# CD-1 Rezoning: 1749-1769 East 33rd Avenue

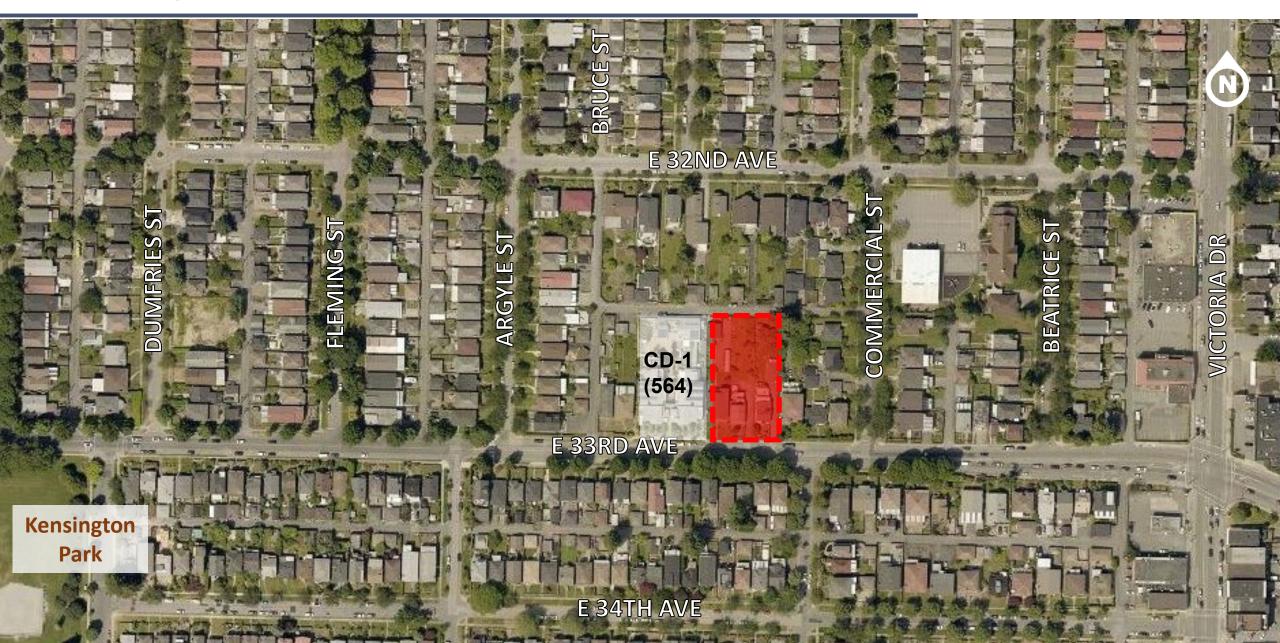
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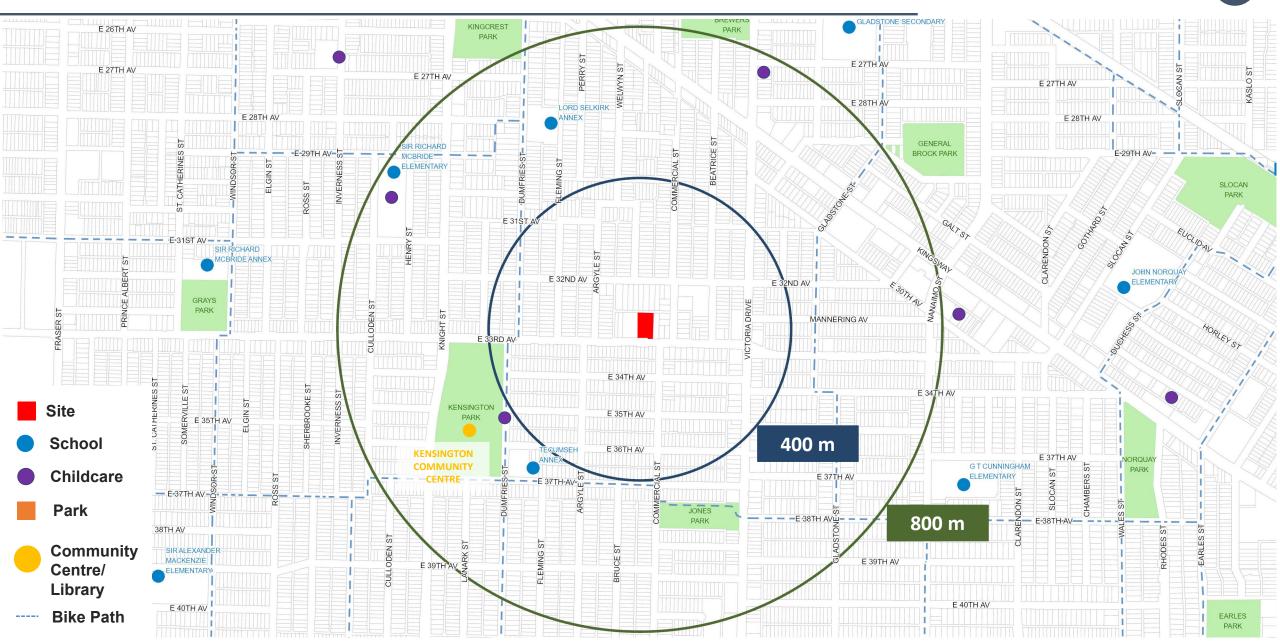


# **Existing Site and Context**



## **Local Amenities and Services**



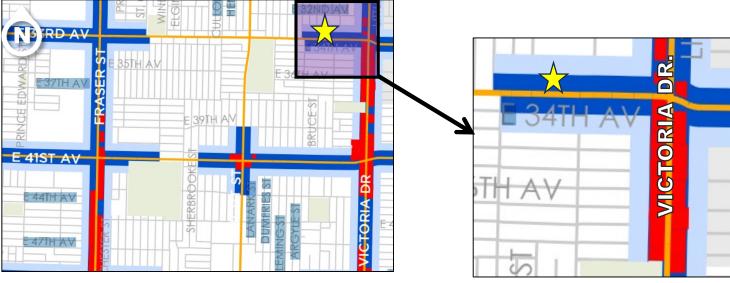


# **Enabling Policy**



## **Secured Rental Policy (SRP)**

- Encourages construction of new purpose-built rental housing in Vancouver, in line with *Housing* Vancouver Strategy and Vancouver Plan
- Policy is accompanied by RR Design Guidelines



# **Proposal**

- Rezoning to CD-1
- One 5-storey residential building with rooftop amenity and one 4-storey residential building
- A total of 109 secured rental units
- Density of 2.20 FSR
- Maximum height of 19.1 m (63 ft.)
- 37 parking stalls, 170 bicycle stalls, two loading stalls





# **SRP Policy Context**

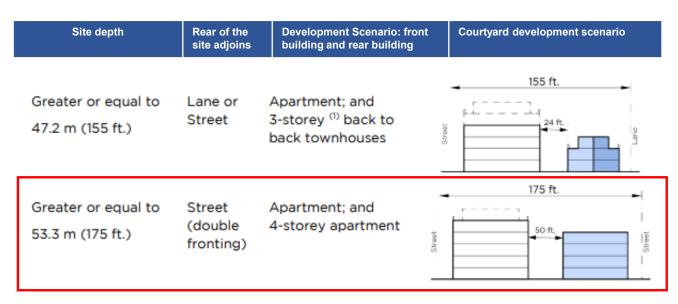
- The site is atypical in terms of depth (219 ft.) and slope (15 – 17 ft. difference from street to lane)
- The SRP allows rezoning to CD-1 rather than an RR District given site irregularities
- The *RR Design Guidelines* permit a courtyard form of development with a front and rear building for deep sites ( >155 ft.)
  - Site conditions allow a front apartment and 3-storey townhouses at the rear



| Site depth                              | Rear of the site adjoins       | Development Scenario: front building and rear building               | Courtyard development scenario |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Greater or equal to<br>47.2 m (155 ft.) | Lane or<br>Street              | Apartment; and<br>3-storey <sup>(1)</sup> back to<br>back townhouses | 155 ft.                        |
| Greater or equal to<br>53.3 m (175 ft.) | Street<br>(double<br>fronting) | Apartment; and<br>4-storey apartment                                 | 175 ft.                        |

# **SRP Policy Context**

- Atypical site conditions create design challenges for redevelopment under the *RR Design Guidelines* 
  - Fire access
  - Livability issues (sunken units)
- RR Design Guidelines also permit deep sites to redevelop as two apartment buildings
- Proposal generally upholds form of development expectations and does not exceed density achievable through an RR District Schedule (RR-2B)





# Rental Vs. Ownership Tenure

|        | Market Rent in Newer Buildings –<br>Eastside <sup>1</sup> |                                       | Ownership<br>(20% down payment) <sup>2</sup> |                     |                                       |
|--------|---|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
|        | Average Market<br>Rent                                    | Average<br>Household Income<br>Served | Median-Priced Unit -<br>Eastside             | 20% down<br>payment | Average<br>Household Income<br>Served |
| Studio | \$1,653   | \$66,120                              | \$2,200                                      | \$79,550            | \$88,000                              |
| 1-bed  | \$1,925   | \$77,000                              | \$2,885                                      | \$108,000           | \$115,400                             |
| 2-bed  | \$2,619   | \$104,760                             | \$3,809                                      | \$141,300           | \$152,360                             |
| 3-bed  | \$3,212   | \$128,480                             | \$5,565                                      | \$213,000           | \$222,600                             |

<sup>1</sup> Data from October 2022 CMHC Rental Market Survey for apartments in purpose-built rental buildings completed in the year 2013 or later on the Eastside of Vancouver 2 Data from BC Assessment 2021

## **Public Consultation**

Postcards Mailed March 9, 2023 City-hosted Virtual Open House March 13 to April 2, 2023

| Postcards distributed | 1097 |
|-----------------------|------|
|                       | 44   |
| Questions             | 11   |
| Comment forms         | 93   |
| Other input           | 10   |
| Total                 | 114  |

Aware: 352
Informed: 135
Engaged: 76

### **Public Consultation**

## **Comments of Support**

- Rental housing
- Density
- Building design and amenities
- Neighbourhood revitalization

#### **Comments of Concern**

- Height and density
- Privacy
- Sunlight and shadowing
- Traffic and safety
- Parking availability

# Response to Feedback

#### **Height and Density**

- Height and form of the five-storey building meets the expectations of the SRP
- Height and form of the four-storey building is in response to atypical site conditions

#### **Privacy**

- No balconies on east or west facades of building
- Proposal meets minimum side yard setback requirements

#### **Sunlight and Shadowing**

 Proposal follows the RR Design Guidelines for setbacks, building depth and building stepping to minimize shadow impacts on adjacent properties

# Response to Feedback

#### **Traffic and Safety**

 Rezoning conditions include a new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) crosswalk, land dedication and frontage improvements, and use of convex mirrors at parkade exit

#### **Parking Availability**

• Proposal to meet Parking By-law at the time of Development Permit. Option to reduce parking

requirements with TDM



## **Public Benefits**

| Contribution                         | Amount       |  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) | Not required |  |
| Development Cost Levies (DCLs)       | \$2,383,271  |  |
| Total Value                          | \$2,383,271  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Additional benefits include 109 secured rental units, secured through a Housing Agreement

## Conclusion

- Proposal is consistent with the SRP and advances the City's housing policy goals
- Delivery of 109 secured market rental units
- Staff support the application subject to conditions in Appendix B

