

**CITY OF HAMILTON**

**PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**Planning Division**

<b>TO:</b> Chair and Members Planning Committee	<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b> WARD 5
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b> April 16, 2013	
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b> Heritage Permit Application HP2013-008, Under Part V of the <u>Ontario Heritage Act</u> , for Erection of a Structure at 920 Beach Boulevard (Hamilton) (Ward 5) (PED13070)	
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b> Tim McCabe General Manager Planning and Economic Development Department	<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Alissa Golden (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1214
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Heritage Permit Application HP2013-008 be approved for the erection of a new single detached residence on the designated property at 920 Beach Boulevard (Hamilton Beach Heritage Conservation District) (Hamilton), as shown on Appendix "A" to Report PED13070, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That any minor changes to the plans and elevations following approval shall be submitted, to the satisfaction and approval of Planning staff, prior to submission as part of any application for a Building Permit;
- (b) That the dimensions, design, and materials for any new fencing and gates shall be submitted, to the satisfaction and approval of Planning staff, prior to installation;

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- (c) That as many existing trees as possible shall be retained, and that a minimum of one replacement tree of a minimum caliper of 55mm of a species consistent with the City of Hamilton's Tree Species and Recommended Use Index shall be planted within one year of occupancy of the new dwelling;
- (d) That a plan depicting the removed, retained, and new trees, including the caliper size, locations, and species, shall be submitted, to the satisfaction and approval of Planning staff, prior to any grading or tree removals; and,
- (e) That construction and site alterations, in accordance with this approval, shall be completed no later than March 31, 2015. If the construction and site alterations are not completed by March 31, 2015, then this approval expires as of that date, and no alterations shall be undertaken without a new approval issued by the City of Hamilton.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The subject property, located at 920 Beach Boulevard (Hamilton), is designated as part of the Hamilton Beach Heritage Conservation District under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act (see the location map attached as Appendix "A"). A Heritage Permit is required for the alteration of any part of the property, and for the erection or demolition of any structures or buildings on the property. The applicant is applying for the erection of a new single detached residence on a vacant lot. This application is being supported, subject to conditions related to the protection of existing trees and/or planting new trees, as agreed to by the applicant in discussions with staff and the Heritage Permit Review Sub-committee. Construction on the subject property is also subject to Site Plan Control under the Planning Act.

The Heritage Permit Review Sub-committee and the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee have reviewed this application, and have advised conditional approval of the application.

*Alternatives for Consideration - See Page 7.*

**FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial:** None.

**Staffing:** None.

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**Legal:** Under Section 42 of the Ontario Heritage Act, a permit from the municipality is required for alteration of any part of the property or to erect, demolish, or remove any building or structure on the property. The power to consent to alterations to property designated under the Ontario Heritage Act was delegated by Council to the Director of Planning under City of Hamilton By-law No. 05-364. However, the Ontario Heritage Act provisions exclude the delegation of Council's authority to consent to an application for the demolition of existing structures or erection of new structures.

In response to an application for a permit, Council may: consent to the permit applied for; provide notice that Council is refusing the application for the permit; or, consent to the permit applied for, with terms and conditions attached.

Section 42 (4.1) of the Ontario Heritage Act provides that Council must consult with its Municipal Heritage Committee before taking any action with respect to an application to demolish or remove any building or structure on property in a Heritage Conservation District.

## **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The subject property at 920 Beach Boulevard (Hamilton) (see the Location Map attached as Appendix "A") is located in the Hamilton Beach Heritage Conservation District (HCD), designated by the former City of Hamilton By-law No. 00-135, approved by the Ontario Municipal Board under Part V, Section 41, of the Ontario Heritage Act in 2001.

The existing lot is vacant, except for various trees and vegetation with a concentration of trees towards the front and north side of the lot (photographs of the existing lot are attached as Appendix "B"). The applicant has applied for consent to erect a new, two-storey, single detached dwelling (the elevations for the proposed new construction are attached as Appendix "C"). The Heritage Permit Review Sub-committee of the City of Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee reviewed this application on February 27, 2013. The Sub-committee supported the proposed site plan (see Appendix "D") and the design of the new house, subject to the conditions recommended by staff.

At its meeting on March 21, 2013, the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee affirmed this recommendation, and advised conditional approval of the application.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS/LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

**City of Hamilton Official Plan:**

Section C.6 - Heritage Resources of the former City of Hamilton Official Plan encourages the preservation, maintenance, reconstruction, restoration, and management of property considered to have historic, architectural, or aesthetic value (C.6.1). The recommendations of this Report meet the intent of this policy.

**Urban Hamilton Official Plan:**

Volume 1, Section 3.4 - Cultural Heritage Resources Policies of the Council-adopted (July 9, 2009) Urban Hamilton Official Plan states that the City shall “protect and conserve the tangible cultural heritage resources of the City, including archaeological resources, built heritage resources, and cultural heritage landscapes” (Volume 1, 3.4.2.1(a)), and “identify cultural heritage resources through a continuing process of inventory, survey, and evaluation, as a basis for the wise management of these resources” (Volume 1, 3.4.2.1(b)). The policies also provide that the “City may, by By-law, designate individual and groups of properties of cultural heritage value under Parts IV and V, respectively, of the Ontario Heritage Act” (Volume 1, 3.4.2.3). The Urban Hamilton Official Plan has been approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, but has been appealed in its entirety to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

While the plan is not in full force and effect, these policies demonstrate Council’s commitment to the identification, protection, and conservation of the cultural heritage resources, and the recommendations of this Report meet the intent of these policies.

**Hamilton Beach Heritage Conservation District - Guidelines for Conservation and Change:**

The Council-adopted Hamilton Beach Heritage Conservation District Guidelines for Conservation and Change (Section 5.0 - Design Guidelines for New Infill Construction) specify that new construction be compatible with the character of adjoining properties and the streetscape. However, new construction should be of contemporary design sympathetic to, but not attempt to replicate, existing heritage buildings or styles (Sub-section 5.3). Sub-section 5.4 provides detailed guidance for new construction, summarized as follows:

- New residences are intended to be two-storeys or less in height, relatively narrow, and set back slightly further from the road than the earlier pre-1900 houses (to a setback similar to those for the post-1900 buildings);

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- Suitable construction is frame with horizontal facades and cladding in wood (clapboard, board-and-batten, or shingle), stucco, pebble-dash, or rough-cast, with no or minimal brick or stone. Small areas of high quality synthetic cladding may be permitted;
- Roof forms are encouraged to be well proportioned front-gable, cross-gable, centre-gable, hipped, or truncated hip roofs;
- Windows of vertical and rectangular orientation that reflect traditional proportions and do not overwhelm the front façade are appropriate (i.e. avoid large, full-length, multi-storey, or picture windows);
- Front entrances are intended to be prominent and easily identifiable, and can be recessed or projecting and/or accentuated by door surrounds or porches; and,
- Parking and other outbuildings are intended to be in the rear yard.

The Council-adopted guidelines also specify landscape character and conservation guidelines in Section 6.0. Sub-section 6.3.1 provides guidance for new infill development in vacant lots, summarized as follows:

- The existing vegetation around the perimeter of vacant lots should be retained and protected during construction. New driveways will be located in a manner that ensures the retention of mature trees; and,
- Building setbacks should be aligned with adjacent buildings.

### **RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

Pursuant to Sub-sections 42(1) and 42(4.1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, the City of Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee (HMHC) advises and assists Council on matters relating to Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act. At its meeting of February 27, 2013, the Heritage Permit Review Sub-committee of the HMHC considered this application, together with comments from staff. The Sub-committee supported the proposed lot layout and the design of the new house, in principle, subject to the conditions recommended by staff.

The Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee affirmed this recommendation at its meeting on March 21, 2013, and advised conditional approval of the application.

**ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Two key factors that are considered in the evaluation of any change affecting a heritage building, or its setting, are:

- Displacement Effects - those adverse actions that result in the damage, loss, or removal of valued heritage features; and,
- Disruption Effects - those actions that result in detrimental changes to the setting or character of the heritage feature.

Displacement: The subject property is currently vacant except for various trees and vegetation and a concentration of trees towards the front and north side of the lot. Staff notes that the trees of along the front (east) lot line will be removed to accommodate a driveway and facilitate development of the site. The site plan proposed as part of this Heritage Permit application does not address the grading-related impacts to the existing trees and vegetation on site (see Appendix “D”). The proposed driveway and walkway in the northern corner of the front of the lot appear to impact ten existing trees.

Staff recommends that a plan be prepared depicting the removed, retained, and new trees, including the caliper size, locations, and species, to the satisfaction and approval of Planning staff, prior to any grading or tree removals. Alternative configurations of the proposed driveway and walkway should be considered to retain as many existing trees as possible. A minimum of one replacement tree of minimum caliper of 55mm of a species consistent with the City of Hamilton’s Tree Species and Recommended Use Index should be planted within one year of occupancy of the new dwelling. These conditions will help ensure the suitable retention of existing trees and the planting of new trees, where feasible (see Recommendations (c) and (d)).

Disruption: Any new construction in the Hamilton Beach HCD will impact the Beach Boulevard streetscape and the character of the District. The HCD plan speaks to encouraging new development only where it is demonstrated that such changes will have no adverse effects to the heritage attributes of the District, and will positively contribute to the character of the area.

The site plan and design of the new structure are consistent with the character of the HCD, and previously approved new buildings within the District in terms of lot layout and building width, height, and massing. The design and materials of the new dwelling do not replicate historical styles, but incorporate features that are sympathetic to the character of the area, such as front gable roof with wood shingles, vertically-oriented double-hung windows, a front entrance porch, and horizontal lap wood siding.

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The Heritage Permit Review Sub-committee reviewed the subject application at the pre-submission stage on January 23, 2013, and was generally accepting of the design, including the roof, materials, and front elevation.

The drawings depict the use of the blue-painted horizontal lap wood siding, wood trim, and wood corner board with stone veneer set in mortar at the foundation and the base of the porch pillars (see Appendix "C"). The front porch consists of white-painted wood columns and wood ballasts. The drawings depict the use of grey asphalt shingles cladding all roof surfaces with white-painted wood shingle siding in the gables.

The proposed walkway and driveway are to be constructed with concrete. At the pre-submission review of this application on January 23, 2013, the HPRS recommended using different materials for the driveway and walkway, respectively. The drawings have not been revised to reflect this change. Staff recommends that the final drawings should be submitted, to the satisfaction and approval of Planning staff, prior to submission as part of any application for a Building Permit (see Recommendation (a)).

It is also recommended that the Heritage Permit have an expiry date of March 31, 2015 (see Recommendation (e)). An expiry date of two years after approval is standard on all approved Heritage Permits, and the March 31, 2015, date will reflect the expected end date of the new construction.

Staff recommends conditional approval of Heritage Permit Application HP2013-008, as per the recommendations of this Report.

Construction on the subject property is also subject to Site Plan Control under the Planning Act.

## **ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **1. Refuse the Heritage Permit Application.**

Refusal of the Heritage Permit to erect the new structure does not contribute to the built heritage landscape of the Hamilton Beach Heritage Conservation District (HCD), and does not advance the Hamilton Beach HCD Guidelines that permit the erection of new buildings and other site alterations which are sympathetic to the existing building fabric and maintain the character of the Hamilton Beach HCD.

**2. Approve the Heritage Permit with Additional or Amended Conditions.**

The Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee may recommend that Council approve this application with additional or amended conditions of approval. This is not being recommended.

**3. Approve the Heritage Permit with No Conditions.**

The Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee may recommend that Council approve this application with no conditions. This alternative is not recommended, as it would prevent staff review of additional details to ensure that the Heritage Permit approval will result in high-quality construction and the implementation of the project design, as submitted.

**ALIGNMENT TO THE 2012 – 2015 STRATEGIC PLAN:**

**Strategic Priority #1 - A Prosperous and Healthy Community**

*WE enhance our image, economy, and well-being by demonstrating that Hamilton is a great place to live, work, play and learn.*

**Strategic Objective**

1.6 Enhance Overall Sustainability (financial, economic, social, and environmental).

**Staff Comments:**

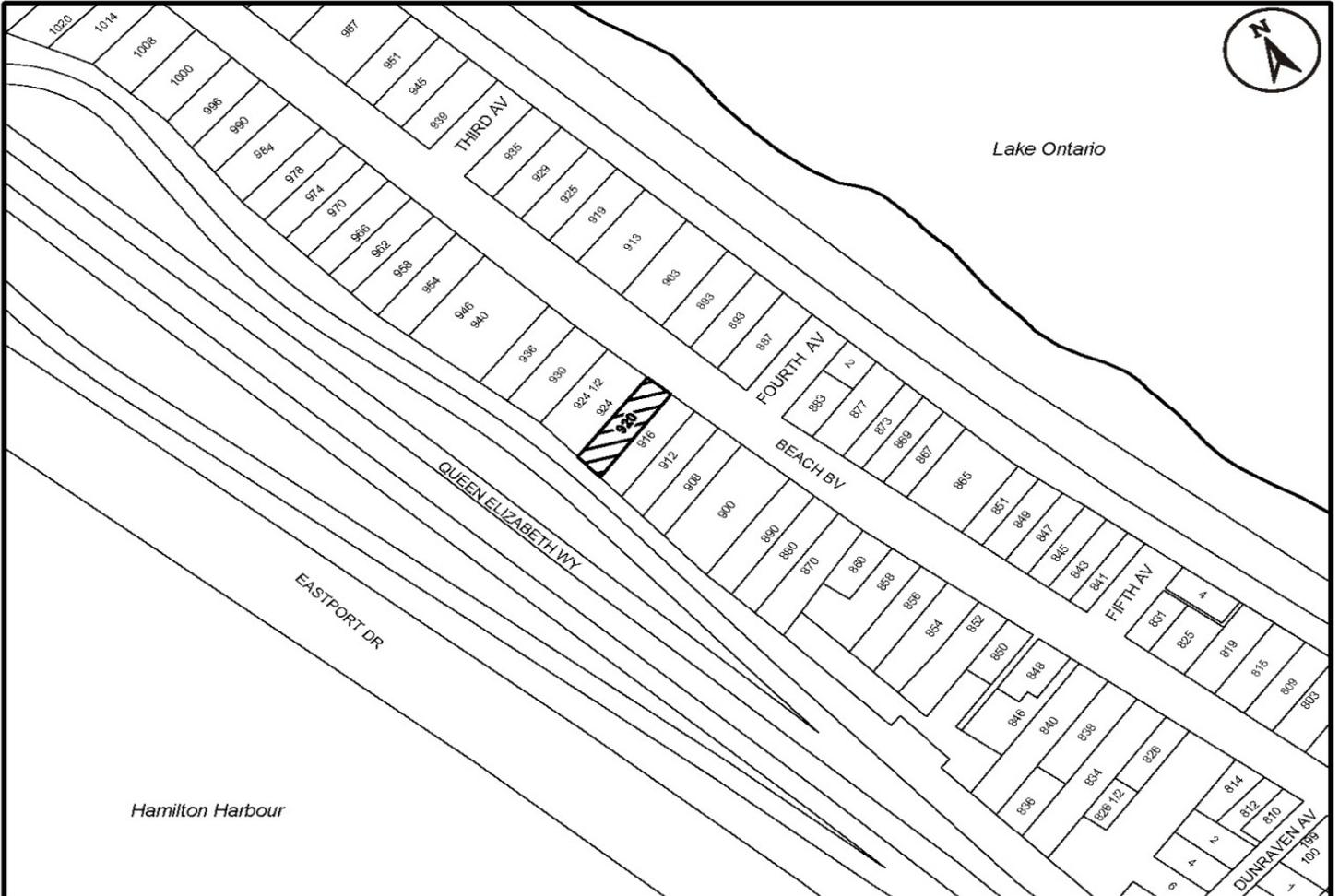
The approval of the recommendations of this Report demonstrates Council's commitment to conserving cultural heritage resources, as directed by provincial and federal level policies.

**APPENDICES / SCHEDULES**

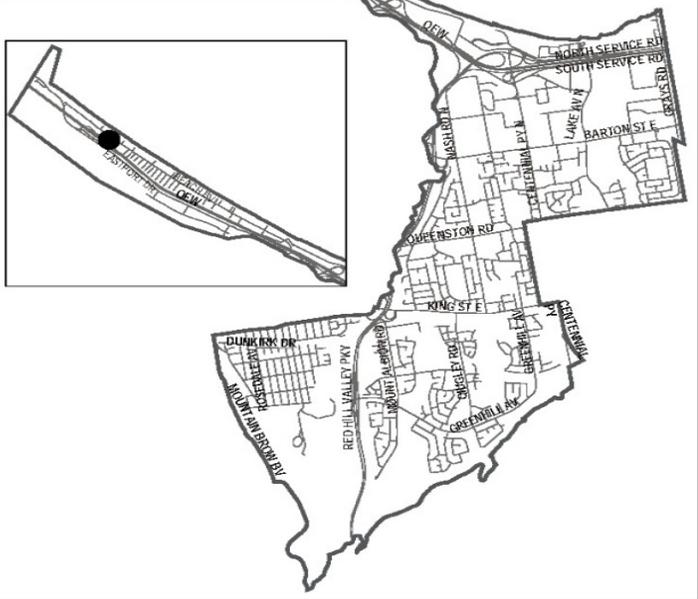
- Appendix "A": Location Map
- Appendix "B": Photographs of the Subject Property
- Appendix "C": Elevations for the Proposed Residence
- Appendix "D": Proposed Site Plan

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Attachs. (4)



● Site of the Application



Ward 5 Key Map

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## Location Map



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File Name/Number:  
HP2013-008

Date:  
Mar 6, 2013

Appendix "A"

Scale:  
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Planner/Technician:  
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**Subject Property**

920 Beach Boulevard



916 and 920 Beach Boulevard (left to right) – vacant lots

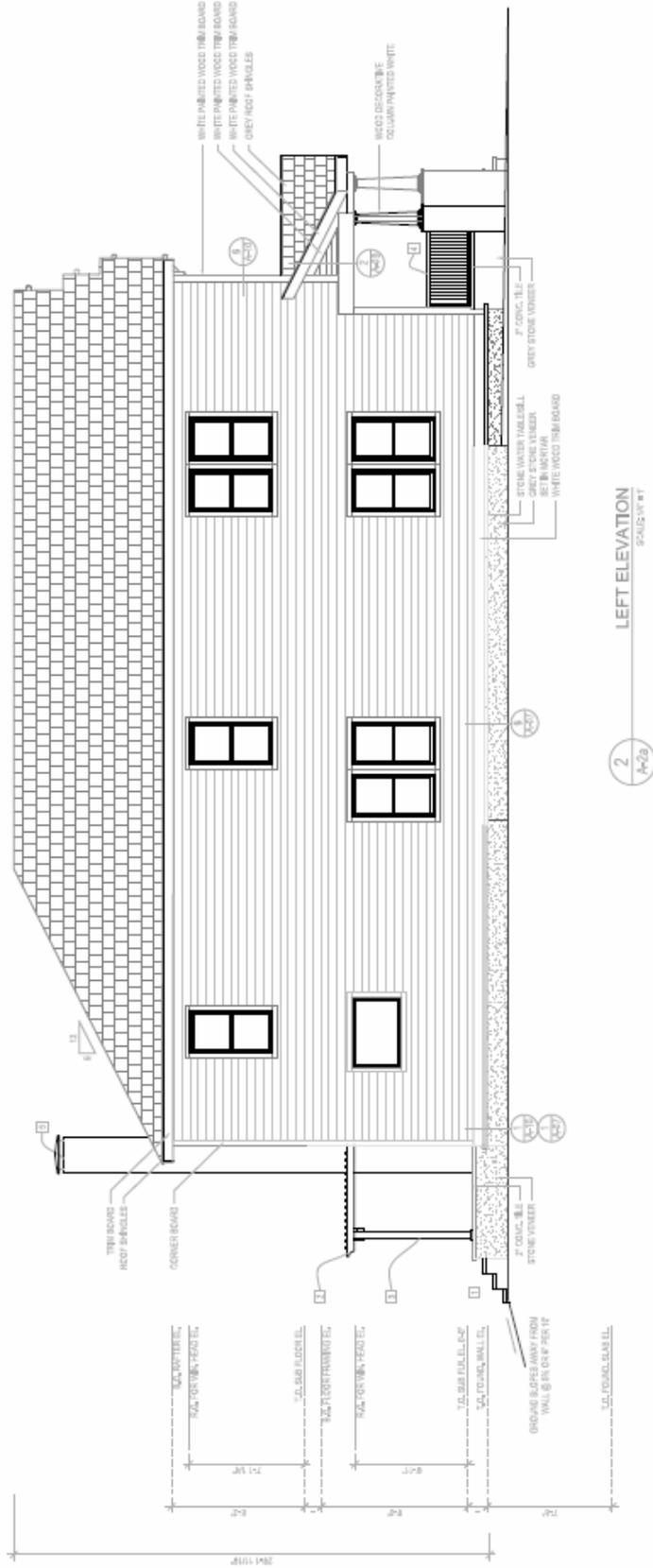


View of the streetscape from the south – three contiguous vacant lots from 912, 916 and 920 Beach Boulevard (left to right)

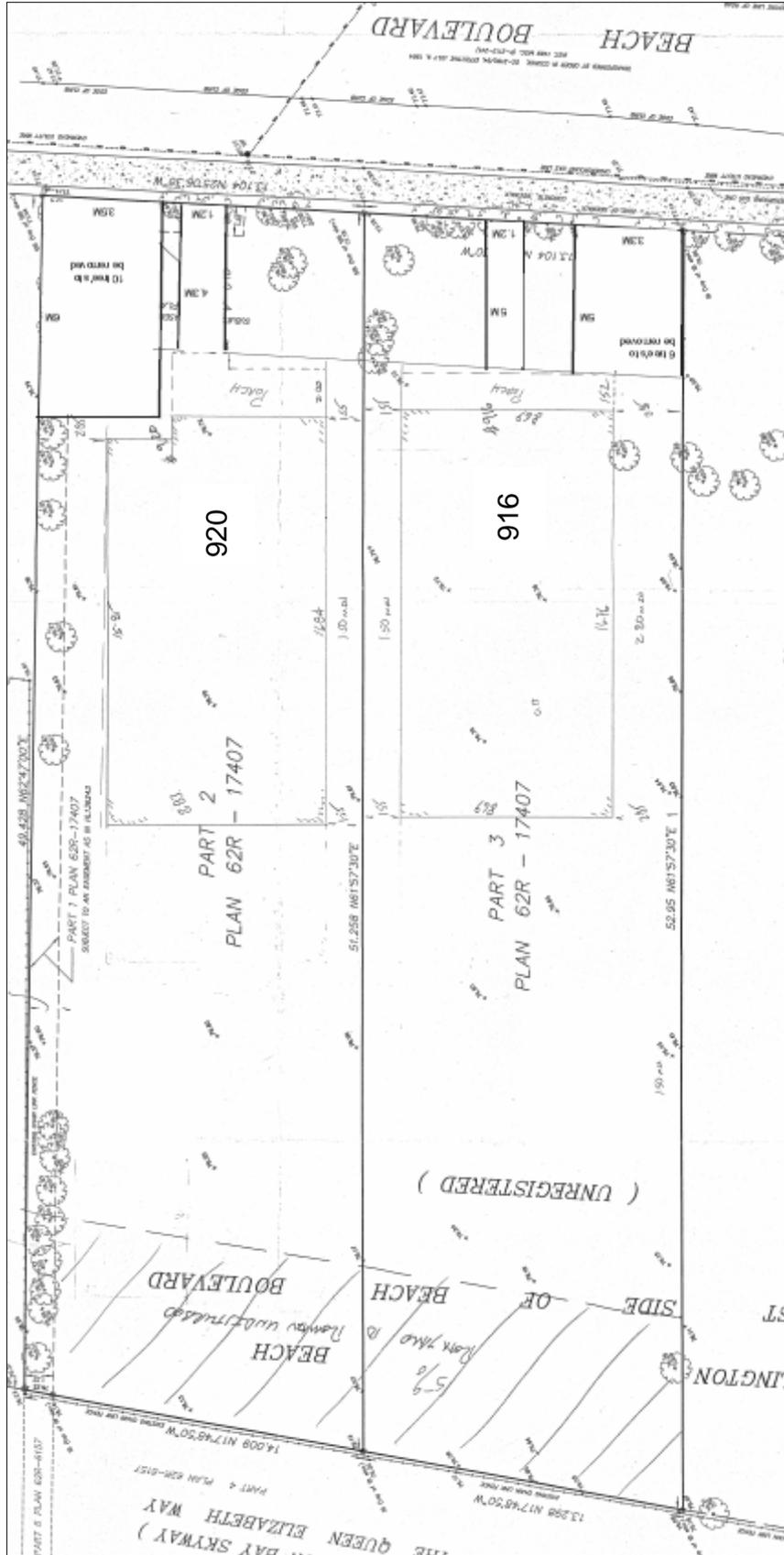








(South Elevation)



Proposed Site Plan  
916 and 920 Beach Boulevard