



Wachiay Friendship Centre

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Delegation to City of Courtenay Council  
December 12, 2022



The Wachiay Friendship Centre is a non-profit society whose mandate is to provide services and supports to the urban Aboriginal population in the Comox Valley Regional District. Wachiay is an inclusive organization, and programming is open to people of all ethnicities.

Wachiay delivers more than 50 programs and services to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. The Centre employs a staff of 35, including full time, part-time and contract positions. Programs and services are delivered on-site in our 12,000 square foot facility.

In addition to their extensive outreach services, WFC operates a daycare that follows the curriculum of the Aboriginal Head Start Program.

# Project Vision

- To provide housing to low-income Indigenous seniors and singles
- To provide housing options close to the community's existing services, including the Wachiay Friendship Centre
- To increase the stock of safe, affordable, and accessible housing in the Comox Valley
- To improve the quality of life of Indigenous peoples



# Site Location



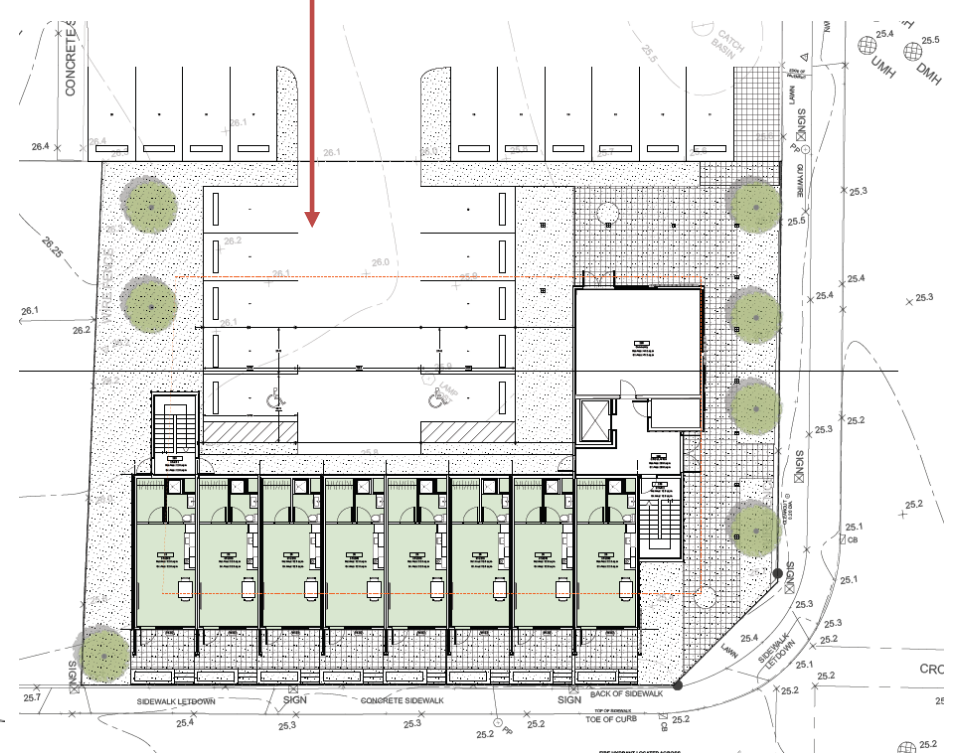
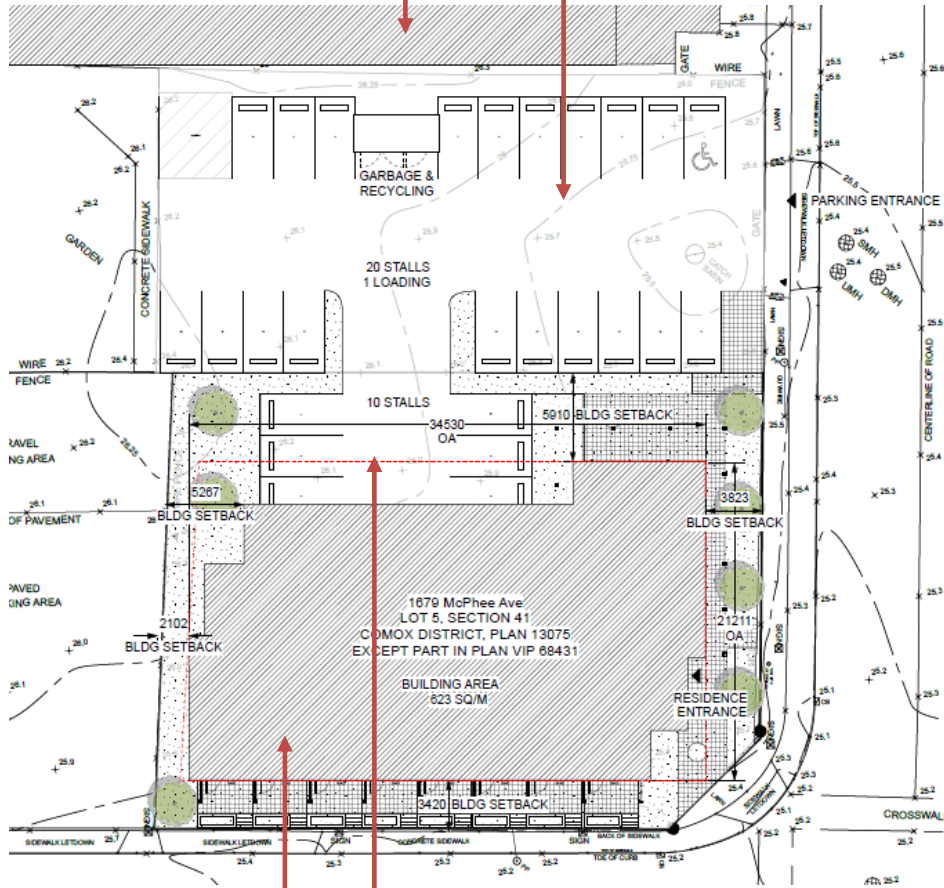


# Site Plan

Wachiay Friendship Centre

WFC Parking Lot

Residential Parking



Tuck-Under Residential Parking

Proposed Affordable Housing

# Building Features



# Policy Context

*The City of Courtenay's role in supporting affordable housing for all citizens will be to:*

- *Incentivize the private and non-profit sectors by **providing relief from various development fees, charges** and development standards, or making land available to development through zoning controls.*

- *Partner with non-profit providers to build housing by providing public land, **relief from development fees and charges, or directly awarding funding***

*- City of Courtenay Official Community Plan, Affordable Housing*

# Request

*Wachiay Friendship Centre Society would like to request a waiver of the Development Cost Charges for this project, which amount to approx. \$86,027.*



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# Thank you

*We would like to thank the CVRD for their contributions to this project through Homelessness Supports Service funding. As well, we would like to thank City staff and Council for the support we've received in our work so far.*

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