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# INTRODUCTION

Norah Properties Land Corporation has made an application to redevelop 52285, 52375, 52425, and 52445 Yale Road, Area D, into a residential subdivision with commercial, multifamily and single family homes (with suites) land uses. The proposed development is 265 dwelling units and approximately 1.6ha (4 acres) of outdoor RV and container storage.

The FVRD hosted a Public Information Meeting on the evening of April 2, 2025, at the Rosedale Traditional School. Approximately 100 residents attended. This meeting was an opportunity to discuss the proposal with FVRD staff and provide feedback before the application is considered by the FVRD Board. During the meeting, attendees provided valuable feedback in groups, generating a diverse range of comments, questions and concerns.

The FVRD also solicited feedback online between March 13 2025 and April 23, 2025 at

https://haveyoursay.fvrd.ca/popkum-major-ocp-amendment-development-proposal.

The following summarizes the main points discussed during the April 2, 2025, Public Information Meeting and the comments received on the FVRD's Haveyoursay site.





Concerns/Impacts of Density: Concerns were expressed regarding the high density of the proposed development, with attendees highlighting issues such as potential rental conversions, off-street parking inadequacies, and the conflict between city densification and rural density.

Form and Character: Attendees emphasized the need to preserve the rural character of the area.

Mailout Notification: Concerns were raised about the adequacy of the mailout notification, with attendees suggesting that the next mailout should be larger and cover a wider area.

Schools: Attendees sought clarification on where the children from the proposed development would go to school, noting that there is already a waitlist for schools in the area.

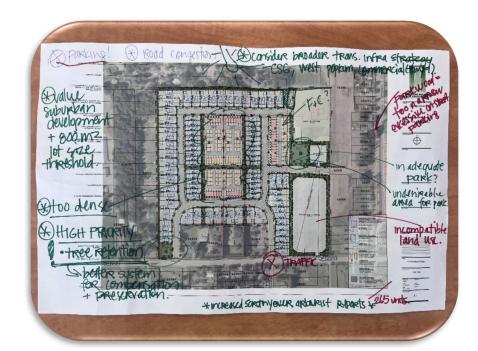
Emergency Services: Concerns were expressed regarding the impact of the proposed development on emergency response times, fire safety, and proximity to hospitals.

Traffic Concerns: Traffic safety was a major concern, with attendees highlighting issues such as the lack of streetlights and sidewalks, increased congestion, and long wait times at intersections.

Water: Concerns were raised about the impact of the proposed development on water quality and quantity, particularly for existing residents.

Estimate of Population: Attendees felt that the estimate of 700 people for the proposed development was very low compared to reality, noting that Popkum families typically have 4-5 children.

Existing Amenities: Concerns were raised about the lack of consideration for existing amenities and the need for new amenities that would benefit current residents.





Environmental Concerns: Attendees expressed concerns about the impact of the proposed development on owl habitats and the retention of trees.

Public Park/Trails: Concerns were raised about the location and size of the proposed parks, with attendees suggesting alternative locations.

RV/Container Storage: Attendees expressed opposition to the proposed RV/container storage, suggesting that the area should be used for parks instead.

Parking & Traffic: Attendees emphasized the need for adequate parking within the development and traffic calming measures.

Transit & Connectivity: Concerns were raised about access to BC Transit and school bus routes, as well as the need for walkable paths.

Land Use & Density: Attendees expressed concerns about the density of the proposed development and the need for more greenspace and walkable design.

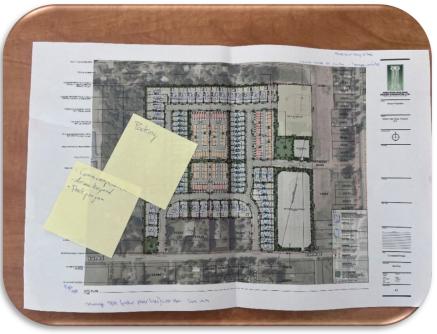
Amenities & Community Spaces: Attendees expressed a desire for a grocery store, dog park, and pickleball courts in the area.

Infrastructure & Servicing: Concerns were raised about the hardness of the current water and the need for improvements with more users.

Security & Safety: Attendees emphasized the need for security and appropriate lighting in the RV/container storage area.

Sewer Odour: Concerns were expressed about odour from the sanitary sewer system.





School Capacity: Attendees sought immediate consultation with school districts to address school capacity impacts.

Crime & Safety: Concerns were raised about community crime issues and the need for animal control services.

Waste Disposal: Attendees expressed concerns about the impact of the proposed development on waste disposal services.

Water Capacity and Supply: Concerns were raised about whether the current water system can handle the population increase.

Community Benefits: Attendees suggested that the proposed development should contribute funding for the expansion of the fire hall and improve cellular service.

Development Design Concerns: Attendees expressed general opposition to the multi-family density and emphasized the need for a more natural trail experience.

Community Impacts: Concerns were raised about noise and nuisance from the proposed multi-family development and the potential increase in taxes for all residents.

Traffic: Attendees emphasized the need for traffic management plans and separation between the roadway and pedestrian walkways.

Tree Retention: Attendees suggested efforts to retain existing trees to create a more natural environment.

Light Pollution: Concerns were raised about the impact of increased light pollution on neighboring properties and wildlife.

Density: Attendees expressed concerns about illegal suites and suggested spreading the density throughout the development.





Power Lines: Concerns were raised about the safety of having a park beneath power lines.

Parking: Attendees emphasized the need for adequate parking spaces to accommodate the density of the development.

Environmental Impact: Concerns were expressed about the impact of the proposed development on local wildlife habitats and air quality. Attendees emphasized the need for wildlife protection measures and preserved green spaces in the development plans.

Infrastructure: Attendees emphasized the need for road improvements to accommodate the increased traffic.

Community Services: Concerns were raised about the adequacy of schools, healthcare services, and recreational spaces to support the increased population.

Youth Activities: Attendees highlighted the need for indoor and outdoor activities for youth in the area.

Pedestrian Safety: Concerns were expressed about pedestrian safety and the need for improvements to accommodate the influx of traffic. Concerns were raised about the safety measures in place for children and families, including crosswalks and streetlights.

Community Well-being: Attendees emphasized the need for sustainable development that prioritizes the well-being of the community.



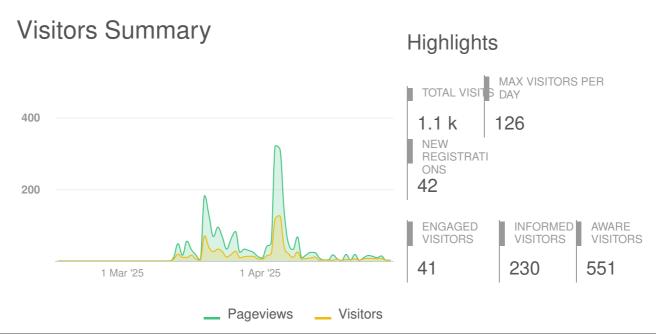
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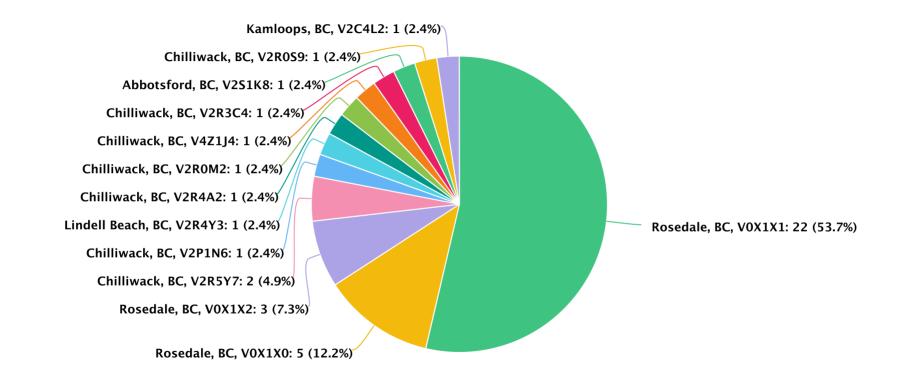
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Informed Participants	230	Contributed on Forums	41	0	0
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Viewed a photo	0	Participated in Quick Polls	0	0	0
Downloaded a document	86	Posted on Guestbooks	0	0	0
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# **ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY**



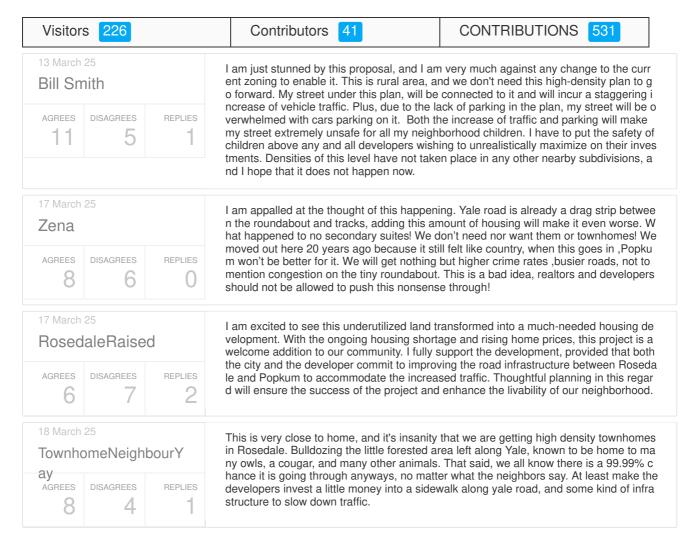
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# **INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY**



Widget Type	Engagement Tool Name	Visitors	Views/Downloads
Document	Site Plan - Oct 8 2024.pdf	69	83
Document	2025 02 13 - STAFF REPORT - OCP Bylaw 1767 and Zoning Bylaw 1766 to	20	23
Document	2025 01 17 FVRD STAFF REPORT Strategic Planning and Initiatives pre	12	22
Document	2025 04 22 Norah Properties April 2 2025 Public Information Meeting	6	11
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Key Dates	Key Date	17	18

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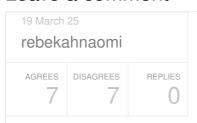
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# **FORUM TOPIC**

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18 March Zena	25		You have to remember, it is not in city limits it's FVRD, Popkum. Do you really think it will be affordable? Roads are the responsibility of the province in Popkum and we have n't been able to change any thing, even after the many accidents.		
AGREES 5	DISAGREES 3	REPLIES 1			
18 March			I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed housing development in o ur neighborhood. While I understand the need for affordable housing in our city, I belie ve that this project would have a detrimental impact on our community. First and forem		
AGREES 7	DISAGREES 7	REPLIES	ost, the proposed development is simply too large for our area. The increase in populat ion density would put a strain on our already overburdened infrastructure, leading to in creased traffic congestion, noise pollution, and strain on our public services. Additionall y, the construction of this project would result in significant environmental damage, des troying natural habitats and putting wildlife at risk. Furthermore, the type of housing bei		
			ng proposed is simply not in keeping with the character of our neighborhood. Finally, I am deeply concerned about the impact this development would have on property value s in the surrounding area. The addition of such a high density development could result in a decline in property values, making it difficult for current residents to sell their home s and move elsewhere. In conclusion, I strongly urge you to reconsider this proposed h ousing development. While I recognize the need for affordable housing, I believe that t his project is simply not the right fit for our neighborhood. Thank you for your attention t o this matter.		
19 March Fraser	<sup>25</sup> valleyguy	/	We really need more housing because everything has become so expensive, and this project is a great way to bring more affordable options to the area. I'm excited to see the is underused land finally being put to good use with much-needed housing. With ongoing		
AGREES 6	DISAGREES 12	REPLIES 2	ng challenges like housing shortages and rising home prices, this feels like a positive s tep for the community. I'm all for it and looking forward to seeing how it benefits everyo ne.		
19 March	<sup>25</sup> ahnaomi		Completely agree with all of your points!		

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I am writing to share my deep concern and strong opposition to the proposed housing development in our neighbourhood. My fiancé and I recently moved to Popkum to esc ape the crowded, fast-paced environment of Chilliwack, seeking peace and tranquility i n a more rural setting. Hearing about this proposed development has been devastating , as it threatens to disrupt the very qualities that drew us here in the first place. While I recognize the importance of providing affordable housing. I firmly believe that this parti cular project is far too large for our community. The increase in population density woul d place an immense strain on our already overstretched infrastructure, leading to sever e traffic congestion, heightened noise levels, and an overwhelming burden on public se rvices that are already struggling to meet the needs of the current residents. Additional ly, the environmental impact of this development cannot be ignored. The proposed con struction would likely result in significant destruction of local habitats, putting wildlife at risk and irreparably altering the natural landscape we value so much. The type of housi ng being proposed is also out of place with the character of our neighbourhood, which i s known for its peaceful, rural atmosphere. Another critical concern is the potential eff ect this development would have on property values. The introduction of such a high-d ensity project could lead to a decline in property values, making it difficult for current ho meowners, like myself, to sell our homes or relocate if needed. I strongly urge you to re consider this proposed housing development. This project is simply not the right fit for our neighbourhood. It would drastically alter the community's character, strain local infr astructure, and pose environmental risks that are unacceptable.



We absolutely need this! A new housing subdivision is great for us. It gives people mor e places to live that they can afford, makes jobs while it's being built, and brings in mor e money for things like schools and roads. It can have parks and be built smart to mak e life better. Saying no keeps things stuck—saying yes helps us grow. We need places to live. This is a perfect location. Where else is there to build for our growing town?

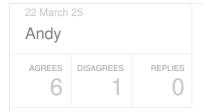


I am writing to express my deep concern about the proposed redevelopment of 52285, 52375, 52425, and 52445 Yale Road. While I understand the need for community grow th, I strongly oppose this development due to its potential negative impact on the envir onment and the destruction of trees in the area. The proposed development threatens t o destroy a significant portion of natural greenery, including mature trees that contribut e to local biodiversity, air quality, and overall ecological health. These trees are not only vital habitats for wildlife but also essential for carbon sequestration, which helps comba t climate change. Replacing this natural environment with residential lots, townhouses, and RV storage is a step in the wrong direction when we should be prioritizing sustaina bility and environmental preservation. Furthermore, the increase in traffic, pollution, an d urban sprawl will only further degrade the local ecosystem and diminish the quality of life for current residents. This project contradicts the principles of responsible urban pla nning and environmental stewardship. I urge the FVRD Board to carefully reconsider th is proposal and explore alternative options that prioritize environmental protection. Pre serving the natural landscape should be a priority, and I strongly encourage the Board to implement stricter regulations that protect existing green spaces and consider more environmentally friendly development approaches.

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I absolutely love the Rosedale-Popkum area and would love to call it home. But let's be real—there's nothing built in the last 10 years available for less than \$1 million. That's c ompletely out of reach for most people trying to build a life here. What's being propose d would finally introduce housing options that are far more affordable and accessible. It 's not just about providing more homes; it's about providing homes that regular people can actually afford. Young families, first-time homebuyers, and people who want to stay in the area but can't afford current prices would finally have a chance. This development isn't just needed; it's overdue. Pretending that freezing growth or blocking this projec t is somehow protecting the community is nonsense. It's only pushing people out and making the area an exclusive, overpriced bubble. We need smart, responsible develop ment that provides housing options for everyone, not just the wealthy. This proposal do es exactly that, and it's time we make room for progress that benefits real people.



The application for changes to the OCP on the surface appears to be reasonable. How ever, there are some serious deficiencies and items that are not disclosed that causes me some concern: a) The amount of industrial use for RV/storage exceeds the amount of amount of park/green space by a ratio of 3:1. The drawings, as provided, give the be lief that trees will provide a buffer space. This belief is mistaken. The writer opines that industrial usage should be restricted to zoned industrial areas. b) The staff report of Fe bruary 2025 notes that a community sewage treatment plant was built on the former Mi nter Garden lands. However, the report does NOT identify that the effluent is shipped o ut by truck to a secondary / tertiary site for treatment. The current practise shifts the pr oblem to another site. The proposal appears to follow the same process used for the Mi nter Garden land is not sustainable and is NOT acceptable. FVRD must consider a pro per secondary / tertiary site to treat effluent. c) The staff report notes that treated water is available in Area D. However, there are no reports readily available that identify the f orecast water usage for the existing and proposed properties drawing from the existing facilities. Since the lower mainland is experiencing drought conditions, FVRD needs to identify and plan for the current and forecast usage to 2050 and reference same in the staff report. This needs to be included in any future development proposals. d) The staf f report ignores the impact to the electrical power grid. Who will pay for the required up grades to the grid as supplied by BC Hydro? Are the developers and FVRD expecting t he ratepayers (of BC Hydro) to cover the required infrastructure? e) The cost of a new (typical) single family home in Popkum built to the current BC building code is approxim ately \$600,000 for materials alone. It is not conceivable that the development which the e OCP application addresses is sustainable for a typical family, even if the lot size is de creased by 50%. f) With the political turmoil and trade wars with the US (appears to the e writer) that the new development will take tens of years to complete. No known report from FVRD identifies the reasonableness of a new development succeeding if it is app roved. g) There is no information provided as to other developments across Yale Road vis a vis the Gordania acquisition by another developer. In summary, even though the application appears good on paper, there are serious flaws in the analysis performed to date. The proposed changes to the OCP for Area D are therefore premature. I recomm end that the proposed changes be rejected until a more thorough review is carried out.

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Dear FVRD Board, I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redevelopm ent of the Armstrong Property. Cutting down trees as part of this project would have det rimental effects not only on the environment but also on the health and well-being of the community. Trees contribute to cleaner air, provide shade, reduce noise pollution, and enhance the overall quality of life. Removing them for development would be a step backward in promoting a healthy, sustainable community. I strongly encourage the developers and the FVRD Board to consider environmentally friendly alternatives that preser ve the existing trees and protect our community's well-being. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Your argument is pure exaggeration. Responsible development includes environmenta I assessments, replanting, and green spaces. Nobody's turning the area into a wastela nd. The reality is we need affordable housing, and freezing development over a few tre es is impractical and harmful to those struggling to find a home. Sustainability and grow th can coexist. Stop clinging to an unrealistic fantasy and support sensible progress tha t benefits everyone.



I genuinely believe this project is a fantastic idea and something the area desperately needs. Finding affordable housing around here is nearly impossible, and this develop ment would finally offer people real choices to live and thrive in this community. Creatin g thoughtfully designed neighborhoods with good amenities and reasonably priced hou sing would be a game-changer for everyone — not just for new residents looking to set tle here, but also for those already part of the community. With smart planning and nec essary improvements to infrastructure, this project could have a positive, far-reaching i mpact on the entire area. We can't keep turning down every new idea that comes alon g. Growth and progress are essential to keeping a community vibrant, accessible, and welcoming. I fully support this proposal and hope to see it move forward.



Your response dismisses legitimate concerns as "exaggeration," which is both unfair a nd unconstructive. While I acknowledge the importance of affordable housing, this goal should not come at the expense of our environment and community well-being. Responsible development should prioritize preserving natural assets—not merely replacing them with superficial green spaces. Replanting trees cannot fully replace the ecological benefits of mature trees, which provide cleaner air, natural cooling, and essential habit ats for wildlife. It is misleading to suggest that cutting down established trees and later replanting new ones offers the same environmental value. Claiming that seeking sustainable solutions is "clinging to an unrealistic fantasy" undermines genuine efforts to bala nce growth with environmental responsibility. Sustainability and development can coexist, but only if developers are genuinely committed to minimizing ecological harm, not just paying lip service to the concept. I urge you to reconsider this project's approach and prioritize true environmental stewardship rather than dismissing valid concerns from community members who care about the future of our shared environment.

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Why is the fvrd requesting access to this massive development from Parkwood Drive, an undersized residential street?



Hi FVRD, in response to your mail out "Have Your Say!", I would like to share that it is exciting yet hard to accept such a big development happening in our neighbourhood. O ne of the things we should not miss is connecting the neighbourhood with sidewalks, the ere should be a sidewalk starting from the new proposed park on the west side on Yale Road all the way to Parkwood Drive, and I mean don't consider the existing bike line as the sidewalk. The new proposed road connecting to Parkwood Drive under the power-line must have a sidewalk as well. We have enough sidewalks that end in people's yard s and forces you to take the road. Please don't let them cut every single tree, please keep trees on the outher side of the lots. Please take note of what they did with Garrison development, it looks nice and with the latest developments including Minter Garden, we feel the FVRD has let us down, we can do better than and I encourage you to impress us.



I will be hoping to purchase a home in the next few years in the Popkum area. I came across this development and could not be happier because it is offering new homes wit h I'm sure a variety of prices. Looking at what is for sale in this area it seems to be in the e 1-2 million dollars range for newer homes and I believe that's because the homes and lots are huge. Also by looking at the site plan it looks like there is a lot of walking pat hs and park areas with plenty of new trees that will be planted. Also by utilizing the are a under the hydro lines for storage is a super idea because we all know how much Stuff people have these days maybe just maybe people will be able to park in their garages with this storage opportunity? Please FVRD approve this great opportunity for future f amilies to enjoy this area. Thank you

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I strongly disagree with this redevelopment proposal due to concerns about animal wel fare and environmental impact. The proposed density and land use changes will likely disrupt local wildlife habitats, displacing animals that rely on this area for food and shelt er. Additionally, removing trees for construction will contribute to habitat loss, reduce bi odiversity, and negatively affect air quality. Protecting green spaces is essential for mai ntaining ecological balance and ensuring the well-being of both wildlife and residents. I urge the FVRD to reconsider this proposal and prioritize sustainable development that preserves natural habitats.



I have concerns about the proposed redevelopment of 52285, 52375, 52425, and 5244 5 Yale Road. The increase in density, with 265 dwelling units and RV/container storage , could have significant environmental impacts, including increased pressure on local e cosystems, loss of green space. Additionally, adding hundreds of new residents will furt her strain the existing road infrastructure. Without clear plans for road improvements, tr affic flow and safety could become major issues for current and future residents. Anoth er key concern is the lack of sufficient facilities to support this new neighborhood. Scho ols, healthcare services, and recreational spaces may not be able to accommodate the increased population, leading to overcrowding and a decline in service quality. I urge th e Fraser Valley Regional District to carefully consider these issues before approving th e application and to ensure that any development includes strong environmental prote ctions, traffic mitigation plans, and expanded community facilities to support the growing population."



"I am very concerned about the impact this proposed redevelopment will have on local wildlife, including coyotes, bears, and owls. This area is a natural green space that pro vides a vital habitat for these species. The destruction of forests and green areas for housing and RV/container storage will force wildlife out of their natural environment, lead ing to increased human-wildlife conflicts. As their habitat disappears, animals like bear s and coyotes will have no choice but to wander into residential areas in search of food, creating potential safety risks for both humans and animals. Owls and other bird species that rely on tree cover for nesting will also be displaced, affecting the region's biodiversity. Losing these natural habitats will have long-term consequences for the environment and the community. The Fraser Valley Regional District must consider these impact and ensure that development plans include wildlife protection measures, preserved green spaces, and sustainable planning to minimize harm to both nature and residents."

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FVRD: while there is merit to the idea, it comes with some basic flaws that really need to be addressed first. First of all, and most importantly- infrastructure surrounding the area. Parkwood drive is not a great option for an access point, and very unfair for resid ents (who purchased expensive homes in an upscale neighborhood expecting peace a nd quiet) to suddenly have construction vehicles and non stop traffic rolling through an undersized road- it's already a pain when someone is parked on the street: there isn't r oom to drive by. Yale road also is pretty busy- it would be doable if they'd add a turn la ne for left turns, and there should be room for that. Secondly: we are inviting residents for upwards of 250+ homes, IN ADDITION, to those already being built in nearby subdi visions in popkum. While I understand we have a desperate need for lower priced hou sing, these people come with children that need schools, and individuals that require b asic resources, esp medical care, neither of which exist. Chilliwack hospital is way ove r capacity, esp the ER. Drs are extremely hard to find. The local schools already have long waiting lists, with the alternatives being either long bus rides to outside of catchme nt schools, or parents driving to either public or private school. What is being done to a ddress these issues? In my opinion, this needs to be dealt with first: you can't suddenl y have 50-100 kids moving here with no school to attend. (And I kept that number unre alistically low because they won't all come at once. Utilizing that bare area is good, an d putting storage under the power lines is an ideal way to use that- I only ask that it's e sthetician pleasing to those who live nearby that counted on not looking at a concrete i ungle when they purchased here.



I have concerns about the Popkum-Major OCP Amendment & Development Prop osal of 52285, 52375, 52425, and 52445 Yale Road. The first, relates to the quality of li fe for current residents; this proposal will impact land, roads, wildlife, and our establish ed community. More people, less space for wildlife. Then of course there is the issue h uman and wildlife encounters that can end in tragedy for one or both. Communities are built for engagement; where will children go to school, recreate, what about healthcare ? The second, relates to health and safety; how if and when there is an emergency will fire trucks and or an ambulance be able to get into the newly designed development of residential with commercial, multi-family and single family home (with suites)? Will the r oadway accommodate the size of the vehicles built to protect homes and individuals. T he other issue is about garbage pick up - same issue. The trucks for health and safety are larger than vehicles, I don't believe they will have the ability to safely drive turnarou nd throughout the space for example. The third, relates to congestion; this new develo pment will increase traffic, noise, air pollution, water consumption, hydro, gas, electricit y and human waste? It will put a strain our existing school, recreation and healthcare facilities. What is the plan? I am a concerned individual and do not want to see this pro posed development go through.

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To whom it may concern, I have several major concerns with this proposal. The first is I ocal infrastructure and community amenities. Rosedale and Popkum have very few alt hough growing amount of local services. Adding in another major development such as described is extremely burdensome to the local community. To service this amount of p eople our area just does not have enough future commercial business opportunities for sustained growth. Traffic is also a major concern. Yale road is already overcome with h eavy traffic with many motorists treating it as a highway. When the number 1 highway has MVAs or other issues which happens regularly in the winter months it is already an extreme struggle for local traffic. I am a resident directly on Yale road and have a toug h time getting onto the road on a regular day. I also have concerns about having a larg e storage operation. RVs moving through the neighborhoods and pulling onto Yale road will be a congestion nightmare. The small community we have is just not built for a larg e operation like this. Keep large scale storage facilities like this off the main roads. I ha ve contemplated moving because of the current volumes of traffic and this would just c ompound the problem. We also have a beautiful community with a small town feel that will be lost to another developer just trying to capitalize on some parcels of land that ha ppen to not be in the ALR. All we seem to do around here is develop all our land to pac k it with as many units as possible. This is not just a simple larger lot subdivision. The proposal is trying to densify our area to mimic downtown Chilliwack areas. A lack of tho ught about the community impact and beauty of our area is usually forgotten. There is also a future development that is not on the books but seems likely that it will go ahead on indigenous land just beside Chapman rd in Rosedale. There are rumblings that the development would include as many as 1000 units. This development the community h as no say in as it is not our land and will most likely go through as everyone involved wi Il make a lot of money and there will be no room for local push back to try stop a projec t like that. I think careful consideration needs to be taken to consider the impact of a pr oject like this but to also include other prospective projects like the one mentioned abov e. Please carefully consider the ramifications of your decisions on the local community. I have talked to many local residents most of whom have no idea this project is even b eing discussed. I have not met one person who is in favor of this proposal. Kind regard



I strongly oppose this development proposal. The local community and services canno t support the current amount of development let alone adding this new development. Y ale Rd is a borderline highway it can be a struggle just to turn onto Yale road as it curr ently stands. Accessing off Yale and the subdivision on Parkwood is a traffic nightmare! As the the storage proposal is the most ridiculous part. Please save commercial developments for areas better suited not in the middle of a residential area. Please consider the current locals who will be the ones who will bear the brunt of this proposed development. We have a beautiful community why do we always have to put the almighty dollar above everything else.



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This would really help new young families get in on the market and be able to live with us older generation. It will create jobs and I sure hope it turns out as beautiful as the d evelopment proposal shows with nice roads, houses, and parks..

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02 April 25 Flowingbrook			We oppose it because they are using our subdivision road for their subdivision access. Make your own road to access your subdivision. We moved to the country to get away f rom traffic and this will cause way more traffic in our subdivision.	
AGREES 3	DISAGREES	REPLIES		
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AGREES 4	DISAGREES	REPLIES	on public services. Responsible development must prioritize sustainability and commu nity well-being.	
02 April 2	5		I strongly oppose this development as it threatens the natural environment and lacks t he necessary infrastructure to support such a large increase in population. This project will destroy local wildlife habitats, worsen traffic congestion, and strain essential service	
AGREES 6	DISAGREES	REPLIES	es. Moreover, the area is home to ancient trees that have stood for over a thousand ye ars, playing a crucial role in our ecosystem. Replacing them with concrete is irreversible damage. Responsible development must respect nature and the community's long-te rm well-being.	
02 April 2			This development proposal is deeply concerning due to its devastating impact on the nvironment and the community. The destruction of century-old trees and vital wildlife hitats is unacceptable. Additionally, the area lacks the necessary infrastructure to han e such a large influx of residents, leading to increased traffic, overburdened public ser ces, and long-term environmental damage. Growth should be sustainable and respect the natural heritage of our region. I strongly oppose this plan.	
AGREES 7	DISAGREES 0	REPLIES		
02 April 2 Roper	nonster		What makes you think these will be less then \$1 million \$\$	
AGREES	DISAGREES 0	REPLIES		
03 April 2	5		I did not attend the meeting last night. Will there be more green space/playgrounds an d parks set aside in the area? The RV storage seems to be a waste of space imo.	
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES		
03 April 25 Rosedale safety first		irst	Your comment makes me wonder Are you part of the development team?	
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES		

AGREES

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DISAGREES

REPLIES

This development will cram 265 "families" ( 2.5 people per 265 new households) into a small space that would include basement suites and coach houses, bumping the estim ated amount of people per household to 5-6 minimum people living in each of the 265 homes. This changes the estimated increase in population of this development to appr ox 1300. Where will these families send their kids to school? Rosedale elementary has a waitlist to get in. The new build set for completion in the next5 years will only be able to meet the demand of the current waitlist. Where will the possibly 500 new children from the families calculated above go?

# Rosedale safety first AGREES DISAGREES REPLIES 0 O3 April 25 Rosedale safety first I agree, there was not a single person in favor of this developers of course) at the meeting. This plan does not benefit his plan only serves to benefit the developers bank account existing community members increased tax to pay for the service of t

I agree, there was not a single person in favor of this development (besides the developers- of course) at the meeting. This plan does not benefit the community in anyway. This plan only serves to benefit the developers bank accounts. Meanwhile it will cost the existing community members increased tax to pay for the sidewalks that will need to be built, policing to manage all of the future crime associated with high density/low income housing, increased fire department services, cost for schooling (ie: adding portables to house more classrooms). The only people who think this is a good idea on this discussion are the developers or those connected to the development that will get done sort of financial kickback. None of these developers live in the area so they don't care how it effects our community

O3 April 25

Rosedale safety first

Yes at the meeting David Bennet mentioned that the current plan involves 100% clear cutting of all existing trees with no plan for existing tree preservation. The trees on the plan are likely all new plants. How could they retain any of the original forest there whe n they plan to utilize literally every square inch!!!!

O3 April 25

Rosedale safety first

I agree with you. There needs to be sustainable development that considers past, curr ent and future generations not just squeeze as many people into one small space to m ake maximum amount of money possible. This plan is not sustainable development it is Reckless development

O3 April 25

Rosedale safety first

Agrees

Disagrees

Replies

Are you part of the development team? Do you benefit financially from this project? I'm just wondering how many of the people who are legitimately in favor are not commenting on behalf of the development team? Literally no one who was at the meeting agrees with this project. Don't forget that the developers are also on this discussion pushing their agenda.

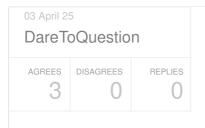
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03 April 25 Rosedale safety first			This comment is likely from the development team. It's a shame that Chuck Stam, a for mer city councillor is part of the development team looking to destroy our community. You would think having been an elected official for years he would do better than this		
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES			
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03 April 2	5		Have you looked at the proposed plan? Do you live in the area? This monstrosity is not		
Roseda	ale safety f	first	thoughtfully designed. It's a cookie cutter layout that looks better suited to downtown E urnaby than rural Rosedale. Thoughtful design would take into account the overall imp		
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	act on the surrounding community not just the developers bank accounts		
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3 April 2	5		Can you please elaborate on how this will be "great for us"? I'm struggling to find one be		
Roseda	ale safety f	first	enefit to us as a community		
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES			
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03 April 2	5		The developer is not responsible for the required upgrades passed the property line. The		
Roseda	ale safety f	first	is means that sidewalks, crosswalks, additional policing, schooling, and fire rescue su port will come out of tax the payer pockets not the developers. If we are lucky they mi ht build a small sidewalk on their property line for the est 500 kids that will likely live the re. But the city will have to build a continuing sidewalk for them to walk safely to and for the state of the state of the city will have to build a continuing sidewalk for them to walk safely to and for the state of the state		
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES			
1	0	0	m Tim Hortons or to the Rosedale park or elementary school in the opposite direction. They can't even manage the roads safely as it is		
03 April 2	5		Your right!! The roads are already a mess. Potholes all over the place. No street lights.		
Roseda	ale safety f	first	No crosswalks. No safety. We already lost a girl 3 years ago on these streets that cann ot be made safer. How are we going to guarantee 500+ more kids safety without sidew		
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	alks, crosswalks, streetlights?????? I guess that's our problem to deal with in the future not the developers problem		
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03 April 2			Yes you are absolutely right!! I can guarantee you that if every household in Rosedale		
Roseda	ale safety	first	was given the opportunity to give feedback the opposition would be over 95% but since development is closely related to the politics of Chilliwack it will likely still proceed. One		
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	of the developers Chuck Stam is a former city councillor. You bet he's connected to the system. Anyone who agrees to this craziness is probably connected to financially gaini		
2	0	0	ng from this.		
03 April 2	5		Safety of the children should be number one!!!! All the developers said was that they w		
Rosedale safety first		first	ould have a traffic study done. That doesn't mean that they will do anything to address the Risks that adding approx 1300 new Residents to one section of Yale road poses. When would a double part who doesn't live in the community core about the action of the section of the se		
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	hy would a developer who doesn't live in the community care about the safety of our ildren when their goal is to make as much money as possible? If they were thinking a		
3	0	0	out safety of our children they would remember that there is no school seats available already. These kids will have to be bussed far away to out of area schools. They are not thinking about our kids at all-especially not the ones that are already waitlisted to get		
			nto Rosedale Traditional		

# Leave a comment

03 April 25 Rosedale safety first			When will this report be prepared? Most people I have talked to were unaware of this p roject and its scale and were unable to attend the meeting last night. I see some of the comments go back 21 days. The community needs more time to give feedback before		
AGREES DISA	AGREES	REPLIES 0	any report gets generated		
03 April 25 Rosedale s	safety	first	Young families usually have children. Where will they go to school? Rosedale traditiona I school already has a waitlist. The proposed new build (5 years away) will only meet the waitlist demand. I ask again where will these young families send their kids to school		
AGREES DISA	AGREES	REPLIES 0	?		
03 April 25 Rosedale s	safety	first	This plan does not include anything regarding natural heritage of the area. This is rural farm land. There isn't even a community garden in the design. Absolutely opposite of r ural. Literally high density city housing. There was zero indigenous representation on t		
AGREES DISA	AGREES	REPLIES	he board at the meeting last night. It would be interesting to hear what members of Che am think of this development since it borders directly on their land. Apparently they wer e not invited to this meeting as there was a different meeting at cheam yesterday. The developers should have re-scheduled last night so that members of the band could atte		
			nd. What's the big hurry. Seems sort of suspicious to me? I only heard about the meeti ng last minute on Facebook. I never got an invite even though the development is only one lot away from my property? Hmmmmmm???? Seems shady		
03 April 25 Rosedale s	safety	first	Are you part of the development team or their marketing department? A few trees????! !!! It's obviously more than that. It's a small Forrest of trees currently home to owls, bob cats, and bears displaced from the minter garden development. How does this develop		
AGREES DISA	AGREES	REPLIES	ment support everyone?? Please tell me one benefit?		
03 April 25 Broccoli			What safety measures will be in place for children and families? Crosswalks, streetlight s, etc. The traffic and safety of citizens is already subpar in this area		
AGREES DISA	AGREES	REPLIES			

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Thank you FVRD folks for the wonderful meeting last night and allowing us to share ou r concerns. I believe the community is pretty united in that this cannot go forward as pl anned for the common reasons outlined. Traffic, density, resource allocation, services ( especially emergency). One point that was not brought up and me forgetting my notes t o add input, is activity for the youth. I grew up in the country and lived in the city later a nd now moved back to the country and have been in Popkum for 25 years. One thing t hat hasn't really changed is youth activities - there is literally NOTHING for an incoming city kid to do. Yes, we have the skateboard parl in Rosedale, thank you muchly for that. Country kids know how to occupy themselves constructively. When my parents yanked me from the city and placed me in the country sililar to Popkum, I got into petty crime b ecause there was nothing to do. Being long from my roots in the country, I was outcast by the other kids and left to my own devices. Same has/will happen when all these fami lies come out here from their cities and turn their kids lose in the middle of "nowhere". Some of this activity needs to be indoor because frankly, what kid wants to be outdoors all the time when it rains eight months of the year. While outdoor and nature activity is b est, we do need to respect that we are noth of 49. Youth activity is another thing we ne ed to consider for a growing Popkum, weather or not this development goes ahead.

not exaggerations. Affordable housing is important, but not as an excuse for reckless e

xpansion that ignores residents' concerns. Sustainable growth means prioritizing long-t erm community well-being, not just quick profits. If you truly care about responsible pro

gress, start by respecting the voices of the people who actually live here.

03 April 25 Crazymama			ed to consider for a growing ropkdin, weather or not this development goes aread.	
			What improvements will be made to the area to increase the influx of traffic? Our schools are at capacity. Huge safety concern when it comes to pedestrian safety.	
AGREES 4	DISAGREES	REPLIES		
03 April 2	5		Dear residents of Rosedale, This project brings no real benefits to our community. Inste ad, it will increase traffic congestion, harm the environment, and disrupt our peaceful n eighborhood. Our area deserves sustainable development that truly serves its resident	
AGREES 6	DISAGREES	REPLIES	s, not projects that create more problems than solutions. Let's raise our voices and omand better planning that prioritizes our community's well-being!	
03 April 2	ale safety	first	"Stop clinging to an unrealistic fantasy"??? Since when is wanting a safe sustainable m utually beneficial community an unrealistic fantasy?	
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES		
03 April 25 <b>Ss</b>			Stop pretending that "responsible development" means whatever developers say it do es. Environmental assessments don't erase damage, and "replanting" doesn't replace I ost ecosystems. Traffic congestion, pollution, and destruction of green spaces are real,	

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DenisecCa, they will need that access to Parkwood drive for the overflow parking of co urse! 265 new households with basement suites and coach houses can't fit more than 2 vehicles in one average sized driveway. With all the affordable rentals available there will be hundreds of more cars to park



This project affects a small number of trees in comparison to the vast forests, mountain s, and protected wilderness that surround us here in BC. We're not paving over pristine nature—we're talking about adding homes to an area already within the community foo tprint. What really concerns me is how many people I know—including myself—are str uggling to find affordable housing. Rent is sky-high, homes are out of reach, and invent ory is incredibly low. We constantly ask the government to step in—but when a project like this comes along to help ease the pressure, the response is often "not here." There 's instant pushback. And too often, environmental arguments are used to mask a deep er resistance to any kind of change. Meanwhile, people can't find places to live. Young families are being pushed out. Seniors are downsizing with nowhere to go. And still, so mehow, the priority becomes "save the trees"—even when the broader community is s uffering from a housing shortage. I don't work for the developer. A friend shared this pr oject with me, and I liked the idea. I live in Chilliwack now, but I'd love to raise my famil y in a place like this. I just hope more people are willing to look at the big picture—and consider what's really at stake.



I understand the urgency of the housing crisis—we all want solutions. But framing environmental concerns as just "resistance to change" is unfair and deeply dismissive. This isn't about a few trees—it's about preserving what makes our communities livable: clean air, reduced congestion, natural beauty, and ecological balance. Short-sighted development that chips away at green space doesn't solve the housing crisis—it shifts the problem elsewhere. We need smart, sustainable planning that balances growth with preservation, not guilt-driven arguments that pit housing against the environment. We can—and must—demand both, this conversation is about Rosedale, not Chilliwack. You're not a resident here, and this community discussion is for those directly affected. Bringing in outside opinions while ignoring local concerns undermines the process and violates the spirit of community consultation. You may support the project, but your perspective lacks legitimacy in this context. Rosedale residents have every right to protect their environment and quality of life. Sustainable solutions must come from within the communities they impact.



Adding more people without resolving safety issues will only add to the dangers and potential loss of innocent life, for what money\$\$ when did business and development become more important then the safety and well being of our children

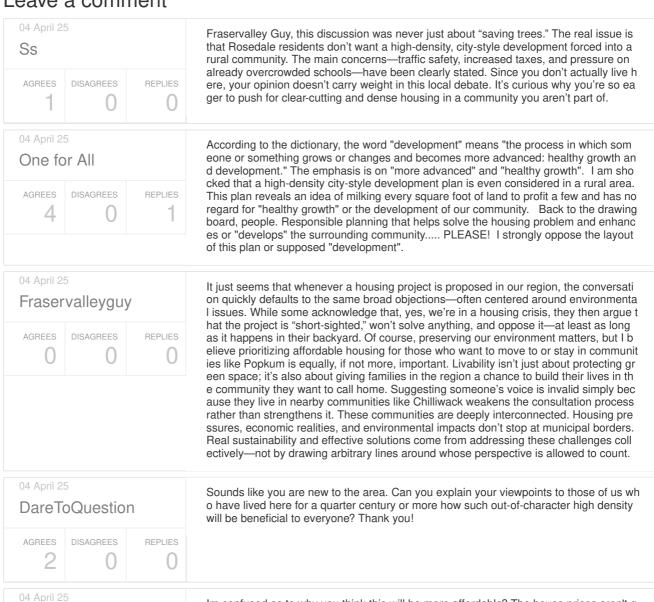
Rosedale safety first

AGREES DISAGREES REPLIES 0

04 April 25

Fraservalley Guy, if you read through the responses it is clearly not about "save the tre es" it's about nobody wanting this high density city designed monstrosity in the middle of rural Rosedale. I think the comments have clearly summarized that a majority of the concerns center around traffic safety, cost to tax payers, and pressure on already over burdened schools. As you said you don't actually live here so your opinion is irrelevant. Makes me wonder why you are pushing so hard to clear cut trees and build dense hou sing in a community you do not currently belong to

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oing to be any cheaper then the rest of the area...SMH

Im confused as to why you think this will be more affordable? The house prices aren't g

Ropemonster

DISAGREES

REPLIES

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04 April 29  Ropen	nonster	
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES

Agreed...im not against "A" development BUT I am against this one. This whole thing is a terrible idea and seems so greedy of the developers to even introduce this big city id ea to this little town. Does any of these developers live in Rosedale, Popkum? Im prett y sure they wouldn't put something like this in there own community or across the stree t from one of their houses or their family's house. You can do better..alot better. This is just down right WRONG on so many levels. Please FVRD make the right decision here and don't let this happen to our amazing , small, well loved community...please

O4 April 25

Ermintrude

AGREES DISAGREES REPLIES 0 1

I have mixed feelings. There is a need for affordable housing. The plan is for so many more people, dwellings, and vehicles though. It would completely change this part of th e community. It would be hard to get used to the area becoming so much busier. I do w onder how the roads will accommodate the increase in traffic. I care about the wildlife and light pollution. I wonder if there could be a compromise. I find it emotionally hard to consider the development but I also feel that my concerns are a little selfish and don't consider the broader community.

Ss

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This project is completely out of touch with Rosedale's rural character. It brings unnece ssary traffic, strains public services, and threatens local green space—all without mean ingful benefit to the existing community. Residents deserve better planning that respect s their lifestyle and environment.

DareToQuestion

AGREES DISAGREES REPLIES 0

At the meeting, we agreed development is OK, but this project as it is must be majorly adjusted. No condos, stick to the OCP, single family dwellings w/legal suite and 800m l ots. We don't need to go from zero-to-Langley in 5 years.

DareToQuestion

AGREES DISAGREES REPLIES 0

You're missing the point on trees. They stabilize the ground. They stabilize the environ ment and keep the soil moist and alive with biomass. Dead soil is a major reason our f ood is nutritionless. We don't need to clearcut! Look at the shtshow that was Minter Ga rdens. People need to see past their nose to the big picture about nature.

James

AGREES DISAGREES REPLIES

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As a proud Rosedale resident . i am deeply concerned about the proposed developme nt on the now called Armstrong property, I feel The main reason the majority of the residents that reside here in rosedale moved here to escape the densified city developments In my opinion this proposed development is way to soon for a dense urban development for the community save this development idea for downtown Chilliwack Let's keep the development like all the other subdivisions in the area large yards with no carriage houses and or townhouses I also believe that having RV storage will invite more hom eless people that will be living there in the RV's such as the rest stops along HWY1 which can potentially increase the crime rate in the surrounding areas I am also under the impression with BC hydro regulation that no permanent buildings under the power lines shall have permanent power such as the developments proposed sewer treatment facility with a proposed sewer treatment facility in a residential area this alone will bring aw ful foul smell to the surrounding community And the development will add to traffic on Y ale road and funnel into the small congested roundabout

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20 April 25  Dandy			I do not think our community is equipped to handle such a development. The money co uld go towards a high school. Yale Road would likely become lined with parked cars.		
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES			
20 April 2	5		Our community is in no position to accommodate this large an increase in population. Schools? Services? Roads? Etc etc		
AGREES 2	DISAGREES	REPLIES			
22 April 2 D Ben			To FVRD From: Darryl. I would like to have it recorded that I think a concrete fence an d buffer should separate the three properties from the complex. The site plan shows bo th a fence and buffer on the North side and buffers on both the West and East side of t		
AGREES 0	DISAGREES	REPLIES	he proposed complex. As well, there should be a concrete fence and buffer on the east side of my property where future townhouses will be built, and the site plan shows an a ccess lane that will run down the side of my property. The properties on the south side of the complex will have garages or secondary suites as close as 1.5 meters from the r ear property line. Less than a year ago I wished to build a garage in my backyard and		
			was told it had to be 8 meters from the rear property line. The eight properties on the s outh side could be reduced to seven wider properties and a larger buffer could separat e the complex from the existing three properties and the garages and secondary suites would be further from the property line. Any living quarters in the back yards should be I imited to a single story. I am also very concerned if Popkum will have adequate police, f irefighting and ambulance services with the increased population. This proposed compl ex with a possible 316 units could have close to 1,000 inhabitants. An increase to Popk um's population of almost 50%. Where are 300 to 350 children going to go to school? The complex being built at the old Minter property was started in the spring of 2020. It has 5 phases to it and after 5 years only 1 ½ phases has been completed. At this rate it is going to take 16 years to complete. The proposed Nora complex is larger than the Mint er one. Is it also going to take many years to complete. Is the complex going to be one big mud pit for many years? I have other concerns but after reading the many comments on the Have Your Say comment site I know others have expressed the same concerns. Thank you for the phone discussions. Sincerely Darryl		
	23 April 25 One for All		We need housing but NOT LIKE THIS! It's obvious this plan is for profit. No considerati on for the community here. If this is approved it would be a shame. High density development belongs in the city. We have no amenities nearby for this volume of people who		
AGREES 0	DISAGREES	REPLIES	would be living like sardines in a can. This plan is totally irresponsible!!!		
	23 April 25  D Bennett		Norah Properties' meeting notes and responses are available in the Developer Docum ents folder here: https://haveyoursay.fvrd.ca/47275/widgets/199769/documents/15141		
AGREES 0	DISAGREES	REPLIES			

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April 2025

### **FVRD PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING NOTES AND COMMENTS**

### **Background:**

Norah Properties Land Corporation has made an application to redevelop 52285, 52375, 52425, and 52445 Yale Road, Area D, into a residential subdivision with commercial, multifamily and single family homes (with suites) land uses. The proposed development is 265 dwelling units and approximately 1.6ha (4 acres) of outdoor RV and container storage.

The application was considered by the FVRD Board on February 27, 2025 and forwarded to an FVRD hosted public information meeting. The application has not received any readings and is not approved. The FVRD Public Information Meeting was held on Wednesday April 2, 2025 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Rosedale Traditional School 50850 Yale Road. This meeting was an opportunity to discuss the proposal with FVRD staff and provide feedback before the application is considered by the FVRD Board.

### **Meeting notes and comments:**

At the April 2, 2025 FVRD public information meeting members of the public were asked to contribute to group discussions and provide comments on the developer's proposed site plan.

The comments on the following pages in this document were recorded from the notes left on the site plans and from FVRD staff's notes taken during the public information meeting.

# **Affordability**

Different housing types will provide a more affordable price point

Housing prices are important

Provides a variety of housing options

In reality the people you want in the townhomes will not be able to afford it

Does not reflect lack of demand at Cedarbrook

People are not looking to move out here – Minters is not selling

Is this even financially feasible

Concerns with impact to property values

### **Density**

Comment about illegal suites. A resident stated that on lots with a primary dwelling and ADU, there could be incentive for people to have an illegal basement suite, leading to three families on each resident lot.

A resident had comments about the density in the centre of the development. Their comment was to spread the density throughout the development as the current plan does not appear "natural".

They also suggested condos that would provide density, while reducing foot print of the development. This could allow more park space and retention of trees.

general opposition to the multi family density; don't want townhouses, prefer single family homes the development is too dense for Popkum

concerned with noise and nuisance from the proposed multi-family development; may require FVRD to adopt a noise bylaw

the proposed development – specifically the multi family aspects and the small lot sizes – are not consistent with the Popkum community and degrade the overall quality and identify of the community

Multi-family land use is too dense

Generally supportive of 800 sqm lots sizes and preservation of suburban character seen throughout Popkum – highly valued aspect of existing development

Increased density = increased opportunities for petty crime (theft, vandalism)

Density is too high

**Against Secondary Suites** 

Not ready for townhomes

They pride themselves on having homes with land

Should have the same lot size as other previous developments

Bigger lots

No townhomes

More like the rest of the community (e.g Rosewood)

Don't think community can support this plan (if the proposal is cut in half maybe they can)

Don't want suites or ADUs

Density issues

Density increase, 225 units means 500 more residents

Single family

Too many and too small

Opposed to high density, no schools, limited park

Not at all – crowding out existing homes

Too dense

The community values the 800m2 lot sizes

The townhomes are too much

Concerns with the amount of housing and the impacts on school capacity

The lots are too small, should be the same as the rest of the neighbourhood.

Way too dense

Should use Stonewood Place as an example for development density (yards)

Concerns/Impacts of this kind of density

Size of Parkwood lots is the max acceptable level of density

Conflict between city densification vs rural density

The estimate of 700 people seems very low compared to reality – Popkum families have 4-5 children

### Design

No design details or quality assurances for multi-family land uses

Sentiment about form and character

### **Environment**

Increased light pollution from development will affect neighbouring properties and wildlife

Tree retention over site is a HIGH PRIORITY

Better processes and systems are required to assure preservation and require adequate compensation

Increased scrutiny over arborist reports required

Consequences for tree removal must be extensive to deter tree removal

Trees -> Value and want to keep

Lots of wildlife (e.g. bobcats, deer, bunnies, etc.)

The trees and existing residential areas

Needs a robust arborist report

Tree retention is a high priority, that is a better system than replacement and compensation

Tree retention

More greenspace needed

Environmental concerns over owl habitats if no trees are being retained

Comments that there should be efforts to retain existing trees. Trees create a more natural environment, help with shade/cooling.

### General

there is no grocery store in the community to serve the population

concerned with unregulated dogs; may require animal control services

Lack of broad community benefit indicated in proposal

Safety

Noise

Concern how going to work/affect them

It will be a crime haven

Ugly

Want buffering between this development and other properties

Ouiet

moved her for the low density

Nothing positive about it

Who says we need a compact, connected and complete Popkum

It doesn't fit in. It is a complete [illegible] of previous zoning/planning

There is nothing the existing neighbourhood has to offer the new development. It is quiet large lot residential only. There is No need for access of Parkwood

It will be disruptive to the neighbourhoods quite enjoyment of their property

Grocery store needed in area

Can there be opportunities for improvements with more users and this development?

Security is needed

Lighting needs to be aware of neighbours for light spill

Geotechnical concerns due to mountain slides

Community crime issues

"This is the worst plan I have ever seen"

This is way too much density

Developer is "out to lunch" with this proposal

Developer is the only party benefiting/getting money from this proposal

"Keep rural living"

This is out of touch/does not match rural character

The interface with the Chilliwack side which is in the ALR – this does not match the farming character on that side

This will impact the backyard access/enjoyment for Parkwood residents

Next mailout needs to be larger

"This feels shady" - not enough people invited or informed

Mailout should extend east to Rosegarden and west to Rosedale school

No consideration of existing amenities

Not enough/no new amenities being added that will benefit existing residents

No Popkum resident is going to want to walk through the development even if they're meant to be public

### Jobs

Construction will provide job opportunities

Will bring construction jobs

### **Land Use**

Proposed RV storage use is incompatible with surrounding land uses

Should RVs go out the side?

What types of containers?

The RV storage is not a compatible land use for the neighbourhood.

Opportunities for commercial uses like a local store should be explored

Remove small RV storage area and extend the adjacent park

RV/Container Storage area

Expand RV storage to include the small park area adjacent

Concern that these units will eventually all become rentals

Impact due to mobile home park redevelopment

No support for RV/container storage – should be vacant/park

### Park

One resident noted that having a park beneath power lines could lead to health issues. Electromagnetic fields (EMF) will affect people living nearby.

Not safe for children to play beneath

Not enough

Cheam wetland is not a park

This are should be greenspace/park

Under powerlines should be a park (e.g. skatepark, pumptrack)

Parks, school land, no fire, a green walkway is a burglary access not a park

The park size is inadequate and undesirable under the powerlines

The park requires a park programming process to determine whats needed in the park spaces

Dog park opportunities under the power lines

Use the powerlines as open space with trails

Walkway only between the site and Parkwood drive

A safe crossing of Yale road with pedestrian beacons

Small lots need more open space and parks

No park under the power lines

More walkable design

Dog park

Pickleball courts

Proposed park on Yale Road should be moved; this location is too close to Yale Road for safety reasons

Move within development; include a playground

Move proposed park beside the small RV storage to another location

Not ideal to recreate under the power lines

The current hydro area provides easy undetectable access for crime and theft issues

Not enough parking shown on plan

The park the fronts Yale Rd is a bad location for the park

The parks are not big enough

The strip of land behind the private properties (52325, 52335, 52405 Yale Rd) is a better spot for a park

The townhomes site is a better place for a park

The area under the power lines should be vacant/a park

Park on the SW corner of development is too close to the road. A resident suggested that parks should be away from busy road and more centralized within the development. Ideally a larger space.

the proposed parks/trails are small; too little for the scale of the proposed development

Parkland as shown in site plan is severely inadequate

Locations are undesirable – under hydro and adjacent to Yale Road are not good locations for park

Greater parkland required

More active park options preferred

Entire area should be devoted to recreation

# School

Questions about how school capacity issues will be addressed. Comment about how existing schools in Rosedale are at capacity.

hospitals, schools and RCMP may not have capacity to support increased development schools above capacity

Places for a school bus pull-out on yale

Impacts on the school district's school capacities

School capacity, road capacity

School capacity impacts

Consultation with school districts should be immediate, especially as they are planning for schools in the area currently

Where will these kids go to school?

There is already a waitlist for schools

The area where the proposed townhomes should be a new school instead

# Servicing

A resident commented that waste disposal in Popkum is done by private companies. These companies collect waste in the neighbourhood on different days, increasing the number of days that garbage trucks are on the roads. Their concerns was that this would increase garbage truck traffic throughout the week.

Municipalities typically do waste collection in a certain area once per week.

A resident inquired about whether the current water system can handle the population increase.

potential for odours from the proposed sewage treatment plant and infiltration basins

capacity of community water system to provide fire flows to the proposed development

capacity of electrical grid to support connections without reducing the reliability of the power system; have had several outages this year already

the proposed development should contribute funding for expansion of the fire hall

 $multi-family\ and\ single-family\ homes\ should\ be\ sprinklered\ to\ reduce\ fire\ risk\ and\ demand\ on\ VFD$ 

look for opportunities to improve cellular service

Concern over impacts of WWTP on adjacent properties (within development and along Parkwood)

Noise, odour – experience to date with Minters WWTP has not been positive

Water regulations -> concern

Smell

Fire protection/ police

There is not enough RCMP

Well serviced by fire/police

The timing of the completion of the waste water plant

Sewer plant odour

What will the sewer plant and disposal area look like

Construction dust and noise from the gravel pit

Is the water supply sufficient?

Policing needs

Have lights on the path

FVRD current water is too hard

Sanitary sewer system should completely treat sewage on-site and not transport sludge elsewhere

Odour concerns

Odour concerns from the sanitary sewer system

**Emergency services** 

Emergency response times will be even slower with more people

Fire safety when the fire department is volunteer

Not close to any hospitals

Water quality

Chilliwack side on well water – concerns that development will impact water quality from run off from construction, traffic, cars, etc.

Concerns about impacts and water quality at the treatment plant

Can native soils support the treatment plant – existing water table high and the soils do not drain – residents know this from experiencing the flooding during Atmo in 2021

Concerns that this is a bad spot for a sewer plant

Concerns over smells at the sewer plant

Concerns that this will add additional stress or costs to the garbage service

## Taxes

new services required to support the proposed development may increase taxes for all; the development needs to pay for itself

Taxes

What will the impacts be on my property taxes

Impacts to service area costs and property taxes

Property tax impacts to support infrastructure – all properties will be affect not just the users of the service by this development

Concerns that municipal taxes will also be impacted

## **Traffic**

Yale Road already has issues with speed and traffic congestion. How will 200+ housing unit affect this infrastructure?

Traffic tends to move above the posted speed limit, this could cause issues as cars pull in and out of the development.

A resident noted that there should be separation between the roadway and pedestrian walkway

A resident noted that there must be a plan to manage traffic

The existing roundabout on Highway 9 was brought up several times. Increased residential traffic could put additional strain on all road infrastructure in the area.

How will increased traffic affect children going to/from school?

Comment that there should be walkable space within the development.

capacity of roundabout at Yale and Hwy 89 to accommodate increased traffic; traffic already backs up at the roundabout during peak periods

when there is a major incident on Hwy 1, traffic is routed to Hwy 9 and Yale Road causing heavy congestion and impeding access for emergency vehicles

opposed to a vehicle access/use of the East-West connection to Parkwood; support a pedestrian/bike trail

trails in the proposed development should provide a more natural trail experience with more trees and meandering paths

want a bike trail to connect to commercial services at the roundabout

Development impact to traffic along Yale Road

Current conditions are unsafe for accessing Yale Road, particularly from Sussex Drive

Better traffic calming and control required at Sussex intersection with new development and secondary access on Yale Road

Current speeds are excessive and unmitigated

Lack of confidence in MOTT to adequately address these concerns through development application

Increased transit service is appealing – current level of service is unreliable

Access off side (against)

Traffic

Speeds (need to slow them down, have been accidents)

**Access for Emergency Vehicles** 

MoTT ignores their needs (safety on Yale)

Walkways are a burglary risk

Increase traffic enormously, specifically on Parkwood

(Negative) traffic, access on yale - no lights, exit through Parkwood - narrow road

Roads maintained by highways – which means eMil Anderson who already do a poor job in popkum

Traffic

Round about congestion

Parking issues on Parkwood if the project is connected by a road to Parkwood

Parking in the development

Road congestion

Consider broader transit infrastructure and a strategy for the area

Parkwood drive is too narrow, cant handle parking

Traffic and speed on yale

Congestion at the round about

The traffic is too bad already on yale when the highway is closes

Speeding on Yale

Safety on turning in and out of the site

**Parking** 

Access to Parkwood is a concern

Turning lands on Yale to access the site

Intersections are too close

Traffic on yale and congestion at the round about

Traffic on Yale and long ques to turn

Ensure parking: 2 spaces for primary house and 2 spaces for secondary suite/ADU

Ensure there is enough parking within the development to accommodate guests

Create a guest parking lot potentially where small RV storage is located

Traffic is already too heavy on Yale Road

Traffic calming at development should be required

E.g., roundabout, 4-way stop (Sussex Drive), traffic light

Pedestrian crossing at Sussex Drive

Concerns with access to BC Transit and school bus routes

Parkwood Drive connection should not be used for vehicles

Create a walkable path that could be used for emergency purposes

Do not have a connection to Cheam FN.

Traffic concerns onto Yale Road

Traffic control needed at Sussex Drive (It is already hard to turn left from here)

Roundabout for traffic calming

Pedestrian crossing

Light needed at Yale Road and McGrath Road (City of Chilliwack)

Ensure BC Transit adjusts stops for this development

Improved safety needed along Yale Road – no walkable shoulder or safe bike route

Overflow parking will spill into other areas of the community

Not enough off-street parking at this density

Traffic concerns

Traffic safety is a big concern

No streetlights and no sidewalks on roads on Yale Rd

Gordania entrance is right on the other side of the first intersection going east on Yale Rd - concern with traffic safety at this intersection

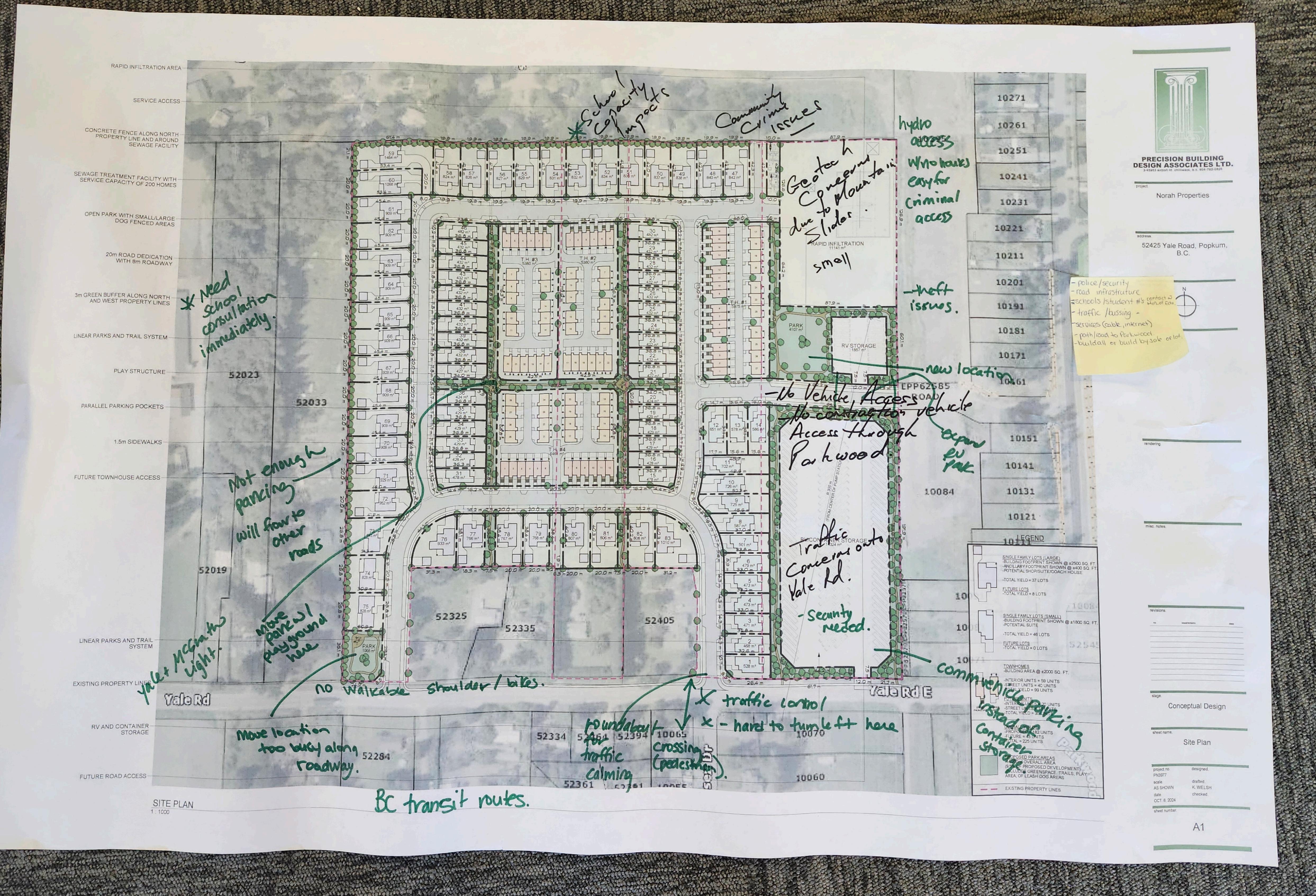
Road safety is a huge concern since there are no pedestrian crossing on Yale Rd

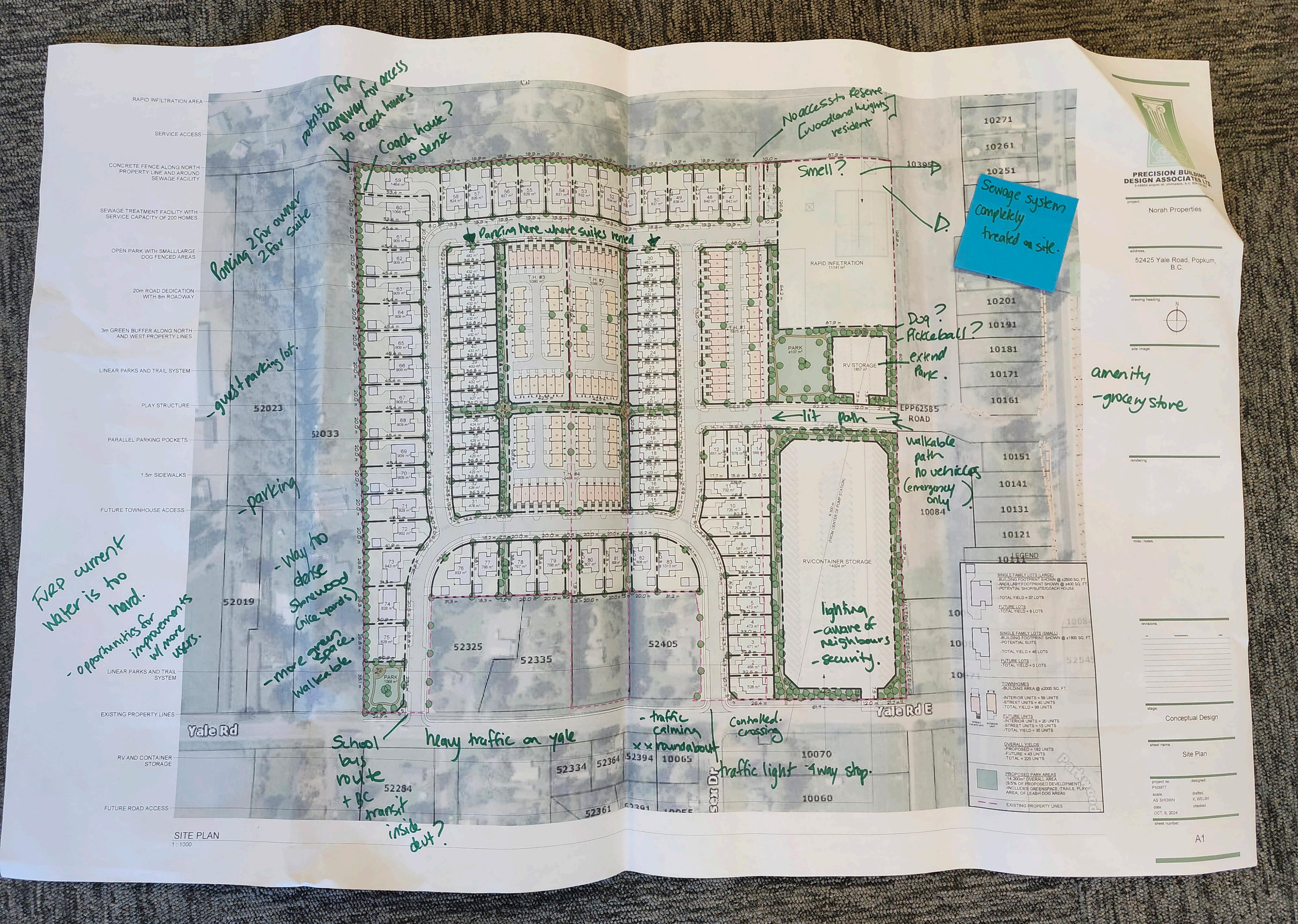
This will add to traffic stress at the roundabout

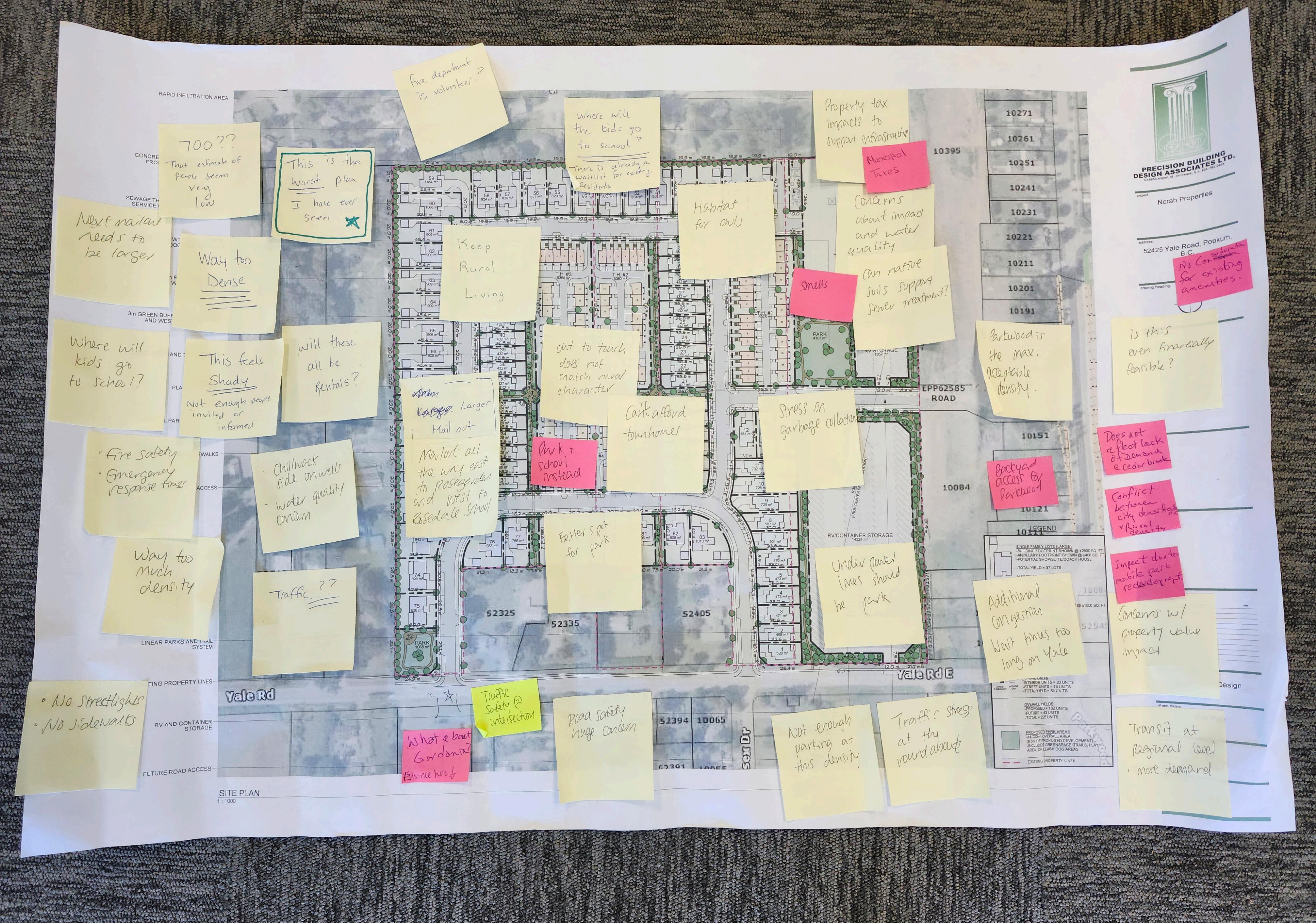
This will add additional congestion on Yale Rd

Wait times are already too long on Yale/at the roundabout for people going to work

Transit at the Regional level is already bad – are there considerations to improve busses if so many people are planned here









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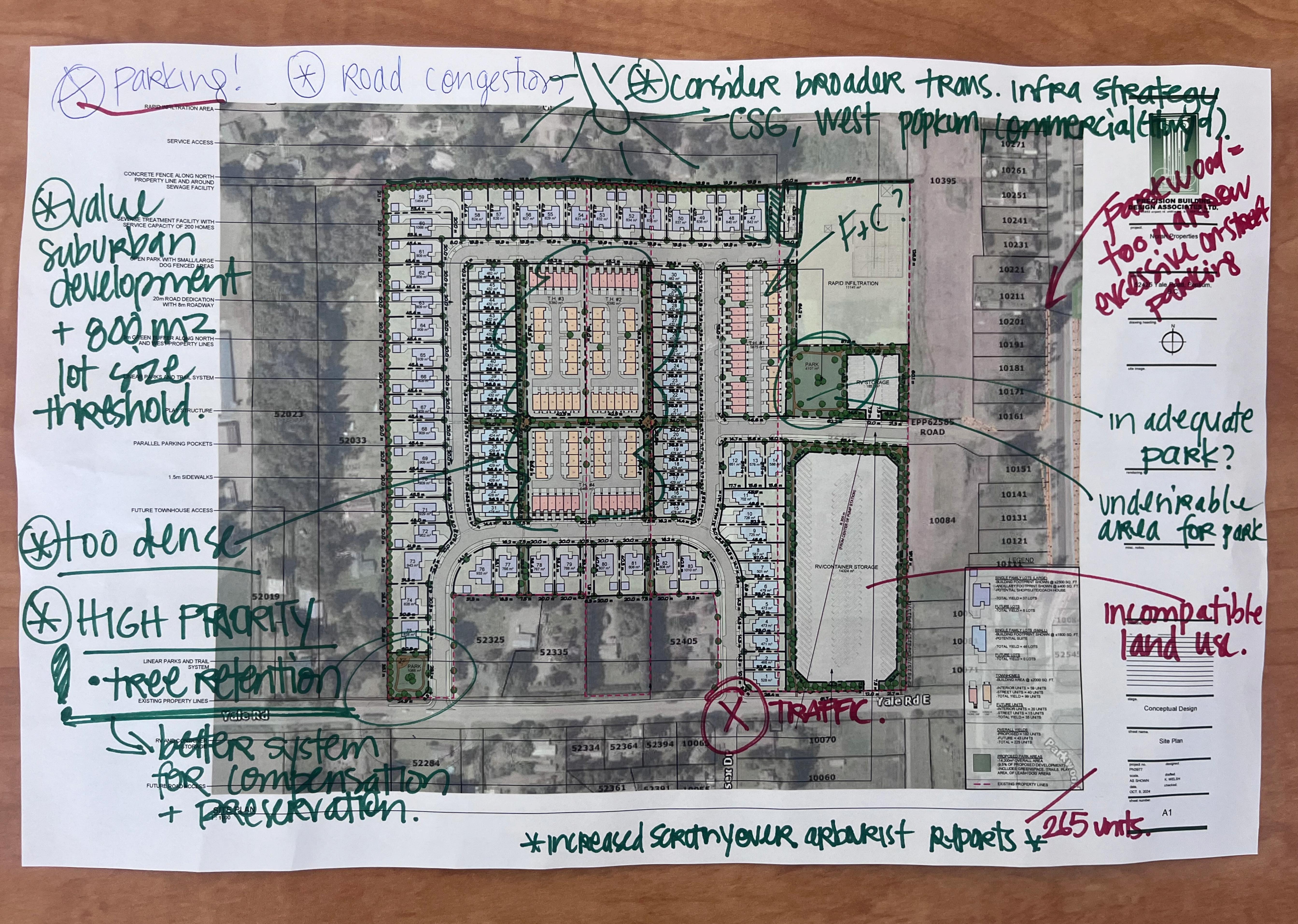
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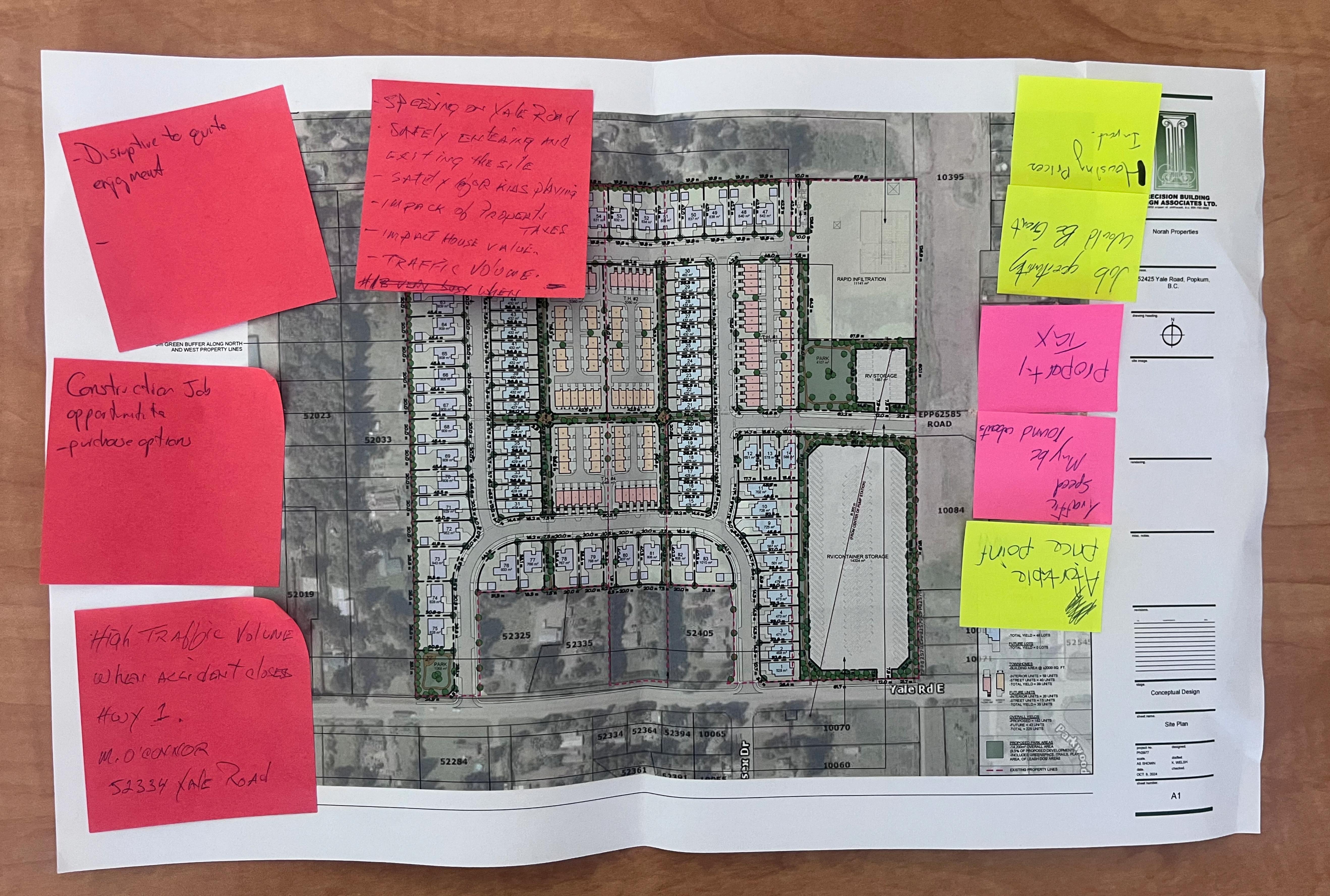
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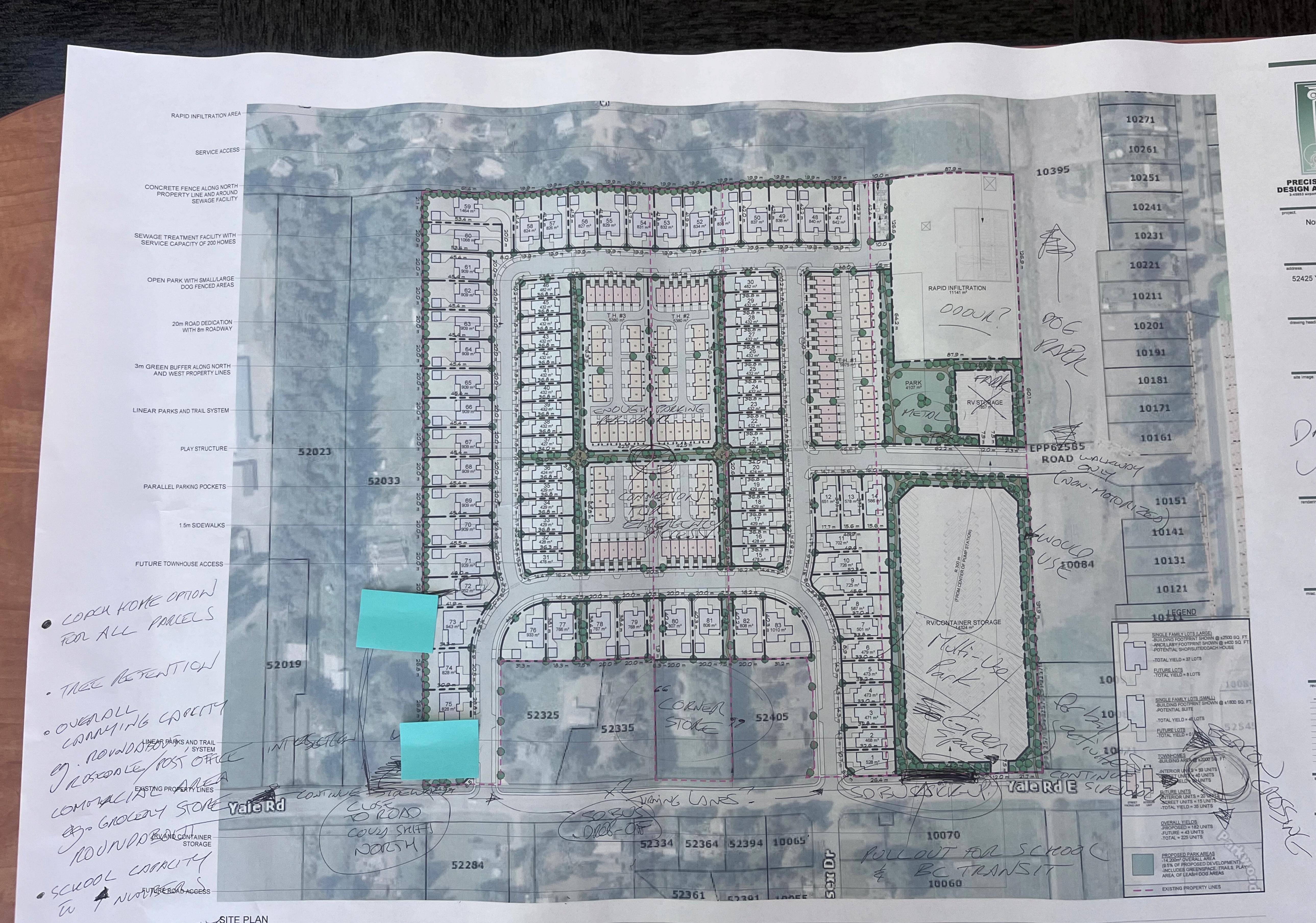
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