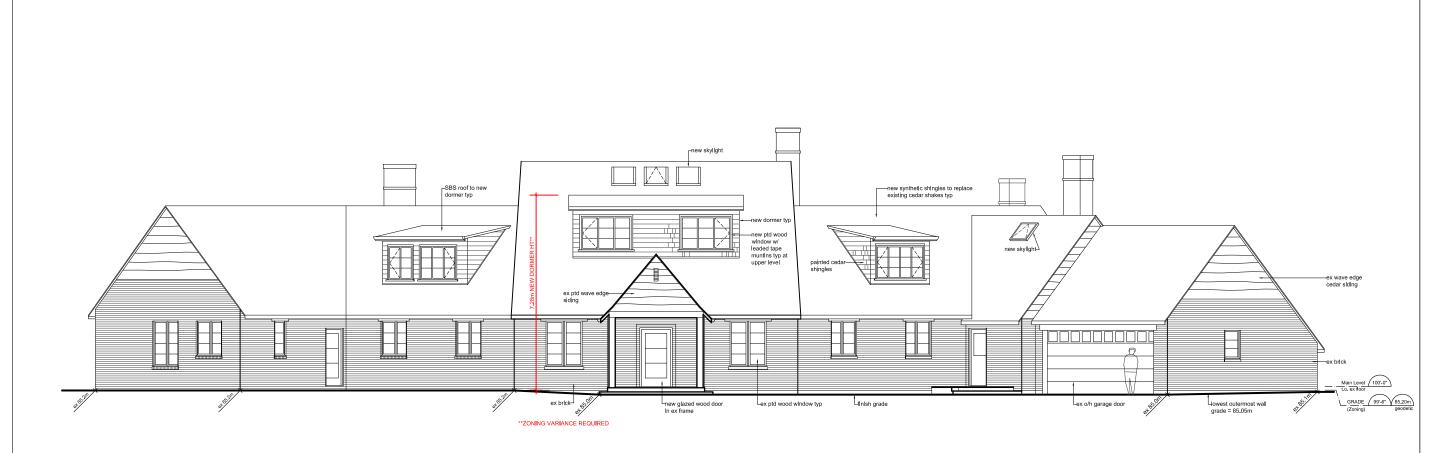
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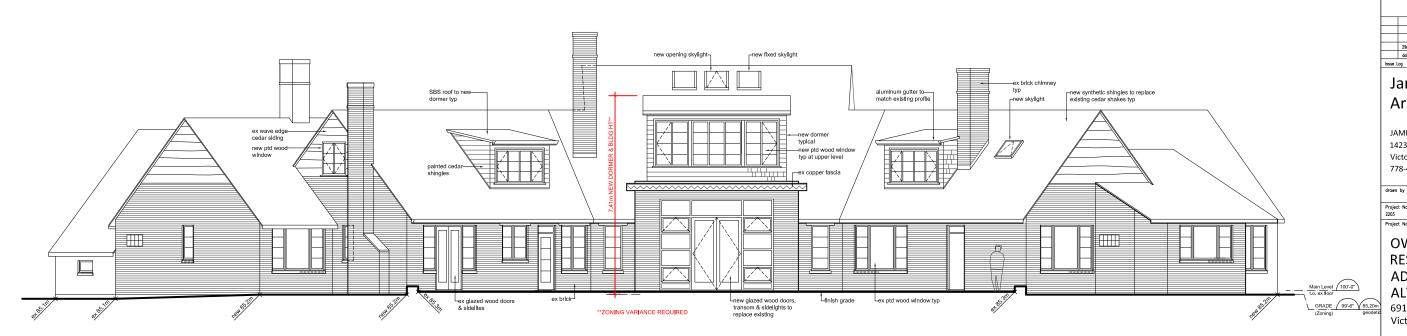
ROOF PLAN SECTIONS

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EAST ELEVATION



WEST ELEVATION

| 29APR2024 | BOV APPLICATION |
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OWEN RESIDENCE **ADDITION & ALTERATIONS**

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