## AGENDA <br> OAK BAY ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL

TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019 AT 8:45 AM COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL, 2167 OAK BAY AVENUE

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes from February 5, 2019
3. Approval of Agenda and Late Items
4. Old Business
a) DVP00090 / ADP00105 - 2970 Rutland Road To permit an addition to a single family home.
5. New Business
6. Information Items
7. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the ADP is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019.
8. Adjournment

## Advisory Design Panel

## Memorandum

To: Advisory Design Panel
From: Graeme Buffett

Hello Design Panel Members
The March 5, 2019 meeting of the Advisory Design Panel includes a review of proposed renovations to an existing single family dwelling at 2970 Rutland Road. The proposal includes a request to vary the provisions of the District of Oak Bay Zoning Bylaw No. 3531 by permitting an increase to the maximum Roof Height, Building Height, and Occupiable Height. The proposal would also relax the required interior side lot line setback.

| Zoning Bylaw Section(s) | Required | Requested | Variance |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6.2.4.(2)(c) | Interior Side Lot Line | $4.57 \mathrm{~m}(15 \mathrm{ft})$ | $2.30 \mathrm{~m}(8 \mathrm{ft})$ | $2.27 \mathrm{~m}(7 \mathrm{ft})$ |
|  | Setback |  |  |  |
| 6.2.4.(3)(a) | Maximum Building Height | $7.32 \mathrm{~m}(24 \mathrm{ft})$ | $8.33 \mathrm{~m}(27 \mathrm{ft})$ | $1.01 \mathrm{~m}(3 \mathrm{ft})$ |
| $6.2 .4 .(3)(\mathrm{b})$ | Maximum Occupiable | $4.57 \mathrm{~m}(1.5 \mathrm{ft})$ | $5.50 \mathrm{~m}(1.8 \mathrm{ft})$ | $0.93 \mathrm{~m}(3 \mathrm{ft})$ |
|  | Height |  |  |  |
| $6.2 .4 .(3)$ (c) | Maximum Roof Height | $9.14 \mathrm{~m}(30 \mathrm{ft})$ | $10.37 \mathrm{~m}(34 \mathrm{ft})$ | $1.23 \mathrm{~m}(4 \mathrm{ft})$ |

Note: Imperial measurements are approximate and provided for convenience only.
The subject site was formerly two separate parcels and has been consolidated into one. The resulting lot is $5670 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ with a large buildable envelope. The width of the lot, which determines the permitted height maximums, places the proposal in the most permissive category relative to heights.

Based on the size and dimensions of subject site, staff are not supportive of the variances as proposed. The proposal is inconsistent with the requirements of the Oak Bay Zoning Bylaw and proposed additions could be sited so as not to further encroach into required setbacks. Heights could be reduced to be consistent with the Zoning Bylaw.

The proposal should also be considered in context of the Uplands guidelines as supported by the Oak Bay Official Community Plan policies, copies of which are provided in your ADP package. A review of the application as it pertains to the guidelines results in the following:

## Siting of Buildings

- Maintenance of the residential park setting. The proposal would maintain the existing large front yard of 2970 Rutland Road as well as the mature landscaping that is already present. However, existing entry gates and a mature hedge detract from the parklike setting and are not consistent with the guidelines. The proposal does not remove these items. The applicants have provided a tree planting plan showing proposed trees and anticipated canopies for the portion of the lot behind the home, the former 3140 Beach Drive address. Specific details as to the treatment of this frontage have not been provided. However, the increase of canopy trees along the frontage is consistent with the guidelines.
- Impact on views. The existing home has legal nonconforming heights that exceed the current maximums established in the Zoning Bylaw. Proposed additions are consistent with the existing heights, but increases the overall massing of the building. It is not anticipated that view corridors from adjacent properties will be adversely affected.
- Setbacks. The proposal would reduce the interior side lot line setback further than the existing conditions. The reduced setback brings the building footprint closer to the north lot line and does not reinforce the residential park atmosphere.
- Relationship in character and massing to the image of the area and impact on scale and rhythm of development. The building height, size, and overall massing exceed the scale of adjacent homes established in the neighbourhood. This would result in the largest home in the neighbourhood.
- Relationship to adjacent buildings. The front façade of the existing 1913 home is maintained however the proposed addition will further crowd the north property line.
- Overlook and privacy issues. The home would sit higher than properties to the east and overlook may be a concern.
- Transition between private and public space. The Rutland Road frontage has a hard edge established by the existing gates and hedge.

Design of Buildings

- General massing, proportion, and overall articulation of building to established housing. The proposed massing is significant in comparison to adjacent properties. The proposal brings more massing closer to existing homes, at a scale larger than other nearby homes.
- Roofscape. The roofscape is consistent with the existing building, matching the existing pitch. Venting will be hidden.
- Façade articulation and building entry. The main entry is via an existing porte cochere which will be maintained.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me at gbuffett@oakbay.ca.

Yours truly,

Graeme Buffett
Planner
District of Oak Bay

## Memo

To: Graeme Buffet, Building and Planning<br>From: Chris Paul, Municipal Arborist<br>Date: January 25, 2019<br>Subject: 2970 Rutland Road ADP

There has been a tree protection plan received for this property with protective fencing marked on a site plan. The proposed protective measures and arborist involvement is good and will be made part of the permit conditions.

There is one bylaw protected tree that will have to be removed for the construction of the proposed house. This is tree \# 442, an English walnut and by the current plans it appears to be located inside the proposed footprint so will not require replacement under the bylaw. Other bylaw protected trees and boulevard trees are to be retained and are shown as protected in the plan.

Canopy cover for the combined new lot is currently heavily weighted to the lot on Rutland. The old lot off of Beach drive has only approximately 200 square meters of canopy cover from the three oaks still on the property. There is a planting plan for the lot off of Beach Drive with a number of trees listed. The calculated canopy cover using the UFS appendix brings the proposed canopy cover up to the required canopy cover. The plan leaves a large amount of open space through the center of the lot.

Tree protection fencing will have to be inspected before demolition starts. Please call the Parks Department for inspection at 250-592-7275.

## Uplands

H22. Use the following list to clarify and provide support to the Uplands design guidelines in order to ensure that new or renovated houses are consistent with the design intent of Uplands:

- Respect and abide by the combination of sensitive siting, design and use of materials that creates a sense of harmony and neighbourliness in Uplands. This includes individual design solutions; significant landscaped areas between home, neighbour and street; and outdoor spaces with their own design and character.
- Use high quality materials that have a sense of timelessness, substantial structural qualities, an authentic appearance, qualities of workmanship or craft, and qualities of appropriateness or compatibility.
- Provide adequate vehicular circulation and parking areas on site screened from the street with landscape, walls and other enclosures, using narrow landscaped driveways, with parking structures sensitively sited, visually unobtrusive and complementary with the architecture of the house.
- Site new development as much as possible within the existing development footprint, with front yard setbacks consistent with other houses on the street, retaining as many mature trees and existing vegetation as possible, respecting adjacent private outdoor use areas, with massing comparable in scale and massing with other buildings on the street and partially screened from direct view from the street.
- Design the landscape to reflect the character of the neighbourhood including Garry Oaks and other large trees, enclosure of outdoor spaces with plants, screening, and layering of plants and features.
- Design the space leading to the main entrance of the house as a special landscaped space providing a transition from street to home.

H23. Consider revisions to the maximum lot coverage in Uplands.


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## Landscaping

The Advisory Design Panel will assess landscaping features on their general appropriateness of form. Landscaping features should respect the residential park atmosphere of the Uplands.

- Fencing and screening
- Native plants and vegetation
- Preservation of significant healthy trees and plant material
- Play and recreation areas
- Hard landscaping
- Parking and driveways


## The Design Review Process

The review process is intended to facilitate processing a building for development within the Uplands, to strengthen the relationship between the Advisory Design Panel and Municipal Council, and to create a working relationship between the Advisory Design Panel and the Heritage Commission.
Should an application require a variance, the application will be presented to the Advisory Design Panel with the requested variance identified for information. The normal procedure is that the variance will be considered by Council by means of a Development Variance Permit application. This application will be
presented to Council in conjunction with the Advisory Design Panel's recommendation. When a building is identified by Council as having historic or heritage value, a brief history of the building will be provided to the Advisory Design Panel for information.

## Steps in the Review Process

1. Initial Consultation and Proposed Development Concept

- The applicant or owner is encouraged to attend an Advisory Design Panel meeting for an informal discussion and to solicit advice.
- Items to be provided: conceptual drawings, finishing materials, photographs of neighborhood context, and written summary of work.

2. Final Application and Design Recommendation

- Once a complete application has been received and reviewed by staff, the application will be forwarded to the Advisory Design Panel.
- A full assessment of the proposed development project will be carried out, resulting in a recommendation to Council.
- Many applicants have found it useful to share their plans with neighbours early in the review process.



## Information to be Submitted

 by ApplicantOak Bay's Advisory Design Panel meets on the first Tuesday of each month and forwards its recommendations to Council by way of the Committee of the Whole. In order to allow time for the efficient, effective and reflective assessment of a proposal, the following information must be submitted to the Planning Department by the $15^{\text {th }}$ of the month prior to a meeting of the Advisory Design Panel.
Required Information

1. Civic address and legal description of subject property
2. Phone and fax numbers of architect or designer
3. Site area and site coverage (percentage)
. Floor area ratio
4. Grade of building site (finished and average)
5. Height(s) of building(s) as per Zoning Bylaw
6. Setbacks and lot dimensions
7. Site plan showing maximum building footprint and location of adjacent buildings (this information might be available at the Municipal Hall)
8. All elevations, indicating line of finished grade and adjacent properties with buildings
9. Exterior treatment on all elevations, identifying materials and colours (colour chips)
10. Landscaping details (hard and soft landscape features)
11. Parking, indicating location, access, layout and dimensions
12. Off-site information, including location of boulevard trees, utility poles, lamp standards, eti:
13. Street elevations, including photographs of buildings flanking the proposed development
14. Photographs of neighborhood context, including major site lines and streetscape
15. Applicants must provide a one page written summary of the proposed work (include calculation of additional floor area).


## Design

## Guidelines

## Historical Context

The Uplands was planned in 1907-08 for the Winnipeg developer William Gardner by John Charles Olmsted who considered it the finest suburban work of his forty-five year career. Olmsted headed the Boston-based Olmsted Brothers, America's leading firm of landscape architects and town planners through the late-19th and early-20th centuries.

The Uplands was developed as a residential park to maintain the natural beauty and picturesque setting of a unique suburban landscape. This was achieved through the careful siting of houses, all set against a framework of curving streets and large lots to take full advantage of ocean and mountain views. A system of deed restrictions was introduced to maintain single-family land use and establish minimum standards of value, height, and setbacks. In fact, this system formed the basis of Oak Bay's initial and subsequent zoning by-laws from the 1920s to the ' 70 s.
The special character of the Uplands has been further protected by provincial statute and municipal by-laws, especially the Oak Bay Special Powers Act (1935). Although modified through time, the intent of the Act remains in effect, ie. to protect the park-like design and development standards first established by John Charles Olmsted, and to sustain the environmental integrity of the municipality.
The design guidelines outlined in this brochure are intended to preserve the original vision and character of the Uplands.

## Design Considerations and the Review Process for the Uplands

The following elements of design will be considered by the Oak Bay Advisory Design Panel when reviewing proposed buildings or additions and alterations to existing buildings in the Uplands.


## Goals

The Advisory Design Panel will assess all applications within the context of the Uplands Regulations Bylaw and the Oak Bay Zoning Bylaw to achieve the following goals:

- To maintain and reinforce a residential park atmosphere.
- To ensure the sensitivity of new development to existing dwellings and landscape features.
- To promote design excellence through the approval process for building permits in the Uplands.


## Siting of Buildings

The Advisory Design Panel will consider the following criteria when assessing the siting of buildings within the Uplands:

- Maintenance of the residential park setting John Charles Olmsted, when designing the Uplands, intended to achieve a residential park atmosphere This concept shall be maintained.
- Impact on views

The impact on the view corridors of neighbouring properties and public areas should be kept to a minimum

- Setbacks

Setbacks shall promote and reinforce the residential park atmosphere.

- Relationship in character and massing to the image of the area
- Impact on scale and rhythm of development
Scale and rbythm are established by various design elements which include: building height, building form, roof shape, massing, landscaping, and garages and out-buildings.
- Relationship to adjacent buildings
- Effect of shadows on neighbouring properties
- Overlook and privacy issues
- Transition between private and public space
- Accessory buildings

Accessory buildings shall be assessed by applying the same criteria used for the principal buildings.

## Design of Buildings

New development will be assessed in accordance with the original design guidelines of the Uplands which state that each dwelling shall be distinct in appearance and design from dwellings within a distance of 500 feet. The Advisory Design Panel will consider the following design criteria when assessing proposals:

- General massing, proportion, and overall articulation of building in relation to established housing
- Roofscape

Design of roofs including pitch, form, gables, and dormers.

- Facade articulation and building entry Exterior materials, finisbes, glazing, and ornamentation should anpear as integral parts of a
building and should be sympathetic to the overall design concept.
- Garages and outbuildings



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- SITE PLAN AND DATA -



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- LOWER FLOOR PLAN -


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- MAIN FLOOR PLAN -



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- FRONT ELEVATION (WEST) -


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- FINISHES AND DETAILS -




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## ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL

## GENERAL

This form MUST BE COMPLETED and submitted with you package for the Advisory Design Panel. property Address 2910 RuTLAND ROAD $\quad$ DANUARV) 32019

## MATERIALS AND COLOURS

| Item | materials | colours |
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| winoows |  |  |
| Windows | DOUGLAS FIR, MATCN EXPSITNG | WHITE / GREV |
| Doors |  |  |
| Exterior Doors | DOUGLAS FIR, MATCH EXISTNG | WHLTTE/STANED/GRE) |
| Garage Doors | N/A |  |
| Accessory Building | N/A |  |
| TRIM |  |  |
| Doors | Douglas fir, Match Existing | Whtte/GREV |
| Windows | Douglas fir, Match Existing | WHITE/ GRE/ |
| Roof |  |  |
| Roofing | Suate | DEED GRE) |
| Flasting | COPPER |  |
| Fascia | Douglas fir, mateh Exising | WHITE |
| siding |  |  |
| Exterior Cladding | Stucco, Match Extsting | VELLOW |
| Stone / Rock Cladding | RUBBLE STONE, GRANTTE |  |
| hard surfaces Quoins, SILLS, LINTELS |  |  |
| Driveway | UNCHANGED |  |
| Walkway | COBBLE STONE | DeEp grek |
| Patio | COBBLE STONE | Deep (frey |
| fence |  |  |
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| Exterior | MATCH EXISTING | TRECEIVED |
| Landscape | $N / A$ | 15 |
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SAMPLE MATERIALS


