

SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 (SAANICH)

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To: Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee	Prepared By: Rob Lumb Director of Facilities
Subject: Lochside Elementary Site Planning	Date: April 30, 2020

## **IN-CAMERA**

The purpose of this briefing note is to advise the committee of our consultations with the Limona Group regarding the proposed development at 4590 Lochside Drive, and to recommend that the school district issue a letter confirming that, conditional on the proposed improvements to roadworks and the school site, the school district has no objections to the development application.

## Proposed Development and Improvements

The Limona Group is currently applying to the District of Saanich to rezone the property at 4590 Lochside Drive to the RS-4 Single Family Residential Zone to permit the construction of affordable housing consisting of 12 single family homes with suites (see attachment 1).

The site is across from Lochside Elementary School on Lochside Drive. This portion of Lochside Drive, which fronts the school site, is presently a narrow paved roadway without sidewalks that is often congested with vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. During peak pick-up and drop off times parents often park illegally on the shoulder of the road, which is a safety concern.

The proposed development will require roadwork improvements including the addition of a sidewalk (see attachment 2). In addition to the proposed improvements to municipal roadworks, the Limona Group is also proposing to fund the cost of additional traffic safety improvements on the school site, conditional on the school district confirming it has no objections to the development. This summer, the school district is expanding childcare and adding parking off Lochside drive (funded by the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund) as shown in attachment 2. This plan also includes a proposed future pick-up and drop-off turn-around driveway alongside the school, but that is not funded by the new spaces fund. The Limona group is proposing to fund the labour and material cost of this proposed new pick-up and drop-off turn-around, which is estimated to cost between \$100K to \$150K.

Traffic safety is a concern at Lochside Elementary due to insufficient flow-through capacity in the main parking lot and the safety concerns on Lochside Drive. The addition of sidewalks on Lochside Drive and a second proper pick-up and drop off location will significantly improve traffic safety at the school. I have consulted with the school principal, who has confirmed the changes proposed with the development will greatly improve traffic and pedestrian safety at the school.



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The draft letter confirming that, conditional on the proposed improvements to roadworks and the school site, the school district has no objections to the development application is included as attachment 3.

## Staff Recommendation

That the Board issue a letter to Limona Group confirming:

- That this letter addresses only the impact of the proposed development on Lochside Elementary and not the broader community impact to be assessed through the application process; and
- That conditional on the proposed improvements to roadworks and the school site, the school district has no objections to the development application.

With respect,

Rob Lumb Director of Facilities

Attachments: Attachment 1 - 4590 Lochside Rd development and road improvement plan

Attachment 2 - Lochside Elementary Site Plan (SD63 Childcare Expansion) Attachment 3 - Draft Letter to Limona Group

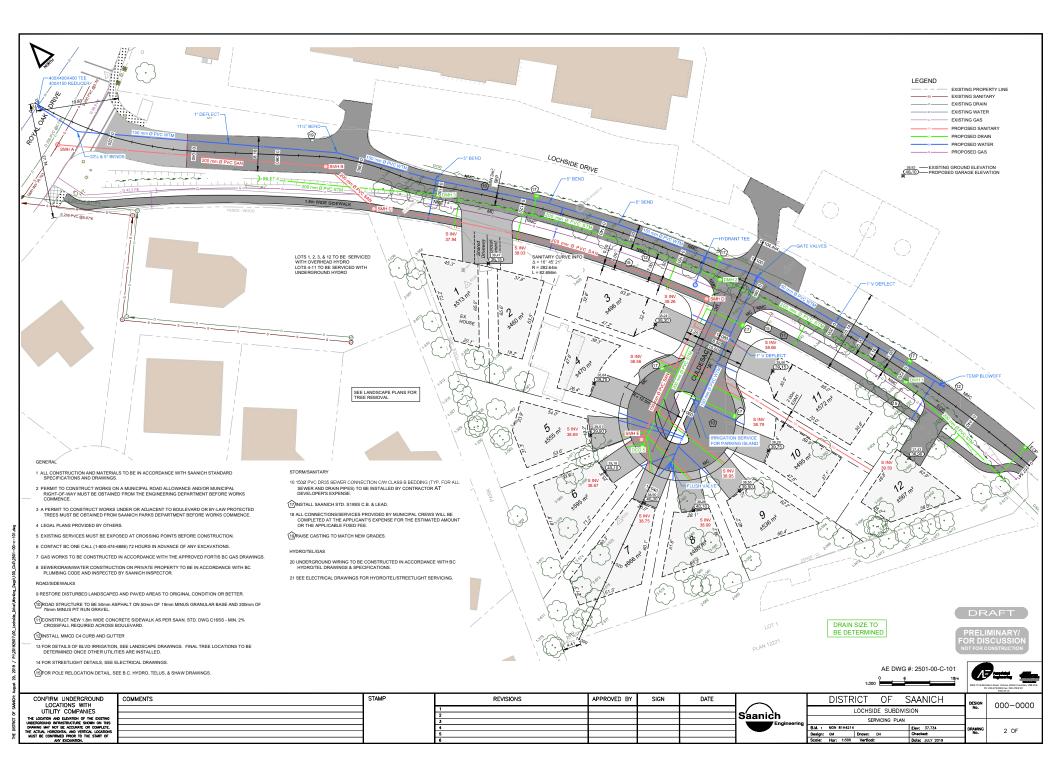
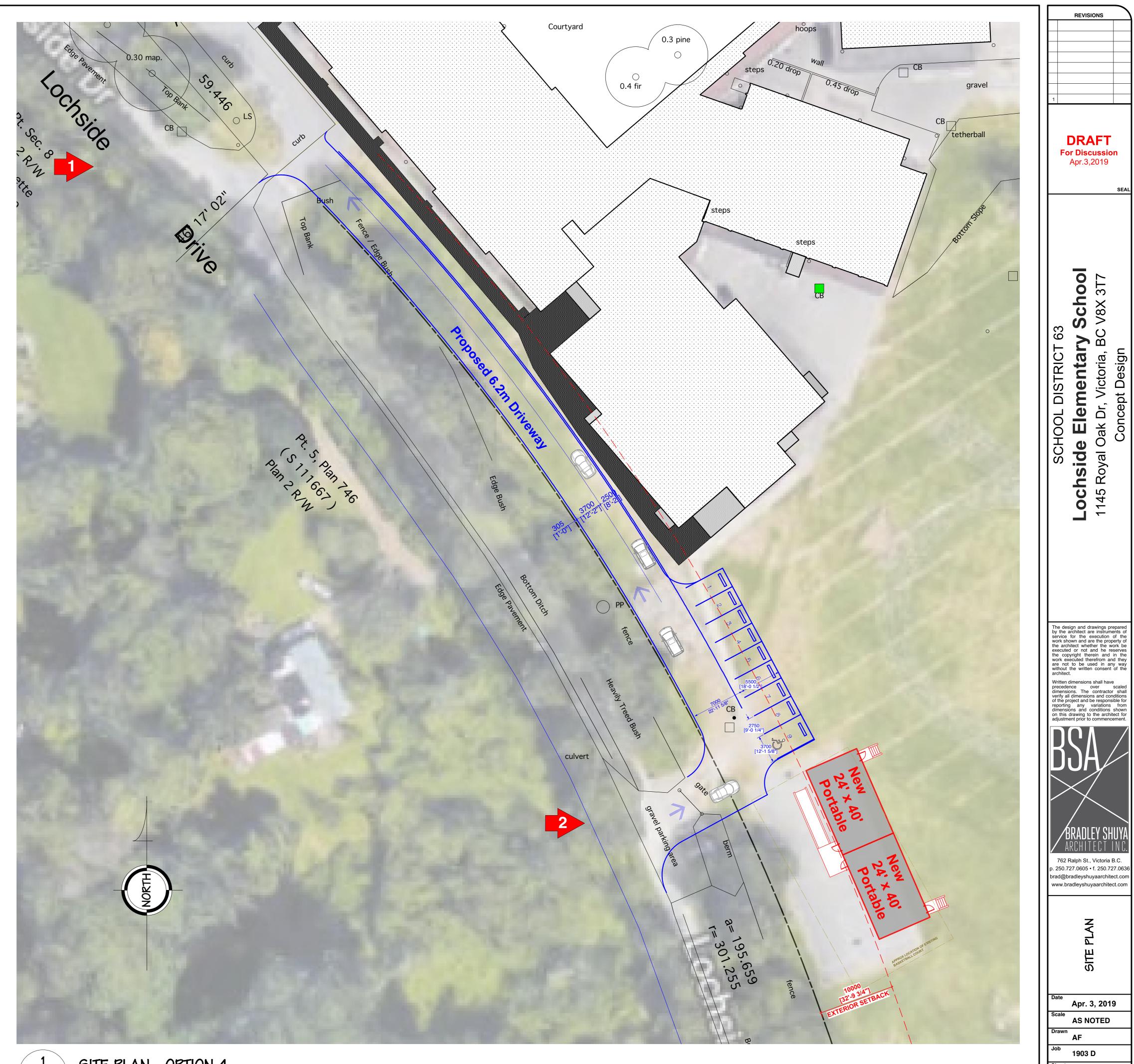




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## DRAFT

Mike Baier Limona Construction Limited 3405 Midland Road Victoria, BC V8R 6G3

Re: Proposed Development at 4590 Lochside Drive

Dear Mike,

Thank you for your consultative approach with the Saanich School District regarding your proposed development at 4590 Lochside Drive.

We are supportive of the improved road works on Lochside Drive that are part of your development plans, and your offer to fund the material and labour portion of the proposed pick up and drop off turnaround on the Lochside Elementary School site alongside the Lochside Drive right of way (see attached plan). This addition, along with other planned road improvements including sidewalks will improve pedestrian safety and traffic congestion on Lochside Drive, which have been long-standing items of concern for the school community.

With these proposed improvements, the Saanich School District has no objection to your planned development at 4590 Lochside.

Again, thank you for your consultation with the School District regarding this matter. We wish you success for your development application and we look forward to working together to complete the proposed pick up / drop off turn-around at Lochside Elementary.

Sincerely,

Rob Lumb **Director of Facilities**