## 55 KERR STREET <br> CAMBRIDGE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION REPORT FOR OPA AND ZBA NOVEMBER $9^{\text {TH }}, 2021$

URBAN DESIGN \& LANDSCAPE \& LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTURE

## Site

## Site Stats:

- Currently vacant
- 10,099 sq. m (2.5 acres) in size;
- Site has two (2) street frontages:
- Approx. 95 m frontage along Kerr Street
- Approx. 109 m frontage along Shade Street


## Transit Routes:

- GRT Bus Route 58
- Connections to Ainslie Terminal and Downtown Cambridge
- Site adjacent to future ION LRT
- Will be constructed on west side of the site
- Transit station just south of Kerr Street



## Surrounding Context



Institutional
Commercia
Low-Rise, Low-Density Residential
Medium-Density Residential

Employment Corridor
Parks/ Open Space
Water body


## Original <br> Proposal



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| Number of Units |  | 592 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Height - $\quad$Bldg. A. |  | 89.06 m |
| Bldg. B. |  |  |
| Number of Storeys - | Bldg. A. | 31.34 m |
|  | Bldg. B. | 24 |
| Parking Proposed | Surface | 32 spaces |
|  | Underground | 612 spaces |
| Number of Underground Parking Levels | 3 |  |




## Revised Proposal



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| Number of Units |  | 592 | 445 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Height - | Bldg. A. |  | 89.06 m |
|  | Bldg. B. |  | 71.34 m |
| Number of Storeys - | Bldg. A. | 30 | 54.60 m |
|  | Bldg. B. | 24 | 18 |
| Parking Proposed | Surface | 32 spaces | 18 |
|  | Underground | 612 spaces | 35 spaces |
| Number of Underground Parking Levels | 3 | 410 spaces |  |
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## Original Elevation

- 24 and 30 storeys



## Revised Elevation

- 18 and 18 Storeys



## Comparison Evolution



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First Floor Building A Before and After


## First Floor Building B Before and After



## Architecture Before \& After

- A more traditional podium reflecting heritage characteristics



## Transition \& Angular Plane

- Podium is

- Building A



## Viewshed



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## Relative Height

1. 170 WATER STREET NORTH

- 14-STOREYS

7. 95 CAMBRIDGE STREET

- 15-STOREYS

48. 59 CONCESSION STREET

- 15-STOREYS

64 Grand Avenue South

- 20 STOREYS



## Visual Impact Height Analysis







## Shadows

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## Improvements

- Height is in keeping with height context of the Downtown
- Reduction in density (approximately $1 / 3^{\text {rd }}$ less units)
- Reduction in levels of underground parking and overall parking spaces
- Reduction in overall traffic
- Improvements in amenity to tenant ratio
- Improvement in potential shadow impacts; shadows continue to move fast across neighbourhood
- Improvement to the building base vernacular

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