

# STAFF REPORT

**Department: Administration** 

Report Number: A-24-003

Date: 2024-01-08

To: Mayor Burrow and Members of Council

From: Leslie Drynan, Administrator

Subject: Preliminary Site Plan for Rows Corners (Campus Elizabethtown)

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT, Report A-24-003 Preliminary Site Plan for Rows Corners (Campus Elizabethtown) be received.

## **BACKGROUND**

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Township hosted a press event with representatives from Campus Habitations regarding their proposed development at Rows Corners. This development will bring to the region a desperately needed housing solution which is specifically targeted at local workforce needs and aligns with CMHC affordability guidelines, whilst acknowledging the significant recreational history of the property.

The Campus Habitations proposal for the Township's property at Rows Corners follows a series of events which began with Council's strategic planning session held at the start of its current term. Among other priorities in its Strategic Plan, Council specifically identified to "review and challenge the status quo of current land assets and oversee corporate property decisions to maximize value, particularly Rows Corners Fairgrounds and North Augusta Road properties", and also to "prioritize growth, streamline development processes, and support developers in initiating new projects".

During various Committee and Council meetings throughout Spring 2023, robust discussions regarding the property took place and Council ultimately passed a resolution at its April 11, 2023, meeting to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) whereby housing could be an option. After an assessment of the RFP's, at its July 17, 2023, meeting, Council passed a resolution to continue due diligence with Campus Habitations and now that a Site Plan has been submitted for review and approval, the Township is seizing this opportunity to bring the balance of the process back into the public forum.

### **DISCUSSION/OPTIONS**

Site Plan Control under the *Planning Act* is used by municipalities across Ontario to regulate commercial, industrial, and multi-residential development to ensure the layout of new development projects are reviewed by the appropriate agencies and issues such as traffic, drainage, stormwater management, and design are addressed. It is intended to be used in cases where the type of development proposed or the characteristics of the site require a more detailed level of attention to, and control over, the siting of buildings, structures, facilities and other features than would be possible or practical through the mechanism of a Zoning By-law.

Bill 109, the *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022* made several changes to the *Planning Act* and other associated legislation with the goal of creating more affordable housing and reducing the cost and length of development approvals process. One of the main changes in the legislation was the removal of Councils authority to provide site plan approval, and that site plan applications must be approved (or refused) within 60 calendar days of being deemed complete, or the municipality must refund 50% of the application fees. As a result of these changes, Council adopted By-law No. 23-54 at their regular meeting in August 2023 delegating authority to approve site plan control applications to the Township Planners and Administrator. The intent, however, was to continue to involve Council by way of providing opportunity to comment on active site plan control files.

# Campus Elizabethtown Site Plan Control Application

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Township received, from Campus Habitations and their respective consulting firm, a complete Site Plan Application, including the following reports:

- Planning Rationale
- Environmental Impact Statement
- Geotechnical Investigation
- Traffic Impact Study
- Conceptual Servicing and Stormwater Management Report
- Site and Phasing Plan

The Township's Planning team continues to work through the application and has circulated the plan and respective reports to internal and external agencies for comments. The site plan, attached hereto is now being shared with Council for review, with an opportunity to provide input throughout the month of January and at the public meeting (proposed for discussion in follow-up report A-24-004) on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

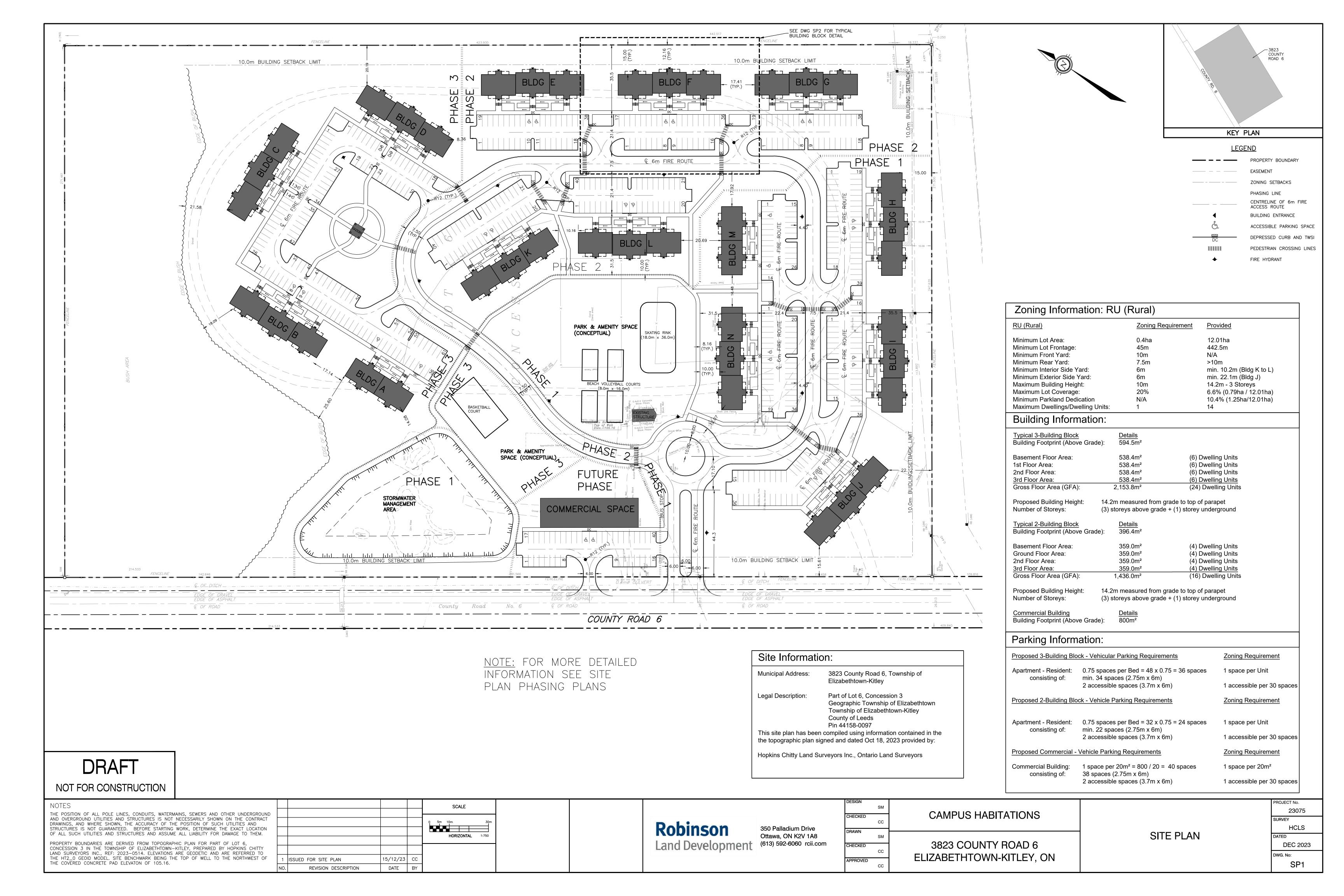
None currently.

## **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

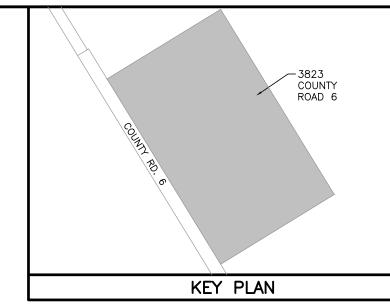
This initiative is linked directly to Priority Two, specifically Economic Development Initiatives 2 and 3, in challenging the status quo of current land assets to maximizing value and decisions for Township owned properties (specifically Rows Corners Fairgrounds), while prioritizing growth, streamlining development, and supporting developers in initiating new projects.

## **OTHERS CONSULTED**

Township Planning Department UCLG Planning Department City of Brockville Conservation Authority







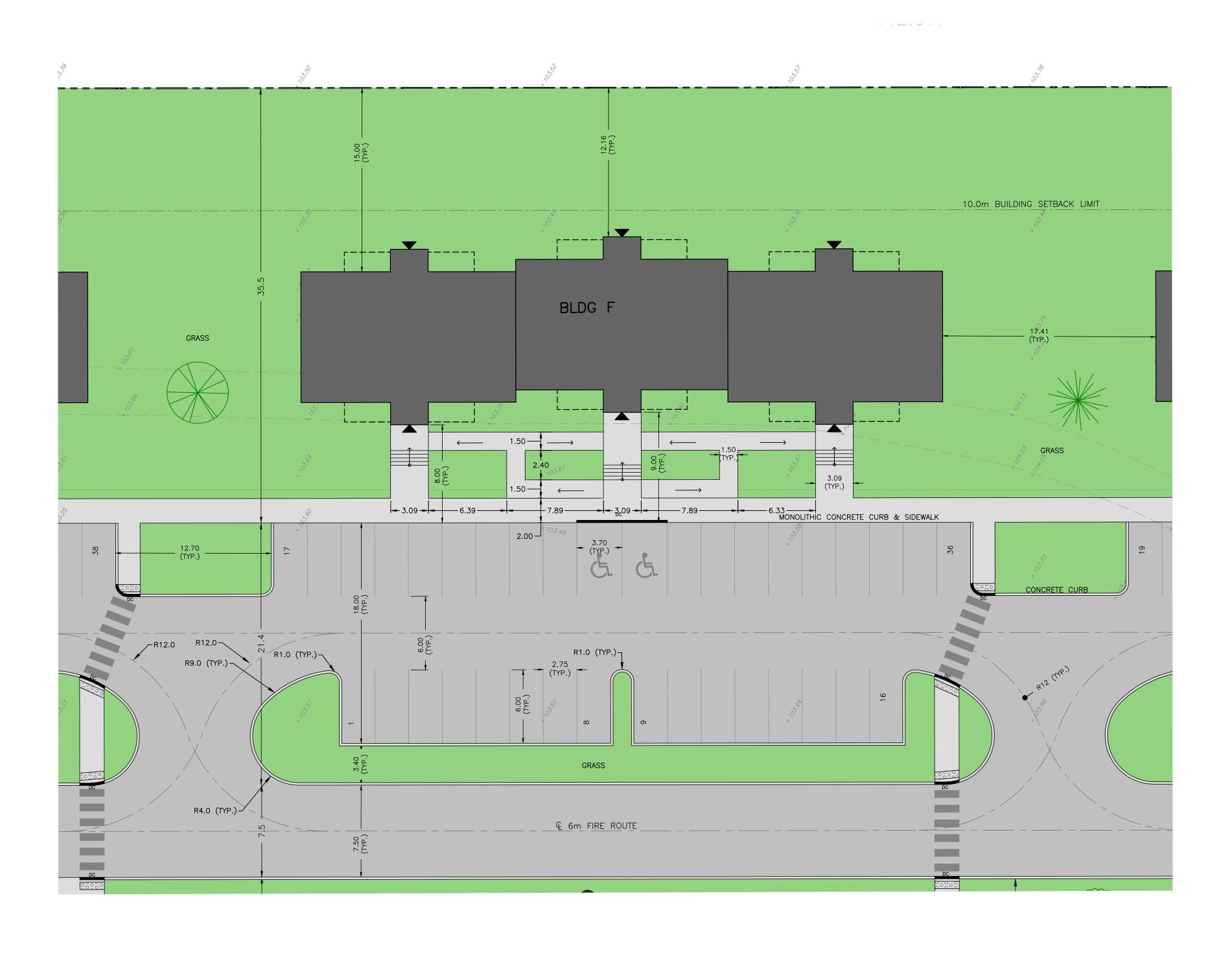
# <u>LEGEND</u>

PROPERTY BOUNDARY EASEMENT ----- ZONING SETBACKS CENTRELINE OF 6m FIRE ACCESS ROUTE BUILDING ENTRANCE

DEPRESSED CURB AND TWSI

ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING LINES FIRE HYDRANT



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NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

THE POSITION OF ALL POLE LINES, CONDUITS, WATERMAINS, SEWERS AND OTHER UNDERGROUND AND OVERGROUND UTILITIES AND STRUCTURES IS NOT NECESSARILY SHOWN ON THE CONTRACT DRAWINGS, AND WHERE SHOWN, THE ACCURACY OF THE POSITION OF SUCH UTILITIES AND STRUCTURES IS NOT GUARANTEED. BEFORE STARTING WORK, DETERMINE THE EXACT LOCATION OF ALL SUCH UTILITIES AND STRUCTURES AND ASSUME ALL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE TO THEM.

PROPERTY BOUNDARIES ARE DERIVED FROM TOPOGRAPHIC PLAN FOR PART OF LOT 6, CONCESSION 3 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ELIZABETHTOWN—KITLEY, PREPARED BY HOPKINS CHITTY LAND SURVEYORS INC., REF: 2023—0514. ELEVATIONS ARE GEODETIC AND ARE REFERRED TO THE HT2\_O GEOID MODEL. SITE BENCHMARK BEING THE TOP OF WELL TO THE NORTHWEST OF THE COVERED CONCRETE PAD ELEVATON OF 105.16.

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NO.	REVISION DESCRIPTION	DATE	BY	

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3823 COUNTY ROAD 6 CHECKED ELIZABETHTOWN-KITLEY, ON APPROVED

CAMPUS HABITATIONS

SITE PLAN **DETAIL** 

23075 SURVEY HCLS DEC 2023

SP2

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