

# THE GOVERNOR Site Plan Approval Application







## **Application Context**

- 2018: The design of The Governor was previously unanimously approved by Design Review Committee (DRC).
- 2018-2019: The Governor has delays in detailed design and permitting.
- 2019: Changes to the Land Use By-law for Downtown Halifax came into effect. The Governor not grandfathered in with these changes.
- 2020: The Governor goes through Site Plan Approval process to comply with the new changes to the Land Use By-law.
  - Minor design changes to building.
  - Additional Variances requested to comply with new by-law amendments.

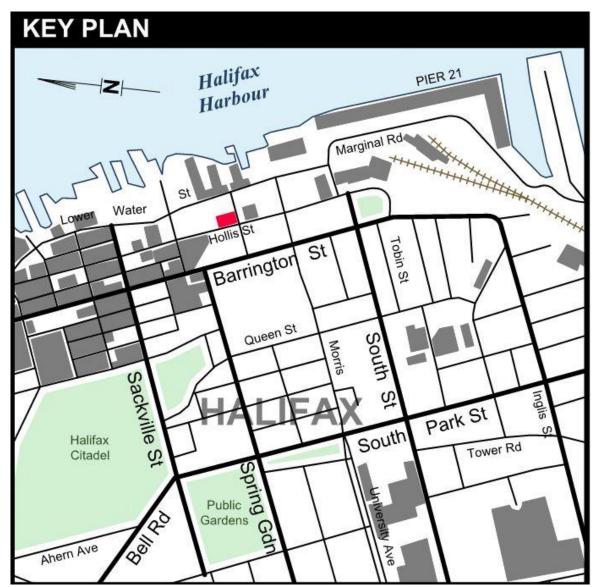
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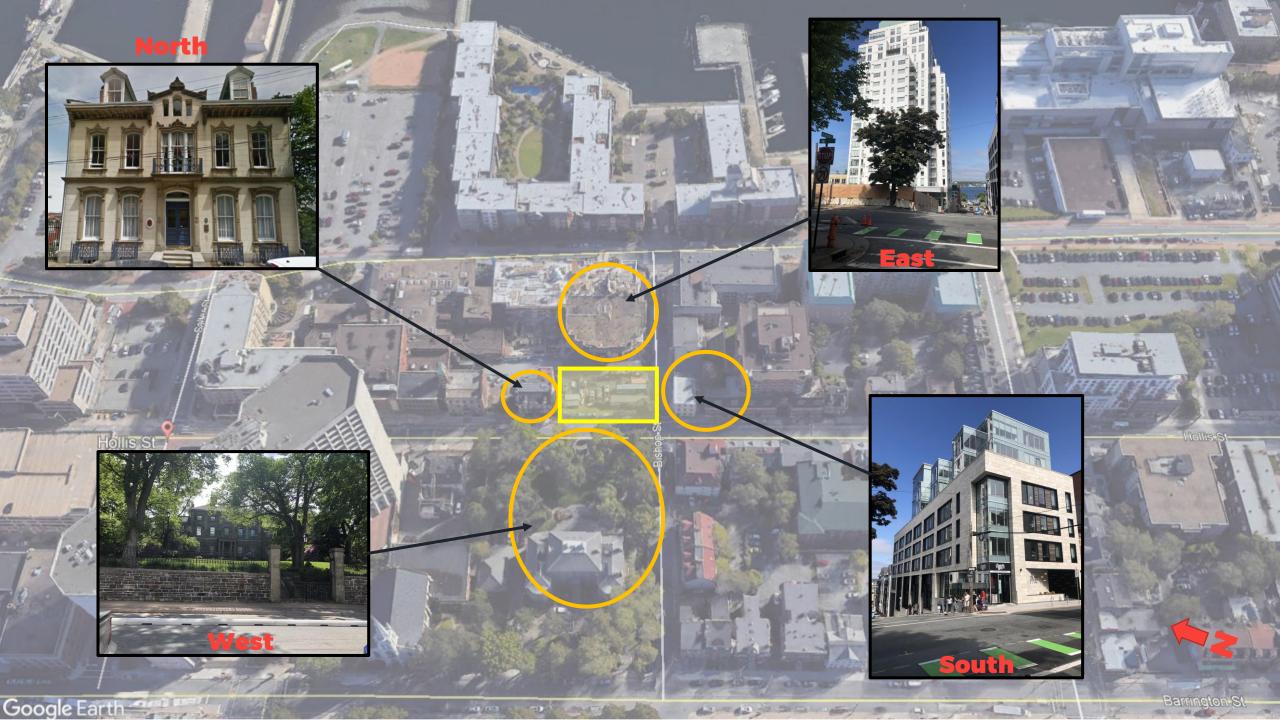


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## **The Governor**

- Downtown Halifax
- Hollis Street and Bishop Street
- Part of Old South Heritage Conservation District







## **The Governor - Building Summary**

- Building Height: 6 storeys — Ground Floor Commercial — 13 Residential units - Floor Area Ratio (FAR): 3.0

Residential units:	13	
1BR	1	
2BR	9	
3BR	3	
Parking Stalls:	16	6
Bicycle Stalls:	6	Class A
	5	Class B
Commercial Units:	2	
Total Res. Area:	2496.5	m2
Total Parking Area:	74.1	m2
Total Amenity Area (int):	177.0	m2
(ext):	847.7	m2
Total Commercial Area:	330.7	m2

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## **The Neighbourhood**









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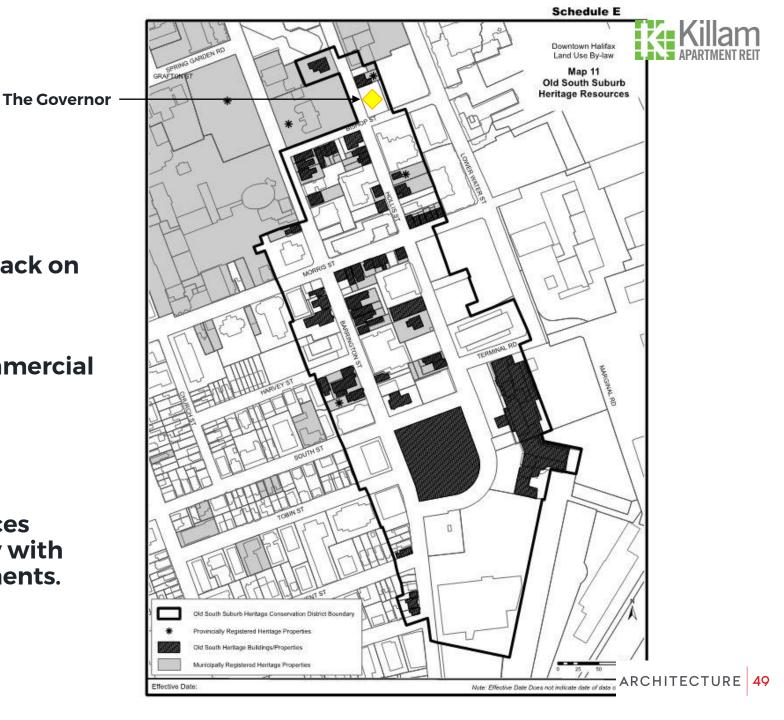
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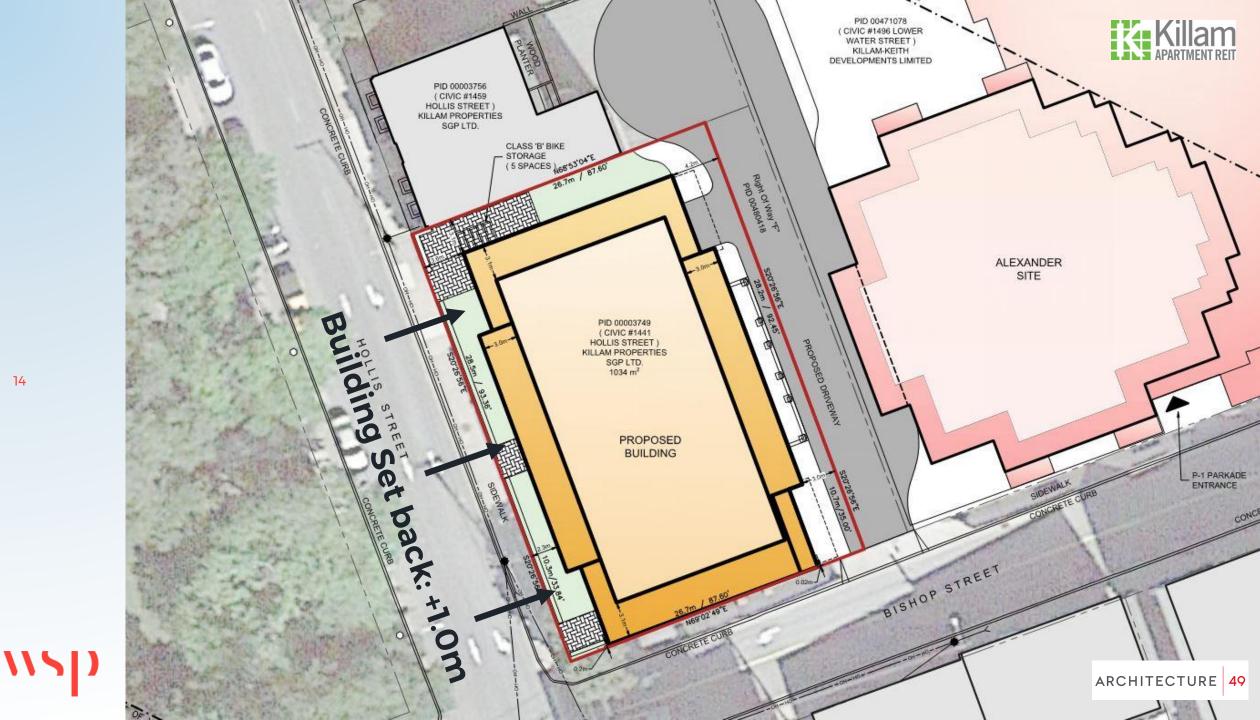


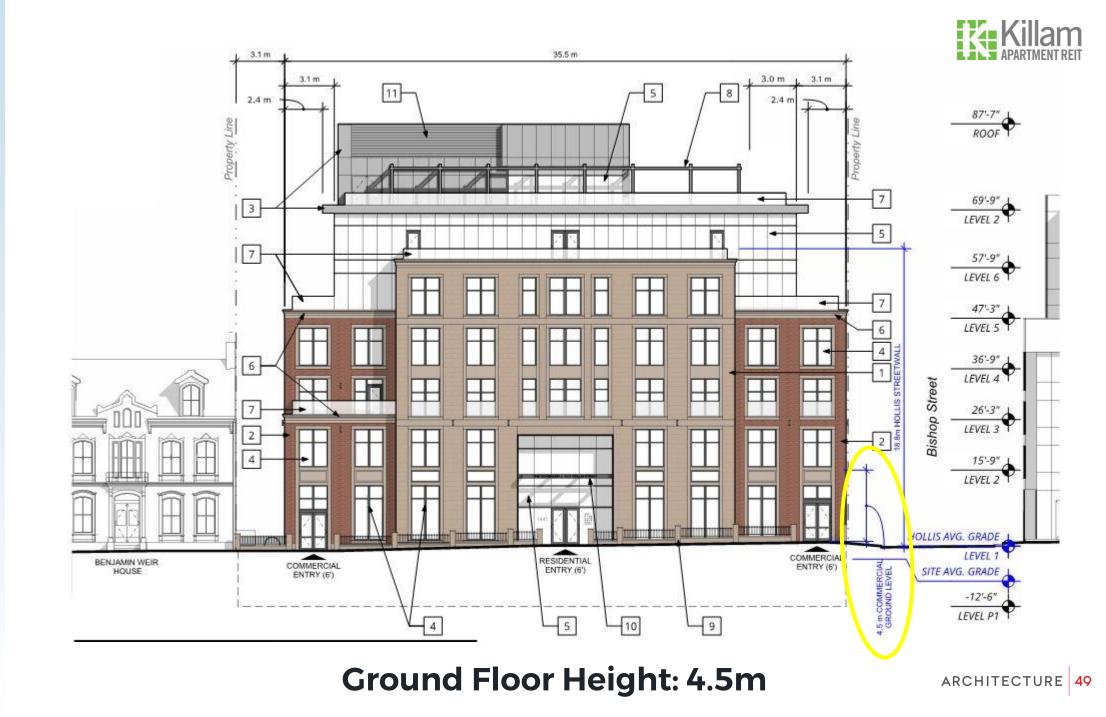
## Old South Heritage Conservation District

- 2 Design Changes:
- 1. Additional 1.0m setback on Hollis Street
- 2. Ground floor height increased to 4.5m to accommodated commercial use









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### Variances Requested

- Variance on Maximum and Minimum Streetwall Heights
- Variance on Streetwall Width (Bishop Street)
- Variance on Streetwall Stepback (Hollis Street)
- Variance on setback from interior lot line (east side of building)
- Variance on the list of features referenced for rooftop stepback from clause 8(8) of the LUB

## **Variances Requested: Hollis Street**





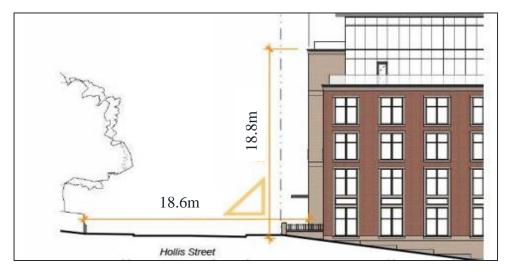
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## **Streetwall Height Variance**

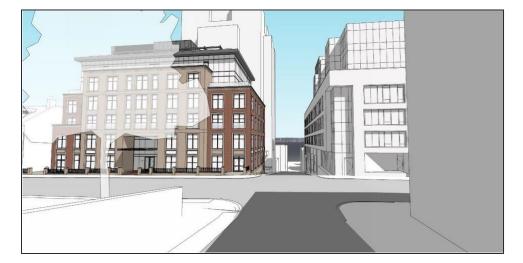
#### **Optimal pedestrian realm (1:1 ratio)**



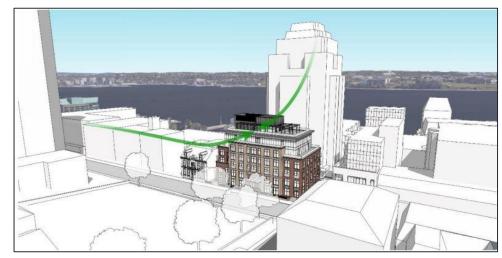
#### **Transition from Higher Developments**



#### **Framed Waterfront Views**

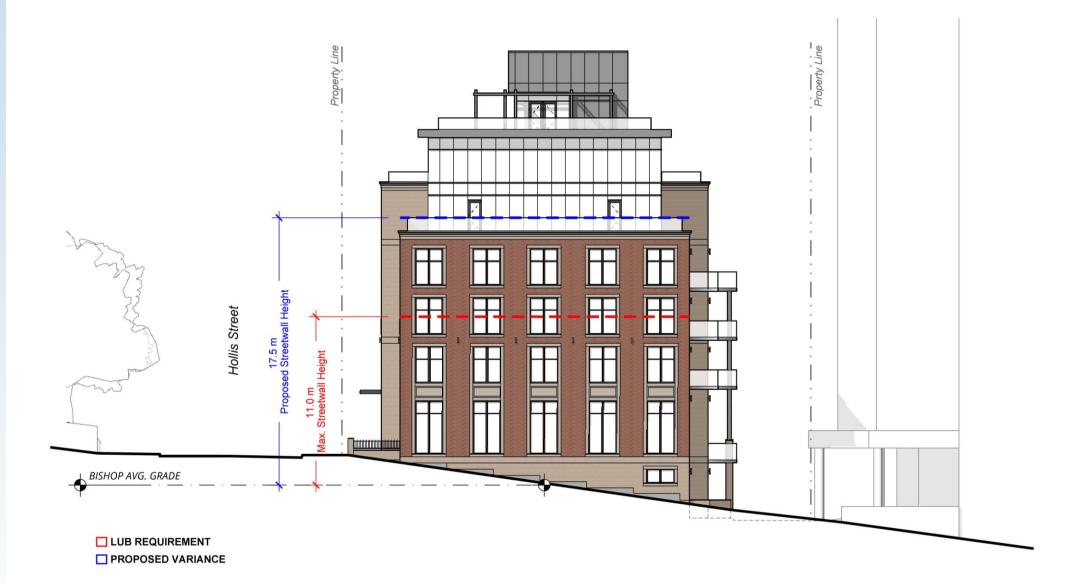


#### **Corner Streetwall Height Transitions**









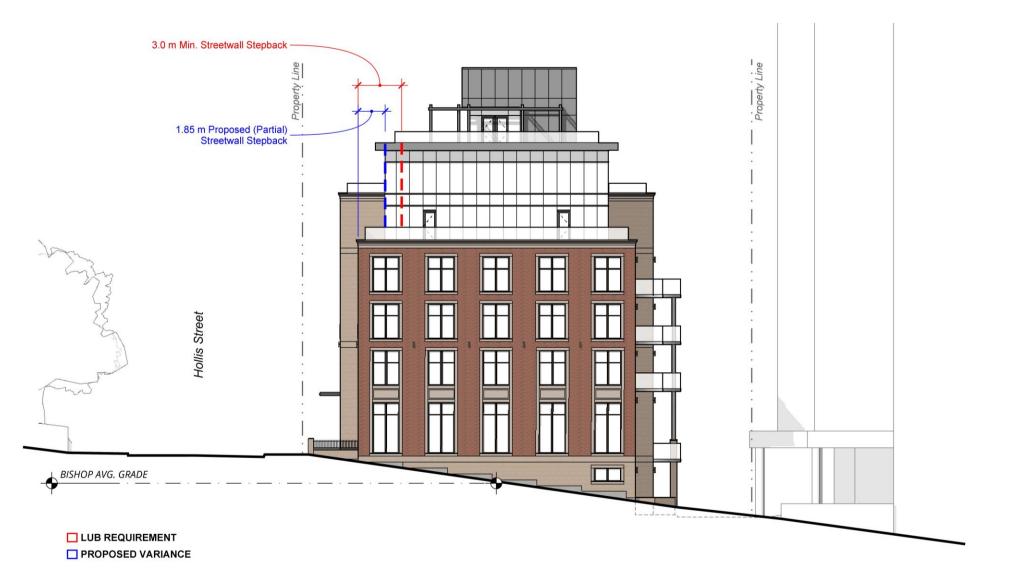
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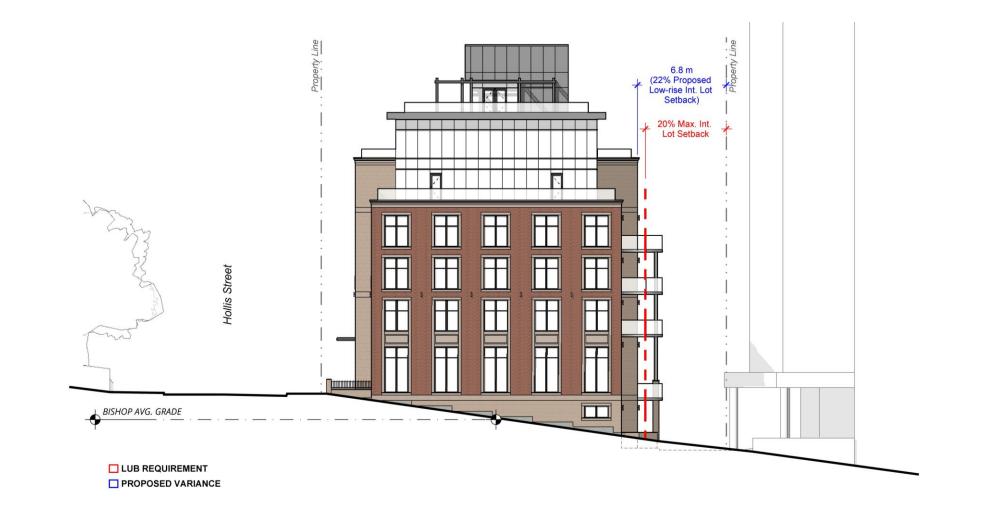
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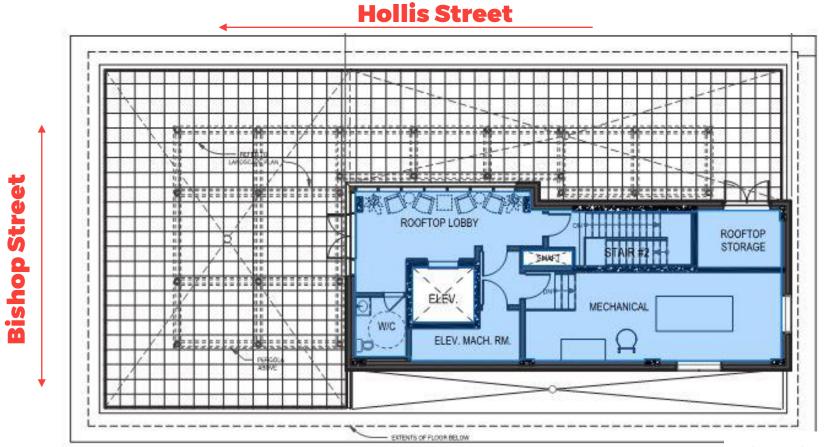
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## List of features variance

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8(8) The height requirements in subsections (6) and (7) of section 8, and subsection (15C) of section 7 shall not apply to a church spire, lightning rod, elevator enclosure, an elevator enclosure above a structure required for elevator access to rooftop amenity space, flag pole, antenna, heating, ventilation, air conditioning equipment or enclosure of such equipment, skylight, chimney, landscape vegetation, clock tower, solar collector, roof top cupola, parapet, cornices, eaves, penthouses or other similar features .....



## Conclusion



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- Designed to fit within the existing historic neighbourhood.
- Previously approved by DRC (unanimously).
- Brings prominence and appropriateness to a vacant corner site.
- Provides larger unit sizes for the downtown core.
- Meets objectives and criteria of the LUB and Design Manual.



# Thank you!

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