

**MINUTES**  
**ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL MEETING**  
**Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2**  
**March 19, 2014 at 3:00 pm**

Present: S. Birliga, Chair; R. Drane; I. Gallant; J. Gauld

Staff: N. Findlow, Planner; and A. Park, Senior Committee Clerk

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**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on January 22, 2014 and February 19, 2014 will be considered at the next meeting at which a quorum is present.

**CASE #2014/006**

**Application by Vic Davies Architect Ltd. for a restaurant and office addition to the Accent Inn at 3233 Maple Street.**

Legal: Lot A, Section 7, Victoria District, Plan 43259  
Planning File: DPA00809  
Planner: N. Findlow

The Planner stated that the proposed structure would replace a restaurant, which was destroyed by fire, and also include office and spa space. Rezoning will be necessary in order to allow the office space use.

Mr. Kevin Klippenstein, architect, Vic Davies Architect Ltd. and Ms. Mandy Farmer, owner, Accent Inn, attended to present the design plans and respond to questions from the Panel.

The applicants stated:

- This is the location of the first Accent Inn in BC; with this new addition which will house their corporate head office, their goal is to make it the flagship hotel of the chain.
- Offices are planned for the second storey with spa and fitness space and a restaurant on the ground level.
- A parking variance will be required; however, there is a surplus of parking space on the site.
- The Inn is a bike-friendly hotel with excellent facilities for cyclists.
- There is very little space available for landscaping except for narrow strips on two sides of the structure; they will further consider how to beautify these areas.
- One unhealthy tree will be removed.
- The addition is intended to blend with the existing hotel, while giving it its own identity.
- The west wall is joined to the hotel by a one storey section required for the fire wall.
- There will be a small scale elevator to the office floor for limited use and accessible to wheelchairs.
- The restaurant will have an outdoor patio screened by glass panels.

Comments from Panel members:

- Consider softening and adding verticality to the landscaping along the north wall of the structure.
- It would be desirable to be able to see the restaurant activity at the front of the hotel.
- The new addition could be raised to give it a stronger presence on the street; the mass and height of the existing hotel seem to overwhelm the new addition.

**It was the consensus of the members present that the design of the addition to the Accent Inn at**

**3233 Maple street be accepted.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 pm

**NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting date is April 2, 2014.

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CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary