



District of West Vancouver

**Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 4985, 2018,
Amendment Bylaw No. 5291, 2024**

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A bylaw to amend Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 4985, 2018 to update policies and guidelines for the Ambleside Apartment Area.

Previous amendments: Amendment bylaws 5008, 5045, 5054, 5057, 5064, 5074, 5076, 5120, 5135, 5128, 5172, 5321 and 5222.

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver deems it expedient to provide for additional, context-specific opportunities for new strata, rental, and seniors housing in Ambleside's apartment area;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver enacts as follows:

Part 1 Citation

- 1.1 This bylaw may be cited as Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 4985, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 5291, 2024.

Part 2 Severability

- 2.1 If a portion of this bylaw is held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of this bylaw is deemed to have been adopted without the severed section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or phrase.

Part 3 Amendment of Regulations

- 3.1 Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 4985, 2018, Schedule ii Area-Specific Policies & Guidelines is amended by deleting BF-B4 Ambleside Apartment Area in its entirety and inserting in its place Policies & Guidelines BF-B4 Ambleside Apartment Area, attached as Schedule A.

Schedules

Schedule A – Policies & Guidelines BF-B4 Ambleside Apartment Area

READ A FIRST TIME (MAJORITY VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE) on
January 29, 2024

MODIFIED (MAJORITY VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE) on May 27, 2024

READ A SECOND TIME AS MODIFIED (MAJORITY VOTE IN THE
AFFIRMATIVE) on May 27, 2024

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING on June 12 and 19, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING HELD on June 24, 2024

READ A THIRD TIME (MAJORITY VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE) on [Date]

ADOPTED by the Council (MAJORITY VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE) on [Date]

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Schedule A – Policies & Guidelines BF-B4 Ambleside Apartment Area

POLICIES & GUIDELINES BF-B 4

AMBLESIDE APARTMENT AREAS



Map 1: Ambleside Apartment Area Development Permit Area Designation Map BF-B 4

POLICIES & GUIDELINES

AMBLESIDE APARTMENT AREA POLICIES BF-B4

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	Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to promote a high standard of construction, • to integrate new development with existing views, circulation and the character of existing buildings, and • to promote an interesting, pedestrian friendly streetscape design and pedestrian linkages
	Guidelines Schedule	Guidelines BF-B 4 shall apply, except for mixed-use or commercial-only buildings within the 1800 block of Marine Drive (see Map 2), where Guidelines BF-C 3 shall apply
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Policy BF-B 4.3

There will be no expansion of the boundaries of the Ambleside Apartment Area to extend the high-density, high-rise development area.

Policy BF-B 4.4

A site within the Ambleside Apartment Area that does not qualify for a high-rise building may be considered for rezoning to a low- or mid-rise multiple dwelling category, as identified in the policies below:

Policy BF-B 4.4.1

Sites within the 1800 block of Marine Drive (shown on Map 2) may be considered for residential-only use, with commercial as an optional use at street-level:

- a. Strata townhouses, stacked townhouses, live-work, or apartments, up to 15.24 metres (4 storeys) and 1.75 FAR;
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Map 2: 1800 Block of Marine Drive

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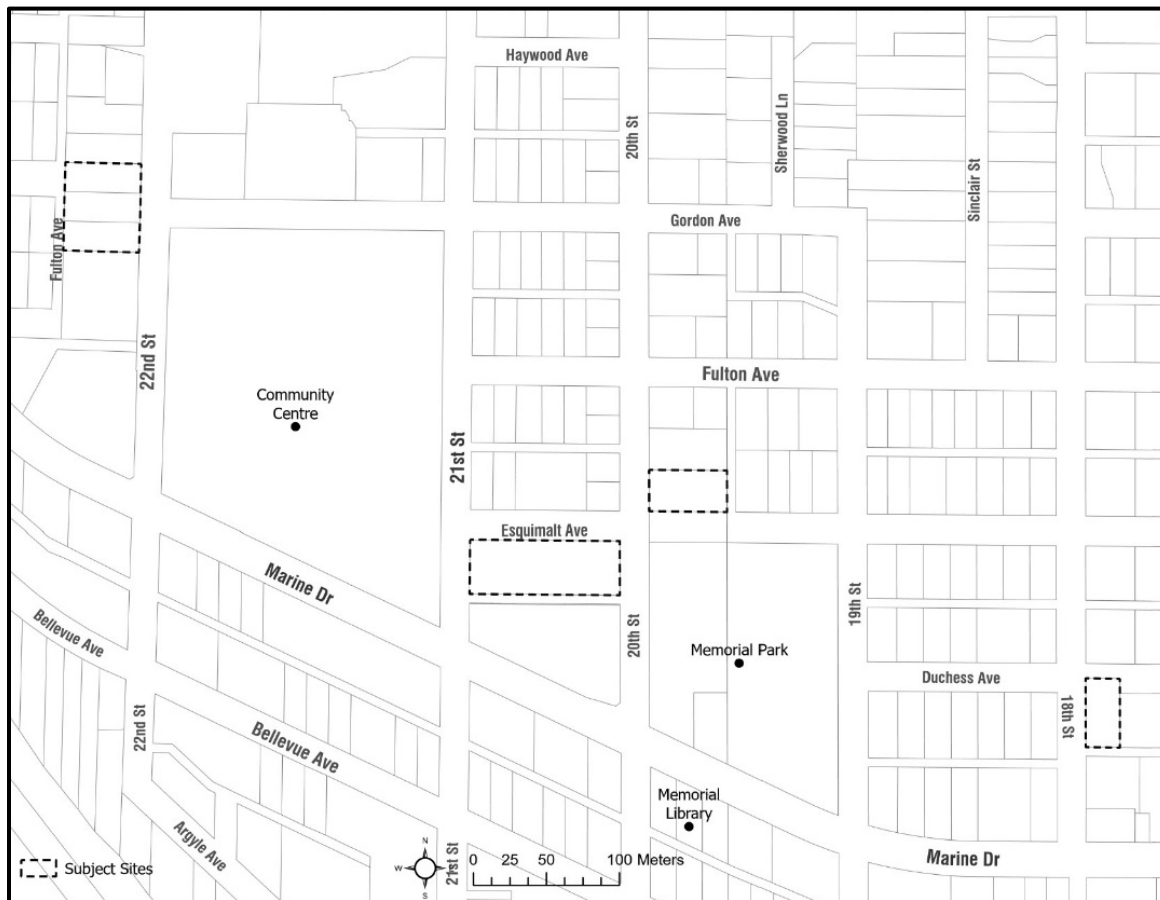


Map 3: District-Owned Lands, South Face, 1500 Block of Fulton Avenue

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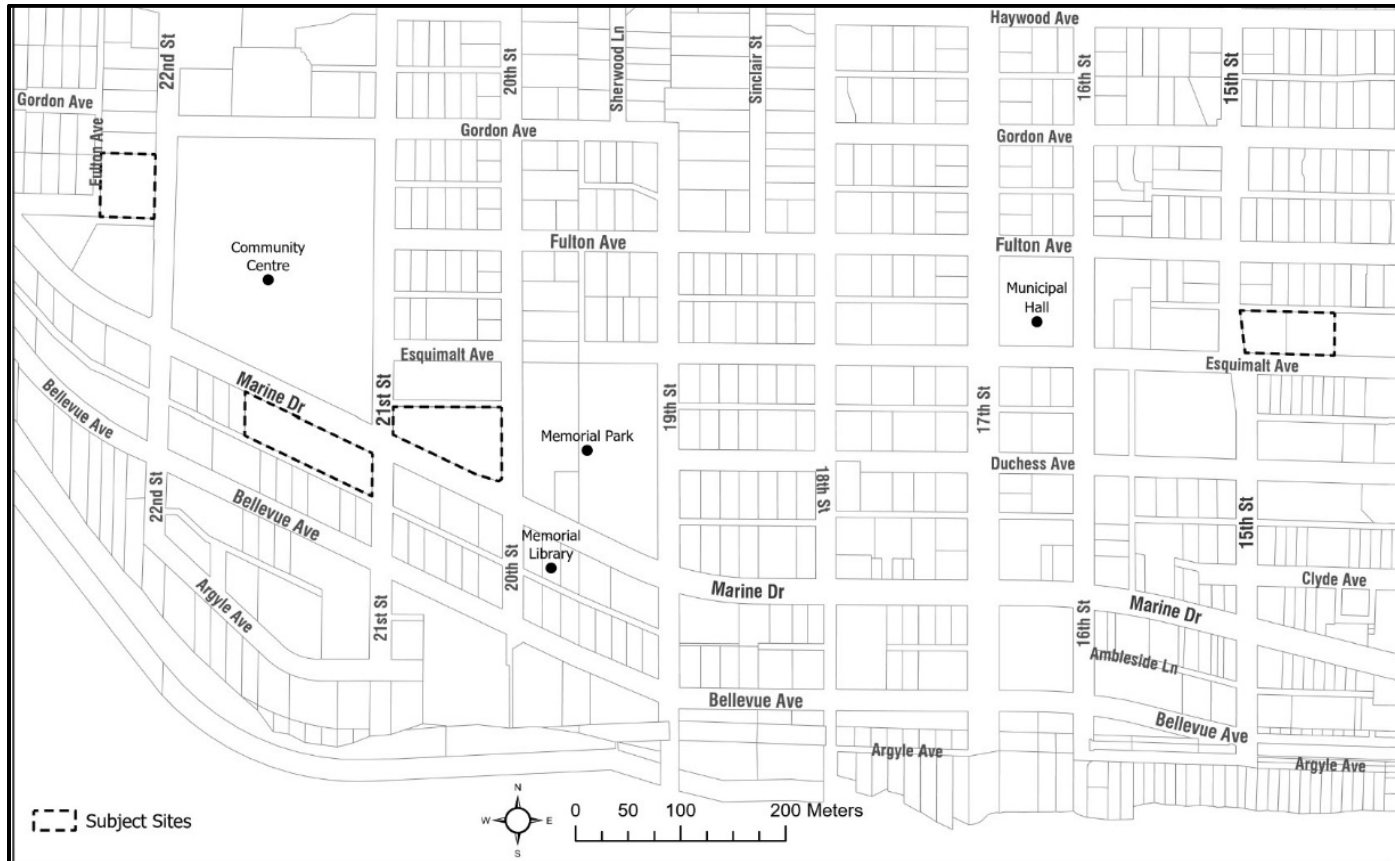
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- c. Up to 21.33 metres (6 storeys) and 2.5 FAR where rental residential-only; or
- d. Up to 21.33 metres (6 storeys) and 2.75 FAR where:
 - i. Rental housing with community use and/or public assembly use; or
 - ii. Strata apartments with below-market rental apartments, where at least 30% of the residential floor area is used for below-market rental.



Map 4: Public Assembly and Community Use Sites

Policy BF-B 4.4.4

Private, non-profit, and senior government owned age-restricted sites (shown on Map 5) may be considered for up to 21.33-27.43 metres (6-8 storeys) and 2.5 FAR for seniors housing.

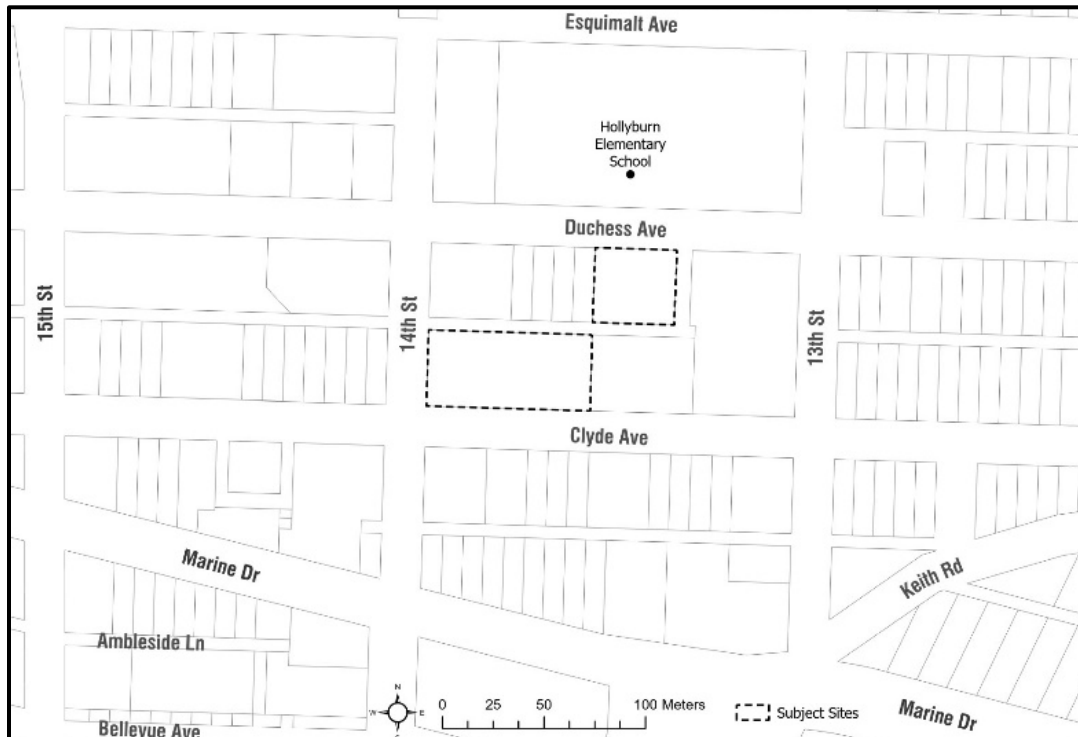


Map 5: Private, Non-Profit and Senior Government-Owned Age-Restricted Sites

Policy BF-B 4.4.5

Select sites within the Apartment Area (shown on maps 6 A-D) may be considered for rezoning as specified below:

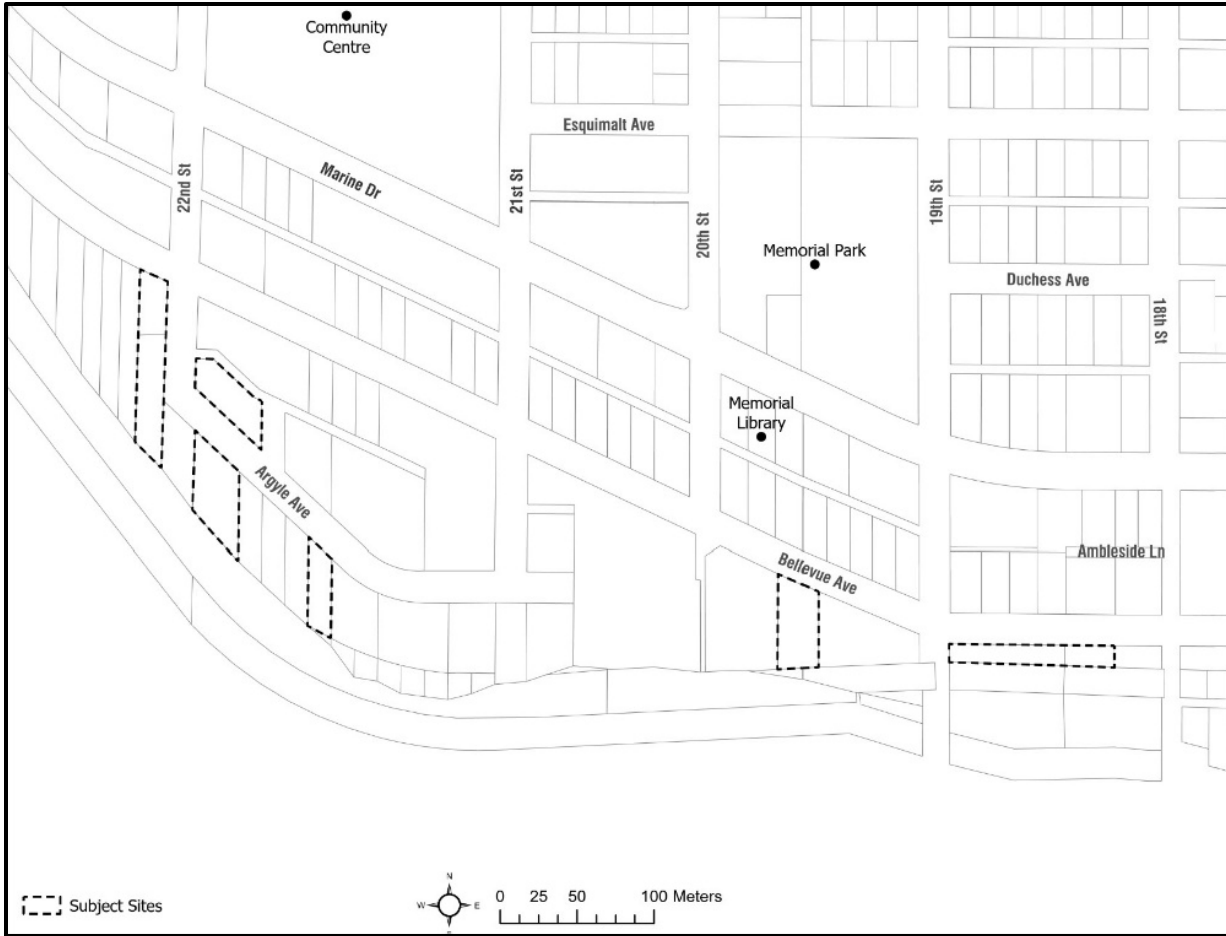
- a. Renewing former Land Use Contract sites on the 1300 block of Duchess Avenue and Clyde Avenue up to 21.33-45.72 metres (6-14 storeys) and 3.0 FAR, with appropriate heights to be determined through contextual review of the proposal;
- b. Supporting Hollyburn Corner and reflecting the western apartment sub-area up to 21.33-45.72 metres (6-14 storeys) and 3.0 FAR, with appropriate heights to be determined through contextual review of the proposal;
- c. Enabling up to 1.4 FAR on waterfront sites, with heights limited to 12.19 metres (3 storeys) from the higher of the street or lane; and
- d. Allowing infill housing alongside the continued rental use of existing units on large sites, up to a total site density based on the tenure of the infill:
 - i. Strata up to 2.5 FAR;
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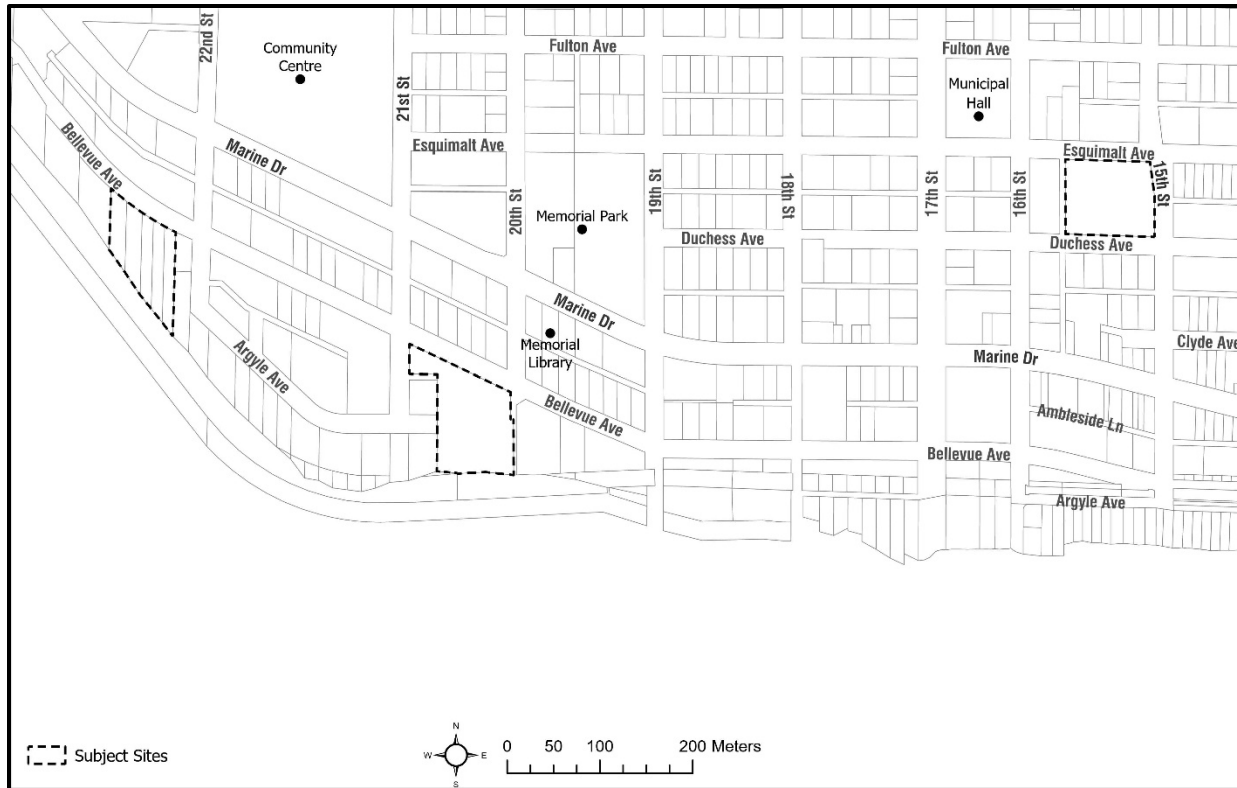
Map 6 A: Former Land Use Contract Sites, 1300 block of Duchess Avenue and Clyde Avenue



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To support housing for different household needs, include a mix of bedroom units and of unit sizes in development applications in the Ambleside Apartment Area.

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To ensure the impact of new development is responsibly managed, continue to require transportation impact assessments, utility modeling analyses, development cost charges, off-site improvements, and community amenity

contributions – as determined by District review and provincial legislation – in development applications in the Ambleside Apartment Area.

AMBLESIDE APARTMENT AREA GUIDELINES BF-B 4

I. CONTEXT AND SITE DESIGN

- a. Encourage renovation and conservation of buildings and features of heritage character;
- b. Situate buildings to maximize views while minimizing impacts to surrounding buildings' views.
- c. Minimize obstruction of views from public pedestrian areas, common living areas of other developments, and from existing residential units.
- d. Enhance the quality of streetscapes through the overall design of development.
- e. Encourage pedestrian amenities, such as courtyards, within and adjacent to apartment developments.
- f. Link ground level open spaces to adjacent streets, sidewalks and pathways.
- g. Encourage the use of integrated public art compatible with adjacent development and street patterns to enhance the pedestrian experience.
- h. Bury utility wires underground where economically feasible.

II. BUILDING DESIGN

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- e. Use building mass to emphasize the entrance to buildings.
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- g. Encourage terraced buildings adjacent to the shoreline.
- h. Avoid blank or undifferentiated facades at the ground level.
- i. Screen roof top mechanical equipment from neighbouring properties.
- j. Encourage private outdoor living space for each unit.
- k. Design buildings and landscape elements to minimize shading, and intrusion on privacy of adjacent buildings.
- l. Provide detailing and articulation, especially at eye level.
- m. Site and screen garage entrances, mechanical equipment and garbage bins, to minimize visual and acoustical impacts on adjacent properties and the streetscape

III. LANDSCAPE DESIGN

- a. Integrate landscape features and elements with the adjacent streetscape, use established vegetation where feasible, and provide a mature and varied appearance upon construction completion.
- b. Avoid landscaping elements that inhibit pedestrian or barrier free access along sidewalks or towards buildings.
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- i. Encourage the use of bicycles and the provision of bicycle storage areas.

Ambleside Apartment Area – Proposed Modifications for Third Reading**Schedule A to Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 4985, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 5291, 2024**

Starting on the following page is a copy of the proposed Ambleside Apartment Area Policies & Guidelines BF-B 4, attached as Schedule A to “Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 4985, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 5291, 2024”, given first reading by Council at its January 29, 2024, regular meeting and second reading at its May 27, 2024, regular meeting.

Proposed modifications for third reading – including additions and deletions – are shown in red text.

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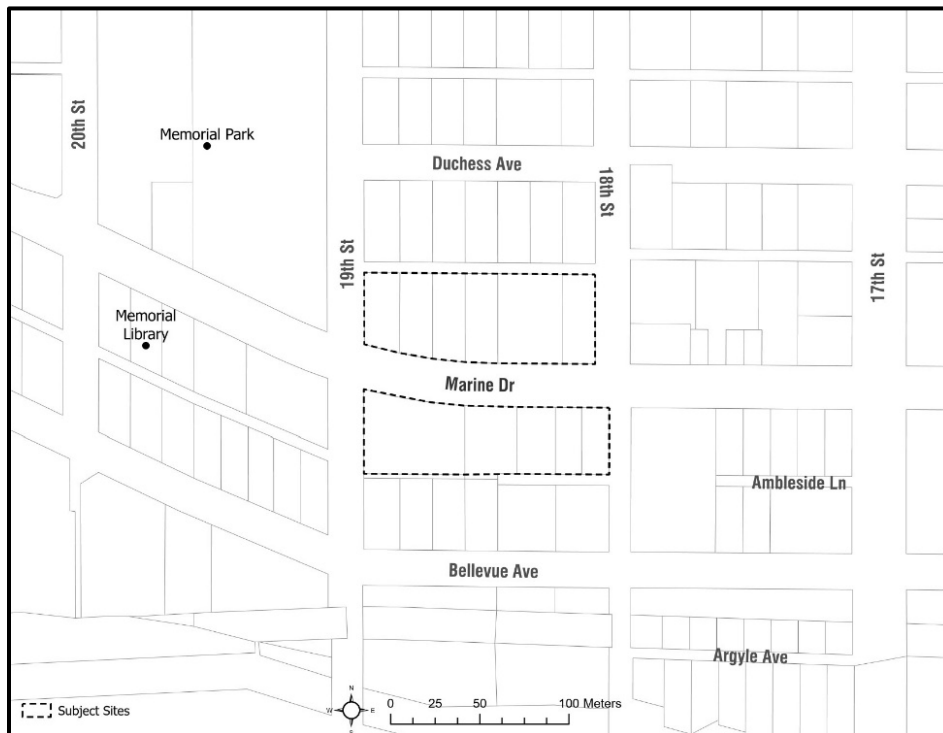
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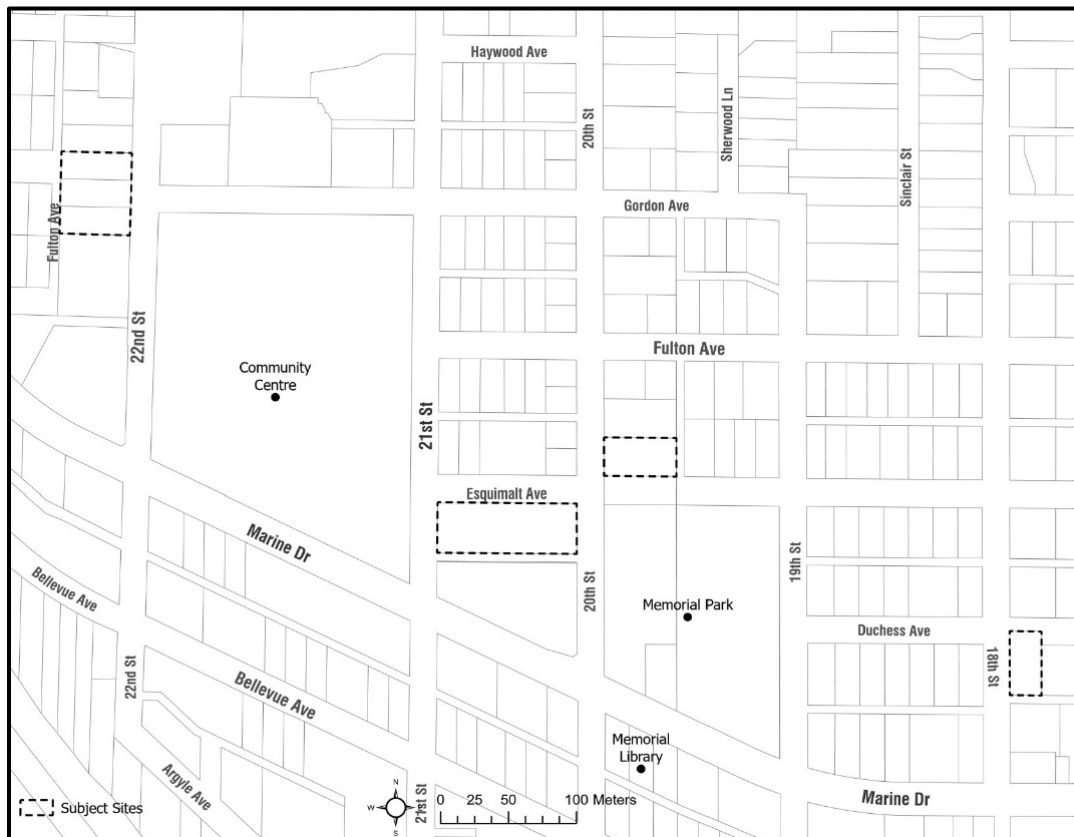


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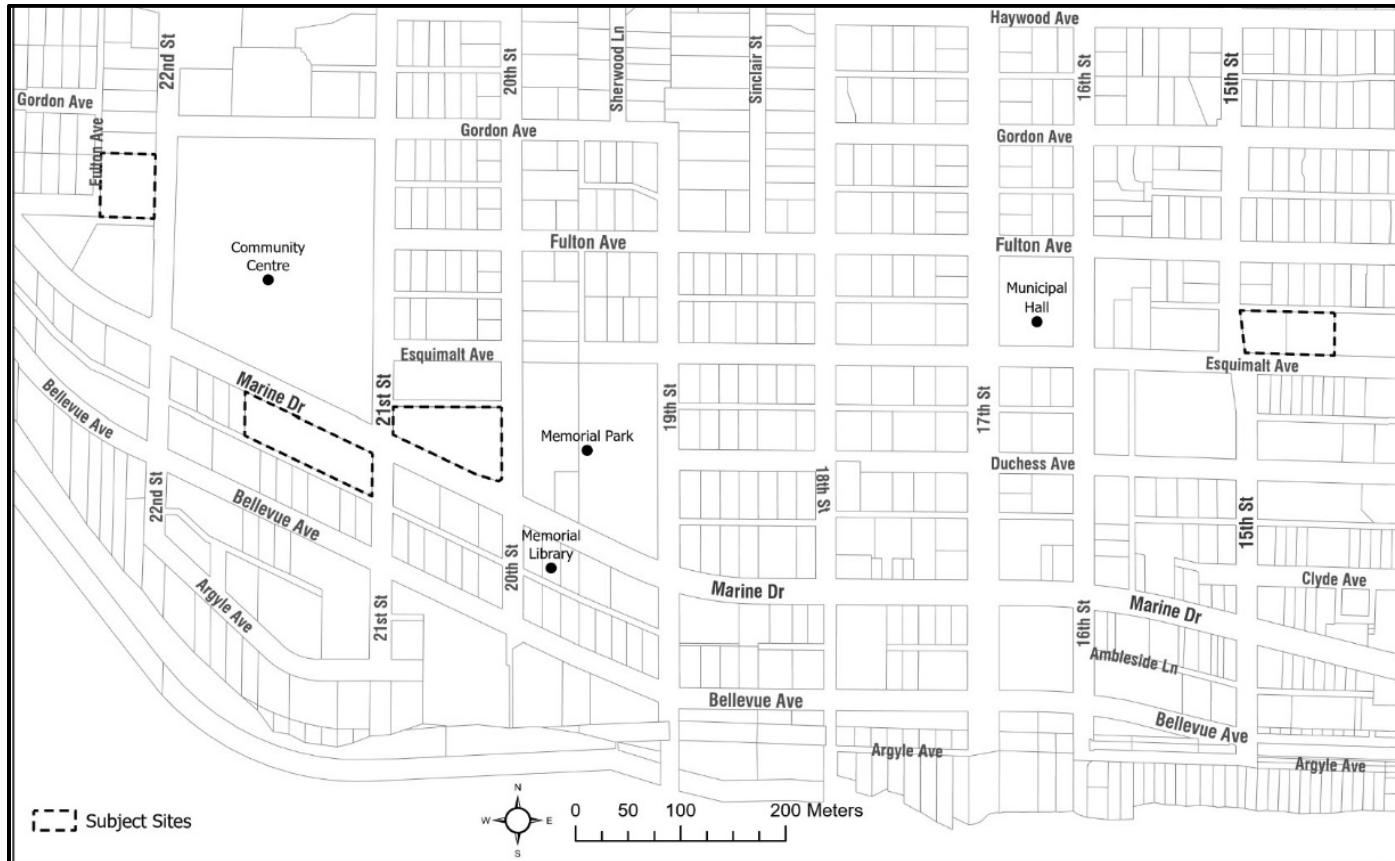
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- e. **For sites on Esquimalt Avenue (West Vancouver United Church and First Church of Christ, Scientist), encourage ground-oriented housing forms that respond to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood.**



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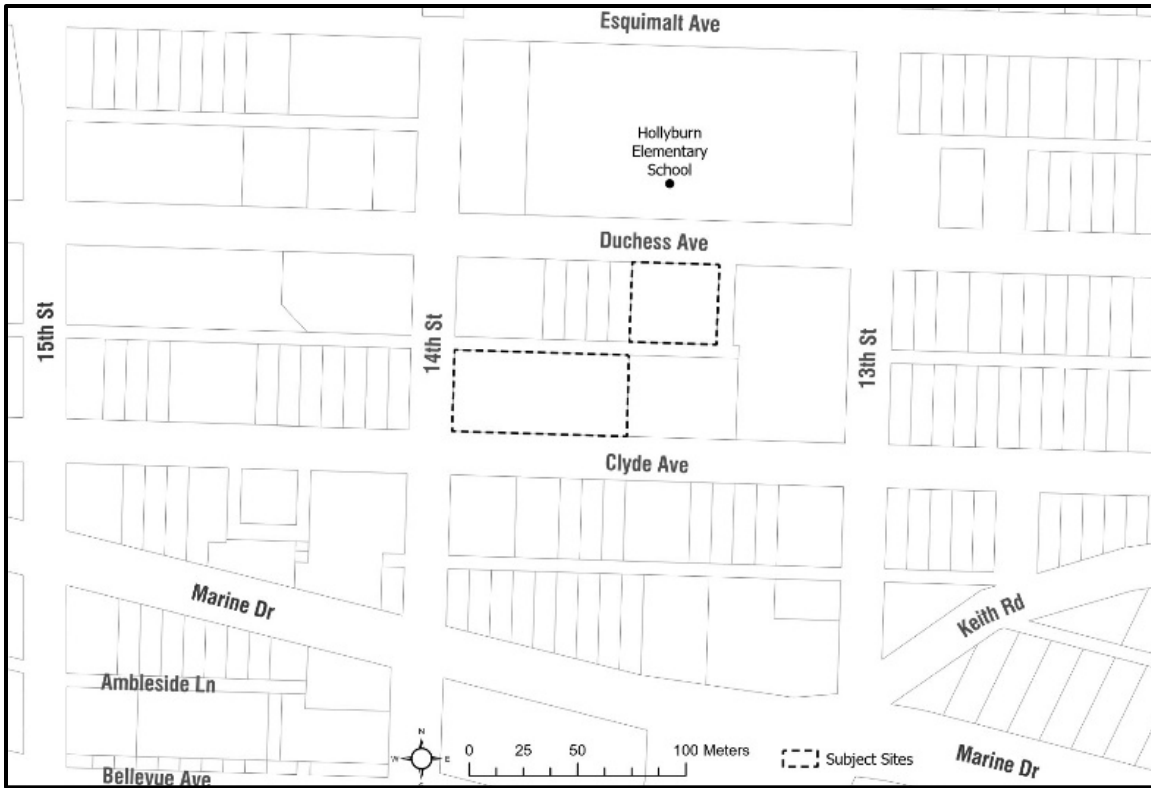
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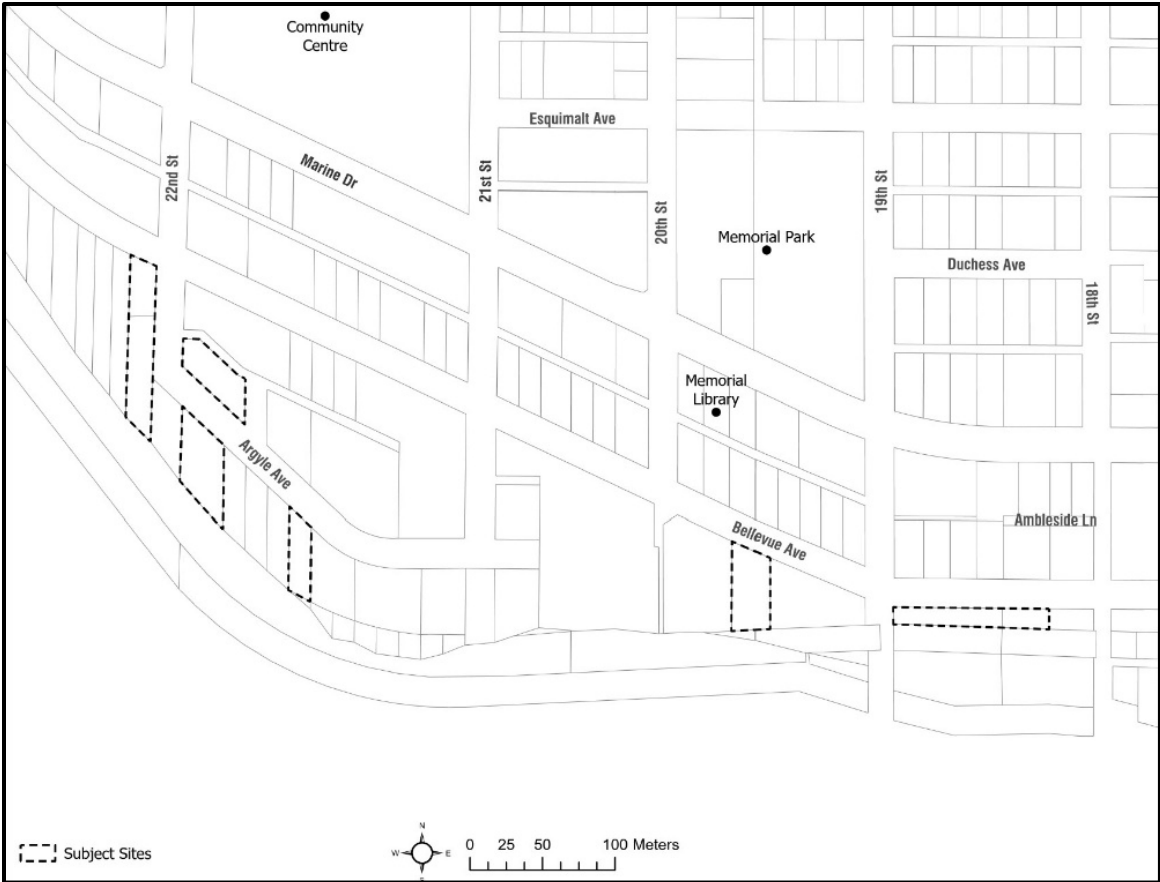
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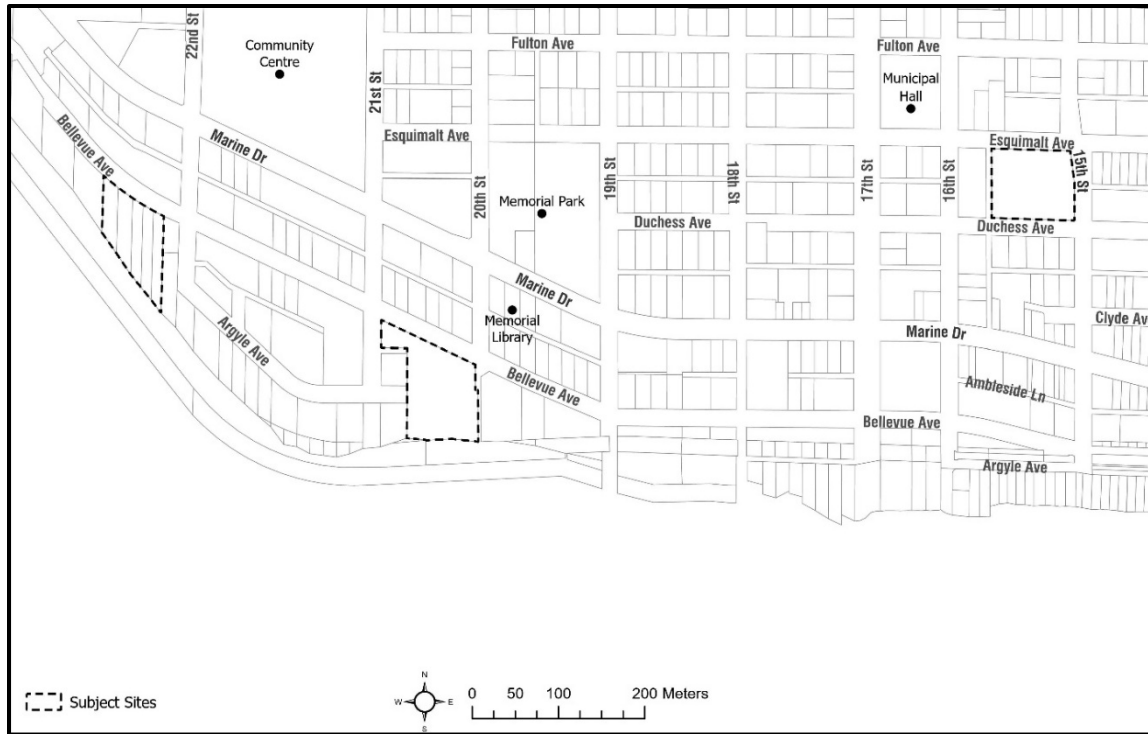
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