

SUBDIVISION & REZONING APPLICATION HOMES ON TWENTY-EIGHT STREET 464 WEST 28TH STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER

Legal Address: Lot:1; Block:242; DL:544; Plan:2838 PID: 013-387-651

OWNERS: GRANDVIEW CONSTRUCTION LTD.

APPLICANT: VERNACULAR STUDIO INC.

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BIRD'S EYE VIEW VIEWING NORTH

# Site context and Amenities

The site measures 17.8 m. x 31.7 m. [58 ft X 105 ft.], located on north of 400 block of 28th Street, bounded with single family housing to the north, south, east, and west.t
The property is in the Westview neighbourhood and two blocks west of Westview Avenue, transit corridor, walking distance to Larson elementary schools, daycare, parks, shopping area and close to Trans Canada HWY.

The site slopes 6%, (2.0 m. [6.6 feet]) from northwest to southwest over its depth] and 3% [1.0 m.3.3 feet]) from northeast to southeast, 7% from east to west along 29th Street, and 13% along 28th Street.



SOUTH WEST CORNER OF LARSON AVE. & 28TH ST.



464 WEST 28TH - SUBJECT PROPERTY



456 WEST 28TH - EASTERLY NEIGHBOUR



464 WEST 28TH - SOUTH WEST CORNER OF LARSON



WEST 29TH STREET, BEHIND SUBJECT PROPERTY - VIEWING WEST



NORTH WEST CORNER SUBJECT PROPERTY - VIEWING SOUTH



LARSON & 29TH - VIEWING SOUTH



LARSON STREET - SIDE VIEW OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY



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SITE CONTEXT

DATE:

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# PROJECT RATIONALE

## SUBJECT SITE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD

The site spans 17.80 m x 31.80 m (58.50' x 104.50') and is on the 400 block of West 28th Street, which is nestled between Chesterfield Ave. and Mahon Ave. It is surrounded by single-family residences on all sides—north, east, south, and west. The property is within walking distance of schools, daycares, and parks, and is located just two blocks from Ridgeway Drive, the transit corridor, and the Trans-Canada Highway,

The site has a slope of 6% (2.0 m / 6.6 feet) from northwest to southwest across its depth and 3% (1.0 m / 3.3 feet) from northeast to southeast. Additionally, there is a slope of 7% from east to west along 29th Street and 13% along 28th Street.

## LAND USE

The land use designation in the 2014 Official Community Plan (OCP) is Residential Level 1, Single-Family. We plan to maintain the existing OCP designation while applying for a rezoning and subdivision of 245 West 27th Street, transitioning from a Single-Family lot (RS1) to a Single-Family lot (RS2). This change will facilitate the construction of two Single-Family houses, each with an accessory secondary suite.

We believe that addressing housing challenges can be achieved through small lot subdivisions, offering flexible and relatively affordable housing solutions for young families, professionals, downsizers, and empty-nesters who wish to remain in their community. In the next phase of the rezoning and subdivision permitting process, our application will align with all regional requirements and the sustainability goals of the City of North Vancouver.

## AFFORDABILITY

As land prices rise, both the developing community and the City of North Vancouver face significant pressure to enhance housing affordability. This proposal aims to subdivide a 50-foot wide lot into two smaller lots to build two new single-family houses, each featuring a Secondary Suite. These Secondary Suites are intended to provide two ground-oriented rental units in the area, serving as a "mortgage helper" for the homeowners.

## BACKGROUND

In 2016, we designed our first narrow lot application at 1413-1417 Mahon Ave, followed by a rezoning and subdivision application for 525 East 5th Street in 2017. Both projects have been completed successfully. Currently, there are two ongoing projects at 416-418 East 16th St. and 1740-1742 Bewicke Ave., along with another at 646-648 East 4th Street, and 11 additional projects in the development application stage.

### SITING OF THE HOUSES.

In response to the site conditions, current market trends, and client preferences, we propose constructing two modern-style houses that are harmonious in design, massing, and architectural materials. On Lot A (the western parcel), there are four large trees along the west property line. We intend to preserve three of these trees while proposing the removal of one located in the southwest corner of the property. Given the extensive tree protection zone, we plan to position the house towards the rear, facing 29th Street.

The proposed houses will feature a modern architectural style with sloped roofs for Lot A and flat roofs for Lot B, creating distinct yet complementary designs. The material palette will include a mix of fiber cement boards and vertical composite fiber cement (refer to the material palette).

## Key design features include:

- Two distinct modern homes tailored to site conditions.
- Three bedrooms and a Secondary Suite in each house.
- Enhanced outdoor living spaces in rear yards and south-facing patios for each basement suite.
   Flexible floor plans to accommodate the needs of growing families.

## MATERIALITY

For wall cladding, both houses will utilize fiber cement siding, fiber cement boards, and natural cedar strips as accents for front entrances. Painted fiber cement boards will be used for soffits and fascia's (color palettes are presented on pages A-07 of this package).

To enhance affordability, our approach focuses on constructing smaller homes and gently increasing density within the existing residential zoning, particularly in low- and medium-density areas. An increasing number of small single-family houses, duplexes, triplexes, and infill units provide alternative solutions for relative affordability within the current zoning and OCP. Following discussions with the Planning Department and addressing their concerns regarding rezoning, we maintain that this housing form is a viable typology in North Vancouver, offering more affordable options compared to larger single-family homes on standard 50-foot wide lots. The inclusion of a Secondary Suite further assists homeowners in offsetting their mortgage payments or accommodating extended family.

# SUSTAINABILITY

This proposal seeks to increase density within the existing RS1 zoning, which currently has low density. The owners aim to construct two new single-family homes with minimal disruption to existing density. Through a gentle densification approach, the proposal will add two relatively affordable rental suites alongside an additional small home within the municipal infrastructure. Our application aims to incorporate the following sustainable components:

- Compliance with Step 3 energy code or the most current CNV requirements.
- Installation of "Energy Star" windows and doors.
- Double or triple-pane windows based on energy requirements. - "Energy Star" appliances in the new infill unit.
- Pre-wired garages for electric vehicles.
- Dual-flush toilets and low-flow fixtures.
- Use of low VOC-emitting paint and flooring materials.
- Hot water piping meeting minimum insulation standards.
- Installation of heat recovery ventilators.
- Planting of indigenous plant materials with low water requirements.
- Implementation of a stormwater management system.
- Provision of bicycle storage.

# **ACTIVE LIFESTYLE**

- Provision of bicycle storage
- Outdoor patios for both the principal house and the secondary suites to facilitate residents' outdoor activities.

The landscape design will feature a significant percentage of native and drought-resistant plant species in the front and rear yards,



AERIAL VIEW OF THE SITE



PROPOSED HOUSES



SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT-EXISTING TREES





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PROJECT RATIONALE

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HOUSE A [EAST]

HOUSE B [EAST]

# **COLOUR PALETTES**



BM = BENJAMINE MOORE PAINT

# MATERIAL PALETTES

- 1 ROOF: 3 LAYERS APPROVED MEMBRANE
  2 WIND. DOOR TRIMS: 1.5" X1.5" PAINTED TO MATCH WALLS
  3 FASCIA BOARD: 2X8 OR 2X10 PAINTED COMBED CEDAR, DARK CHARCOAL
- 4 FLASHING ON FASCIA: PREPAINTED STEEL PROFILE TO MATCH FASCIA COLOUR
- 5 FASCIA + GUTTER: PRE-PAINTED ALUM. DARK CHARCOAL
- 6 WALL: FIBER CEMENT-WALL SHAKE PANELS
- 7 WALL CLADDING: FIBER CEMENT-WALL SIDING
- 8 WINDOW SASH: VINYL-DARK CHARCOAL
- 9 ENTRY DOORS: PAINTED FULL SANDBLASTED GLASS / FIBERGLASS FRAMED
- 10 SOFFITS: NATURAL CEDAR STAINED



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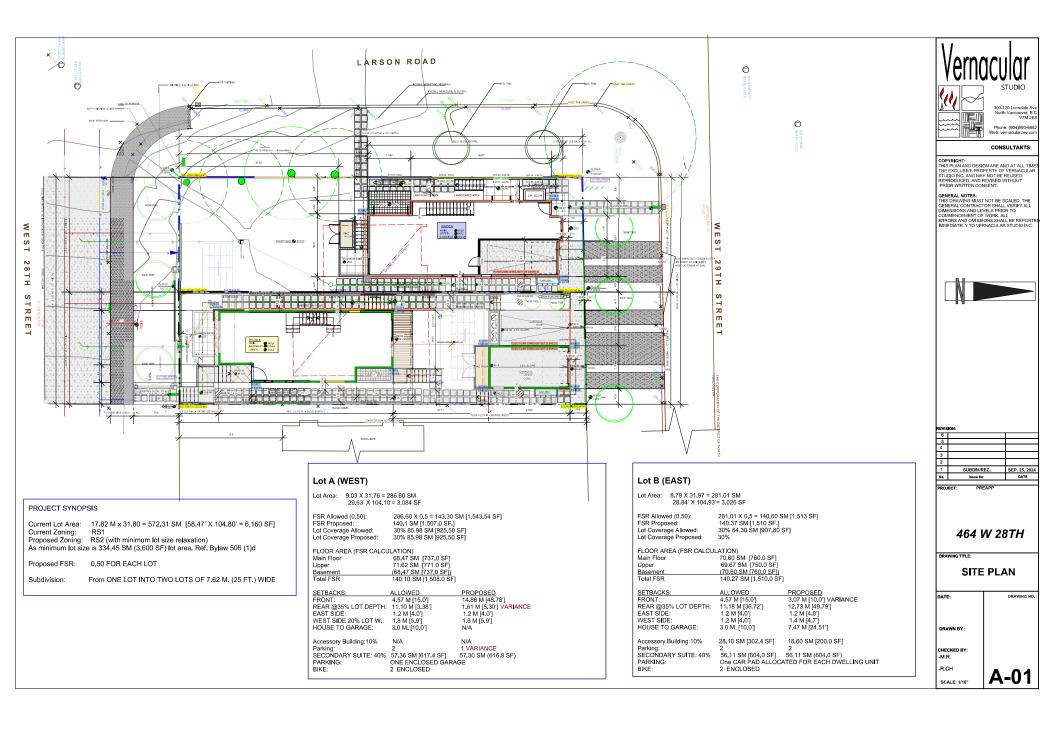
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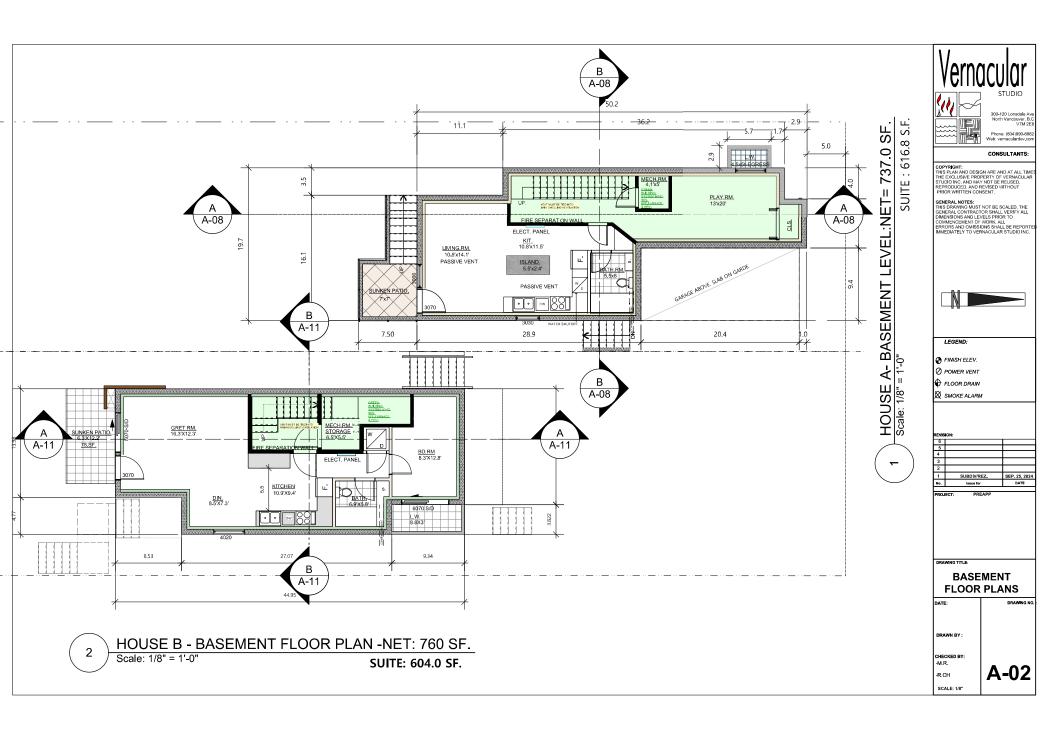
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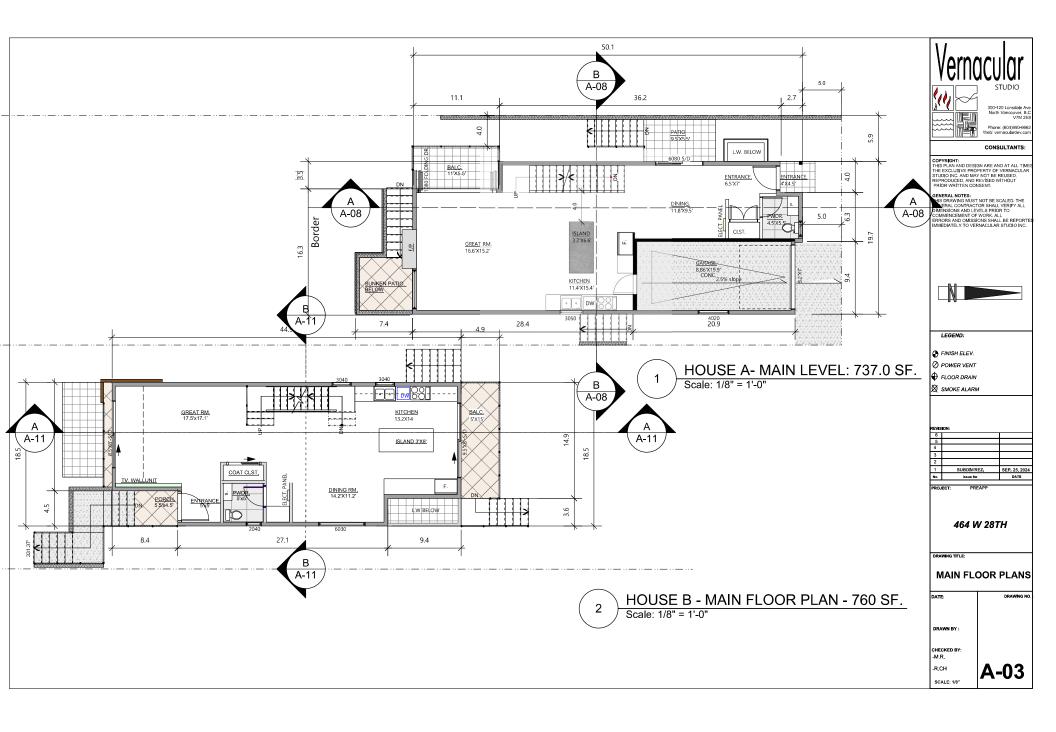
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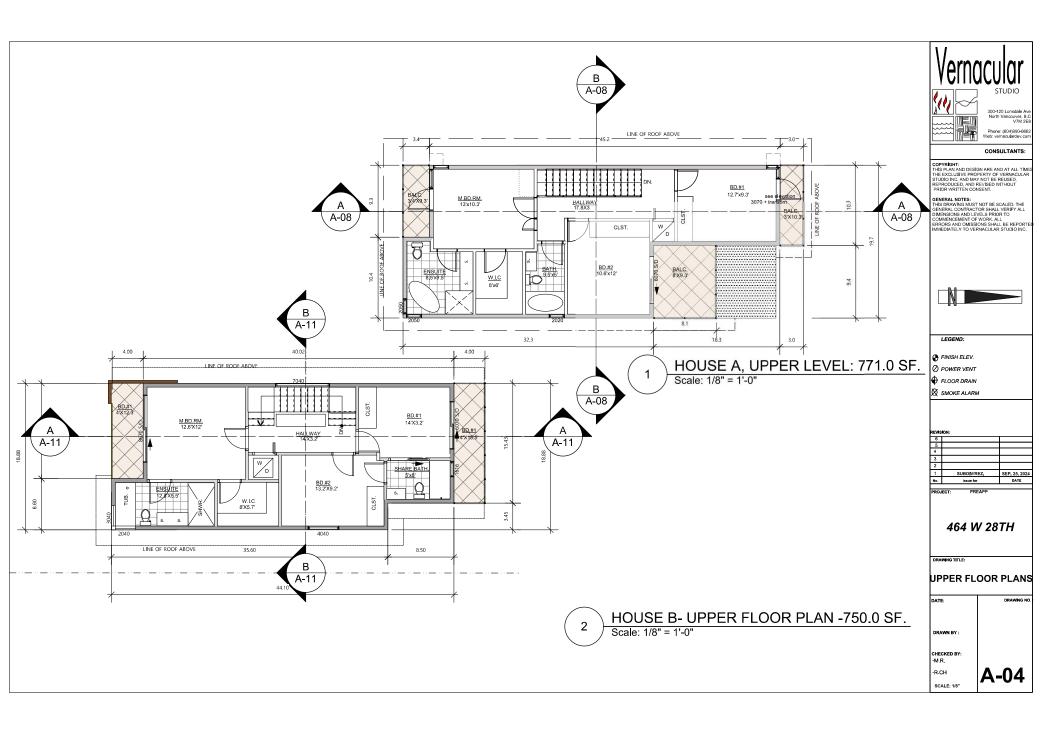
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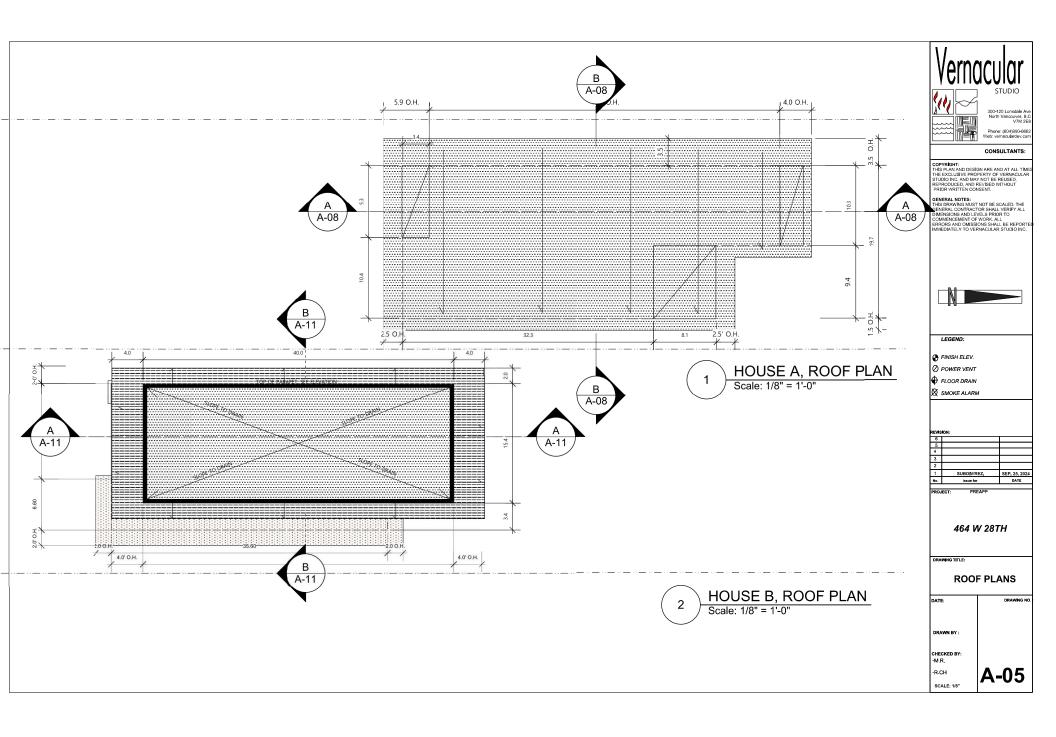
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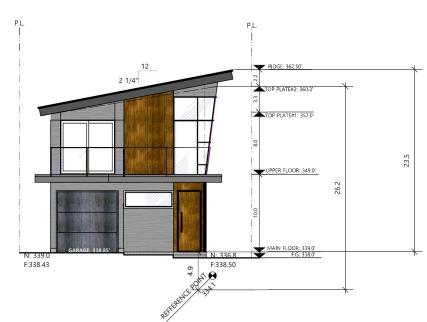








1 HOUSE A- SOUTH ELEVATION
Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"



2 HOUSE A- NORTH ELEVATION
Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"



LEGEND:

FINISH ELEV.

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Ø SMOKE ALARM

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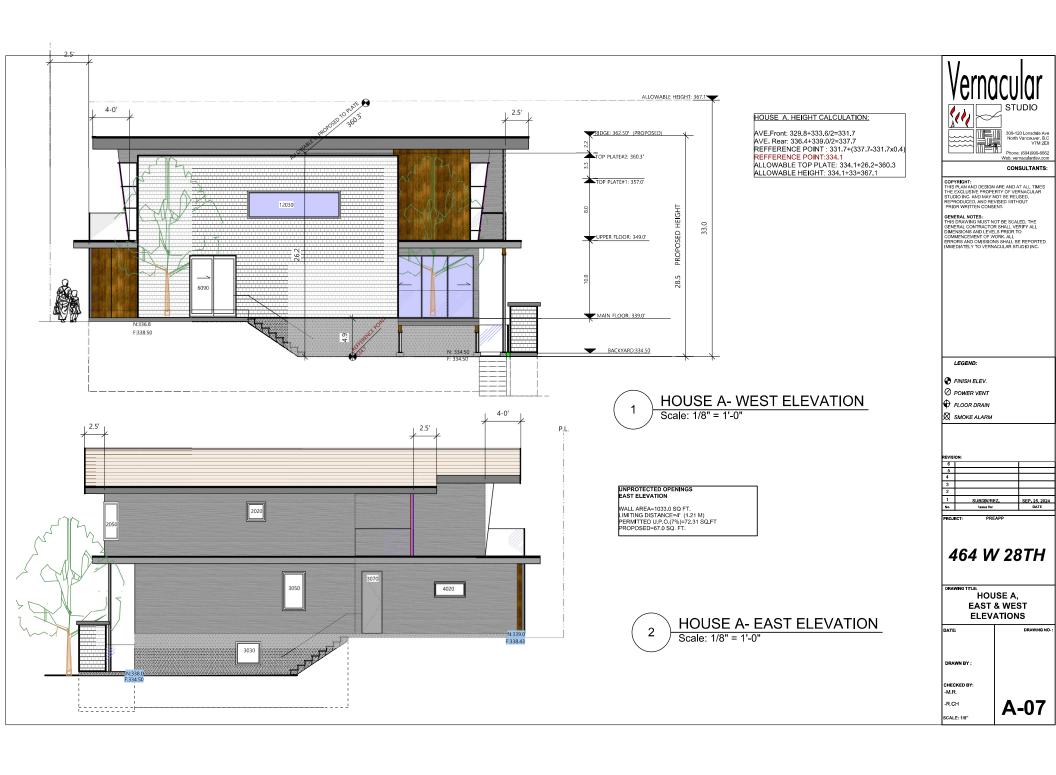
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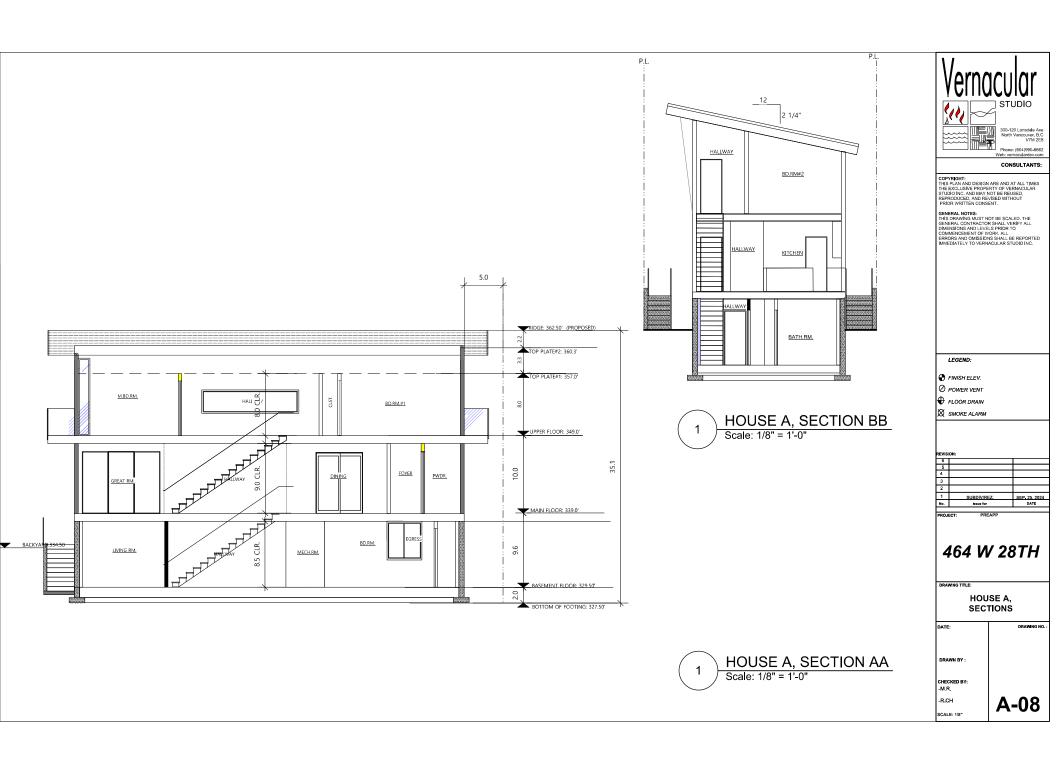
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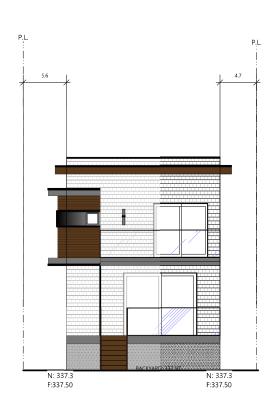


# HOUSE B, HEIGHT CALCULATION:

FRONTAVE: 338.2+333.6/2=335.9 REAR AVE.: 340.7+339.0/2=339.8 REFFERENCE POINT: 335.9+(339.8-335.9x0.4) REFFERENCE POINT:337.4 ALLOWABLE TOP PLATE :337.4+26.2=363.6' ALLOWABLE RIDGE :337.4+33=370.4'



HOUSE B-SOUTH ELEVATION
Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"







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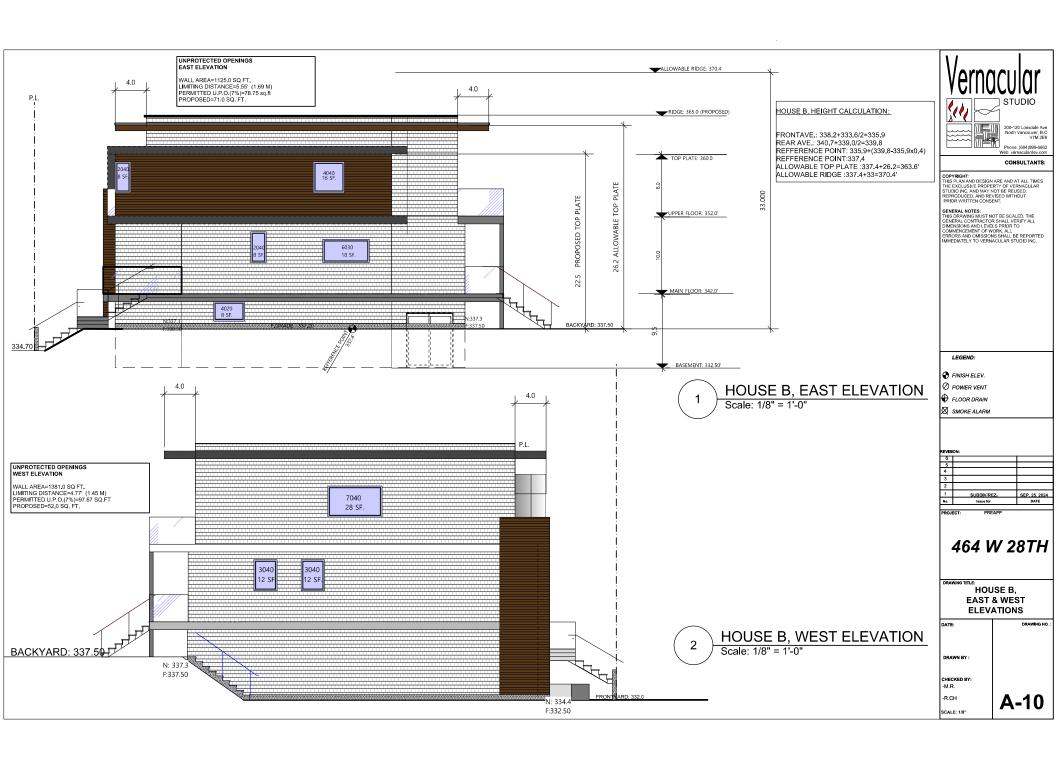
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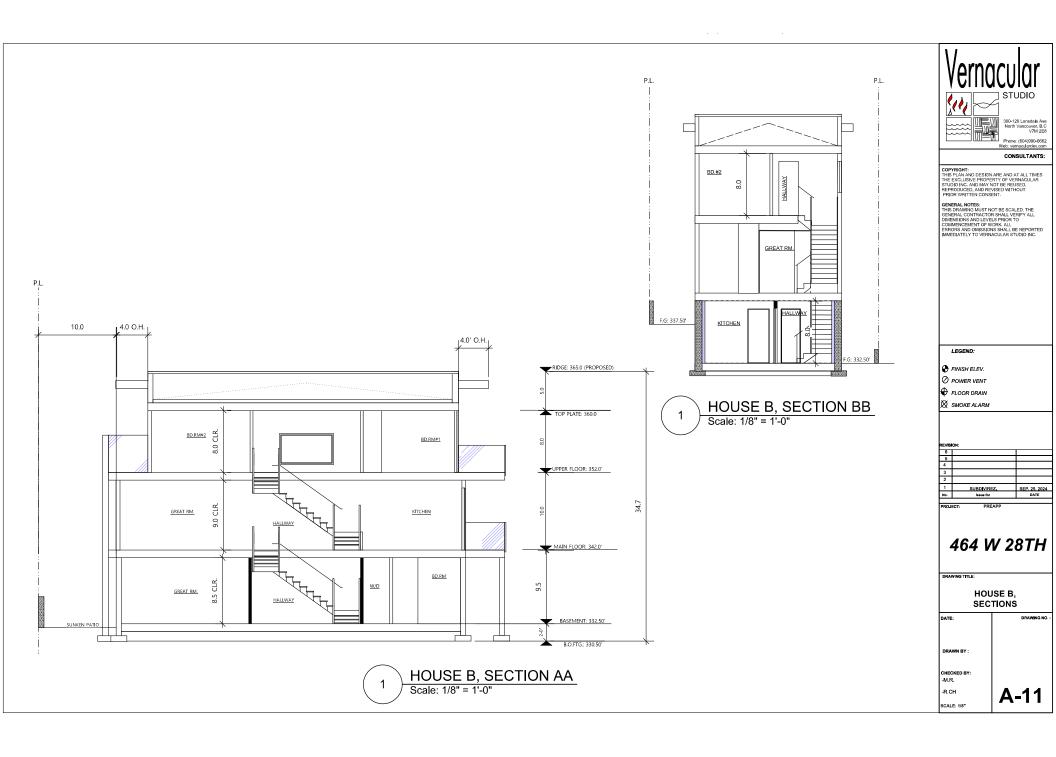
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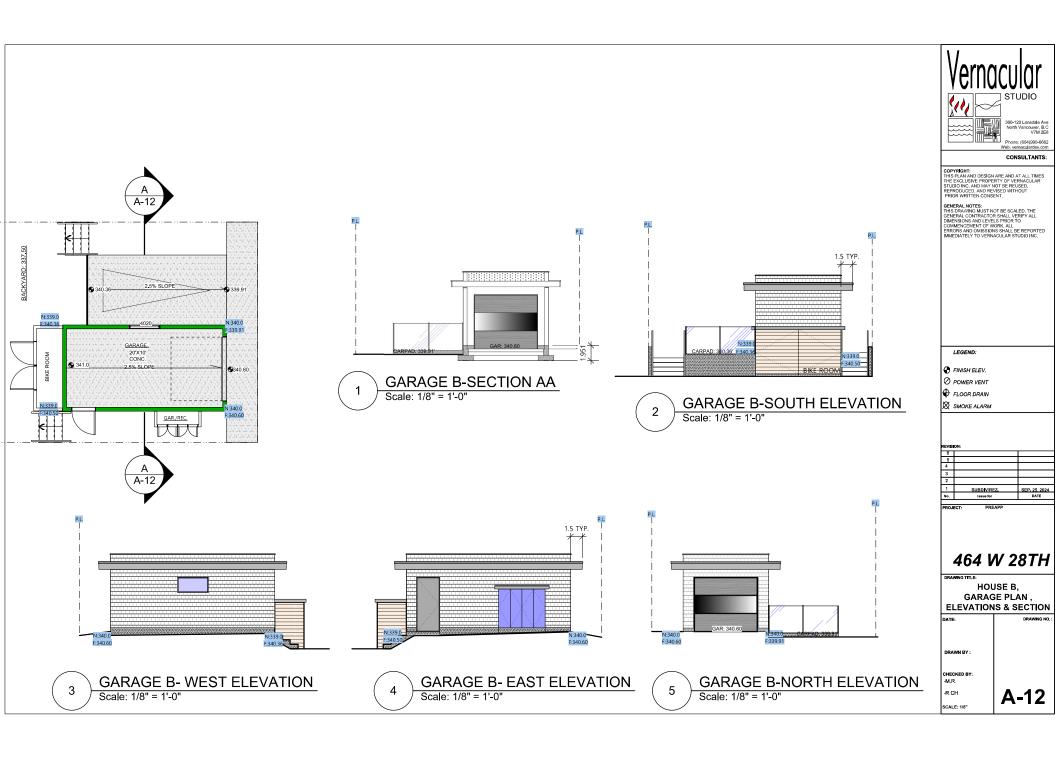
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