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**Item No. 15.2.1**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**November 28, 2023**

**TO:** Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

Original Signed

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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David Atchison, Vice Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee

**DATE:** November 15, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **HRTG-2023-00871: Substantial Alteration to the municipally registered heritage property at 17 Banook Avenue, Dartmouth**

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**ORIGIN**

November 15, 2023 meeting of Heritage Advisory Committee, Item 4.1.2.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Legislative Authority is outlined in the attached staff report dated October 17, 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed substantial alteration to the municipally registered heritage property at 17 Banook Avenue, Dartmouth as set out in the staff report dated October 17, 2023.

**BACKGROUND**

Heritage Advisory Committee received a staff recommendation report dated October 17, 2023 to consider the approval of the proposed substantial alteration to the municipally registered heritage property at 17 Banook Avenue, Dartmouth.

For further information refer to the attached staff report dated October 17, 2023.

**DISCUSSION**

Heritage Advisory Committee considered the staff report dated October 17, 2023 and approved the recommendation to Heritage Advisory Report as outlined in this report.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial implications are outlined in the attached staff report dated October 17, 2023.

### **RISK CONSIDERATION**

Risk consideration is outlined in the attached staff report dated October 17, 2023.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Heritage Advisory Committee is comprised of seven citizen members and two Councillors. Meetings are live webcast on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

For further information on Community Engagement refer to the attached staff report dated October 17, 2023.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Environmental implications are outlined in the staff report dated October 17, 2023.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

Alternatives are outlined in the attached staff report dated October 17, 2023.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Staff recommendation report dated October 17, 2023.

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**Item No. 4.1.2**  
**Heritage Advisory Committee**  
**November 15, 2023**

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Heritage Advisory Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:** Original Signed  
Maggie MacDonald, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** October 17, 2023

**SUBJECT:** HRTG-2023-00871: Substantial Alteration to the municipally registered heritage property at 17 Banook Avenue, Dartmouth

**ORIGIN**

An application by WSP, on behalf of Banook Canoe Club (BCC), to substantially alter the municipally registered heritage property located at 17 Banook Avenue, Dartmouth.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

*Heritage Property Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 199

17 (1) Municipal heritage property shall not be substantially altered in exterior or public-building interior appearance or demolished without the approval of the municipality.

By-law H-200, the *Heritage Property By-Law*

4. The Committee shall, within the time limits prescribed by Council or the Act, advise the Region respecting:
  - (c) applications to substantially alter the external appearance of or demolish a municipal heritage property.
  
12. Applications for alteration of a registered heritage property shall be evaluated in accordance with the Standards for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada, 2nd Edition as set forth in Schedule 'B-1'. The Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada, 2nd Edition shall be used to interpret and apply the Standards.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council approve the proposed substantial alteration to the municipally registered heritage property at 17 Banook Avenue, Dartmouth as set out in this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

WSP, on behalf of Banook Canoe Club, has applied to substantially alter the registered heritage property at 17 Banook Avenue, Dartmouth (Map 1). The property at 17 Banook Avenue (the 'subject property'), known as Banook Canoe Club, was added to the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality in 1993. The registration recognized the heritage value of the canoe club as an early example of a recreational building. The original portion of the canoe club was designed by local architect H.E. Gates and constructed in 1906.

### **Existing Site Context**

The subject property is located on the south side of Banook Avenue, with Crichton Avenue to the west and Lake Banook to the east (Map 1). The property is 1,546.2 square metres with approximately 80 metres of frontage on Lake Banook. The primary heritage resource on the property is the original portion of the canoe club, constructed in 1906. This portion of the building is located on the northern portion of the property. The surrounding neighbourhood is mostly established residential single-unit dwellings of various ages. Henry Findlay Park is immediately adjacent to the south.

### **Heritage Value & Character-Defining Elements**

To determine the appropriateness of a substantial alteration, a full understanding of the building's heritage value and character defining elements is required. As a point of reference, staff have prepared a heritage building summary which outlines the heritage value and character defining elements for the original canoe club (Attachment A). This summary was created using the historic information contained in HRM's heritage property files and the applicant's heritage impact statement (Attachment B).

The *Standards and Guidelines* are used to perform an analysis of the appropriateness of a substantial alteration's impact on a property's heritage value and character defining elements. The *Standards and Guidelines* help to ensure that careful consideration is given to how the proposed alteration may affect the heritage values and character defining elements of the building. In keeping with the *Standards and Guidelines*, the applicant intends to repair where necessary and rehabilitate previously lost elements with the aid of photographic evidence.

### **Requested Substantial Alterations**

The applicant is proposing to make alterations to the original circa 1906 canoe club for structural and accessibility purposes, and to ensure the continued viability of the building. An overview of the substantial alterations is contained in Attachment C, while a summary is provided below:

- Replacement of the upper and lower-level decking with precast concrete;
- Construction of barrier free decking for accessibility purposes with metal railing in keeping with the original design based on photographic evidence; and,
- Replacement of the existing vinyl windows and doors with wood in keeping with the original design based on photographic evidence.

The above work is proposed as Phase 2 of the project. Phase 1 (under permit #BCOM-2022-12683) involved the demolition and reconstruction of the 'Seniors Room' (circa 1941) and 'Breezeway' (circa 1985) attached to the north and south of the original 1906 building, raising the original portion of the building, and upgrading the existing foundation. Heritage staff permitted this work to be done outside of the substantial alteration process as it did not impact character-defining elements of the property, on the condition that an engineering report be completed to ensure successful movement of the structure. This report was submitted and approved (Attachment D) and work for this phase is underway as of the date of this report.

The applicant's conservation work will be guided by the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada – 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* ('*Standards and Guidelines*') and based on historical photographs. Monitoring methods have been identified in the Heritage Impact Statement (Attachment B).

### **Substantial Alteration Legislation**

In accordance with Section 17 of the *Heritage Property Act* (HPA), a substantial alteration to a municipal heritage property requires Regional Council approval. The HPA defines a substantial alteration as “any action that affects or alters the character-defining elements of a property”. The character-defining elements of a property are defined as “the materials, forms, location, spatial configurations, uses and cultural associations or meanings that contribute to heritage value and that must be sustained in order to preserve heritage value.”

Heritage value is defined as “the aesthetic, historic, scientific, cultural, social or spiritual importance or significance for past, present or future generations and embodied in character-defining materials, forms, locations, spatial configurations, uses and cultural associations or meanings.” Therefore, a determination on the appropriateness of a substantial alteration lies in its effect on the property’s unique heritage value and character defining elements.

### **Regulatory Context and Approval Process**

If Regional Council refuses the requested substantial alteration to the heritage property, the owners may choose to alter the heritage property three years from the date of the application, but not more than four years after the date of the application, in accordance with Section 18 of the *Heritage Property Act*. Should the substantial alteration plans be revised, a new substantial alteration application will be required, which will start a new three-year waiting period.

### **DISCUSSION**

The overarching term for protecting historic places in Canada is conservation, which is described by the *Standards and Guidelines* as “all actions or processes aimed at safeguarding the character-defining elements of an historic place to retain its heritage value and extend its physical life”. Conservation may specifically involve preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, or a combination of these actions. Applying the *Standards and Guidelines* to the development proposal requires an understanding of the approach to the project, and the character defining elements and heritage values for the property.

In this case, a rehabilitation approach is proposed. Rehabilitation involves the sensitive adaptation of an historic place providing a continuing or compatible contemporary use, while protecting heritage value. Rehabilitation can include the replacement of elements or components of the building with an accurate replica or a new design compatible with the style, era, and character of the historic place. Rehabilitation projects can revitalize historical relationships and settings. Rehabilitation projects are evaluated using general Standards 1 through 9, and three additional Standards 10 through 12, which relate specifically to rehabilitation.

Staff have completed an evaluation of the proposal using the *Standards and Guidelines*, and the results are summarized in Attachment G. Regarding this case, conservation involves rehabilitation actions to be completed to the heritage building. Incompatible modifications previously made to the structure will be corrected with elements in-keeping with the historical character of the original building.

### **Substantial Alterations**

The proposed substantial alterations are necessary to ensure continued use of the canoe club. Impacts have been considered and are addressed in the Heritage Impact Statement (Attachment B).

The proposed substantial alterations include:

- Replacement of the vinyl windows and doors with wood in a similar design to the original 1906 building based on historical photographs;
- Replacement in-kind of the painted wood cedar shingles;
- Second storey extension at the northeast corner of the original building; and,
- Replacement of the second-storey decking with metal railing in a similar design to the original 1906 building based on historical photographs.

The early recreational building was designed by local Dartmouth architect H.E. Gates for the Banook Canoe Club in 1906. The proposed interventions will assist in rehabilitating the building to its original design as it will be based on historical documentation (Figure 1). Any modifications to the building materials (i.e., metal railing) are acceptable as it is based on the original design and is being made to meet current building code requirements.

Staff advise that the proposed substantial alteration interventions meet the *Standards and Guidelines* (Attachment G). The vinyl doors and windows are not original and will be replaced with more appropriate material and design based on historical photographs of the original 1906 canoe club. This includes the reinstatement of 8-lite windows on the west elevation and multi-pane windows on the east elevation. The metal doors will be replaced with half-glazed, 12-lite wood doors painted white.

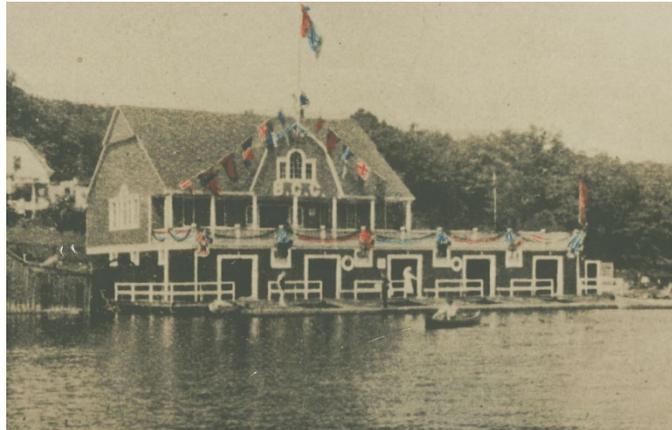


Figure 1: Banook Canoe Club circa 1909 (Nova Scotia Archives)

The northeast corner extension at the second storey of the east elevation will involve the removal of a portion of an original exterior wall; however, this intervention allows for the continued historic recreational use and functionality as a canoe club. The overhang at the northeast corner was not identified as a character-defining element of the original structure. Reversing the previous modifications of bumping out the central gambrel and southeast extension may reduce the functionality of the interior. False wood columns along the east elevation second storey will assist in reinstating the symmetry of the original design (see Figure 1). The railing, although to be built of galvanized steel, will reflect the original 1906 design. These interventions will assist in rehabilitating the property to the original design and will be consistent with the historic place, while ensuring the canoe club's historic and continued use.

Overall, the proposed interventions of the original portion of the canoe club will be based on historical photographs and ensure its continued use. It also follows the principle of minimal intervention as identified by the *Standards and Guidelines*. The character-defining elements will not be adversely impacted by the proposed interventions and will be rehabilitated based on historical documentation. Staff advise that the proposed alterations are consistent with Standards 10 through 12 (see Attachment G).

### **Conclusion**

Based on the above evaluation, the proposed alterations to the registered heritage property at 17 Banook Avenue meet the *Standards and Guidelines*. The replacement of the vinyl windows and doors with wood in a similar design to the original 1906 building will be reinstating previously lost character-defining elements. Although the railings will be metal, the new design will be based on historical documentation, and it will be replacing metal railings. The concrete decking will ensure accessibility and the continued use of the structure.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The HRM costs associated with processing HRTG-2023-00871 can be accommodated within the approved 2023/24 operating budget for Cost Centre C340 – Culture, Heritage, and Planning Information Services. HRM is not responsible for construction and renovation costs.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The community engagement process for a substantial alteration is consistent with the intent of the HRM Community Engagement Strategy. The level of community engagement was information sharing achieved through public access to the required Heritage Advisory Committee meeting.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

1. The Heritage Advisory Committee may recommend that Regional Council approve the proposed substantial alteration with conditions and in so doing should provide reasons for the conditions based on applicable conservation standards.
2. The Heritage Advisory Committee may recommend that Regional Council refuse the proposed substantial alteration to 17 Banook Avenue. This is not recommended as staff advise that the proposed substantial alteration be approved for reasons outlined in this report.

Note: The *Heritage Property Act* does not include appeal provisions for decisions of Council regarding substantial alterations, however, if the substantial alteration application is refused, section 18(3) of the *Heritage Property Act* provides that the owners would be permitted to proceed with their proposal three years from the date of the application.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

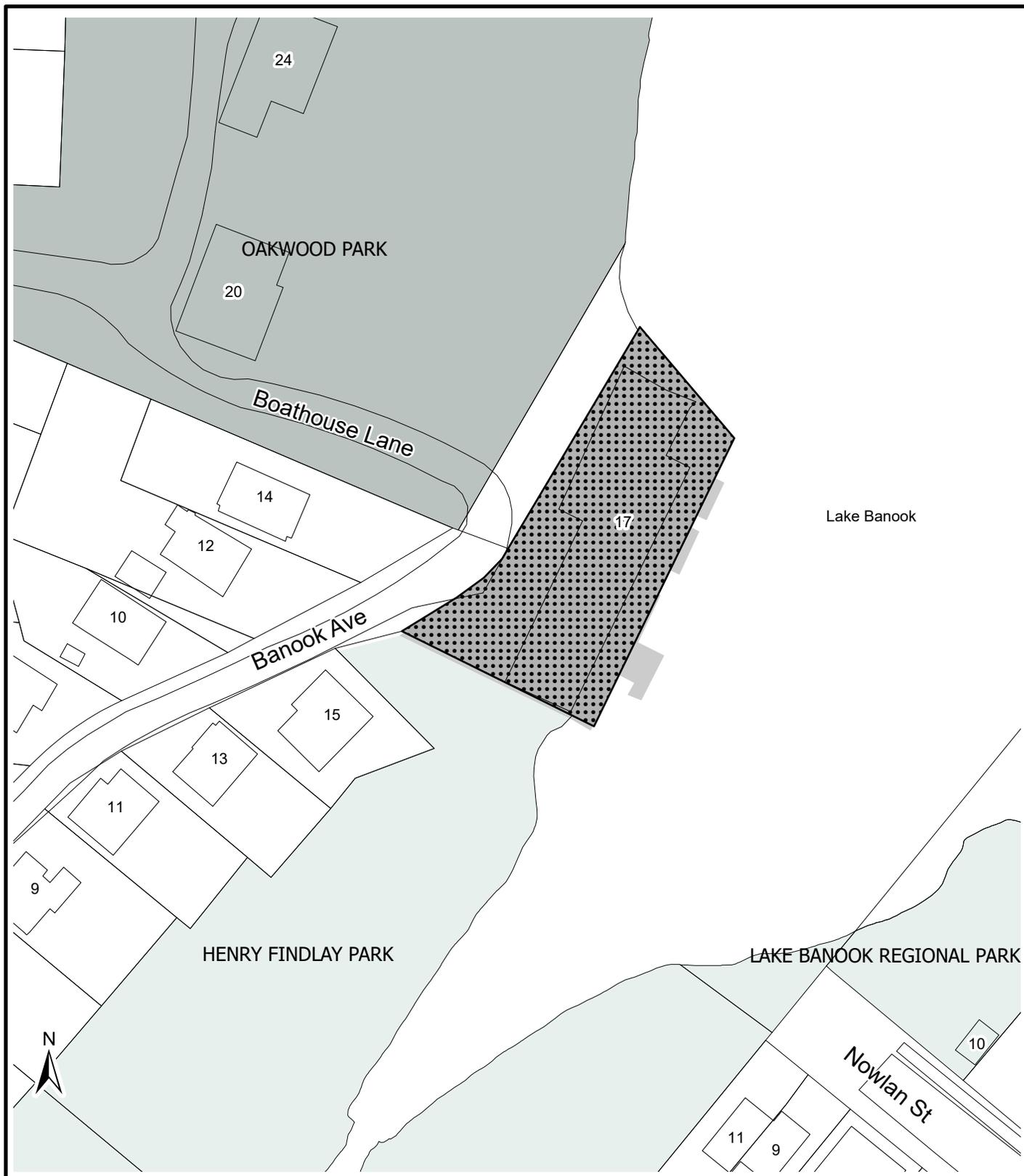
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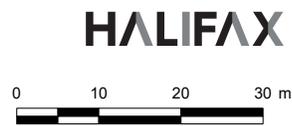
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### Map 1 - Location Map

17 Banook Avenue,  
Dartmouth

- Registered Heritage Property
- Subject Property
- HRM Parks



HRM does not guarantee the accuracy of any representation on this plan.

**Attachment A:  
Heritage Building Summary**

**17 Banook Avenue (c.1906)**



**Character Defining Elements:**

- Early recreational club building designed by Dartmouth architect H.E. Gates circa 1906;
- Wood framing;
- Wood shake cladding;
- Gambrel dormer with Palladian window;
- Gable roof with protruding triangular inset;
- Moulded trim around fenestration; and,
- View of Lake Banook.

**Heritage Value:**

The property at 17 Banook Avenue was added to the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality in 1993. The property's principal heritage asset is the original portion of the recreational club building constructed circa 1906. The building was designed by local Dartmouth architect Herbert Elliot Gates. The tender was awarded to Thomas Merson.

In April of 1903, Banook Canoe Club was incorporated by an Act of Legislature. Arthur C. Pyke was the first president, with Byron Arthur Weston the first secretary. The club is sited strategically on Lake Banook and provides extensive views of the surrounding area. It has been owned by the Banook Canoe Club since its construction.

# Attachment B

BANOOK CANOE CLUB

## HERITAGE IMPACT STATEMENT

MAY 01, 2023

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# BANOOK CANOE CLUB RENOVATIONS HERITAGE IMPACT STATEMENT

WSP PROJECT NO.: 22F-00008-00  
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# 1 INTRODUCTION

The Banook Canoe Club (BCC) is a non-profit paddling organization that offers paddling programs, summer and winter programs, swimming lessons, an event rental space, and more to the HRM-community.

BCC has engaged WSP as construction managers for planned renovations to the BCC facility. WSP has in turn compiled a team of design consultants to address issues with the existing facility and develop design upgrades to stabilize the building’s structural integrity and upgrade interior spaces to better accommodate the current needs of the BCC programs. Pinto Engineering has been selected to be the prime consultant for this work, along with a team from WSP, Englobe and DesignPoint.

The entire structural foundation system requires stabilization. Phase I of the project will include the modification and upgrading of the existing foundation for Building A and the installation of a new concrete wharf & deck system.

To enable access to the water’s edge and allow for the installation the new foundation of Building A, (which is the heritage component of the complex), it will be necessary to demolish the two ancillary structures on either side of Building A. These structures will be replaced upon completion of the substructural work.

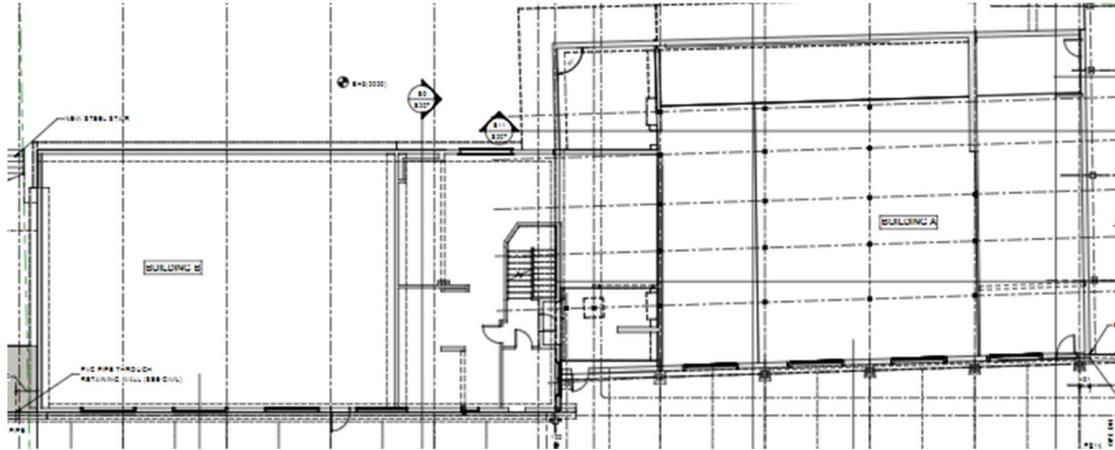
This Heritage Impact Statement will address the proposed alterations to Building A and the measures to be taken to retain and enhance the heritage nature of the building. It will examine the design intentions with respect to compliance with the Province of Nova Scotia’s Heritage Property Act, and the City of Halifax’s adopted Standards and Guidelines for the conservation of heritage properties

Throughout this report, we will make numerous references to Building A and Building B – building A being the heritage classified section of the complex. Please see the inserted figures below.

**Figure 1.0 – Building Sections**



Figure 2.0 - Floor Plan



## 2 OBJECTIVES OF THIS REPORT

The objectives of this report are to:

- Provide a general history of the evolution of the Banook Canoe Club.
- Provide a description of the existing heritage property and outline an understanding of its heritage value and character defining elements.
- Describe the proposed alterations to the building and site and how those alterations meet the objectives of the Municipality and impact the existing site.
- Outline considered alternatives to the proposed design.
- Outline a schedule and reporting structure for the implementation of the proposed heritage strategy and its monitoring.
- Provide a summary statement for this report and its heritage recommendations.

## 3 PROJECT LOCATION

The Banook Canoe Club is located at 17 Banook Avenue in Dartmouth, NS at the water's edge where Banook Avenue and Boathouse Lane meet. See arial photo below.

While there are numerous heritage buildings in HRM and Dartmouth, none are quite as unique as the Banook Canoe Club. The BCC board recognize this and are determined to not only retain the existing heritage elements but to also enhance the definition of the important elements of Building A.

Throughout years of upgrades, the building has remained in the same spot with similar wharf access throughout the last 120 years.

Figure 3.0 - Aerial View of Banook Canoe Club



The proposed project development application drawings have been previously submitted to HRM, under building permit BPCOM-2022-12683.

## 4 PROJECT GENERAL DESCRIPTION

A structural investigation has been conducted on the complex and it has been determined that the foundation of Building A has no structural footings which directly relates to numerous foundational issues that currently exist. This is not an uncommon occurrence for buildings of this type, but it will necessitate the removal and replacement of most of the original concrete foundation work.

To accomplish the structural upgrades, the “Senior Room” and Boat Bay directly underneath, as well as the “pass through” structure on the opposite side of Building A, will need to be demolished to enable the isolation of Buildings A and B to enable the replacement of the deteriorated and heavily cracked foundation. Sketches indicating the areas to be demolished have been provided at the end of this section.

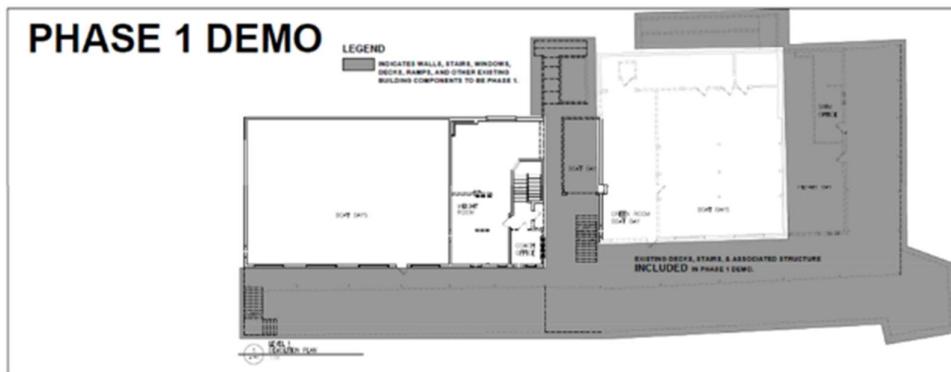
The work to be undertaken will include:

- Removal of the existing surrounding upper deck, the wharf timber creosote railway ties and wooden decking, concrete slabs, beams, footings, and foundation deck.
- The existing timber wharf will be replaced with precast concrete panels with a cast in place topping, sitting on drilled piles.

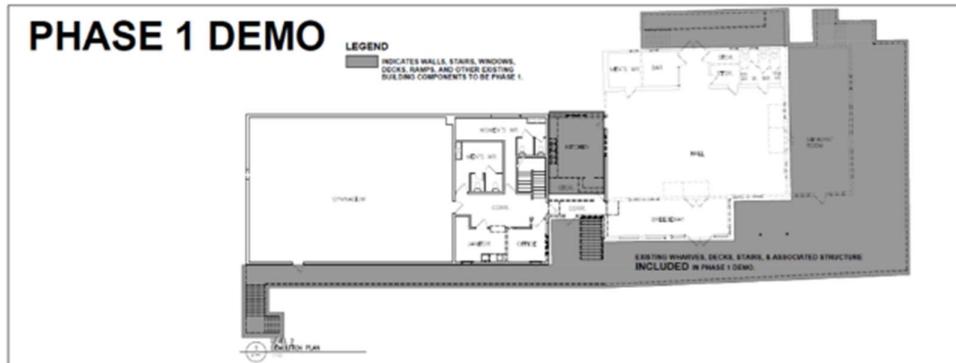
- The new upper and lower decking will be constructed with precast concrete and be independent of the building.
- The upper and lower levels will provide smooth barrier free accessible decks which will transition smoothly to the inside of the building.
- In addition, the decking will buttress and support the building. The docks will be floating docks and not part of the permanent structure.

Once the building has been raised and a new foundation put in place, the sections on either side of the original dance hall (Building A) which had to be removed to provide access for the foundation work, will be reconstructed.

**Figure 4.0 – Demolition Markups**



Level 1 Proposed Demo



Level 2 Proposed Demo



## 5 IDENTIFICATION OF HERITAGE VALUE

### **A Brief History of the Banook Canoe Club**

In the early 1900s there was no way to easily transport the popular cedar strip canoe from home to Lake Banook to participate in the ever-growing popularity of canoeing.

The recognition of a desire/need to store these beautiful hand-crafted canoes at lake side prompted five young men, who shared a boat shed, to erect a new bigger boathouse and open it for public boat storage of 100 canoes.

Banook Canoe Club was established on April 11, 1903 on the south west end of Lake Banook.

Shares were sold and \$3,000 was raised to build the new boathouse and an upper-level Dance Hall.

The original 1903 building was designed by H.E. Gates with conveniences including dry closets (outhouses) and interior electric lighting. The final cost of construction was close to \$3,000.

Over the next 6 years there were renovations to the building – an addition of 12 feet of docks to the lake side and renovations to the street/front side of the building. The need for additional boat storage for 60 canoes was the driving force to construct a second building on the west side close to the old lock.

The 1909 renovation and addition of indoor washrooms to the upper-level Dance Hall space changed the street side exterior of the building to the current façade. The waterside exterior façade featured an extended roofline over the porch space flanking the gabled roof entrance. By the late 1980s this open porch space had mostly been enclosed to provide additional interior space adjoining the Dance Hall space.

The building has survived the Halifax Explosion, two building fires and numerous storms.

### **Construction Evolution of the Club**

The property was listed as a municipal heritage property on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1993. Within those municipal documents there is no mention of any defining heritage characteristics, and no further information has been discovered elsewhere. Since 1993, the current building makeup for the canoe club has only seen minor changes.

Below is a list of key construction dates, whether it was brand new, added or modified. Most of these dates are accurate however, some dates needed to be extrapolated based on photos or book text.

- 1903-1904 - Construction of Building A was completed.
- 1920 - Building B (Secondary Boathouse) was constructed.
- 1937 - Boat bays added beside original dance hall and boat bays.
- 1941 - (Estimated based on photos) - Seniors Room level is added.
- 1948 - Renovations to the beach area completed - docks and runways replaced (winter ice damage).
- 1970 - The gym (Building B) has extensive fire damage and was upgraded to accommodate an event which changed the aesthetic of Building B - the colour scheme was kept but trim work modified.
- 1985 – The ‘Breezeway’ on the upper lakeside patio is built.
- 1998 - A fire heavily damaged Building A – the boat bays, Senior Room and upper deck - all replaced.



Character-defining Elements

WSP has had thorough discussion with the club, completed research and multiple building reviews, and sought input from municipal archives to determine the five exterior aesthetic heritage defining features below.

Gambrel Roof Line at the front and back of the building

These are the most prominent features of the canoe club, which has existed and been retained since the original construction in early 1900s.



Gable roof jut outs along with a semi-circle vent

A lot of the Dartmouth residential properties that are historic have similar roof styles, on a smaller scale. While the residential soffits tend to be wider, the use of it here warrants heritage value.



Building 'A' currently has vinyl windows that will be replaced with wood windows. They will be designed to enhance the heritage features of the building and reflect the original look of the building.



Cedar siding (shake styled) and white trim work around windows, roof lines.

This is a large feature of the majority of historic properties in Dartmouth.



Exterior Veranda/Patio (Lakeside Facing)

The second floor façade was originally symmetrical on either side of the door; a feature that was changed in a later revision to what you see in the photograph.

This proposal will reinstate the symmetry.

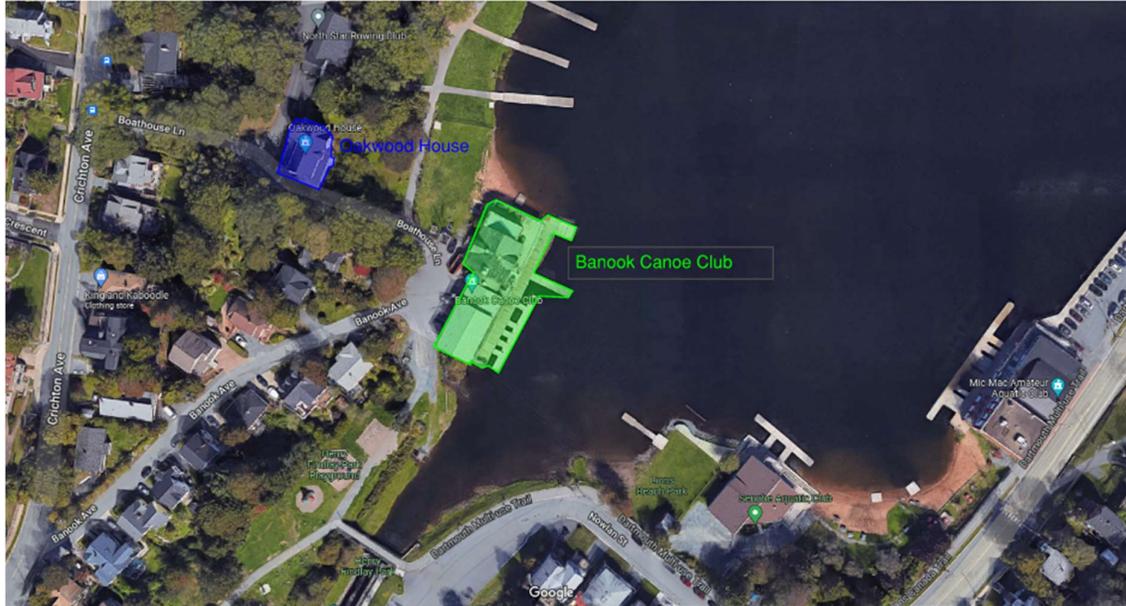


The majority of the identified features have been with the club since inception and that is why we expect these items to be the most critical to maintain. Reconstruction of any portion removed will be reconstructed in its original form.

## 6 ADJACENT PROPERTIES

As mentioned in a previous section, The Banook Canoe Club has no similar looking historic properties that are close by. As Figure 3.0 shows below there is another heritage registered building just up the road from the BCC.

**Figure 5.0 - Adjacent Heritage Properties**



The Oakwood House is a fellow rowing house owned and operated by the North Star Rowing Club. There are some similarities to the two properties. The ages of the buildings are within years of original construction, have similar gable style roof features and window placement. The Oakwood House heritage features are more in line with other residential historical properties in Dartmouth but both of these properties compliment the neighbourhood well.



**Figure 5.1 - Oakwood House**

## 7 PROPOSED WORK

The proposed work will include the replacement of the Banook Canoe Club's existing foundation for Building A, along with the replacement of the wharf and deck system. The following is the proposed construction sequence.

If you refer to Appendix 1, you can see what the BCC's current and proposed elevations.

1. Demolish/takedown of the Senior's Room, Repair Boat Bay and Passthrough to allow multiple items to happen:
  - Provide access to the waterfront side of the building to:
    - i. Allow machinery to access the critical locations for drilling test pits.
    - ii. Prep Building A to be raised to allow for installation of new supporting structures.

### **Heritage Impact:**

- The raising of the building will provide a uniform floor elevation for the activities area of the second floor of Building A.
- The demolition of the Senior's Room and the Passthrough will provide the opportunity to re-size these spaces and accentuate the heritage structure (building A).
- The finish materials and colour of the Building A will be retained and repaired where necessary.
- As can be seen in the proposed elevations in appendix 1, the re-built senior's room and passthrough will be inset to highlight building A and be clad with unfinished wood siding that will be left to weather and provide a contrast to the Heritage structure.

### **Alternate Solutions:**

- There is no option with respect to the need to replace the supporting structures of the building and no other means to access the areas required to do the work.

2. Remove the existing wharf and deck to allow for the foundation work and prep the building to be raised.

### **Heritage Impact:**

- The removal of the deck and wharf are considered part of the exterior look of the BCC. The new deck and wharf will have almost the same footprint and look, but will be of concrete construction rather than wood..

### **Alternate Solutions:**

- Use of a wooden wharf is an alternate solution and a viable option if required. However, the use of concrete will create greater durability, lower maintenance costs, and have a longer life span.



3. Raise Building A by approximately 1.5 feet and complete demolition of existing foundation walls and slabs, then prepping the site for next step. The building will be raised using the new structural beams for supporting the required cribbing, with a screw jack being used to raise. Site preparation includes digging out the existing foundations around the perimeter of Building A and setup of sediment erosion fencing.

**Heritage Impact:**

- The components of this work and their location will not be visible and therefore will have no impact on the site.
4. Form, reinforce, pour and finish new concrete footings, foundation walls and slabs in the Boat Bays (Building A). Supply and install remaining new structural steel columns and beams in the Boat Bays.

**Heritage Impact:**

- The components of this work and their location will not be visible and therefore will have no impact on the site.
5. Lower Building A back into place once reinforced and rebuild the Seniors Room and Passthrough as described in #1 above and illustrated in the proposed elevations in the appendices..

**Heritage Impact:**

- The reconstruction of the Seniors Room and Passthrough will be completed to retain identical look as before.
  - Reuse of the existing windows and doors will take place.
  - The red cedar siding currently on those areas has been replaced more recently than Building A's older siding. We will ensure the colour match is identical to the current siding.
6. Installation of the new wharf and deck. The majority of this work will be precast panels and flown by crane into place.

**Heritage Impact:**

- The removal of the deck and wharf are considered part of the exterior look of the BCC. The new deck and wharf will have almost the same footprint and look but will be of concrete construction.

Overall, we feel these upgrades are the best options in terms of renovating the Banook Canoe Club. Future renovations will be under review during this construction period and will form part of a separate construction contract.

Why are these renovations being undertaken?

**1.0 Maintenance/Life Safety**

As mentioned previously, when the structural investigation was completed, it was determined that, before pursuing any future expansions or renovations to the interior of the buildings, the foundation



work had to be in place. The club, over the years, has addressed minor repairs to the foundation walls as temporary fixes which has diminished the capacity to store boats and to utilized the spaces which has resulted in cluttered boat bays and utility rooms. There is significant water penetration through the foundation walls which is creating further degradation of the support system.

The existing wharfs and decks are wooden and are reaching the end of their life expectancy. To keep the construction schedule shortened and cost lowest, it is better to replace as much as possible at the same time. Some of the major work requires that the existing wharf and deck are removed.

Barrier-free access is a current issue at the club, but the new wharf/deck will allow the club to provide access that meets current codes.

### **2.0 Functionality**

The Boat Bays height will be increased by a foot which will make room for more boats and easier access. The Boat Bays capacity is being minimized as a result of the extreme clutter that has been created by the diminished capacity of the structure. The increased height will increase overhead clearance and provide more efficient usability.

The new wharf and deck, while slightly increasing size, will be much more durable than its previous wooden deck. As well, along with the new floating docks will be much more accommodating for the larger war canoes and their rowers.

The club is a frequent host of many national and international competitions and events. Maintaining a space they are proud to host with is important for these events to continue.

### **3.0 Future Renovations**

Without increasing the structural integrity of the building, the potential for future renovations would be limited, and maintenance will continue to rise in costs.

## **8 MONITORING METHODS**

There will be multiple factors in place to ensure the renovations are successful while ensuring heritage is maintained. Here are a few ways WSP will be implementing this:

1. WSP will be on-site weekly to review work progress, methods and adherence to heritage plan, along with the General Contractor.
2. A heritage-g geared site orientation will be created that all contractors, suppliers, visitors must complete and be familiar with.
3. Subcontractors who are familiar with heritage projects will be favoured.
4. Construction delivery methods will be implemented that will keep the integrity of the property in place.
5. WSP will share this report with all stakeholders (owners, contractors, etc).

WSP will ensure any recommendations by this committee will be shared with the owners and implemented into the design and/or construction process where necessary.



## 9 PROJECT SCHEDULE & REPORTING STRUCTURE

While the project will follow the Municipal procedures for approvals and permitting of the work, we offer the following commentary on proposed heritage scope of work development:

1. Existing conditions elevation drawings are attached to this report as record submission.
2. Elevation drawings of the demolition stage are also included for reference.
3. Submission of construction documents have been submitted to the City and we have received code approval for the work. (Building Permit BPCOM-
4. The preparation of a construction schedule and monitoring plan will be prepared outlining the documentation and monitoring of the protection of the retained and conserved historical elements of the building. This will be created by WSP with input from the general contractor.

Attached as Appendix 3 is also a high-level construction schedule to indicate durations of activities listed in the Proposed Work section.

The reporting structure for the project is as follows.

- Owner: Banook Canoe Club Facility Improvement Committee
- Construction Manager: WSP Canada
- General Contractor: Creek Ocean Construction
- Subcontractors: To Be Awarded

## 10 SUMMARY

In conclusion, we hope this document has included all required information and exhibits the intent of preserving the Banook Canoe Club's heritage value. The work will make the space more enjoyable to all users while also being significantly safer. The Banook Canoe Club Facility Improvement Committee and WSP are excited to be part of rejuvenating one of HRM's most iconic buildings. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ted Mitchell [REDACTED] or Matthew Bennett [REDACTED].

# APPENDIX 1 & 2

## EXISTING AND PROPOSED ELEVATIONS

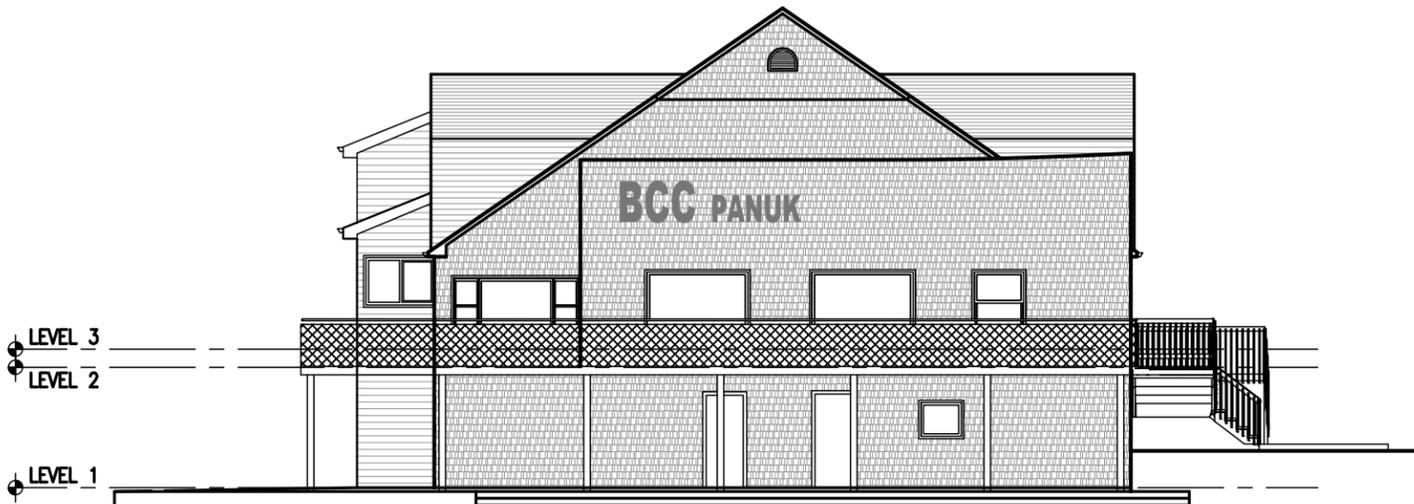




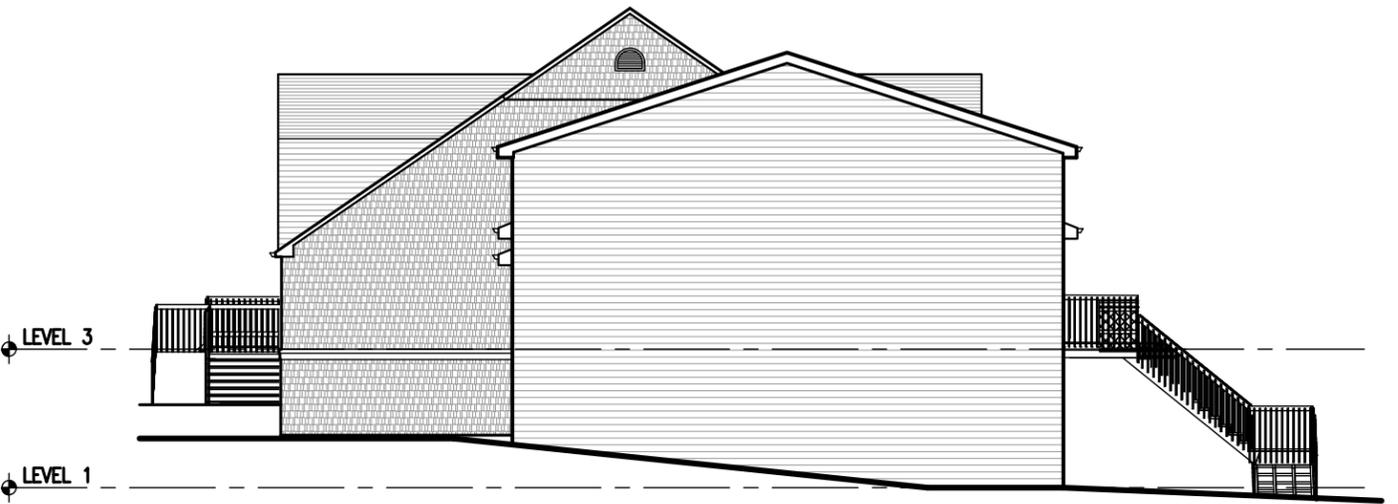
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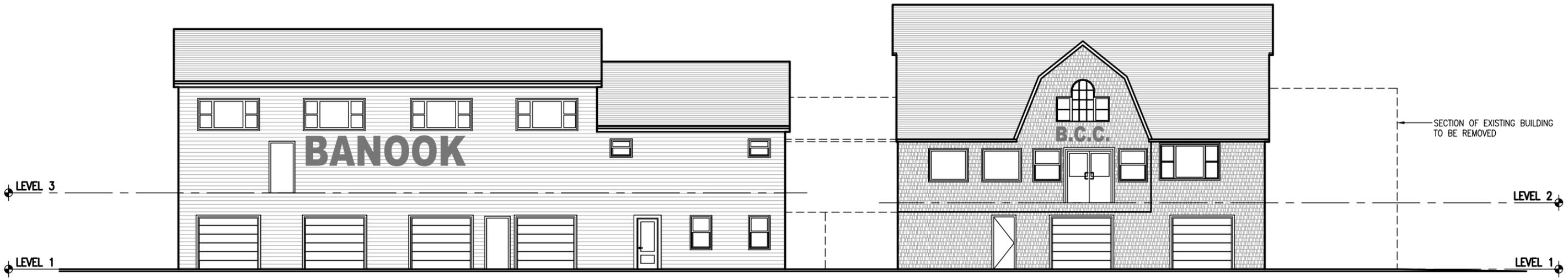
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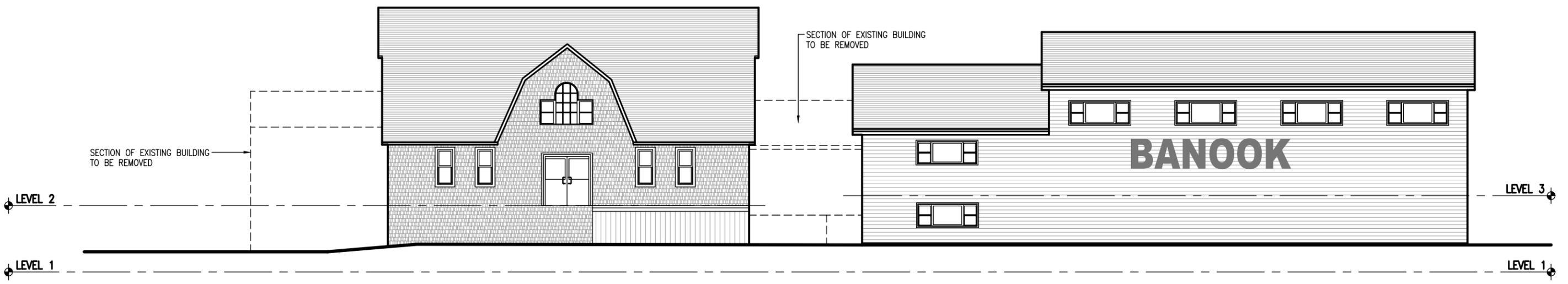
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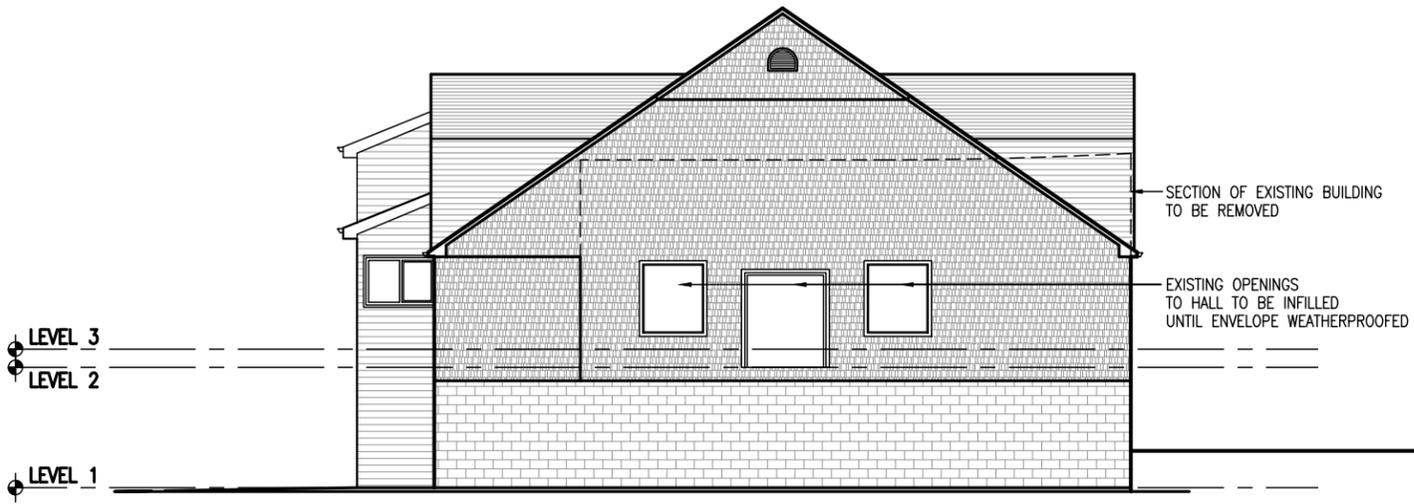
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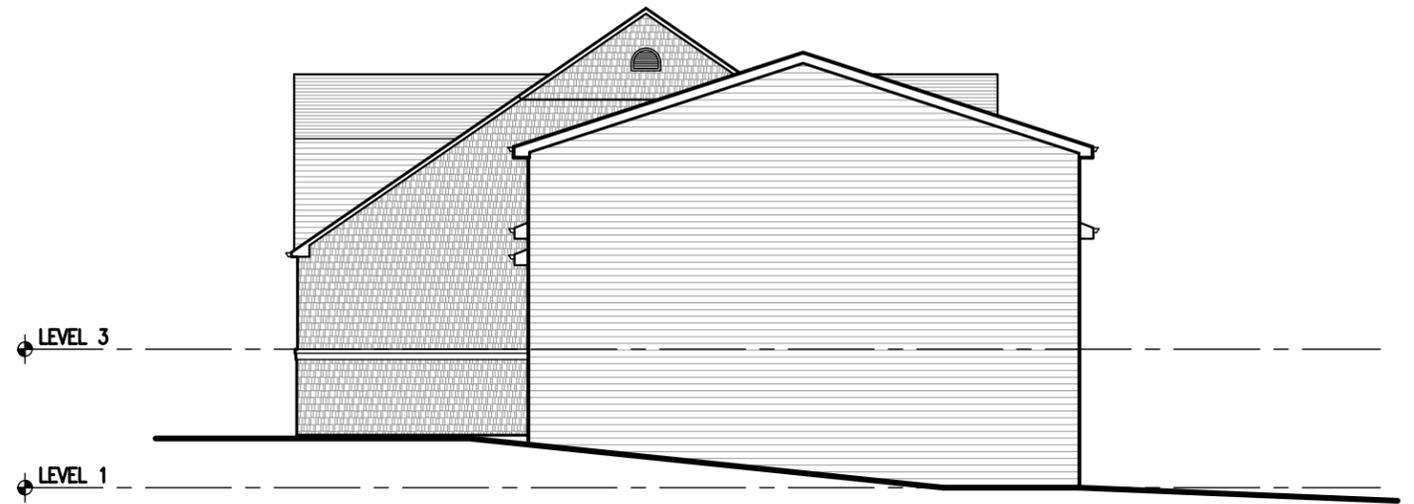
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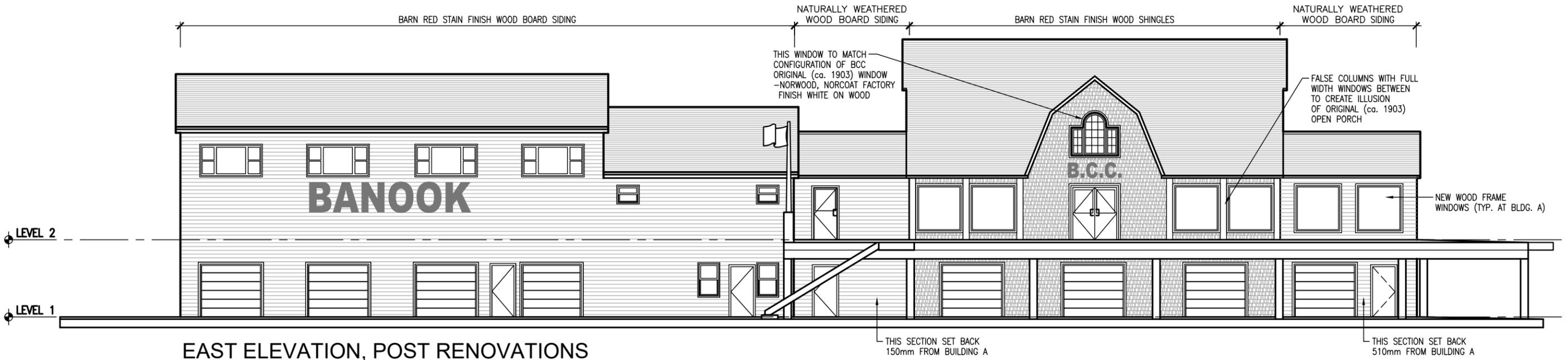
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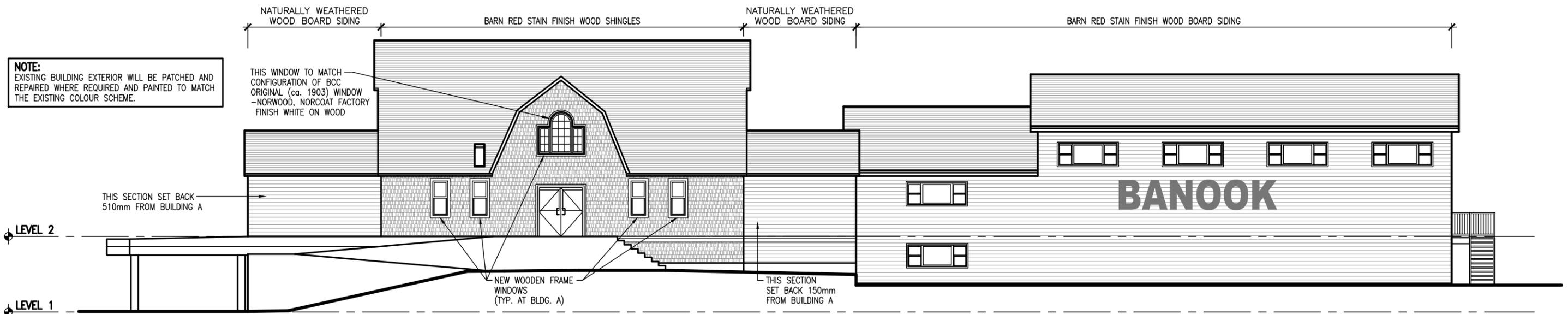
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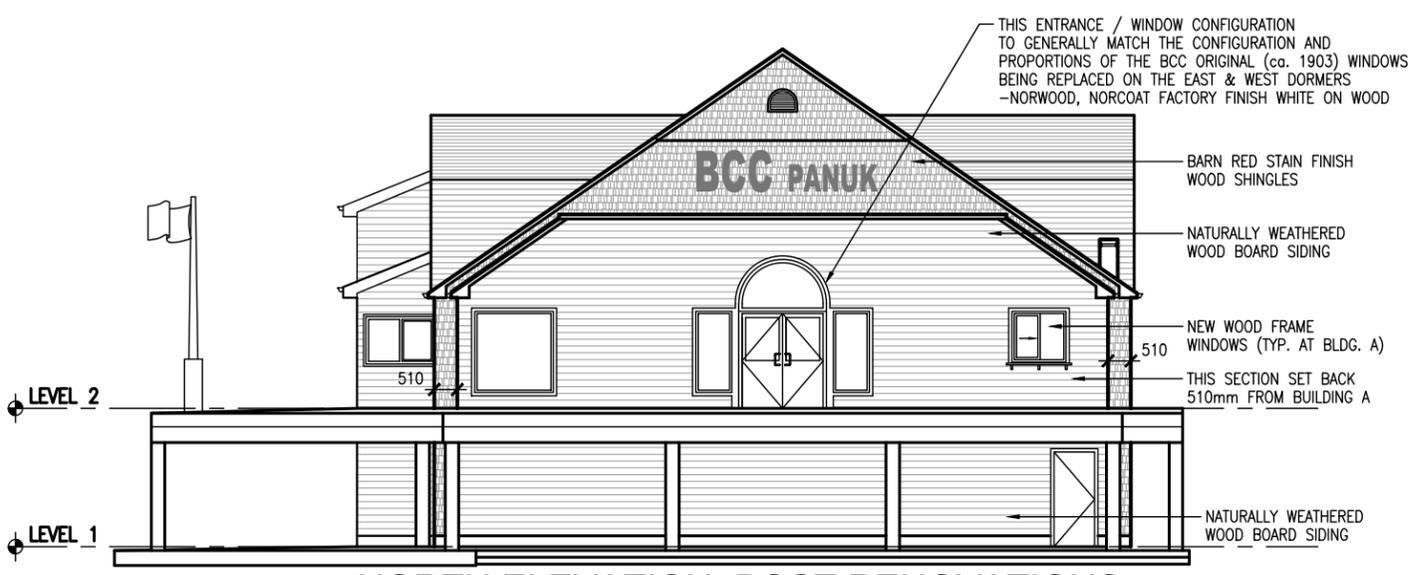
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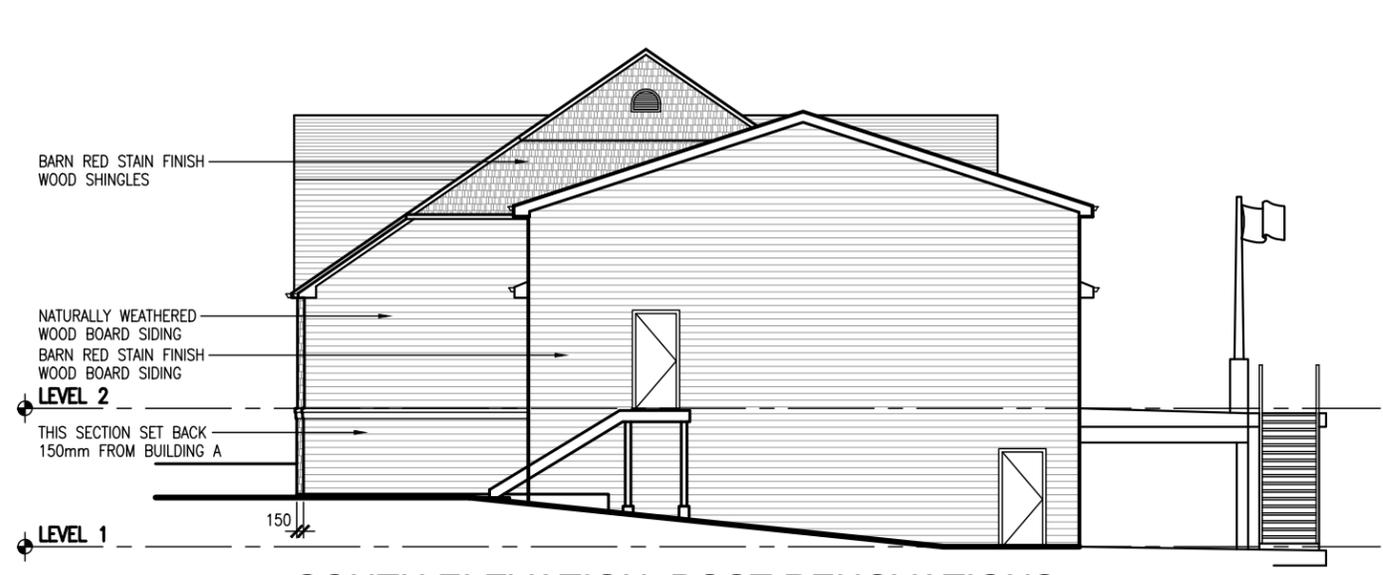
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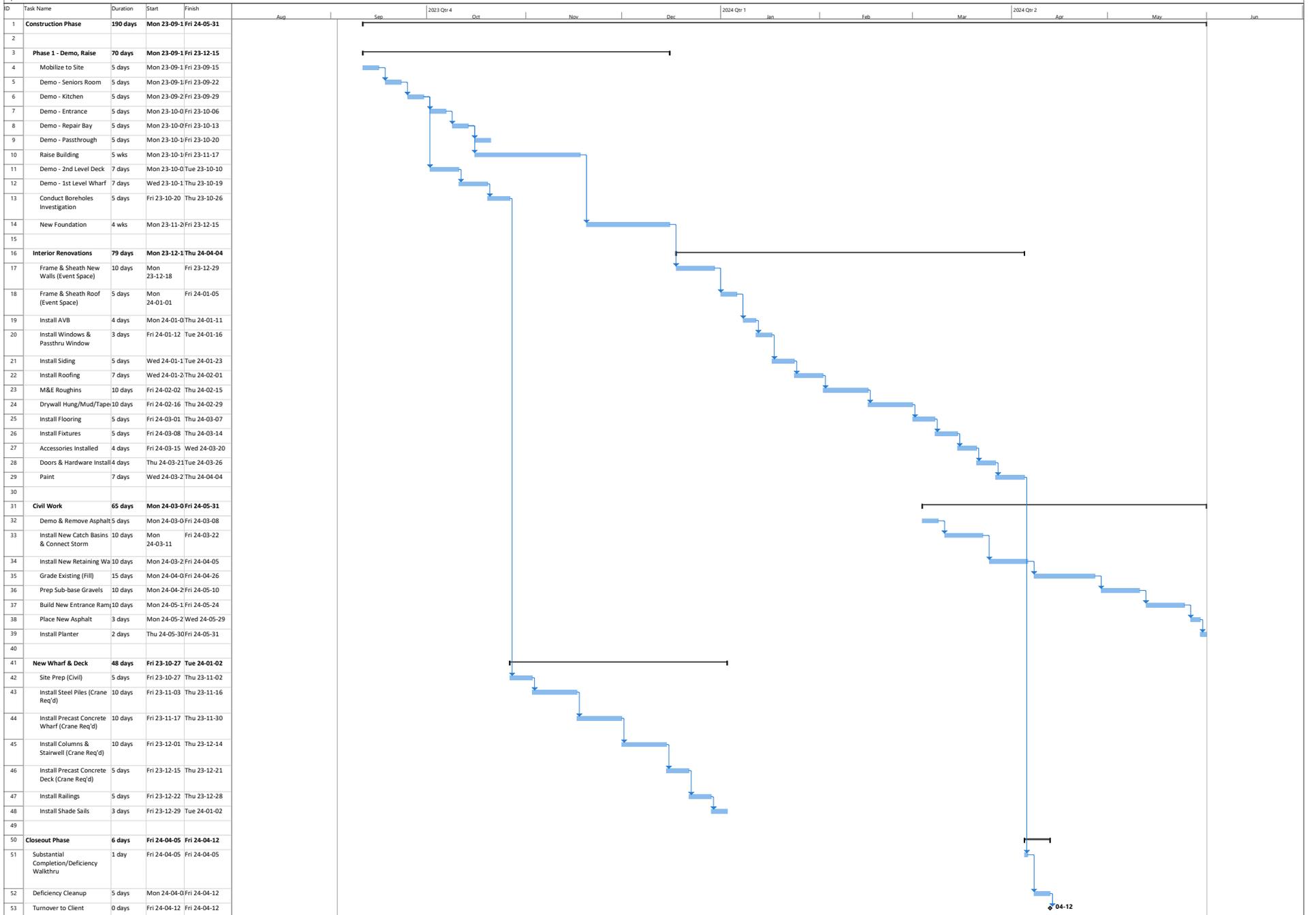


SOUTH ELEVATION, POST RENOVATIONS

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# APPENDIX 3

## CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE





## Design Rational Letter

Project: Banook Canoe Club, Dartmouth, NS

Date: August 24, 2023

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Below is an extraction from the original Heritage Impact Statement provided by WSP that highlights the design elements to remain with the Banook Canoe Club. In each element, the rational is provided.

### Character-defining Elements

WSP has had thorough discussion with the club, completed research and multiple building reviews, and sought input from municipal archives to determine the five exterior aesthetic heritage defining features below.

<p>Element: Gambrel roof line at the front and back of the building</p> <p>This is the most prominent feature of the canoe club, which has existed and has been retained since the original construction in the early 1900s.</p> <p>No change to be made here – fully retained.</p>	
<p>Element: Gable roof jut outs along &amp; half-moon vent</p> <p>A lot of the Dartmouth residential properties that are historic have similar roof styles, on a smaller scale. While the residential soffits tend to be wider, the use of it here warrants heritage value.</p> <p>No change to be made here – fully retained.</p>	



Element: Windows placement, wide frames and white frames

Building A currently has vinyl windows that will all be replaced with wood windows, that will be designed to reflect the heritage era of the building.

Installation of wood windows will restore a more original look.



Element: Cedar siding (shake styled) and white trim work around windows, roof lines.

This is a large feature of the majority of historic properties in Dartmouth.

No change here – reuse of wood siding will retain original look.



Exterior Veranda/Patio (Lakeside Facing)

This feature has evolved but has been maintained since day 1 of the club.

The original second floor façade was originally symmetrical on either side of the door; a feature that was changed in a later revision. These upgrades will reinstate the symmetry.



The majority of the identified features have been with the club since inception and that is why we expect these items to be the most critical to maintain. Reconstruction of any portion removed will be reconstructed in its original form.

Overall, the original look of the building will be fully retained as majority of renovations include a new foundation, deck and interior work. For more information, please review the full heritage impact statement and engineered drawings.

August 23, 2023

**Heritage  
Halifax Regional Municipality**

RE: **Banook Canoe Club Renovations**

To Whom It May Concern,

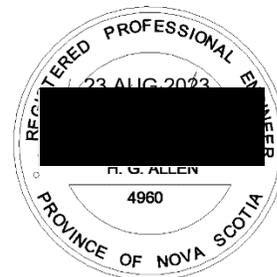
PINTO Engineering Ltd. (PINTO) completed an existing condition assessment of the Banook Canoe Club heritage building prior to the renovation design and carried out a structural assessment of the existing building framing. As part of the proposed renovations, the original heritage building will be lifted so that the floor level will match that of the newer adjacent building and all beams and columns supporting the first level floor framing will be replaced with new beams, columns and footings. The structural assessment and subsequent design of new framing was carried out using live, wind and snow loads in accordance with the 2015 edition of the National Building Code of Canada.

The lifting of the building will be carried out by experienced building moving contractors and PINTO will be reviewing all proposed lifting procedures and equipment prior to the lifting of the structure. During the lifting operations, PINTO will be monitoring the work progress to ensure that all necessary temporary bracing and reinforcements are installed so that the stability of the building structure is maintained, prior to installation of the new permanent framing and shear walls and lowering of the building onto the new foundation.

Sincerely,  
**Malcolm Pinto Engineering Limited, per**



**Howard Allen, M.Sc., P.Eng.**

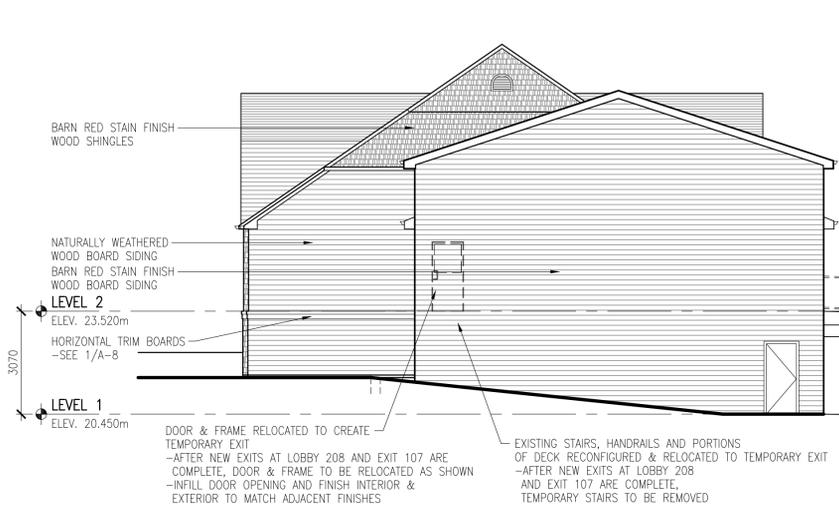
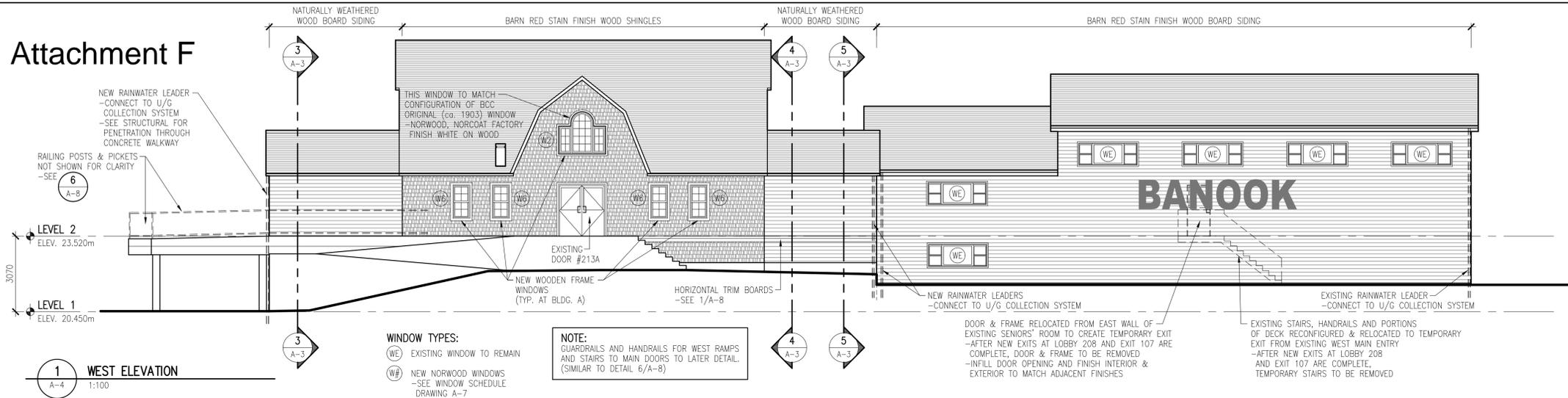






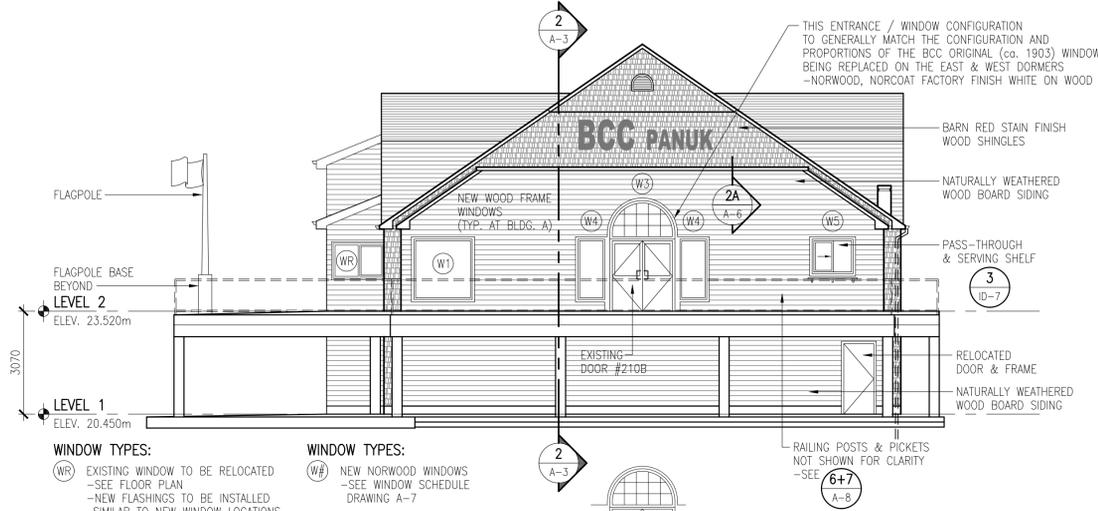
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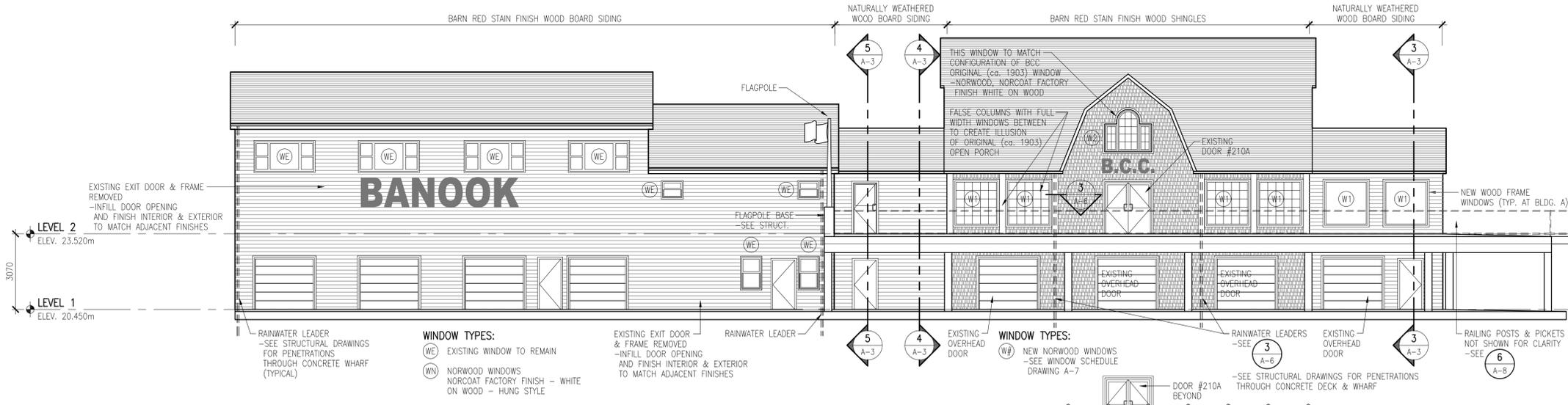
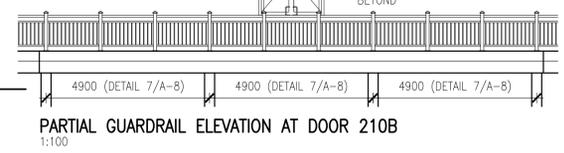


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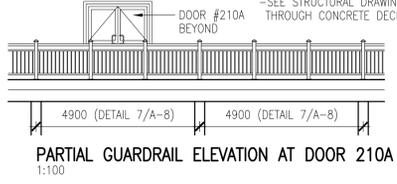
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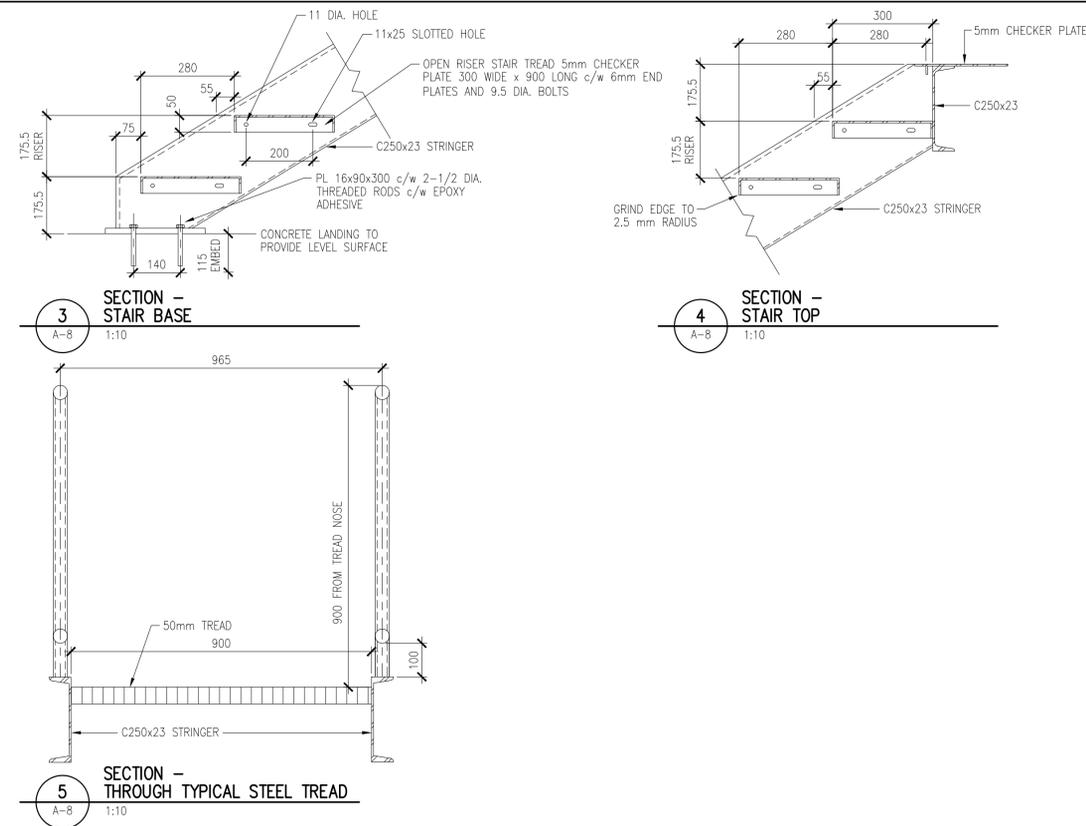
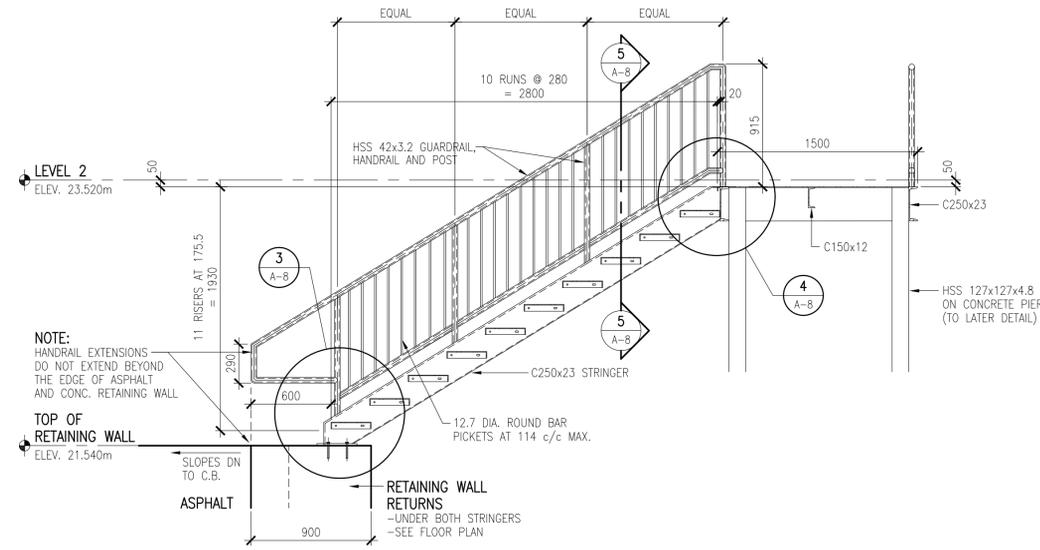
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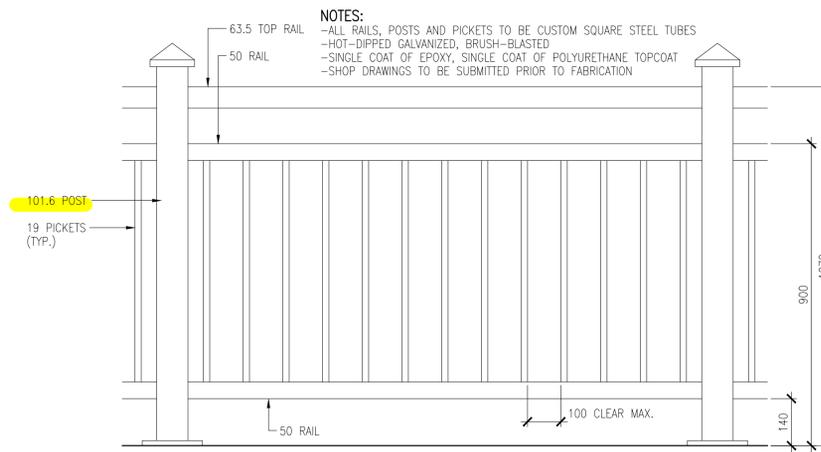
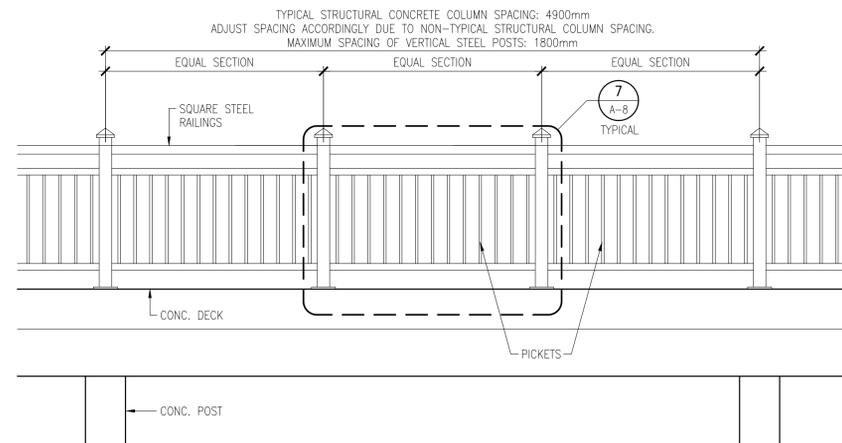
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**BANOOK CANOE CLUB RENOVATIONS PHASE 2**  
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**BUILDING ELEVATIONS**  
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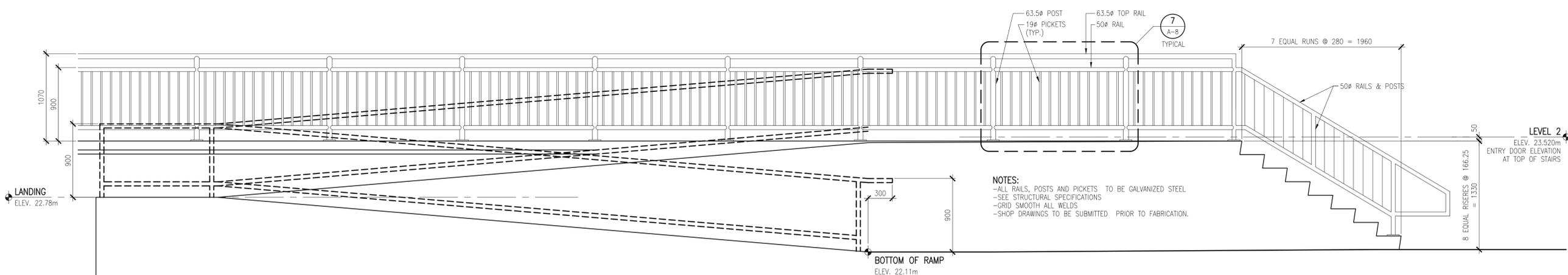
**2** SECTION - EXTERIOR STEEL STAIRS AT WEST SIDE FROM GYM 201  
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**NOTES:**  
- ALL RAILS, POSTS AND PICKETS TO BE CUSTOM SQUARE STEEL TUBES  
- HOT-DIPPED GALVANIZED, BRUSH-BLASTED  
- SINGLE COAT OF EPOXY, SINGLE COAT OF POLYURETHANE TOPCOAT  
- SHOP DRAWINGS TO BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO FABRICATION

**6** ELEVATION - TYPICAL GUARDRAIL  
A-8 1:25

**7** DETAIL - TYPICAL GUARDRAIL  
A-8 1:10



**NOTES:**  
- ALL RAILS, POSTS AND PICKETS TO BE GALVANIZED STEEL  
- SEE STRUCTURAL SPECIFICATIONS  
- GRID SMOOTH ALL WELDS  
- SHOP DRAWINGS TO BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO FABRICATION.

RAILINGS POSTS & PICKETS OF RAMPS NOT SHOWN FOR CLARITY - SEE **7** A-8 SIMILAR - NO TOP RAIL

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**BANOOK CANOE CLUB RENOVATIONS PHASE 2**

17 BANOOK AVE.  
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EXTERIOR STEEL STAIRS AT SOUTH SIDE OF BUILDING FOR GYM. 201 EMERGENCY EXIT, TYPICAL GUARDRAIL DETAILS, MAIN ENTRY STAIRS & RAMPS



## Craftsman 12-Lite 1-Panel Painted Wood Front Door – DbyD-4225

SKU: DbyD-4225

Category: Craftsman Door Collection

### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

- Craftsman Twelve Lite Custom Door
- 36" x 96" x 1 3/4" door (as shown, any size available)
- Wood Species Shown: Paint Grade (other wood species available)
- Glass Option Shown: Clear Insulated Glass
- Stain Color: Painted
- Hardware: Kwickset Hawthorne Handleset in the Satin Nickel finish
- This door can be found on a custom home built by **Mercer Home** in the **Hampstead** neighborhood in Montgomery, Alabama
- Glass options include: clear, beveled, leaded, textured
- All glass options can be tempered and dual pane insulated
- All of our wooden doors are made from the finest hardwoods available. No engineered or "core" materials are used in the construction of our doors to ensure optimal performance and unmatched beauty and quality
- We are happy to finish any of our doors with our selections of stains or prime the unit so that it can be painted upon delivery. However, any door unit may also be purchased unfinished. Read our **Finishing & Maintenance Instructions**
- We offer factory pre-hanging with all of our door units. Doors may also be purchased as a slab if desired
- All of our doors can be sold cut for the hardware of your choice. Visit our selection of **hardware**
- If you are outside of our local service area, or would like to install your doors yourself, please read our **Install Instructions**

## ATTACHMENT G: Standards & Guidelines Heritage Staff Evaluation: 17 Banook Avenue, Dartmouth

Conservation is the primary aim of the Standards and Guidelines and is defined as ‘*all actions or processes that are aimed at safeguarding the character-defining elements of an historic place so as to retain its heritage value and extend its physical life. This may involve **Preservation, Rehabilitation, Restoration**, or a combination of these actions or processes.*’

**Note:** The Standards are structured to inform the type of project or approach being taken.

- Preservation project apply Standards 1 through 9;
- Rehabilitation projects apply Standards 1 through 9, and Standards 10 through 12;
- Restoration projects apply Standards 1 through 9, Standards 10 through 12, and Standards 13 and 14.

Similar to the Standards, the base Guidelines apply to the approach being taken, and additional Guidelines may apply if the project includes rehabilitation and restoration. The Guidelines should be consulted only when the element to be intervened upon has been identified as a character defining element. The Guidelines should not be used in isolation. There may be heritage value in the relationships between cultural landscapes, archaeological sites, buildings, or engineering works. These values should not be compromised when undertaking a project on individual character defining elements of an historic place.

<b>TREATMENT: PRESERVATION</b>			
<i>Preservation is the action or process of protecting, maintaining, and/or stabilizing the existing materials, form, and integrity of an historic place, or of an individual component, while protecting the heritage value.</i>			
<b>STANDARDS 1-10</b>	<b>Complies</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
1. Conserve the <i>heritage value</i> of an <i>historic place</i> . Do not remove, replace or substantially alter its intact or repairable <i>character-defining elements</i> . Do not move a part of an historic place if its current location is a character-defining element.	<b>Yes</b>		All character-defining elements of the property will be retained. The interventions proposed will not impact any intact character-defining elements. The applicant intends to replace the previously modified elements (i.e., windows, doors) with design and materials that are based on photographic evidence. No changes to the current location are proposed.
2. Conserve changes to historic places that, over time, have become <i>character-defining elements</i> in their own right.	<b>Yes</b>		The proposed interventions seek to reverse unsuitable modifications that have been made to the structure over time. Previous additions to the building will be rebuilt outside of the substantial alteration process.
3. Conserve <i>heritage value</i> by adopting an approach calling for <i>minimal intervention</i> .	<b>Yes</b>		The original canoe club’s character defining elements will be retained and rehabilitated. The replacement of the vinyl windows and doors to wood is a more appropriate material for the structure and the design will be based on documentary evidence. Although the railing will be metal, the design will also be based on documentary evidence. The northeast corner extension at the second storey of the east elevation will involve the removal of a portion of an original exterior wall; however, this intervention allows for the continued

			historic recreational use and functionality as a canoe club.
4. Recognize each <i>historic place</i> as a physical record of its time, place and use. Do not create a false sense of historical development by adding elements from other historic places or other properties, or by combining features of the property that never coexisted.	<b>Yes</b>		The rehabilitation efforts will be based on c.1909 photographs of the structure and will follow the <i>Standards and Guidelines</i> .
5. Find a use for an <i>historic place</i> that requires minimal or no change to its <i>character-defining elements</i> .	<b>Yes</b>		The building will continue to be used for recreational purposes. The metal railing will be designed to meet building code while also reflecting a similar design to the original 1906 structure. The overhang at the northeast corner was not previously identified as a character-defining element, and its removal to be flush with the remainder of the east elevation will ensure its historic and continued use.
6. Protect and, if necessary, stabilize an <i>historic place</i> until any subsequent <i>intervention</i> is undertaken. Protect and preserve archaeological resources in place. Where there is potential for disturbing archaeological resources, take mitigation measures to limit damage and loss of information.	<b>Yes</b>		Temporary closures will be added during the construction period to protect the canoe club. A structural engineering letter was provided to heritage staff for review prior to work commencement on Phase 1 of the project.  Archaeological resources will be addressed at the point of site intervention with permit applications. The provincial government will be notified of the site intervention and process any necessary applications in accordance with the <i>Special Places Protection Act</i> .
7. Evaluate the existing condition of <i>character-defining elements</i> to determine the appropriate <i>intervention</i> needed. Use the gentlest means possible for any intervention. Respect <i>heritage value</i> when undertaking an intervention.	<b>Yes</b>		All character defining elements will be rehabilitated and repaired, if necessary. When a character defining element is sufficiently deteriorated, it will be replaced in-kind, in a manner consistent with the historic place and based on documentary evidence. The gambrel dormer with Palladian window and gable roof do not currently require intervention.
8. Maintain <i>character-defining elements</i> on an ongoing basis. Repair character-defining elements by reinforcing their materials using recognized conservation methods. Replace in kind any extensively deteriorated or missing parts of character-defining elements, where there are surviving <i>prototypes</i> .	<b>Yes</b>		The building will continue to be maintained on a regular basis under the discretion of the Banook Canoe Club Board of Directors.
9. Make any <i>intervention</i> needed to preserve <i>character-defining elements</i> physically and	<b>Yes</b>		All character defining elements will be preserved and rehabilitated. All

visually compatible with the <i>historic place</i> and identifiable on close inspection. Document interventions for future reference.			interventions will be documented through this application and in documents required for permitting. Heritage staff has documented the interventions for internal purposes.
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<b>TREATMENT: RESTORATION</b>			
<i>Rehabilitation is the action or process of making possible a continuing or compatible contemporary use of an historic place, or an individual component, while protecting its heritage value.</i>			
<b>STANDARDS 10-12</b>	<b>Complies</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
10. Repair rather than replace <i>character-defining elements</i> . Where character-defining elements are too severely deteriorated to repair, and where sufficient physical evidence exists, replace them with new elements that match the forms, materials and detailing of sound versions of the same elements. Where there is insufficient physical evidence, make the form, material and detailing of the new elements compatible with the character of the <i>historic place</i> .	<b>Yes</b>		Character defining elements will be repaired, if necessary. Where a character defining element is sufficiently deteriorated, it will be replaced in-kind, matching the form and detailing of the original element. This will be largely informed by photographic evidence. All proposed interventions will be compatible with the character of the historic place.
11. Conserve <i>heritage values</i> and <i>character-defining elements</i> when creating new additions to an <i>historic place</i> or any related new construction. Make new work physically and visually compatible with, subordinate to and distinguishable from the historic place.	<b>Yes</b>		New construction will not displace character defining elements (or architectural features that are consistent with the rehabilitation period). The circa 1941 and 1985 wings, although not considered character-defining elements, that were demolished as part of Phase 1 will be rebuilt and clad in unpainted wood boards to distinguish the additions from the original portion of the building (which will be painted red cedar shingles).
12. Create any new additions or related new construction so that the essential form and integrity of an <i>historic place</i> will not be impaired if the new work is removed in the future.	<b>Yes</b>		The rebuilt 1941 and 1985 wings could be removed in the future without adversely impacting character-defining elements. The extension of the northeast corner could also be reversed; however, it may impact the interior functionality.

<b>TREATMENT: RESTORATION</b>			
<i>Restoration is the action or process of accurately revealing, recovering or representing the state of a historic place or of an individual component, as it appeared at a particular period in its history, while protecting its heritage value.</i>			
<b>STANDARDS 13-14</b>	<b>Complies</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
13. Repair rather than replace character-defining elements from the restoration period. Where character-defining elements are too severely deteriorated to repair and where sufficient physical evidence exists, replace	<b>Yes</b>		All character defining elements will be rehabilitated and repaired, if necessary. Where character defining elements were previously lost, such as the windows, doors, and railings, sufficient physical and

<p>them with new elements that match the forms, materials and detailing of sound versions of the same elements.</p>		<p>photographic evidence exist. The proposed rehabilitation involves restoring these elements to match the original form and detailing. Revised materials (i.e., metal) have been accepted to meet the functional goals of the canoe club.</p>
<p>14. Replace missing features from the restoration period with new features whose forms, materials and detailing are based on sufficient physical, documentary and/or oral evidence.</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>	<p>The proposed rehabilitation work on the windows, doors and railings will be based on photographic evidence.</p>