

# Mobility Improvement Commitment Letter



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Dear Mr. Brenkman:

## COMMUNITY BENEFITS RELATED TO LOC2017-0154

Thank you for your continued attention and assistance to resolve the discussion about community benefits associated to the future development of the Riley Park Village site, in the community of Hillhurst/Sunnyside. As long-time members of the community, the applicants, NorthWest Healthcare Properties REIT and the Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada, have confirmed their commitment to support the enhancement of the area where the future development is located and feel that the best way to initiate a positive transformation of the area is through the feasible redevelopment of the former Grace hospital site and the Agape Hospice site.

As you are aware, the applicants have maintained an open dialog with the Hillhurst/Sunnyside community, the Ward 7 Councillor and the City even before a formal application was submitted, proactively encouraging a positive discussion on the opportunities and concerns that the intended redevelopment of the site could create. After months of discussion we feel we are reaching a win-win outcome for all involved, but we should strive to maintain realistic expectations that allow for a feasible development approach that supports investment.

In this context, the applicants are prepared to provide the following community benefits in the form of infrastructure investments that are desirable for safe mobility and enhanced streetscape in the area of the Riley Park Village site to accommodate a build-out density of 4.0 FAR on the subject site, as follows:

1. **Medical Office development:** for any development beyond the existing 100,000sf on site, and up to 150,000sf, the developer may provide the following, with specific details to be determined through the development permit process:
  - i. Left turn signal southbound on 14<sup>th</sup> Street at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW
  - ii. Temporary curb extensions at the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW
  - iii. Temporary curb extensions at the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW
  - iv. Wayfinding signage on 12<sup>th</sup> St NW
  - v. When warranted according to the City's warrant system for new traffic signals, signalization of the intersection on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW
  - vi. Aligning & removal of driveways impacted by this phase of development.
  - vii. Public realm improvements along the frontage of the first phase of development (14<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW).

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2. **Residential development:** based on the intensity of development proposed for each phase of residential development:
  - i. Public realm improvements aimed at enhancing the streetscape and pedestrian safety proportional to the frontage of these development phases, as follows:
    - 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW between 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW: introduction of sidewalk and shared cycling pathway along the eastern edge of the street, permanent curb extensions at the intersections with 7<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and enhanced landscaping as per the City's development guidelines.
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW Cross Section between 12<sup>th</sup> St NW and 14<sup>th</sup> St NW: introduction of a sidewalk and shared cycling pathway along the northern edge of the street and enhanced landscaping as per the City's development guidelines.
  - ii. Accommodation of a pedestrian signal (half signal) at 14<sup>th</sup> Street & 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW.
3. Additional items that can be considered as community benefits to be provided jointly with the City may include the following, specifics to be determined through the development permit process:
  - i. Explore a shared pedestrian, bicycle and other active modes connections along 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW to 10<sup>th</sup> Street NW.
  - ii. Explore a shared pedestrian, bicycle and other active modes connections from the development site to SAIT, if agreeable and negotiated with the property owner adjacent to the north of the site.
  - iii. Explore the introduction of mid-block pedestrian crossings on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW between 12<sup>th</sup> St NW and 14<sup>th</sup> St NW and on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave NW between 12<sup>th</sup> St NW and 14<sup>th</sup> St NW.
  - iv. Explore the relocation of any on-street parking displaced from 12<sup>th</sup> St NW as a result of streetscape enhancements to 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW between 12<sup>th</sup> St NW and 10<sup>th</sup> St NW.

We look forward to our continued collaboration on this matter and advance this application through to approval, as per the timelines agreed upon.

Yours truly,

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