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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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 - a. Grey Bruce Hospice March 22, 2032
 - b. Grey Bruce Hospice May 18, 2023

Report: CS-23-046 File ZBA 45 & OPA 12



Mayor Boddy and Owen Sound City Council c/o Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk notice@owensound.ca

March 22, 2023

Dear Mayor Boddy and Owen Sound City Council,

I write today in reference to the Official Plan Amendment No. 12 and Zoning By-law Amendment No. 45 for 1555 18th Avenue East in Owen Sound.

On behalf of the Board of Directors at Grey Bruce Hospice Inc., the operators of Chapman House, located at 1725 10th Street East, directly adjacent to the property listed above, I wish to share our input for your consideration.

First, we would like to clarify that we applaud the developers and the city for seeking opportunity for further housing for the citizens of Owen Sound. In our line of work, we witness the impact of the social determinants of health, one of them being "physical environments" which includes housing, and the impact that the lack of appropriate housing has on people's health.

Our concern with these amendments come down to two main issues: 1. privacy for the residents of Chapman House and 2. the impact on potential drainage and water issues on Chapman House property and building.

Chapman House is a slab on grade construction that was purpose built in 2017 for the community, by the community. Over \$5,000,000 was raised by the community to establish our 9-bed hospice, where we care for individuals from all over Grey Bruce, who are in their last weeks of life. The hospice was built to maximize the privacy of the residents and their families who spend time at Chapman House. Each of the 9 bedrooms face the rear of our property and have a view of the small backyard. The rooms on the east side of the building have a view of the cluster of trees/brush that currently divides our yard from the subject property. Each bedroom has large windows and a patio door so that in the good weather we can take our residents, in their hospital beds, outside on to the patio to enjoy the sunshine and warm air, should they so choose. This gives them the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with their families and loved ones in a protected and private way. (As a side note, the wildlife that come to visit through this brush area provide great entertainment and joy to our residents.)

With a multi-level development "including apartment and cluster townhouse dwellings" as indicated in the Purpose and Effect of the received Notice, we are greatly concerned that a multi-storey building will loom over our yard and completely negate the privacy and respect that our residents currently enjoy. We would like to understand elements of the development such as where on the subject property the

buildings will be located, how high they will be, where parking lots will be located and where any "green space" might be placed. Our request of the developers is to work with us, and consider building a 6-foot berm, lined with trees on the abutting property line, that could assist with maintaining as much privacy and reduce direct sight lines as much as possible. This could help so that when our residents are outside, they are not readily seen from properties located in the subject area. A fence would also be requested on the developer's property so that access is not possible through our yard. Our greatest fear is that the dignity, respect, and privacy that our residents and their families experience on our property will be compromised.

Our other concern is around water drainage on our property. There are 3 stormwater drains currently managing the flow very well. In our 5 years of operation, we have never had any drainage problems, nor have we experienced any water issues in our building. We would like to understand the stormwater and drainage plans of the developer and how that might impact our property, particularly as there appears to be slope to the land as it currently exists, with Chapman House being at the low point of the area.

I will attach to this written submission, copies of the layout of our building as well as some photos for reference.

At Grey Bruce Hospice we believe in community, and we want to work with the developers of the property next door so that we can continue to foster the importance of community for everyone, including those who are coming to the end of their journey within our community with the privacy, dignity and respect they deserve.

From everyone at Grey Bruce Hospice and Chapman House, thank you for the opportunity to provide this perspective.

Respectfully,

Janet Fairbridge
Executive Director
Grey Bruce Hospice Inc.





Floor Plan

Scale 3/64" = 1'-0"

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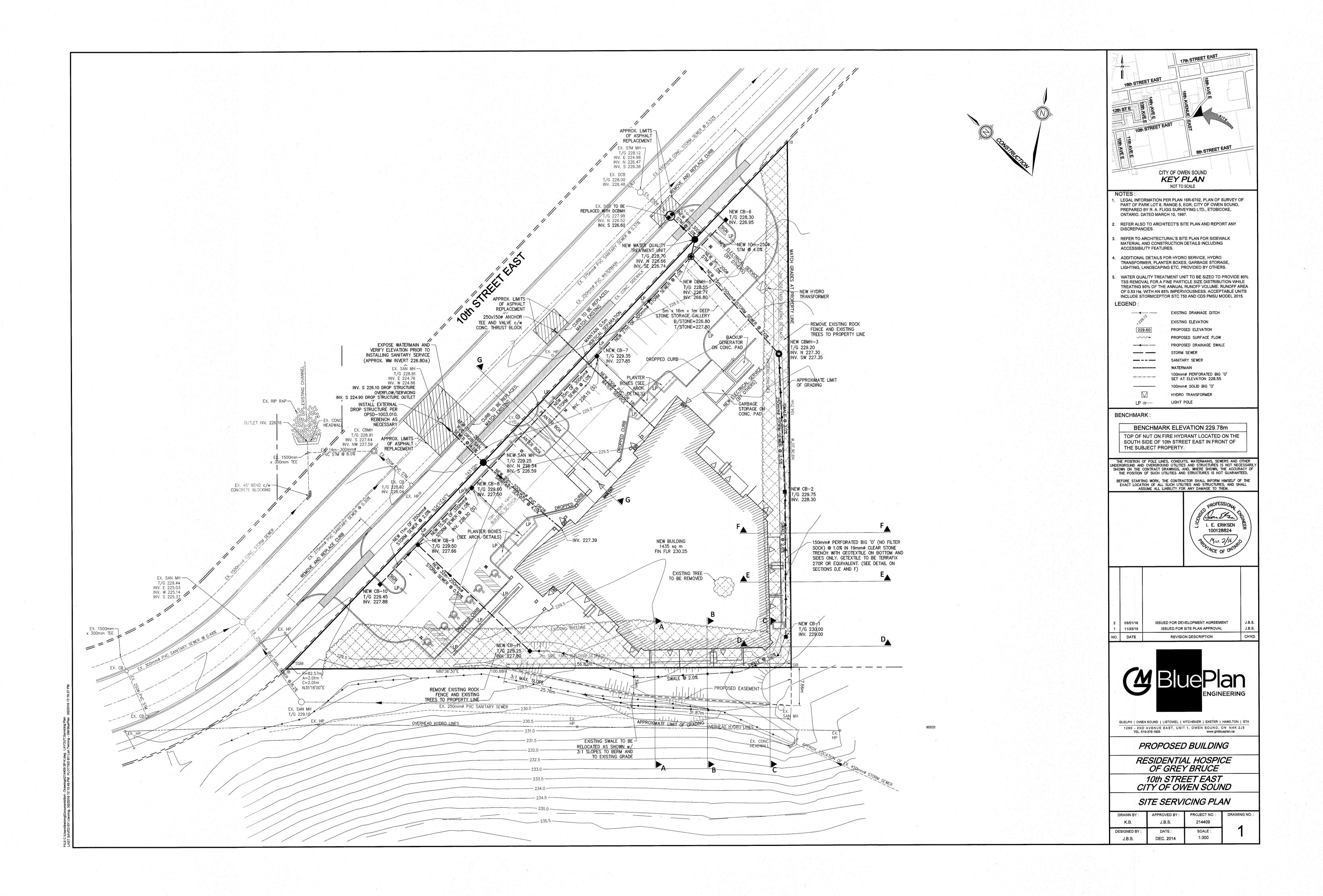
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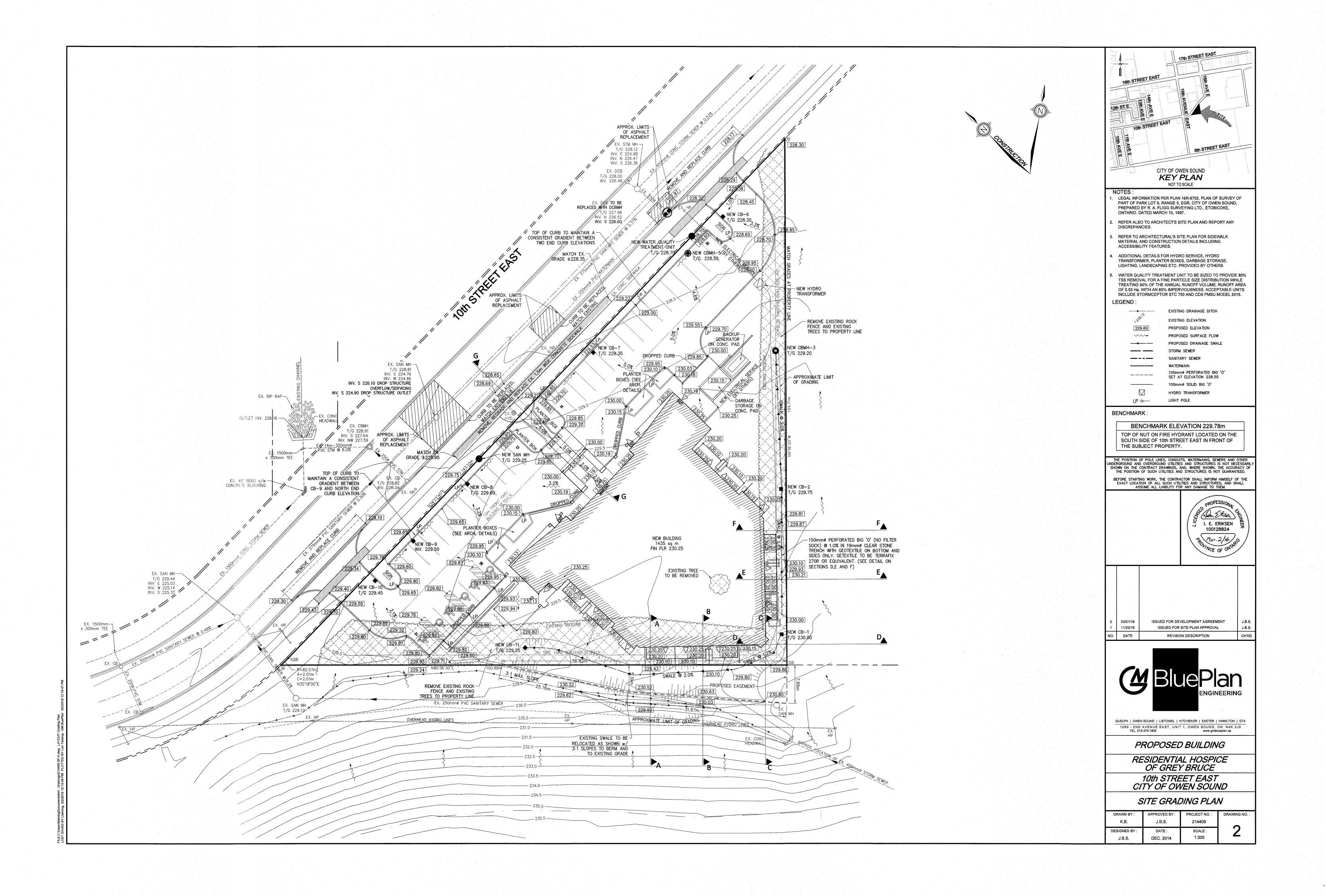


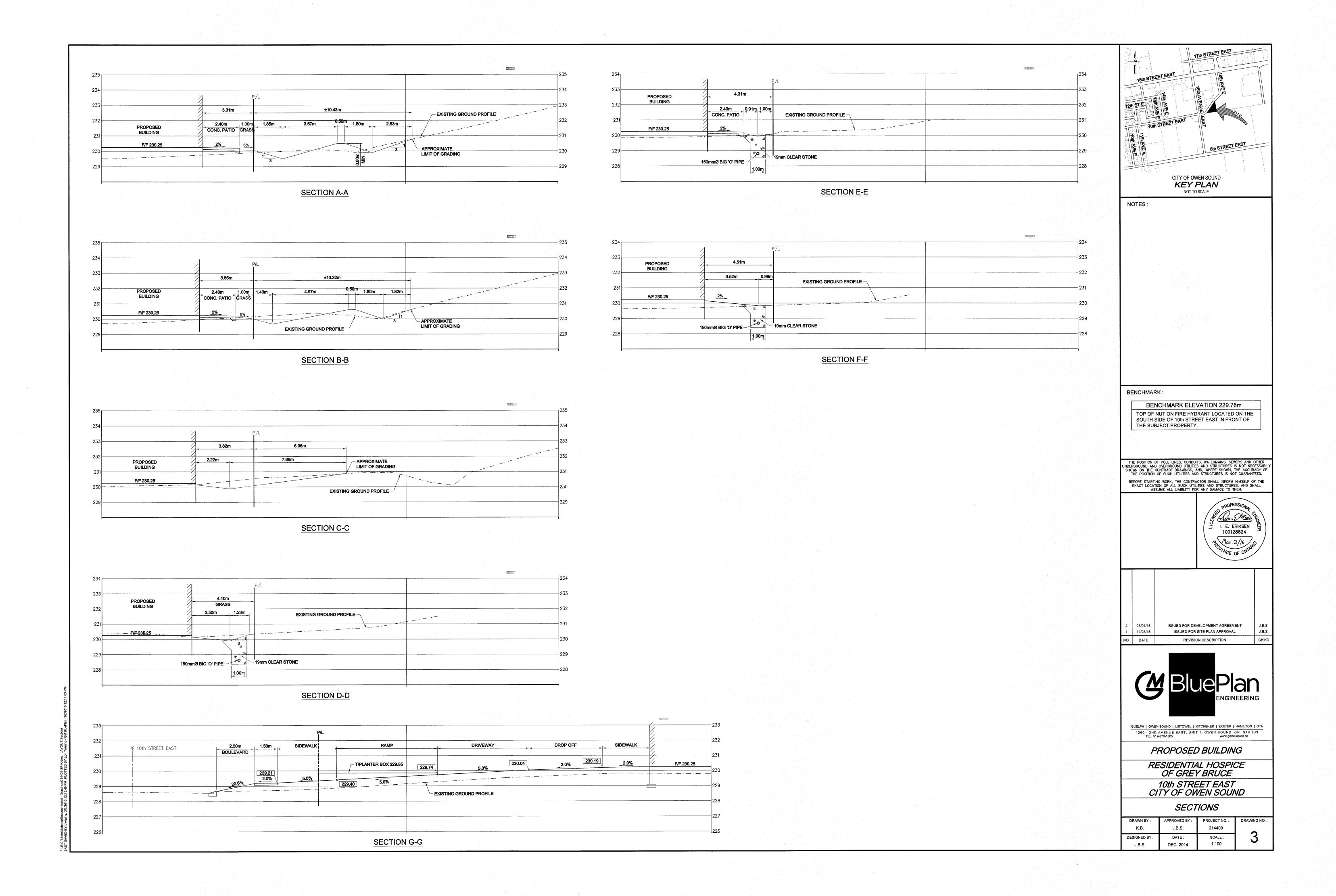


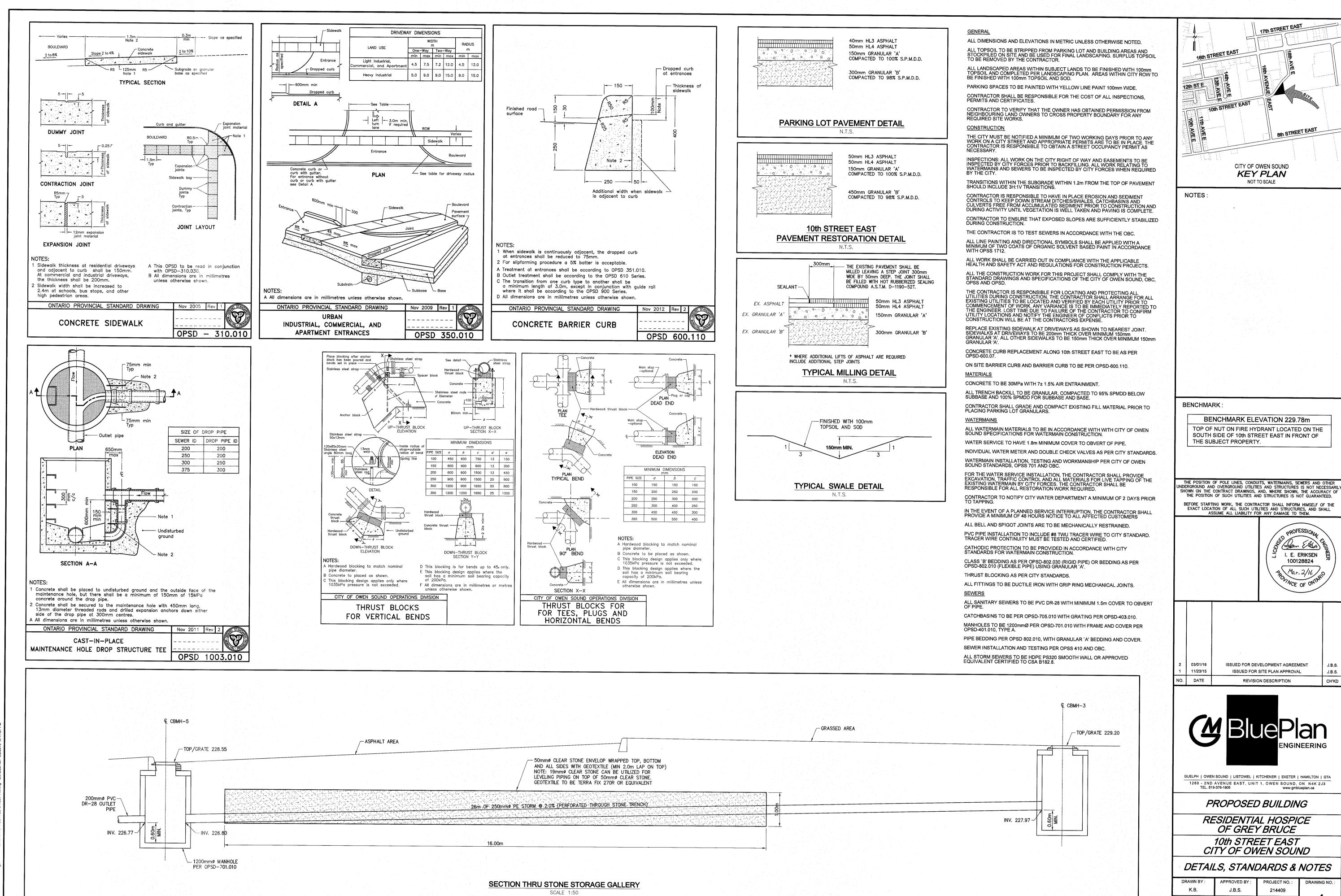
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From: <u>Janet Fairbridge</u>

To: Sabine Robart; Heather Jenkins

Cc: Pam Coulter; Eric Saulesleja; Bill Pearson; Paul Rowcliffe
Subject: RE: GBH notes on SmartCentres Development revisions

Date: May 18, 2023 5:35:15 PM

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Good afternoon.

On behalf of the Boards at Grey Bruce Hospice and Grey Bruce Hospice Foundation, I would like to thank you all for your support and responsive action to our questions and concerns.

We are satisfied at this point with the amendments to the plans for the SmartCentres development next door to Chapman House.

I understand from Heather that specifics on types of trees/landscaping will be clarified in the next phases of planning, and we look forward to learning more about that when available. I also note that at this point "driven piles" are not expected to be required. Should that change, we would appreciate being informed.

Special thanks to Heather for her willingness to reach out and keep me up to date with changes and plans as they continue to progress.

We look forward to continuing a positive working relationship. With gratitude,

Janet

Janet Fairbridge Executive Director

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