# MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA SUMMER VILLAGE OF BIRCHCLIFF SUMMER VILLAGES ADMINISTRATION OFFICE DECEMBER 2, 2021 @ 9:00 A.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- C. DEVELOPMENT ITEMS
  - 1) 137 Birchcliff Road
- D. ADJOURNMENT

**Summer Village of Birchcliff – Municipal Planning Commission** 

December 2, 2021

Agenda Item

137 Birchcliff Road (Lot 11, Block 3, Plan 7922124)

**Development Permit Application** 

## **Background:**

An application was submitted by the registered owner for a home occupation development permit for 137 Birchcliff Road. This property is located in the R1 (Lakeshore Residential) District in the Summer Village of Birchcliff. This is the first time a home occupation development permit has been applied for this property.

The intent of the home occupation would be a small part time business and would provide therapeutic deep tissue and relaxation massages. Services would be offered part time during off season (September through May), there will be limited amount of traffic to the property with parking to take place on the left side of the driveway just before the garage and no signage will be displayed. The approximate area of the dwelling to be used for the services is 280ft², in administrations opinion this is considered a subordinate and secondary use of the dwelling. The definition for Home Occupation in the Land Use Bylaw is "means any occupation, trade, profession, or craft carried on by an occupant of a residential building as a use secondary to the residential use of the building This shall not include any cannabis retail sales or cannabis production and distribution".

#### **Discussion:**

This application is before MPC for the following reason:

1. Home Occupation is listed as a discretionary use and therefore the decision must come from the Municipal Planning Commission.

### **Recommendation:**

A "discretionary use" means a use which may be compatible with other uses in the district, for which a Development Permit may be issued upon an application having been made.

After viewing the application and all relevant planning documents, it is the recommendation of administration to approve the application as a discretionary use as the proposed development complies with the regulations, adjacent landowners have been notified and no comments have been received.

## **Conditions:**

If approved, Administration would recommend the following conditions:

- The Home occupation commences and continues in the manner applied for and complies with the regulations and specifications of the Land Use Bylaw under which this permit was issued.
- 2. The development permit is only valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance. A new development approval will be required at that time should the applicant wish to continue with the Home Occupation use.
- 3. Any change in use or intensification of this home occupation will require a new development permit.
- 4. There shall be no exterior display or advertisement, except as provided for in section 2.2(11) of the Land Use Bylaw.
- 5. The applicant is responsible to comply with any other regulations or approvals required by any other provincial or federal agency.
- 6. No person other than a resident the dwelling unit shall be employed.
- 7. There shall be no outside storage of materials, commodities, or finished products.

### **Authorities:**

For a discretionary use, the MPC may:

- 1. Approve an application a development permit:
  - a. With or without conditions,
  - b. Based on the merits of the proposed development, including its relationship to any approved statutory plan, non-statutory plan, or approved policy, affecting the site,
  - c. Where the proposed development conforms in every respect to the Land Use Bylaw; or
- 2. Refuse an application for a development permit based on the merits of the proposed development, even though it meets the requirements of this land use bylaw; or
- 3. Subject to the provisions of section 2.4(2), the Municipal Planning Commission shall refuse an application for a development permit if the proposed development does not conform in every respect to this Land Use Bylaw.

#### **Decision:**

In order to retain transparency of the Commission, Administration recommends one of the following:

- 1. Approve the application with or without conditions (Section 642 of the MGA), or
- 2. Deny the application stating reasons why (Section 642(4) of the MGA).

## **Ohana Massage and Wellness**

To Whom it may concern,

I am requesting permission to operate a part time health and wellness business out of my home.

I am a fully registered massage therapist in good standing with the Massage Therapist Association of Alberta (MTAA) I have 6 years experience working in a respected Chiropractic Clinic as well as operating out of my home and doing mobile massage for seniors in care homes. I offer Therapeutic (Deep Tissue) and Relaxation massage.

I have moved permanently to our home at 137 Birchcliff Road, in the Summer Village of Birchcliff and would love to continue to practice on a part time basis. I am proposing to offer my services only during the off season (September through May) and only 2 to 3 days per week to limit the amount of traffic to the property and respect the quiet family atmosphere of the community.

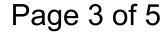
In the past I have found great success in building my business slowly with minimal advertising and mostly through referrals. This enables me to build a solid client base with trusted clients who are also a part of my community.

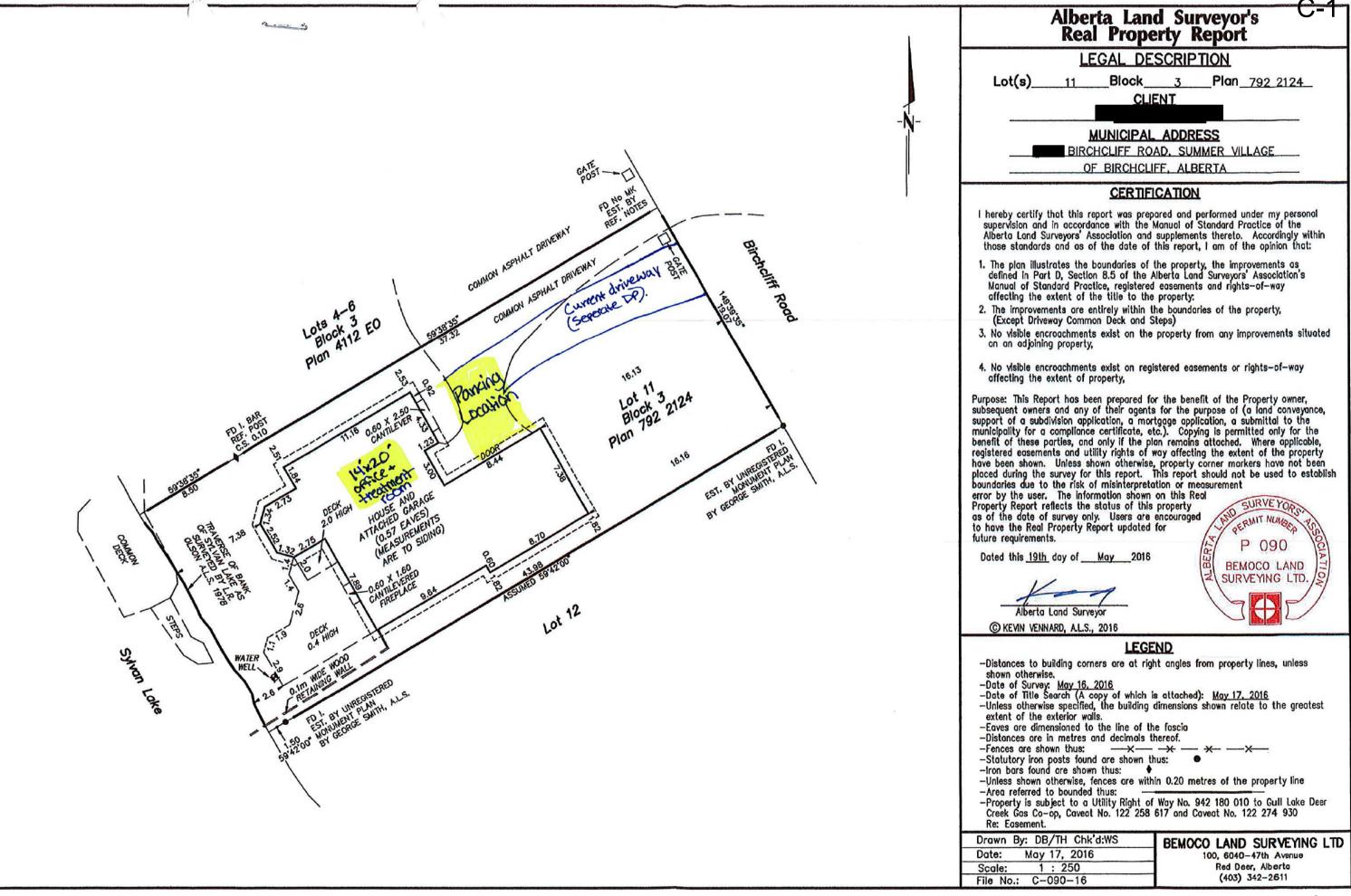
Clients are scheduled with no overlap so there will only ever be one extra vehicle in the drive at a time. This will also help me to facilitate meeting all AHS guidelines regarding Covid safety and protocols.

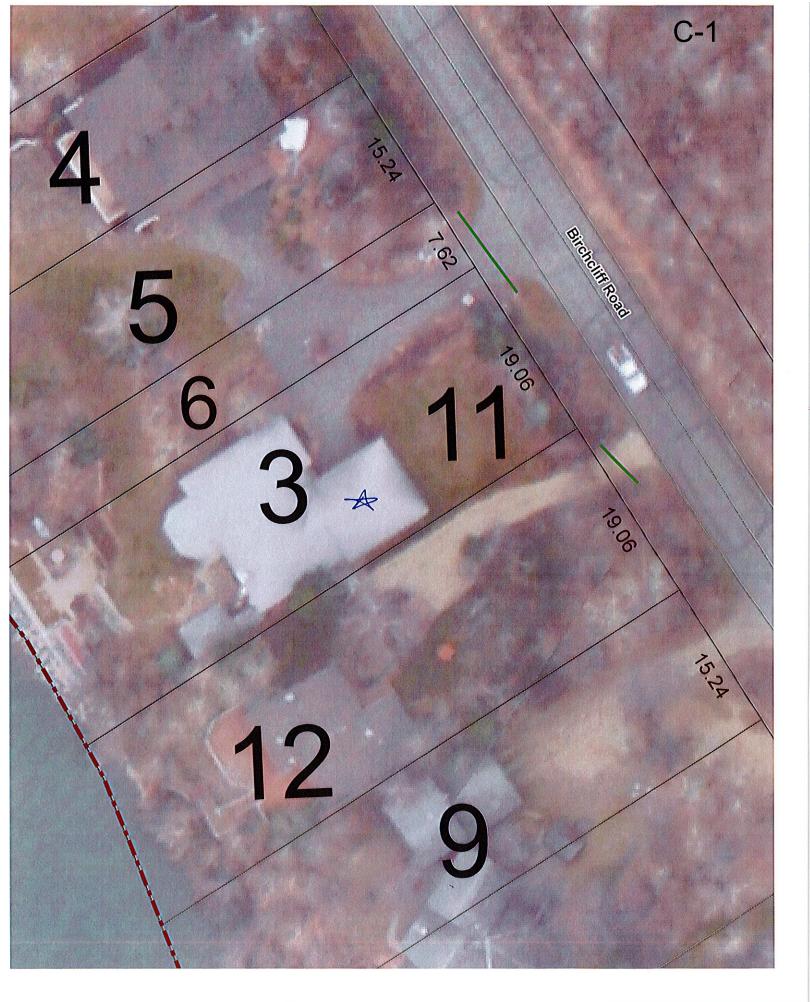
I have a large office space just off the main entrance that I will use as my treatment room and there is a half bath nearby that will be kept for clients use. The rest of my home will be for my own private use and is where I live full time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please feel free to contact me for any further clarifications or concerns.







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