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## Case 20218

Municipal Planning Strategy and Land  
Use By-law Amendment Request

Spring Garden Road, Robie and  
Carlton Streets

Halifax Peninsula PAC

August 20, 2018

# Direction by Regional Council

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  - Context-sensitive.
  
- b) generally aligning with the June 2017 Centre Plan document relative to:
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# Regional Plan Policy - Heritage

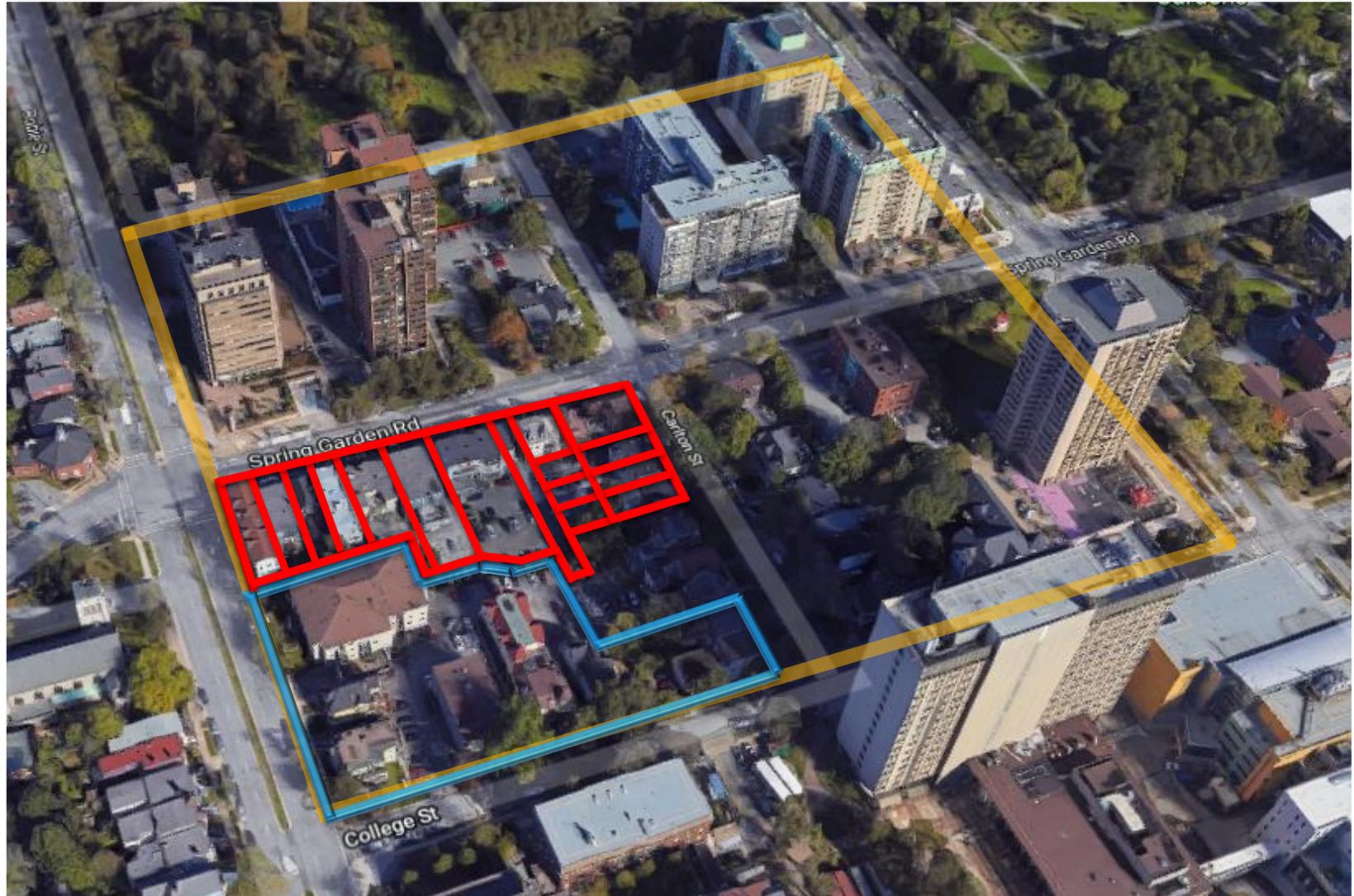
Regional Plan contains policy requiring that consideration be given to the architecture of new development in the immediate environs of heritage properties and that such architecture be sensitive and complementary to existing heritage properties.

**Policy CH-16** provides guidance for development abutting heritage properties. The intent is to support innovative design solutions, with emphasis on heritage integration, that incorporate architecture, place-making, and material selection of the highest quality that are appropriate in relation to their abutting neighbours.

# Site Context



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Peninsula Centre Plan Area – Spring Garden Sub Area

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Subject site looking southeast from Robie Street.

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Subject site looking east from Spring Garden Road

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Subject site looking east from Spring Garden Road

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Subject site looking southwest from Spring Garden Road

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Subject site looking southwest from Carlton Street

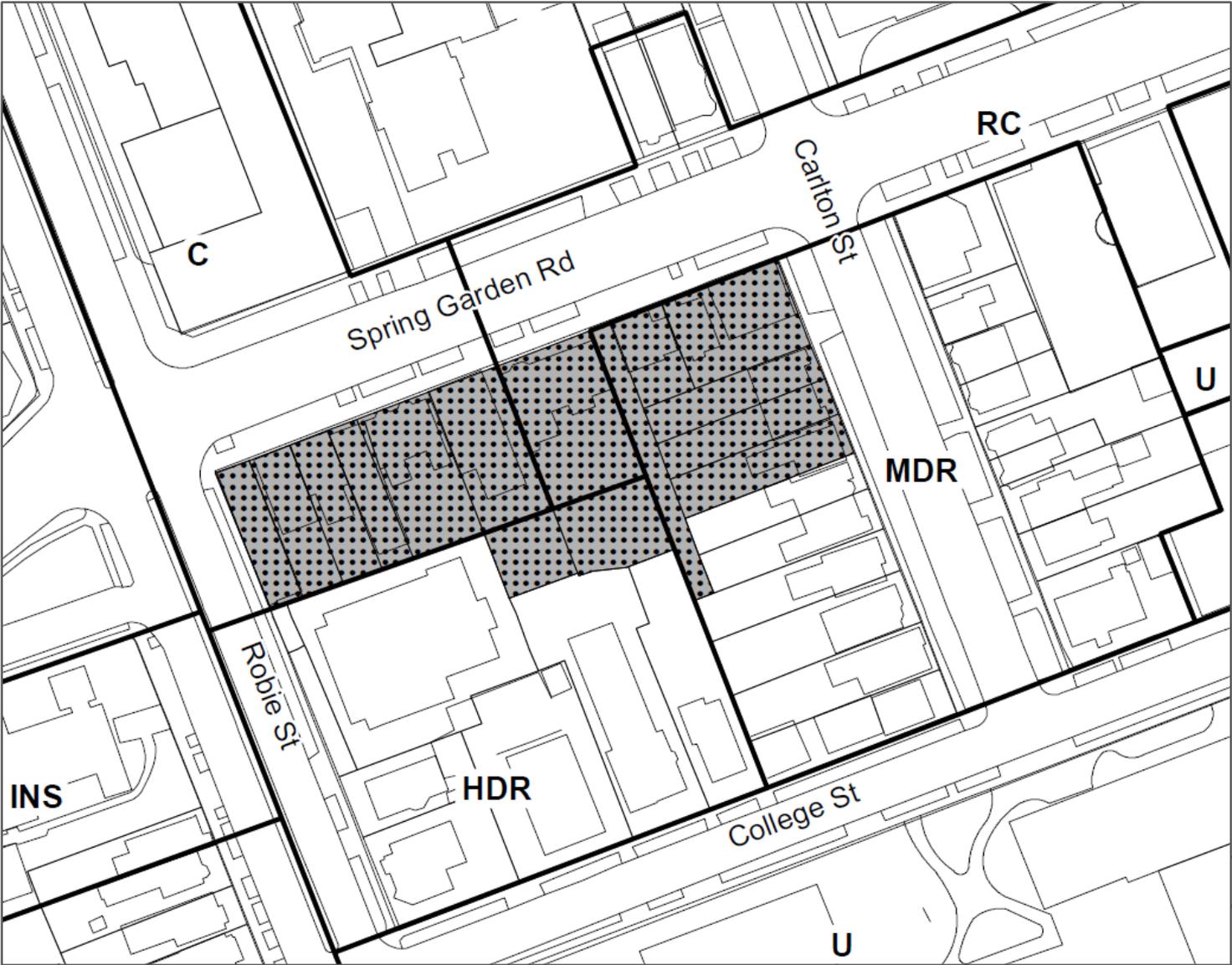
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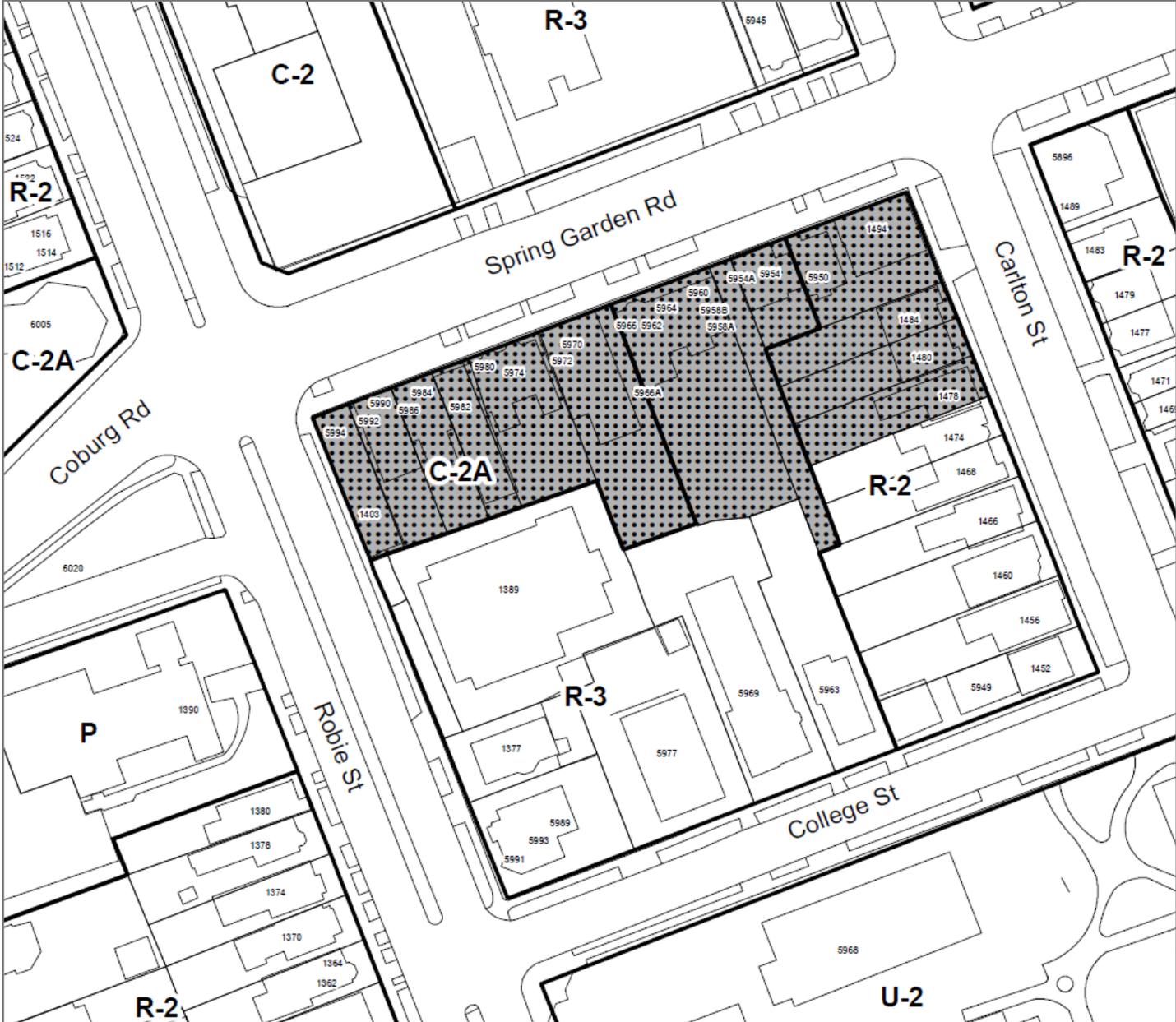
Subject site looking northwest from Carlton Street

# Existing Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS)

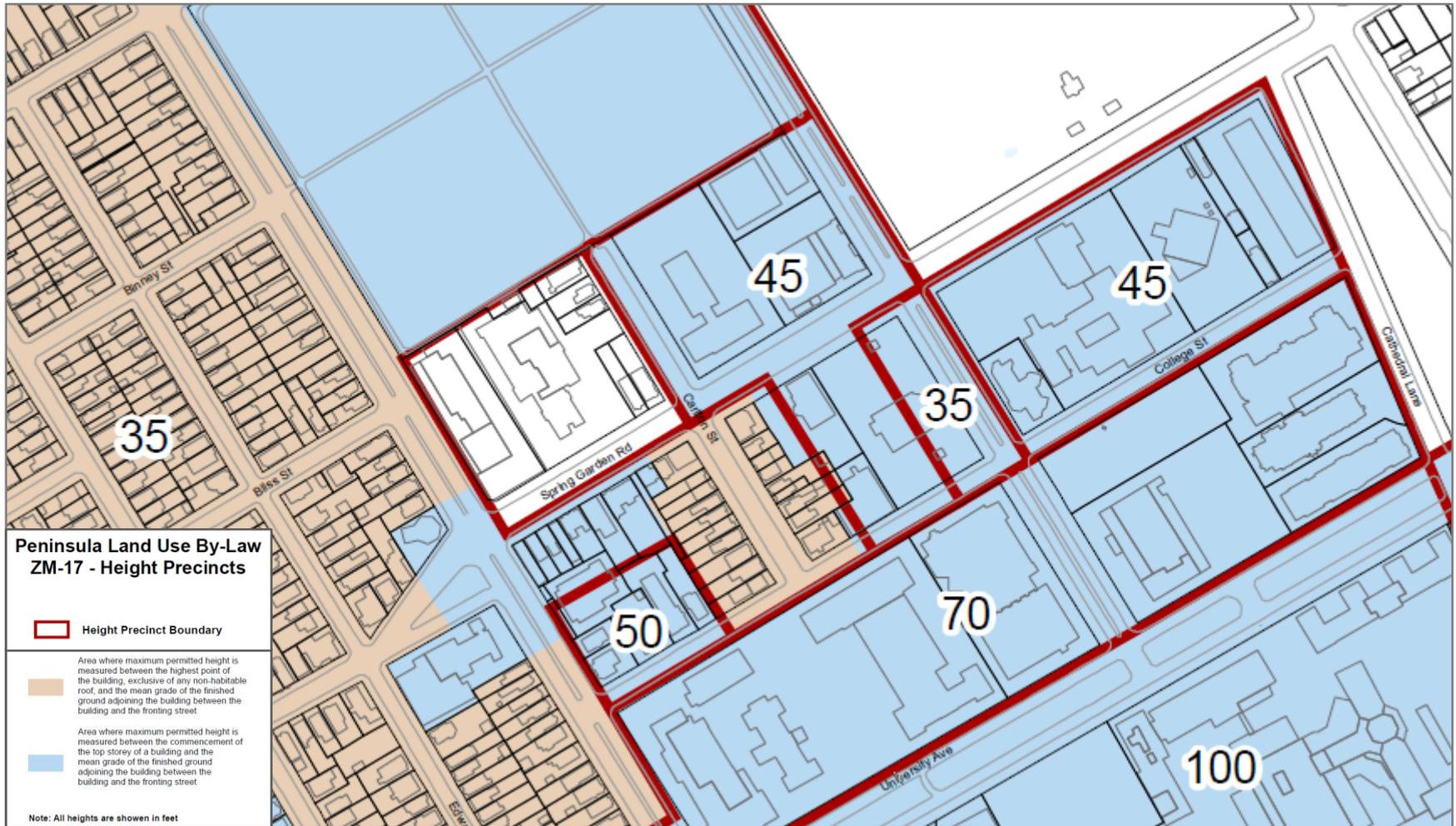
## Designations – Peninsula Centre Secondary Plan Area



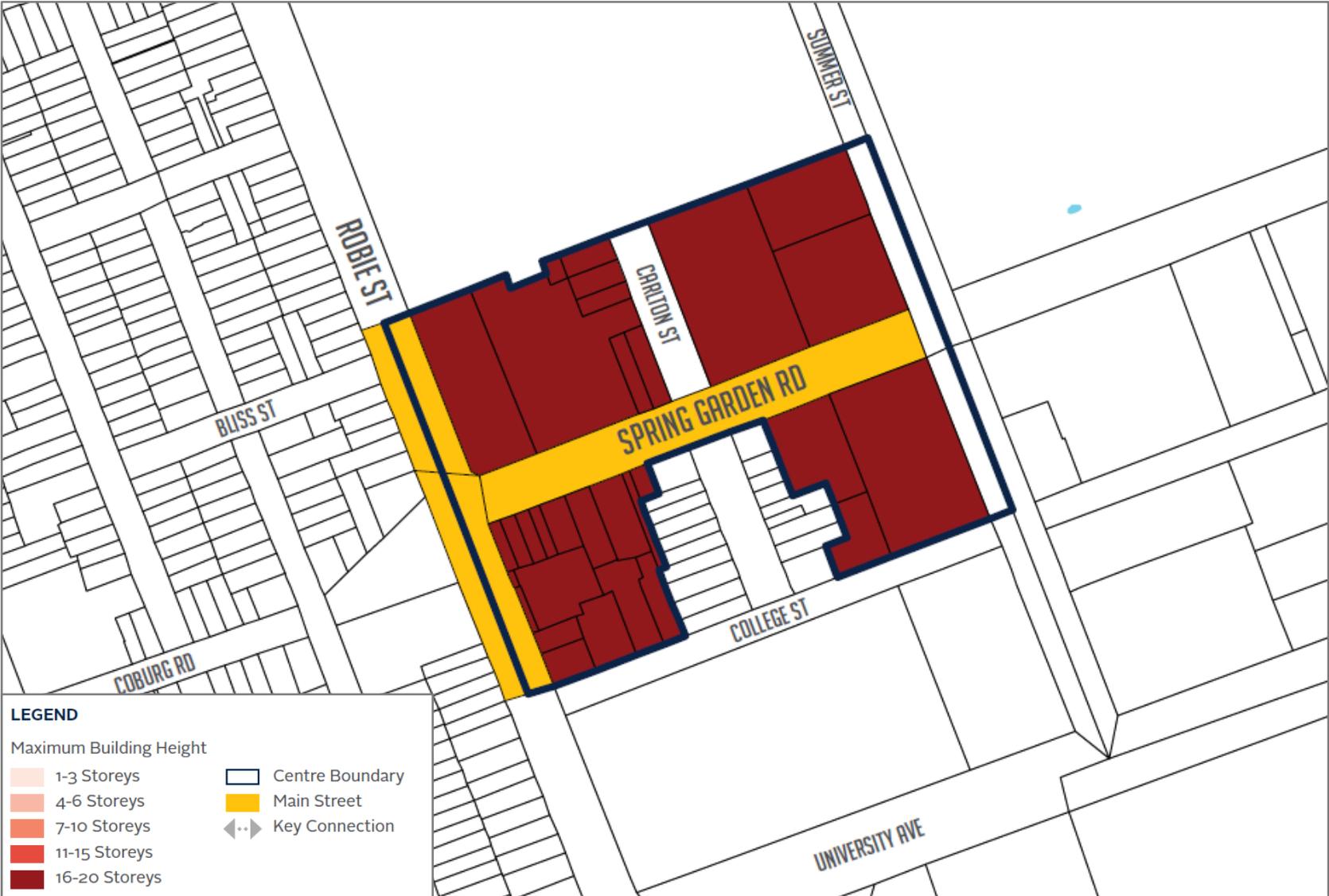
# Existing Halifax Land Use By-law (LUB)



# Height Map – Halifax Peninsula LUB



# 2017 Centre Plan – Urban Structure/Height Map



# Proposal

Applicant: Dixel  
Developments Ltd.

Location: Spring Garden  
Road, Robie and Carlton  
Streets, Halifax.

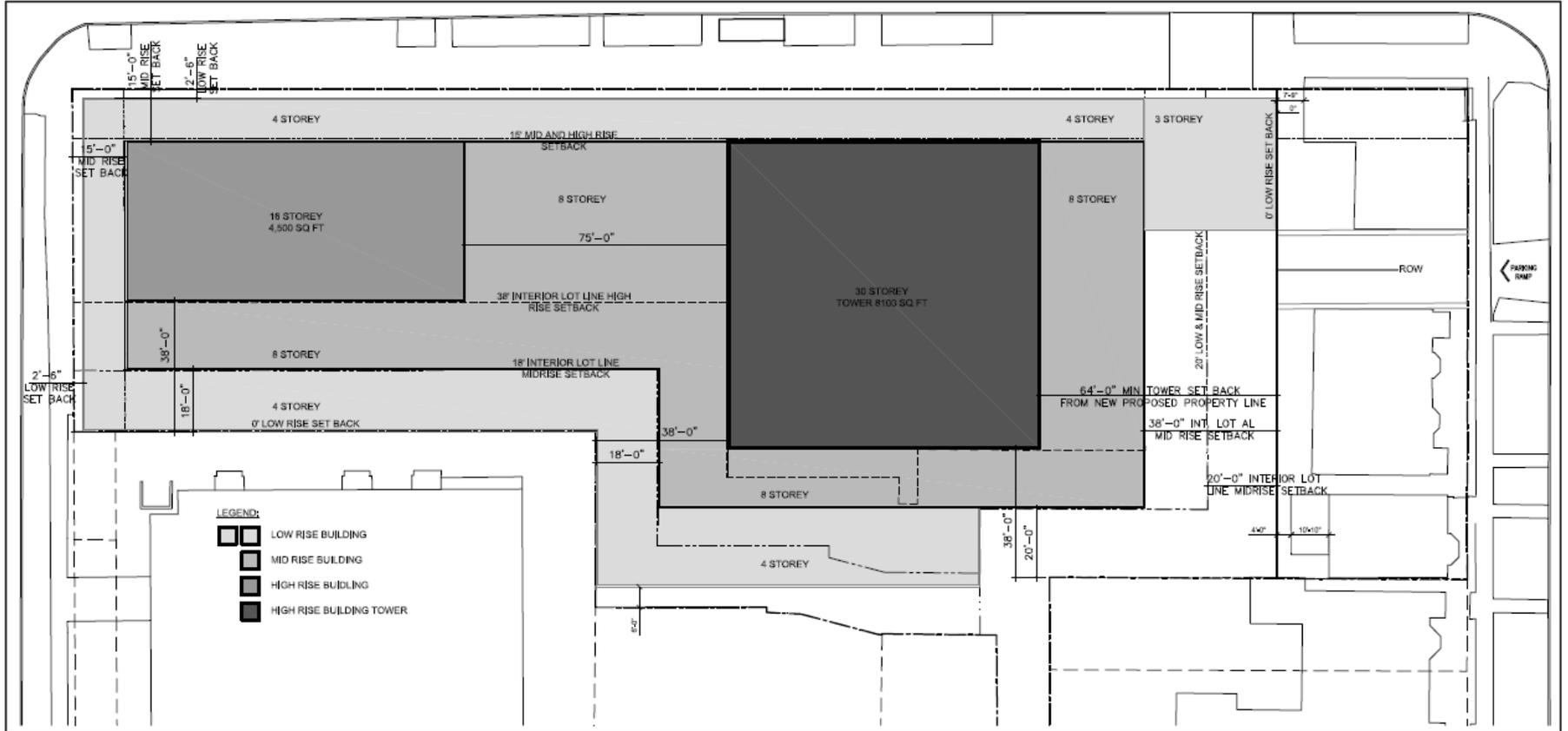
Proposal: 30 and 16–storey  
mixed-use development

- Total Site Area: 1.22 acres (53,401 ft<sup>2</sup>)
- ~250 Residential Units
- ~60,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of office space
- ~21,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of commercial space
- Underground parking for ~380 vehicles
- Proposed primary vehicle access from Carleton Street (subject to separate process)



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# Proposed Setback Plan



# Proposal



Perspective View – Robie Street

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Perspective View – Spring Garden Road

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Perspective View – Spring Garden Road

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Perspective View – Robie Street

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# Perspective View



Perspective View 1 (Site Plan View)

# Perspective View



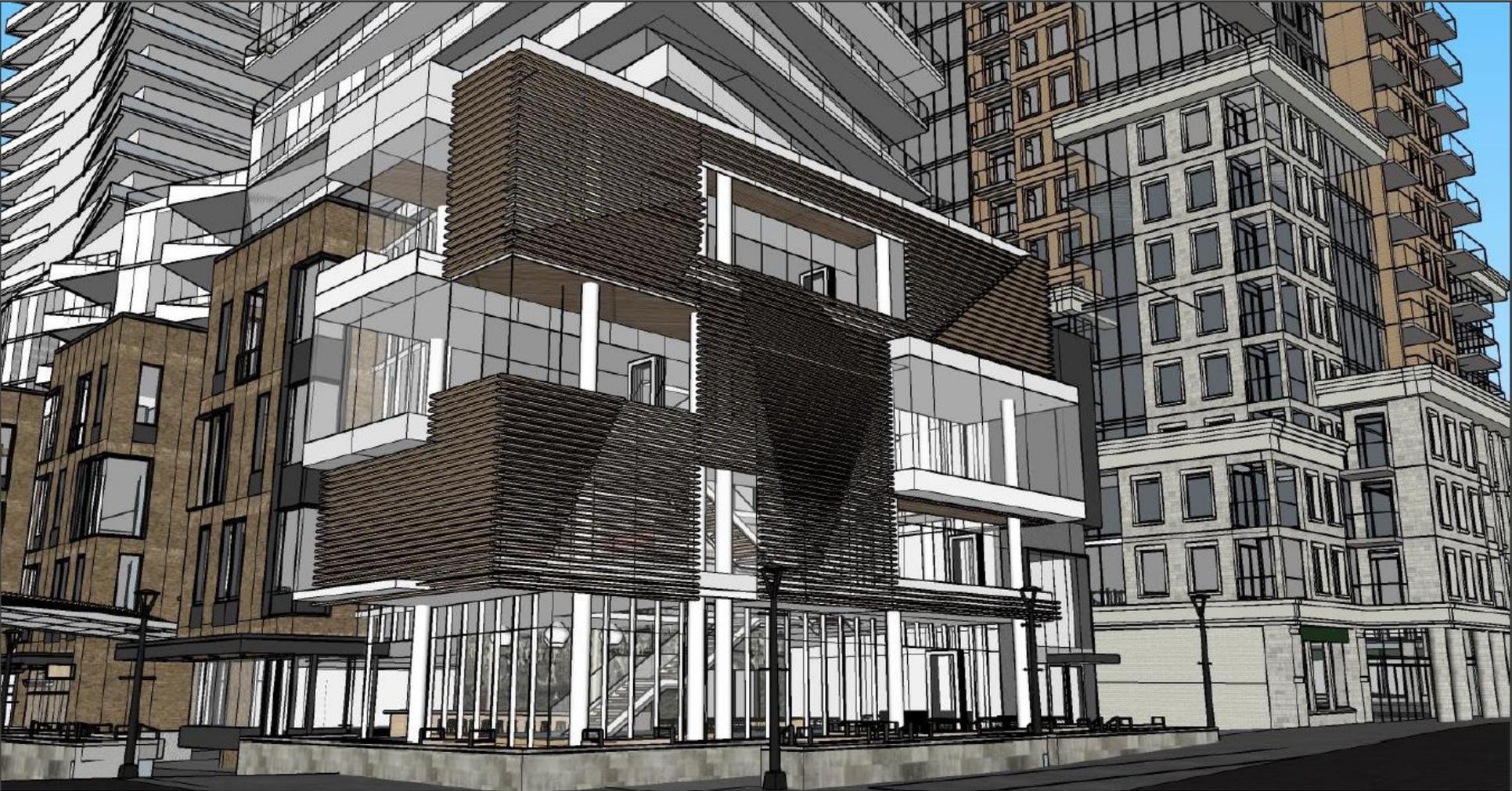
Perspective View 2 (Looking Northeast)

# Perspective View



Perspective View 3 (Looking East)

# Perspective View



Perspective View 4 (Looking Southeast)

# Perspective View



Perspective View 5 (Looking North)

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Perspective View 6 (Looking Southwest)

# Perspective View



Perspective View 7 (Looking West)

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**Regional Plan Policy – CH-16 (Heritage)**

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# Regional Plan Policy – CH-16

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- (c) ensuring that new developments respect the building scale, massing, proportions, profile and building character of abutting federally, provincially or municipally registered heritage structures by ensuring that they:
  - (i) incorporate fine-scaled architectural detailing and human-scaled building elements.
  - (ii) reinforce, the structural rhythm (i.e., expression of floor lines, structural bays, etc.) of abutting federally, provincially or municipally registered heritage properties; and
  - (iii) any additional building height proposed above the pedestrian realm mitigate its impact upon the pedestrian realm and abutting registered heritage properties by incorporating design solutions, such as stepbacks from the street wall and abutting registered heritage properties, modulation of building massing, and other methods of massing articulation using horizontal or vertical recesses or projections, datum lines, and changes in material, texture or colour to help reduce its apparent scale;

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(d) the siting of new developments such that their footprints respect the existing development pattern by:

(i) physically orienting new structures to the street in a similar fashion to existing federally, provincially or municipally registered heritage structures to preserve a consistent street wall; and

(ii) respecting the existing front and side yard setbacks of the street or heritage conservation district including permitting exceptions to the front yard requirements of the applicable land use by-laws where existing front yard requirements would detract from the heritage values of the streetscape;

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- (e) not unreasonably creating shadowing effects on public spaces and heritage resources;
- (f) complementing historic fabric and open space qualities of the existing streetscape;
- (g) minimizing the loss of landscaped open space;

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(h) ensuring that parking facilities (surface lots, residential garages, stand-alone parking and parking components as part of larger developments) are compatible with abutting federally, provincially or municipally registered heritage structures;

(i) placing utility equipment and devices such as metering equipment, transformer boxes, power lines, and conduit equipment boxes in locations which do not detract from the visual building character or architectural integrity of the heritage resource;

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- (j) having the proposal meet the heritage considerations of the appropriate Secondary Planning Strategy, as well as any applicable urban design guidelines; and
- (k) any applicable matter as set out in Policy G-14 of this Plan.