# District of North Saanich Community Stewardship Commission

# **Regular Meeting**

# Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Council Chambers 1620 Mills Road

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# AGENDA

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# 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

# 2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a)	Minutes of the meeting held February 26, 2020			
	<u>2020-02-26 Minutes</u>			

# 3. **REFERRALS**

 (a) Development Permit with Variances Application - 2457 Tryon 7 - 37 Road (Referred by: Council for comments)

rpt 2457 Tryon Rd DP with variances

# 4. ADJOURNMENT

### SUBJECT TO APPROVAL Minutes of the Community Stewardship Commission District North Saanich - 1620 Mills Road Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Chair Members	F. Mailhot D. Dancik D. Hartshorne V. Kreiser W. Schiewe J. Thorp P. Young
ABSENT:	Member	J. Taylor
ATTENDING:	Council Liaison Director of Planning and Community Services Commission Secretary	M. Weisenberger Anne Berry Crystal Gotto

Councillor Weisenberger assumed the role of Chair and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### 1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

### 2 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Councillor Weisenberger called for nominations for the position of Chair.

MOVED BY: P. Young SECONDED BY: D. Hartshorne

1- CSC That Floyd Mailhot be nominated Chair of the Community Stewardship Commission.

### CARRIED

Councillor Weisenberger called a second and third time for further nominations for Chair. As there were none, Floyd Mailhot was declared Chair.

Floyd Mailhot assumed the role of Chair and called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

MOVED BY: P. Young Seconded by unanimous consent

2- CSC That Deborah Dancik be nominated Vice-Chair of the Community Stewardship Commission.

CARRIED

Floyd Mailhot called a second and third time for further nominations for Vice-Chair. As there were none, Deborah Dancik was declared Vice-Chair.

The Commission, by unanimous consent, added Liaison Reports as item 6a) of the agenda.

MOVED BY: F. Mailhot SECONDED BY: J. Thorp

3- CSC That the agenda be approved as amended.

4 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of the meeting held October 23, 2019

The Commission, by unanimous consent, approved the minutes from the meeting held October 23, 2019.

### 5 <u>REFERRALS</u>

a) Proposed Council Policy for Sponsorship Signage in District Parks (Referred by: Council for comments)

The Director of Planning and Community services gave an overview of the Proposed Council Policy for Sponsorship Signage in District Parks and addressed questions from the Commission.

S. Parslow and R. Halliday from the North Saanich Freeride Park gave comments regarding sponsorship signage in the North Saanich Freeride Bike Park.

MOVED BY: V. Kreiser SECONDED BY: D. Hartshorne

4- CSC That North Saanich explore the issues of sponsors that sell or serve alcohol and whether they would be included in the Policy.

### CARRIED

A point of order was raised regarding public participation during discussion of a motion and was sustained by the Chair.

MOVED BY: D. Hartshorne SECONDED BY: V. Kreiser

5- CSC The Commission recommends that Council approve the draft policy for sponsorship signage with changes already identified by staff and that they address capping the number of signs.

CARRIED

CARRIED

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MOVED BY: D. Hartshorne Seconded by unanimous consent

6- CSC If an organization currently receives direct monetary funding from the District, Council reserves the right to request a percentage of the revenue from the signs.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: J. Thorp, W. Schiewe, P. Young, D. Dancik

The Director of Planning and Community Services left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

### 6 <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

a) Liaison Reports – Community Agricultural Commission and the Community Planning Commission

P. Young gave a verbal report from the Community Planning Commission and F. Mailhot gave a verbal report from the Community Agricultural Commission.

### b) Appointment of liaison to Community Agricultural Commission

The Commission, by unanimous consent, appointed Floyd Mailhot as liaison to the Community Agricultural Commission.

### c) Appointment of liaison to Community Planning Commission

The Commission, by unanimous consent, appointed Deborah Dancik as liaison to the Community Planning Commission.

### 7 <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

The Commission, by unanimous consent, adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

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APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

Commission Chair

Curt Kingsley Director, Corporate Services



# District of North Saanich

# **STAFF REPORT**

To:Tim Tanton<br/>Chief Administrative OfficerDate:June 15, 2020From:Brian Green<br/>Director of Planning and Community ServicesFile:DP2020-01-001

Re: Development Permit with Variances Application – 2457 Tryon Road

### RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council authorize the issuance of DP2020-01-001 (Development Permit with Variances) for 2457 Tryon Road for the construction of a single family dwelling, in accordance with the site plans, drawings and draft development permit conditions contained herein, including the following variances to Sections 110.3, 502.2.4 (f), 502.2.4 (d) (iv), 502.2.4 (b) (ii) of Zoning Bylaw No. 1255:

- 1. Setback from the natural boundary of the marine shoreline from 15.0m to 10.24m
- 2. Minimum separation of the accessory building to the principal building from 3.0m to 0m
- 3. Minimum exterior side yard setback for an accessory building from 7.6m to 4.72m
- 4. Maximum size of an accessory building increased from 65sq. m to 68.05sq. m

### STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

This matter relates to the following Council strategic priorities:

Protect and Enhance Rural, Agricultural, Heritage, Marine and Environmental Resources

### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is provide Council with information, analysis and recommendations regarding an application for a Development Permit with Variances at 2457 Tryon Road for a new single family dwelling.

### **BACKGROUND:**

### Property Description and Adjacent Land Uses

The subject property is located at 2457 Tryon Road on the north east shore of the peninsula at Curteis Pt. The property is accessed from Tryon Road which is accessed off the Patricia Bay Highway (Hwy 17) and is approximately 6500sq.m (1.6 acres) in size and is currently zoned 'Single Family Residential 2 Zone) (R-2) (see Appendices A, B and C). The lot is an irregular shaped lot due to the foreshore and the cul-de sac bulb at the front of the lot. Adjacent properties to the north and south are similar in use and size.

### <u>Proposal</u>

The existing single family dwelling is proposed to be significantly refurbished and is essentially replaced by a new single family dwelling in the same approximate location on the same footprint as the existing home.

### DISCUSSION:

### Zoning Bylaw Considerations

The subject property and proposed development is within 15m of the natural boundary of the marine foreshore which triggers the requirement for a Development Permit under DPA-1 (Marine Foreshores and Uplands). A Development Permit application was submitted on January 13, 2020 and was approved and issued by staff on February 20, 2020.

Subsequently on receipt of a Building Permit for the new single family dwelling it was identified by staff that the proposed building did not conform to the Zoning Bylaw in relation to the 15m setback from the Marine Foreshore or the 3m separation distance of the Accessory Building with the Principal Building. A revised Building Permit was subsequently submitted which identified two further variances to the Zoning Bylaw.

Unfortunately, staff did not identify the need for variances at the time of the submission of the Development Permit application and the section in the application form which relates to setbacks that was submitted by the applicant was left blank.

Therefore staff has worked with the applicant to submit a Development Permit with Variances that seeks variances to the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

- As per the attached site plans, a variance is required to relax Section 110.3 of the Zoning Bylaw to reduce the required setback from the natural boundary of the marine foreshore from 15.0m to 10.24m
- 2. A variance is required to relax Section 502.2.4 (f) of the Zoning Bylaw to reduce the required minimum separation of the accessory building from 3.0m to 0m.
- 3. A variance is required to relax Section 502.2.4 (d (iv) of the Zoning Bylaw to reduce the minimum exterior side yard setback from 7.6m to 4.72m
- 4. A variance is also required to relax Section 502.2.4(b)(ii) to increase the maximum size of an accessory building from 65sq.m to 68.05sq.m

In addition, staff worked with the applicant on the original Development Permit and note the following key considerations and the previous conditions that were attached to DP2020-01 that would be attached to this amendment application:

- All collected storm water must be suitably discharged in a manner that does not destabilize vegetation or soils;
- All necessary silt abatement measures must be undertaken including runoff control and silt fences;
- No tree removal shall occur other than the trees approved by District of North Saanich and the one fir tree identified for removal in Schedule B of the Development Permit;
- Removal of invasive species within the marine foreshore and revegetation with native species should occur once construction is completed, as per the recommendations set out in Schedule B of the Development Permit; and
- Invasive species should be removed by hand.

A copy of the draft Development Permit conditions and environmental report can be found in Appendix D of this report.

### Relevant Official Community Plan Policies

The District's OCP designates upland areas extending 15m inland from the high water mark as a Development Permit Area (DPA-1). The purpose of this DPA is to regulate development along the shoreline, foreshore and uplands to provide long term protection for the ecological values of these areas and guard against their deterioration and contamination. Development Permits submitted in this DPA must meet the following guidelines:

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### **DPA Guidelines**

14.3.1 No site alterations shall be permitted in a foreshore area, as designated in section 14.3 above, except those allowed in a development permit or subject to the general exemptions outlined in section 14.2.

14.3.2 Existing trees and vegetation on the upland area and adjacent to the foreshore must be retained in order to maintain the existing habitat and to control erosion.

14.3.3 No habitable buildings or other structures requiring foundations will be constructed and no sewage disposal system will be installed in these Development Permit Areas except those allowed in a development permit or subject to the general exemptions outlined in section 14.2.

14.3.4 Modification of channels, banks or shores which could result in environmental harm or significantly alter local hydrological conditions will not be permitted.

14.3.5 Development must be designed so as to maintain the quality of any storm water flowing toward or into the ocean and to prevent any increase in volume and peak flow of runoff.

14.3.6 Proposed development must be designed to avoid any increase in runoff and to prevent any effluent or storm water discharge that could have a detrimental effect on the environment.

14.3.7 Controls are required on surface-water drainage to prevent pollutants from entering water features.

14.3.8 Intensively landscaped areas and other related activities should be sited so as to prevent nutrient-rich water from entering natural water features.

### **OPTIONS:**

The following options are associated with this application: Option 1: (Recommended) That Council approve application #DP2020-01-001 Option 2: That Council decline the application #DP2020-01-001 Option 3: That Council approve the application #DP2020-01-001 with amendments

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None identified

### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

None identified

### CONSULTATIONS:

There is no notification process associated with Development Permit with Variance applications under the *Local Government Act* or Council's Development Application Procedures Bylaw.

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### SUMMARY/CONCLUSION:

Overall, the proposed redevelopment of this property will result in the siting of the new house in the same approximate location as the existing house resulting in less disturbance to the property and natural areas.

In addition, given the new home is sited generally in the same location as the existing house, it is not anticipated that the proposed siting of the new single family dwelling will have any detrimental impact on any adjoining properties.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Green Director of Planning and Community Services

Concurrence,

Tim Tanton Chief Administrative Officer

### Attachments:

Appendix ALocation PlanAppendix BOrthophoto of Subject PropertyAppendix CZoning MapAppendix DDevelopment Permit DP2020-01-001







Appendix D



### DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH DEVELOPMENT PERMIT DP 2020-01-001

This Development Permit is hereby issued by the Director of Planning & Community Services of the District of North Saanich to Stewart Macpherson for Lot 1, Section 18, Range 4 East, North Saanich District, Plan 16852; PID 000-092-029 (2457 Tryon Road) subject to the following terms and conditions as imposed under sections 488 and 491 of the *Local Government Act*:

### 1. SCHEDULES:

Development of the site must be completed in substantial compliance with the attached drawings and documents:

Schedule A	Site Plan (Victoria Design Group, May 25, 2020)
Schedule B	Biologist Report (Corvidae Environmental Consulting Inc., January 2020)

### 2. CONDITIONS:

As provided for under section 491 of the *Local Government Act*, the following conditions must be adhered to:

- 1. All works will be monitored by the designated Qualified Environmental Professional during construction to ensure that the designs and plans detailed in Schedules A and B are adhered to:
  - a. All collected storm water must be suitably discharged in a manner that does not destabilize vegetation or soils;
  - b. All necessary silt abatement measures must be undertaken including runoff control and silt fences;
  - c. No tree removal shall occur other than the trees approved by the District of North Saanich and the one fir tree identified for removal in Schedule B;
  - d. Removal of invasive species within the marine foreshore and revegetation with native species should occur once construction is completed, as per the recommendations set out in Schedule B;
  - e. Invasive species should be removed by hand;
  - f. That Section 110.3 of District of North Saanich Zoning Bylaw No. 1255 be varied as it applies to the residence as shown on Schedule A: Site Plan, by decreasing the minimum setback from the natural boundary of the marine foreshore from 15.0 m to 10.24 m;
  - g. That Section 502.2.4(f) of District of North Saanich Zoning Bylaw No. 1255 be varied as it applies to the residence and accessory building as shown on Schedule A: Site Plan, by decreasing the minimum separation of the accessory building and residence from 3.0 m to 0 m;
  - h. That Section 502.2.4(d)(iv) of District of North Saanich Zoning Bylaw No. 1255 be varied as it applies to the accessory building as shown on Schedule A: Site Plan, by reducing the minimum exterior side yard setback on the North side from 7.6 m to 4.72 m; and
  - i. That Section 502.2.4(b)(ii) of District of North Saanich Zoning Bylaw No. 1255 be varied as it applied to the accessory buildings as shown on Schedule A: Site Plan, by increasing the maximum allowable size of an accessory building in the R-2 zone from 65 sq m to 68.05 sq m.

### 3. REGISTRATION:

Notice of this Permit shall be filed in the Land Title Office at Victoria under S. 503 of the *Local Government Act*, and upon such filing, the terms of this Permit (DP 2020-01-001) or any amendment hereto shall be binding upon all persons who acquire an interest in the land affected by this Permit.

### 4. PERMIT EXPIRY:

If the Permittee does not substantially start any construction permitted by this Permit within **two years** of the date of this Permit as established by the approval date, this Permit shall lapse.

### 5. SCHEDULES:

The plans and specifications attached to this Permit are an integral part of this Permit.

### 6. OTHER PERMITS:

Despite issuance of this permit, construction may not start without a Building Permit, Tree Cutting Permit or other necessary permits. It is the owner's responsibility to determine whether such permits are required.

Approved by the Director of Planning & Community Services as authorized under Bylaw No. 1324:

Brian Green

Date:\_\_\_\_\_, 2020



# Schedule B



# ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR 2457 TRYON ROAD

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CORVIDAE PROJECT #2020-001 JANUARY 2020

CORVIDAE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING INC 6526 WATER STREET, SOOKE, BC

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Photo 8. Rear of existing studio and house. Arbutus tree to be retained. January 6, 2020

### CAVEAT

This Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared with the best information available at the time of writing, including the Official Community Plan, communications with the client, site visits, review of site plans and design drawings and other documentation relevant to the project. This EA has been developed to assist the project in remaining in compliance with relevant environmental regulations, acts and laws pertaining to the project and to identify and mitigate the expected impacts of the project and reclamation activities directly related to the project.

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# **1 INTRODUCTION**

Corvidae Environmental Consulting Inc. (Corvidae) is pleased to provide this Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed changes to 2457 Tryon Road, North Saanich, V8L 5H8 (the property; PID 000-092-029).

The property currently has a single-family home (Photo 1). The new owner is planning to construct a new residence on the footprint of the existing home (Figure 1). Several portions of the existing building, including a small attached studio (Photo 2), will be retained (Figure 1). The patio on the shoreline side of the house will either retained or reconstructed in approximately the same area (Photo 3). The existing landscaping consists of several rock walls (Photo 4 & 5). These walls will be retained and repaired if necessary.

A portion of the existing residence and patio, and therefore, the planned residence and patio on approximately the same footprint, are located within the 15m Marine Uplands and Foreshore Development Permit Area (DPA). Further details are provided in Section 1.1. The property also has a Steep Slope DPA, however, all of the planned renovation/reconstruction activities appear to be outside this area, and therefore, it will not be discussed in detail.

This document provides an assessment of the current environmental conditions on the property, including the ecological features in the shoreline area, and recommendations to mitigate the impacts of the planned development. The requirements in Part 14 of Bylaw No. 1130 (District of North Saanich 2007) are discussed in the context of development on the property.

### 1.1 REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

This Conditions and Impacts Report is designed to comply with the provisions set out in the North Saanich Official Community Plan (OCP) for development permit areas and for compliance with the provisions for environmental protection contained in the following relevant legislation:

### Municipal

North Saanich OCP, Bylaw No. 1130 (District of North Saanich 2007)

Development Permit Area (DPA) No. 1 - Marine Uplands and Foreshore

Those areas of North Saanich on Development Permit Area No. 1 Map shaded as red, dotted, pink, yellow, green and purple, are designated as a development permit area pursuant to Section 919.1(1)(a) of the Local Government Act. This development permit area consists of Upland areas extending 15 metres inland from the high water mark. A development permit is required in order to balance development opportunities with conservation of the ecological and scenic values of the shoreline and minimize any impact to wildlife habitat.

Development Permit Area (DPA) No. 4 - Steep Slopes

That part of North Saanich shaded orange shown on Development Permit Area No. 4 Map, is designated as a development permit area pursuant to Section 919.1(1)(b) of the Local Government Act. This development permit area includes all areas with slopes exceeding 30% (17.2 degrees) over a minimum 6 metre run.

The guiding principle for the use of Development Permits is found within the Local Government Act. Development Permit Areas can be designated for purposes such as, but not limited to the following:

- · Protects, enhances and restores the biodiversity and ecological values and
- functions of environmentally sensitive areas.
- · Fosters compatibility between development, existing land uses and
- environmentally sensitive areas.
- · Maintains connectivity between sensitive ecosystems; and
- Protects water quality and quantity.

#### Provincial

- British Columbia (BC) Wildlife Act (1996)
- Invasive Species Council of BC
- BC Weed Control Act (1996, current as of October 2016)
- Riparian Areas Regulation (2004)

### Federal

- Migratory Birds Act (1994)
- Species at Risk Act (SARA) (2002)

# 2 SCOPE OF WORK

Corvidae completed an environmental assessment of the property. The environmental assessment documented the ecological features on the property along the marine shoreline and foreshore areas. Background information was reviewed, including applicable databases. During the assessment, the following features were documented in this report:

- Areas of sensitivity, habitat and biodiversity values;
- · Plant communities and plant species on site;
- Potential wildlife presence and wildlife habitat;
- Soil types and properties;
- Terrain; and
- Surface water flow patterns.

Following the field assessment, the biophysical features were mapped, and setback areas have been identified. Mitigations to minimize the impacts of the proposed development on the environment have been provided in Section 6.

# 3 METHODS

### 3.1 DESKTOP REVIEW

Baseline biophysical conditions were compiled by reviewing the best available data and information including existing reports for the area and conducting searches of online provincial and federal databases:

- BC Conservation Data Centre (BC CDC 2019a and 2019b);
- BC HabitatWizard (Province of BC 2019);
- North Saanich mapping system and database (District of North Saanich 2019); and
- North Saanich Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1130 (District of North Saanich 2007).

### 3.2 FIELD ASSESSMENT

A field assessment of the property was completed by a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) from Corvidae. The assessment included characterization of vegetation and habitat types, wildlife sign and species observations, wildlife habitat, and assessed the current conditions of the property.

# **4 ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT**

Corvidae completed a site visit on January 6, 2020. Figure 2 provides a detailed view of the property and environmental aspects. Appendix A shows photos of the property including the existing structures and shoreline.





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### 4.1 CLIMATE AND BIOGEOCLIMATIC ZONE

The project is located within the Coastal Douglas-fir (CDF) biogeoclimatic zone, specifically in the Moist Maritime Coastal Douglas-fir Subzone (CDFmm) (BC CDC 2019b). The CDFmm occurs at low elevations (<150 m) along southeast Vancouver Island, the southern Gulf Islands, and part of the Sunshine Coast.

The CDFmm has the mildest climate in Canada. This subzone has a long growing season with warm, dry summers and mild, wet winters.

### 4.2 TERRAIN AND SOILS

Soils in the CDF biogeoclimatic zone, generally derived from morainal, colluvial, and marine deposits, are typically Brunisols, grading with increased precipitation to Humo-Ferric Podzols (Pojar et al. 1991).

The property slopes downwards from the existing residence to Haro Strait (eastern aspect). Portions of the property are mapped within the steep slope DPA (District of North Saanich 2007, Figure 2). None of the planned work occurs within the steep slope DPA. The beach is rocky, with several rocky outcrops.

### 4.3 VEGETATION

Forests in the CDFmm zone are typically dominated by Douglas-fir, arbutus, and western redcedar. Grand fir and shore pine may also be present. Salal (*Gaultheria shallon*), dull Oregon-grape (*Mahonia nervosa*), ocean spray (*Holodiscus discolor*), baldhip rose (*Rosa gymnocarpa*), and red huckleberry (*Vaccinium parvifolium*) are common in the shrub layer. Bracken fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*), snowberry (*Symphoricarpos* spp.), grasses, and pacific sanicle (*Sanicula crassicaulis*) are common in the herb layer. Oregon beaked moss (*Eurhynchium oreganum*), step moss (*Hylocomium splendens*), and electrified cat's-tail moss (*Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus*) dominate the well-developed moss layer.

The centre of the property is largely landscaped with exotic and native species. Native vegetation and mature trees are present around the margins of the property. With the exception of small rock walls to create gardens, the shoreline slope is largely unmodified and vegetated. The previous owners had brushed a large area of the foreshore below the house, including a number of shrub-sized Garry oak trees (Photo 6). This area is dominated by invasive ivy and Scotch broom (Photo 7).

A number of mature trees are present. One mature fir tree that is within the 15m Marine and Foreshore DPA will be removed during the re-build of the residence (Photo 3 & 4). The tree is located in a small gravel area between the house and a small rock wall and is leaning towards the ocean. A mature arbutus within DPA and near the house will be retained (Photo 8).

During the site assessment the species in Table 1 were found on the site.

Table 1. Plant species observe	d on site during	a field visit on Janu	ary 9, 2020
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Common Name	Scientific Name	BC Provincial Status <sup>1</sup>	SARA Schedule 1 Status <sup>2</sup>
African lily	Agapanthus africanus	Exotic	
Arbutus	Arbutus menziesii	Yellow	
Blue spruce	Picea pungens		
Broad-leaved stonecrop	Sedum spathulifolium	Yellow	

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Common Name	Scientific Name	BC Provincial Status <sup>1</sup>	SARA Schedule 1 Status <sup>2</sup>
Broom moss	Dicranum scoparium	Yellow	
Butterfly bush	Buddleja davidii	Exotic	
Cleavers	Galium aparine	Yellow	
Common foxglove	Digitalis purpurea	Exotic	
Common nipplewort	Lapsana communis	Exotic	
Douglas-fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii	Yellow	
English ivy	Hedera helix	Invasive; Exotic	
Evergreen candytuft	Iberis sempervirens	Exotic	
Falsebox	Paxistima myrsinites	Yellow	
Garry oak	Quercus garryana var. garryana	Yellow	
Hairy bitter-cress	Cardamine hirsuta	Exotic	
Heart-leaved bergenia	Bergenia cordifolia	Exotic	
Honeysuckle	Lonicera hispidula	Yellow	
Japanese maple	Acer palmatum	Exotic	
Kinnikinick	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	Yellow	
Licorice fern	Polypodium glycyrrhiza	Yellow	
Pacific sanicle	Sanicula crassicaulis	Yellow	
Prickly rose	Rosa acicularis	Yellow	
Red-stem moss	Pleurozium schreberi	Yellow	
Rhododendron	Rhododendron spp.	Exotic	
Rockspray cotoneaster	Cotoneaster horizontalis	Exotic	
Rosemary	Salvia rosmarinus	Exotic	
Salal	Gaultheria shallon	Yellow	
Scotch broom	Cytisus scoparius	Exotic	
Sword fern	Polystichum munitum	Yellow	
Tall Oregon grape	Mahonia aquifolium	Yellow	
Trailing blackberry	Rubus ursinus	Yellow	

<sup>1</sup>BC CDC 2019a

<sup>2</sup> Government of Canada 2019

### 4.4 WILDLIFE

The forested habitat found in the CDF biogeoclimatic zone is home to many wildlife species. Blacktailed deer, black bear, cougar are the most common large mammals in this zone on Vancouver Island. Many bird species occur in this zone, including pileated woodpecker, yellow-bellied sapsucker, hairy woodpecker, downy woodpecker, Steller's jay, raven, chestnut-backed chickadee, brown creeper, winter wren, varied thrush, Hutton's vireo, black-headed grosbeak, and white-crowned sparrow. Several amphibians can occur in wet and moist habitats in this zone are western toad, Pacific treefrog, northern red-legged frog, western red-backed salamander (Pojar et al. 1991).

Wildlife habitat present on the property includes mature forest and shoreline habitat. No wildlife species of concern were observed in the project area during the site visit. No dens or burrows were found. No

bird nests or amphibians were observed during the assessment. During the site assessment the species in Table 2 were heard or seen in the area.

Table 2.	Wildlife	Species	observed	on	site	during	field	visit o	on Janu	ary 6	, 2020

Common Name	Scientific Name	BC Provincial Status <sup>1</sup>	SARA Schedule 1 Status <sup>2</sup>
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	Yellow	-
Chestnut-backed chickadee	Poecile rufescens	Yellow	
Red-breasted nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	Yellow	
Gull sp.			

<sup>1</sup>BC CDC 2019

<sup>2</sup> Government of Canada 2019

### 4.5 SPECIES AT RISK

A query of the BC CDC iMap tool yielded occurrences of the following 2 species and 2 ecosystems at risk within a two-kilometer radius of the property (BC CDC 2019). Species are listed in Table 3 and the location of occurrences in relation to the property is provided in Figure 3.

Occurrence ID	Common Name	Scientific Name	BC Provincial Status <sup>1</sup>	SARA Schedule 1 Status <sup>2</sup>
1594	Red Alder / Slough Sedge	Alnus rubra / Carex obnupta	Red	
	[Black Cottonwood]	[Populus trichocarpa]		
4180	Dense spike-primrose	Epilobium densiflorum	Red	Endangered
38131	Howell's triteleia	Triteleia howellii	Red	Endangered
55733; 65028	Douglas-fir / dull Oregon-	Pseudotsuga menziesii / Berberis	Red	
	grape	nervosa		

<sup>1</sup> BC CDC 2019

<sup>2</sup> Government of Canada 2019

### 4.6 **RIPARIAN AREAS AND FISHERIES**

Due to the sloping nature of the foreshore, surface water drainage from the property will follow the slope towards the shoreline. However, there are no drainage features or watercourses present on the property.

### 4.7 SHORELINE AND FORESHORE AREA

The shoreline is rocky with several small rocky beaches. Most of the shoreline has a vertical rocky drop off to the ocean. The foreshore is vegetated with both native and invasive species (Photos 6 & 7). An existing set of rock steps are set into the slope and lead down to a small beach access. None of the planned works will involve clearing vegetation in the shoreline or foreshore area, outside of previously disturbed areas.



# **5 POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

The potential impacts of the proposed development of the property on the environment are:

- Impacts on sensitive ecosystem areas, such as shoreline habitat,
- Loss of existing vegetation,
- Spread of invasive plant species,
- Change in wildlife habitat availability and wildlife mortality risk, and
- Sediment movement in the project area.

The residual environmental impacts of the activities on the property will be reduced by the implementation of the mitigation and restoration measures recommended in Section 6 of this report.

### FORESHORE HABITAT

The removal of trees and vegetation in the foreshore area results in the loss of features, functions and conditions that are vital for maintaining shoreline stability. Vegetation in the foreshore area controls surface water run-off from the upland areas, preventing excessive silt and surface run-off pollution from entering the marine environment.

### VEGETATION

The effects of tree removal may include loss of biodiversity of plant species and increased susceptibility to invasive plants not only in the cleared area but also in adjacent plant communities. Vegetation immediately adjacent to cleared areas may experience in changes to the canopy structure and understory plant species due windthrow and increased light and moisture penetration.

Invasive plants are particularly adept at colonizing degraded plant communities and disturbed soils in high traffic areas. Invasive plants establish readily in disturbed areas as they have a wide ecological tolerance and grow and propagate quickly. The effects of invasive plant establishment may be the reduction or displacement native species by capturing resources and occupying habitats.

### WILDLIFE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

Habitat loss and alteration from vegetation and tree clearing and the noise from construction can cause displacement of wildlife, use of less suitable habitat, reduced foraging ability, increased energy expenditure and lower reproductive success.

### **EROSION AND SEDIMENT MOBILIZATION**

Construction activities and removal of vegetation and trees may expose slopes and soils to erosion and can result in the movement of sediment on the property. Damage or degradation of soil surfaces during tree removal and construction can include loss of soil structure, increased erosion, and soil compaction, which can negatively affect post-construction reclamation efforts.

#### STEEP SLOPES

The loss of vegetation and mature trees can have significant effect on the stability of slopes. None of the planned works will occur in the steep slope area and therefore no adverse effects are expected.

# 6 RECOMMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES

The mitigation measures provided in this report are designed to protect sensitive ecosystems and were developed in accordance with the North Saanich OCP (District of North Saanich 2007) and Procedures for Mitigating Impacts on Environmental Values (Environmental Mitigation Procedures) (BC Ministry of Environment [MOE] 2014a).

### **PROTECTION OF THE SHORELINE**

With the exception of one fir tree, maintenance of landscaped gardens, and invasive species removal by hand, no additional clearing of trees or vegetation should occur within the foreshore 15 m setback from the present natural boundary of the shoreline.

### REVEGETATION

Landscaping or revegetation of disturbed areas within the foreshore and steep slope DPAs should be undertaken upon the completion of any construction or disturbance. If possible, landscaping should include the planting of native species listed below in Table 4.

### Table 4. Recommended native vegetation to plant in disturbed areas

Common Name	Species		
Saskatoon	Amerlanchier alnifolia		
Kinnikinnick	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi		
Salal	Gaultheria shallon		
Tall Oregon-grape	Mahonia aquifolium		
Low Oregon-grape	Mahonia nervosa		
Wax-myrtle	Myrica californica		
Sword fern	Polystichum munitum		
Red currant	Ribes sanguineum		
Baldhip rose	Rosa gymnocarpa		
Nootka rose	Rosa nutkana		
Salmonberry	Rubus spectabilis		
Evergreen huckleberry	Vaccinium ovatum		
Native clover cover crop	Trifolium wormskijoldii or t. microdon		
Coastal Revegetation Mix by Pacific Premier			

The purpose of using native species is that they will require less irrigation once established. However, depending on weather conditions, the native plants may need to be watered following planting and in the subsequent summer. In addition to the native plants, a cover crop of native clover or Coastal Revegetation Mix is recommended in open areas to compete with weed species, fix nitrogen and provide slope stabilization.

### INVASIVE SPECIES

Invasive species encountered during the house construction and landscaping should be removed and disposed of appropriately. There are areas of significant invasive species infestation in the shoreline. If the owner would like to enhance the shoreline habitat, these invasive plants can be removed at any time and replaced with native species without a further development permit on the condition that the work is done by hand, without the use of any motorized or power-assisted tools, equipment or machinery (District of North Saanich 2007).

English ivy can be removed by hand pulling and cutting of vines. Removal should occur fall, when plants are easier to remove due to moist soil conditions. Aboveground vines should be cut and pulled so no rooted portions re-grow.

Scotch broom removal should occur in late summer, after native wildflowers have gone dormant but before its seed pods begin to open. Small broom plants can be pulled easily from the ground by hand. Larger plants should be cut below the root crown using loppers or a pruning saw. Avoid disturbing the soil which can stimulate dormant broom seeds to sprout. Removed plants should be bagged and disposed of properly in a landfill.

#### WILDLIFE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

The following measures should be taken to minimize impacts on wildlife and wildlife habitat:

- Vegetation and tree clearing should be completed outside of the migratory bird window (prior to March 15th or after August 15th; Government of Canada 2019). In the event that clearing is to occur during the sensitive timing window, a qualified professional should perform a preclearing survey for nesting birds and should implement the appropriate mitigation for any active nests.
- A visual survey for raptor nests should be undertaken before tree removal or commencement
  of construction. While no nests were observed during the site visit, raptors may build nests as
  early as January/February. In the event that a nest is present, a qualified professional should
  recommend the appropriate mitigation.
- Avoid additional removal of established trees or shrubs, where possible.

### EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

The primary focus of erosion and sediment control planning is erosion control; if there is no erosion then there is no sediment. Erosion control is far more cost effective to implement and manage than sediment control.

During construction, surface water run-off can be controlled using swales/rain gardens to slow water velocity and absorb surface water flow.

Areas of exposed soil should be revegetated as soon as possible with a cover crop of native clover or coastal seed mix in order to prevent erosion. Upon completion of construction, planting of native species of ferns and shrubs (Table 3 above) in the Marine and Foreshore DPA which naturally have deep roots to aid in soil stabilization and erosion prevention.

# 7 CONCLUSION

As the planned activities at 2457 Tryon Rd are within the footprint of the existing house and patio, negative impacts to the sensitive shoreline are not anticipated. During the planned re-build of the residence, implementation of the mitigation and restoration measures recommended in this report, will minimize the impacts of work inside the Marine and Foreshore DPA.

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# **APPENDIX A – SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**

Photo 1. Existing residence at 2457 Tryon Rd. View from shore. January 6, 2020.



Photo 2. Existing studio to be retained during house re-build. January 6, 2020.



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Photo 3. Existing house and patio to be replaced within similar footprint. Mature fir tree to be removed. January 6, 2020.



Photo 4. Exisitng rock walls will be retained and repaired as needed. Fir tree to be removed. January 6, 2020.



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Photo 5. Landscaped area and existing rock wall to be retained. January 6, 2020.

Photo 6. Shoreline and foreshore area. Brushed and small oak trees cut by previous owners. View east. January 6, 2020.



Photo 7. Rocky shoreline and foreshore area and with invasive English ivy and Scotch broom. January 6, 2020.



Photo 8. Rear of existing studio and house. Arbutus tree to be retained. January 6, 2020.

