

# Response to Applicant Form 4A

July 2, 2021



Dear

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the **Access to**Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 [Our File # 2021-13]

On June 3, 2021, the Town of Paradise received your request for access to the following records/information:

"I am seeking any and all information on file pertaining to the land development plan, including permitting, surveying, engineering design and correspondence, relating to the grading and drainage of Elgin Drive, and including the same for

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the ATIPP Coordinator for the Town of Paradise to provide access to the requested information.

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 (the Act). The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner 2 Canada Drive P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309 Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309 Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone or by email.



Sincerely,

Terrilynn Smith ATIPP Coordinator



May 12, 1997

Capital Ready Mix Ltd. P.O. Box 8274, Sta "A" St. John's, NF, A1B 3N4

RE: Storm Water Swale, Elizabeth Park

Dear

Further to our conversation, attached are the details for the re-alignment of the storm drainage swale located near Phase 9 of your development in Elizabeth Park.

Prior to the commencement of any work on the swale, I would advise you to contact the Provincial Department of the Environment and the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans in order to obtain any necessary permits.

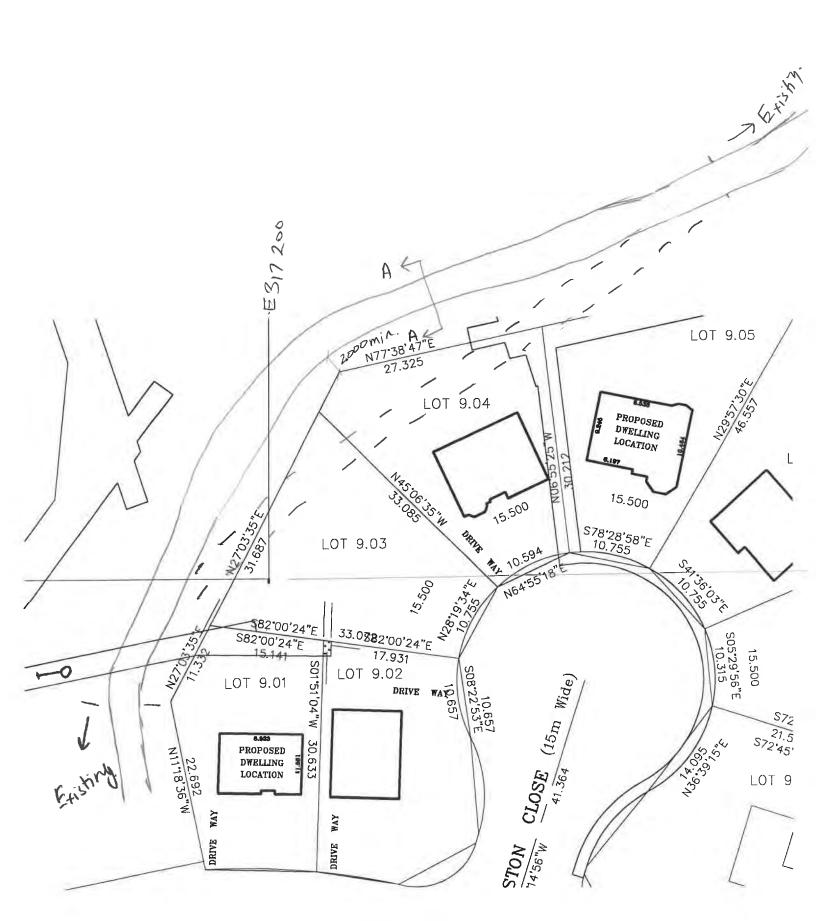
If you have any questions in relation to the above, please contact the undersigned.

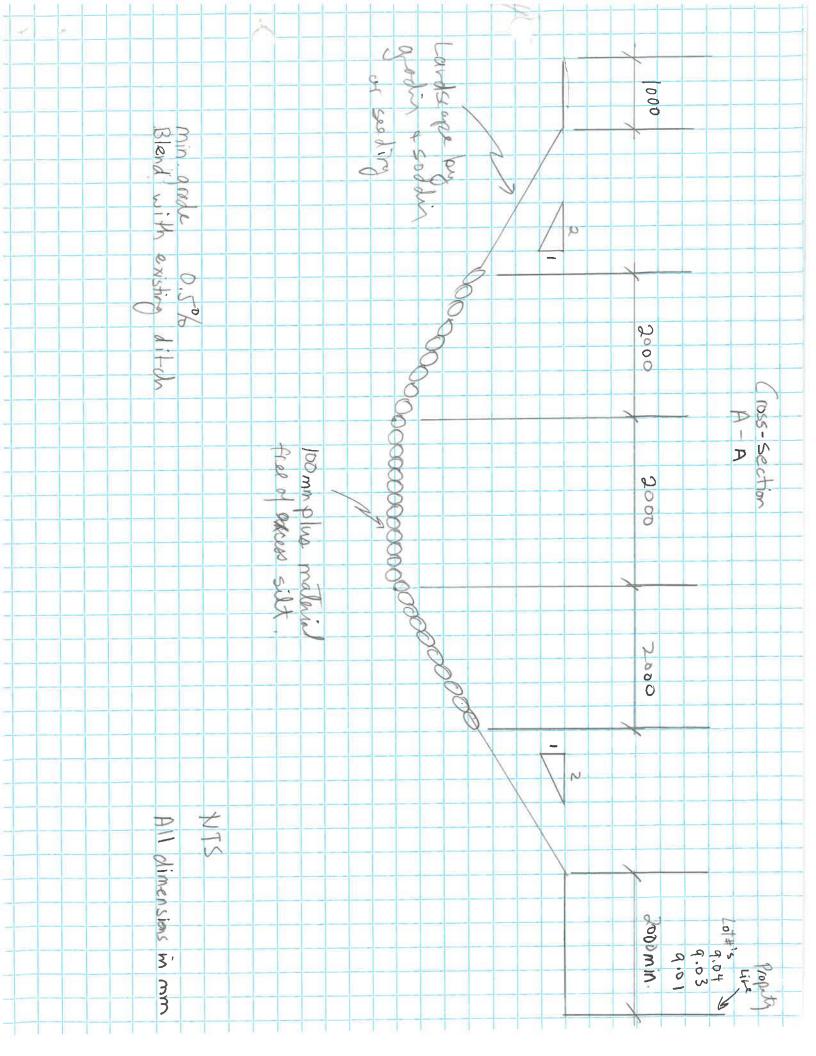
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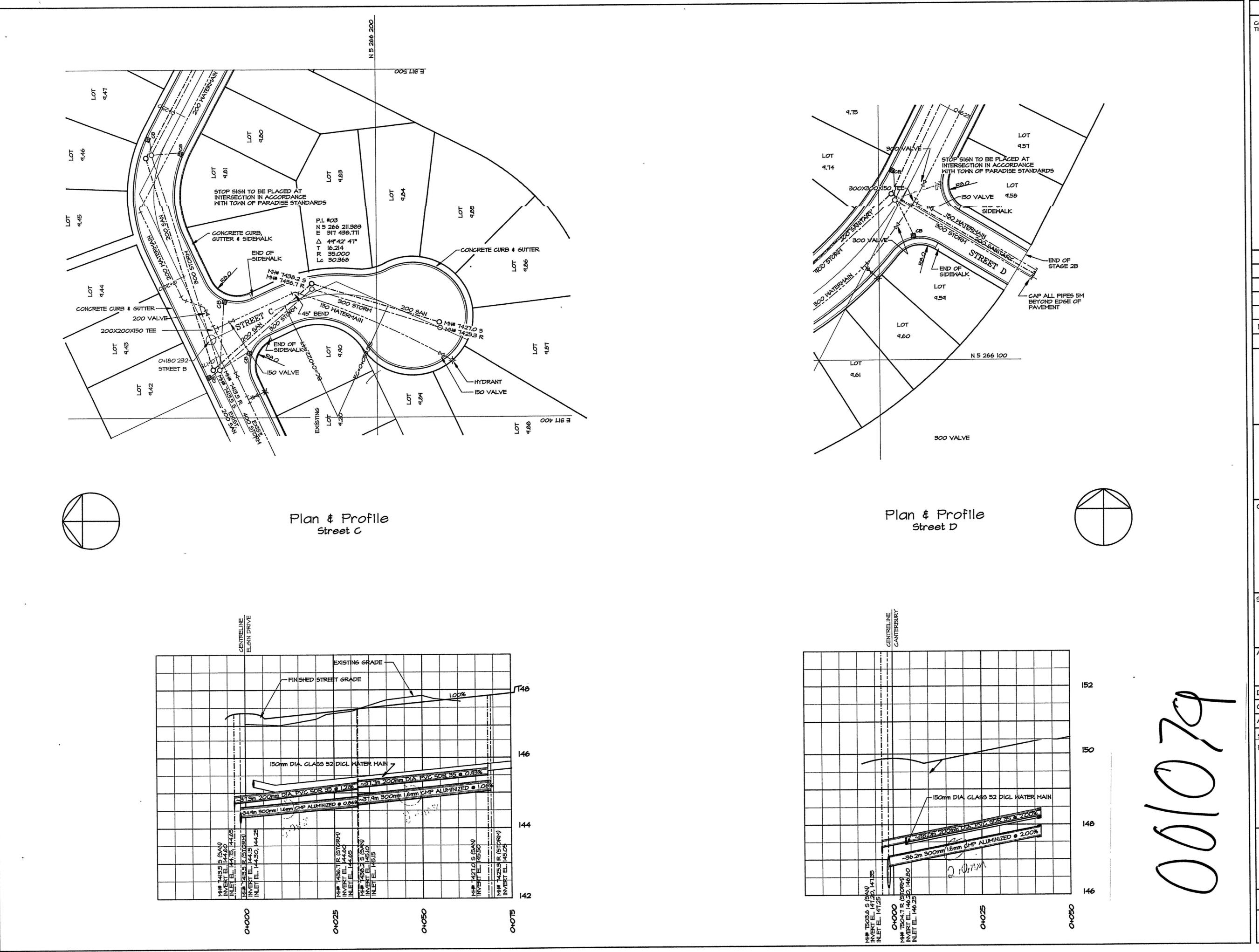
Gerard Meaney, P.Eng.

Town Engineer

Enclosures (2)







NOTES

CONTRACTORS TO VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS ON THE SITE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THIS WORK.

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49 Birchwynd Street

St. John's Newfoundland

Author

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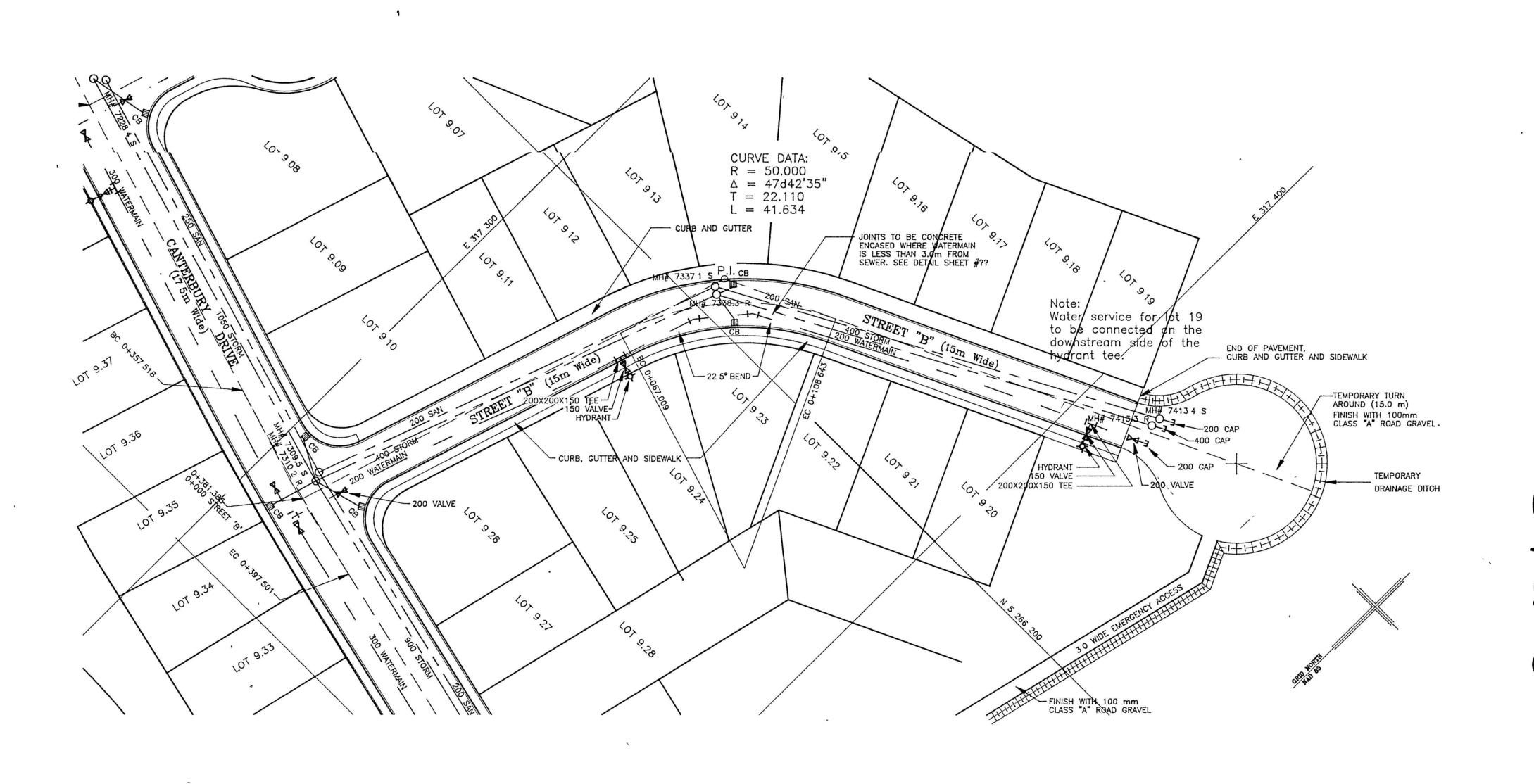
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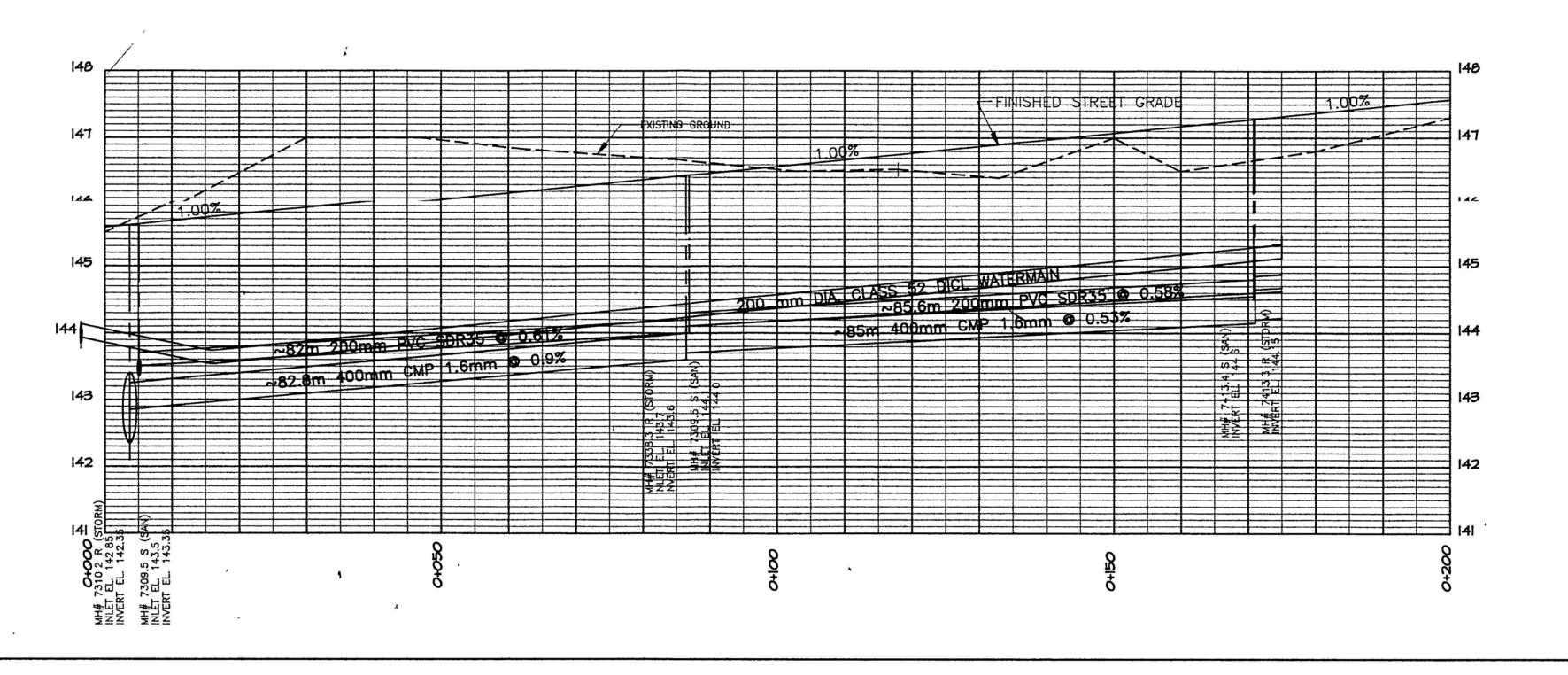
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1. CATCH BASINS AT TURNOUTS OR STREET LOW POINTS ARE TO BE LOCATED IN THE FIELD, AT ACTUAL LOW POINTS.

2 CONTOURS ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY

3 BEWARE OF BURIED AND ABOVE GROUND UTILITIES, ALL UTILITIES MAY NOT BE SHOWN, CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCATION AND PROTECTION OF ALL UTILITIES. PERMISSION MUST BE OBTAINED BY CONTRACTOR BEFORE CARRYING OUT WORK WITHIN UTILITY EASEMENT. ALL EXISTING UNDERGROUND OR SURFACE UTILITIES MAY NOT BE AS SHOWN, CONTRACTOR TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCATING AND AVOIDING DAMAGE TO THEM.

 CONTRACTOR IS INSTRUCTED TO USE PIF PERCENTAGES, FOR LAYOUT.

5. ELEVATIONS OF MANHOLE TOPS SHOWN ON PROFILE ARE NOT ENTENDING PROFI

6. TOP OF WATERMAIN AND ALL WATER SERVICES SHALL HAVE A MINIUM OF 2.0 M COVER BELOW THE DESIGN FINISHED GRADE AT ALL LOCATIONS.

7. ALL CMP TO BE ALUMINIZED.

B Hydrant moved to vacant lot opposite lot 19
Note added at lot 19 re connection of water main 15\07\96

A Modified to meet Town of Paradise requirements 27\06\96

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Description

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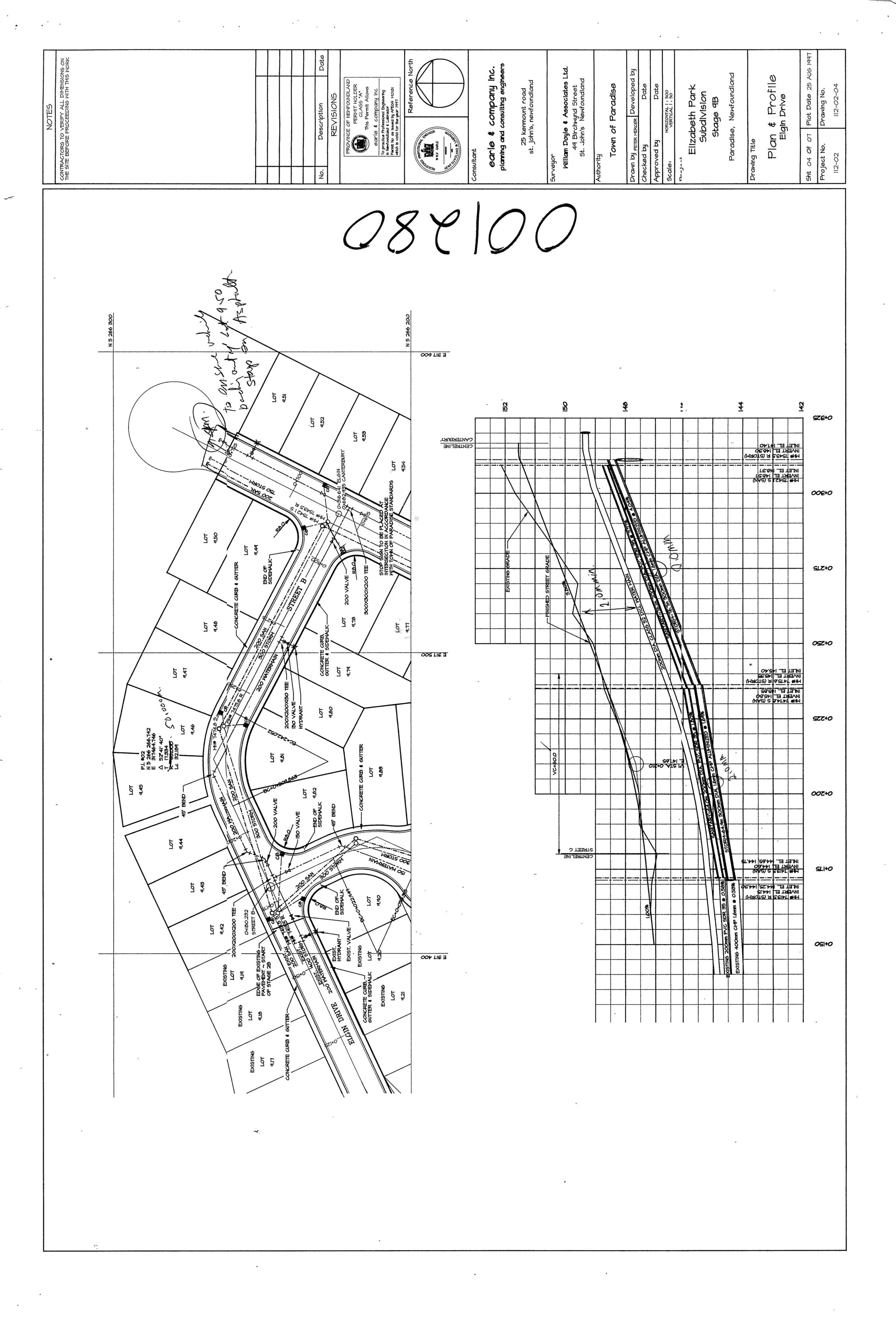
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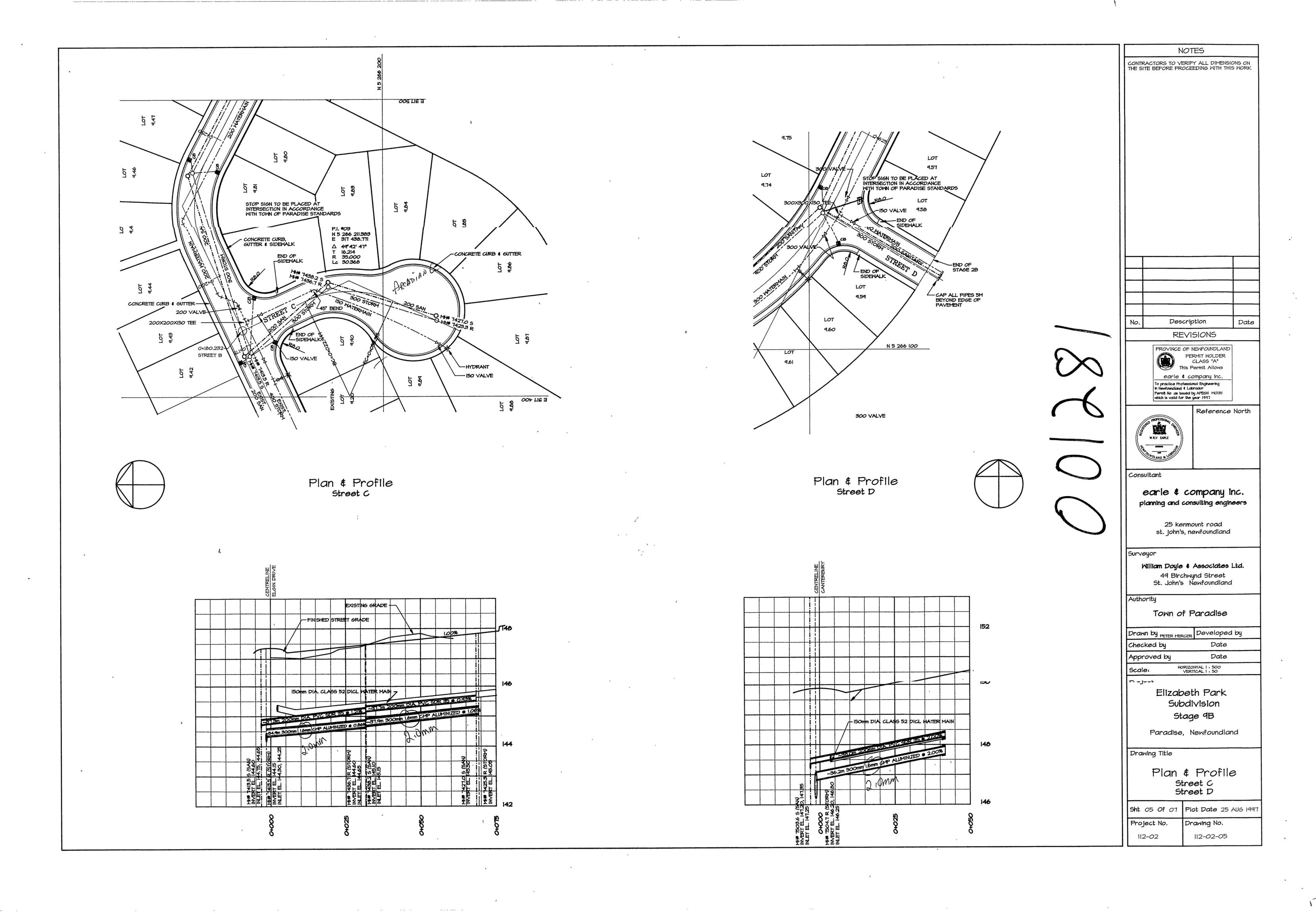
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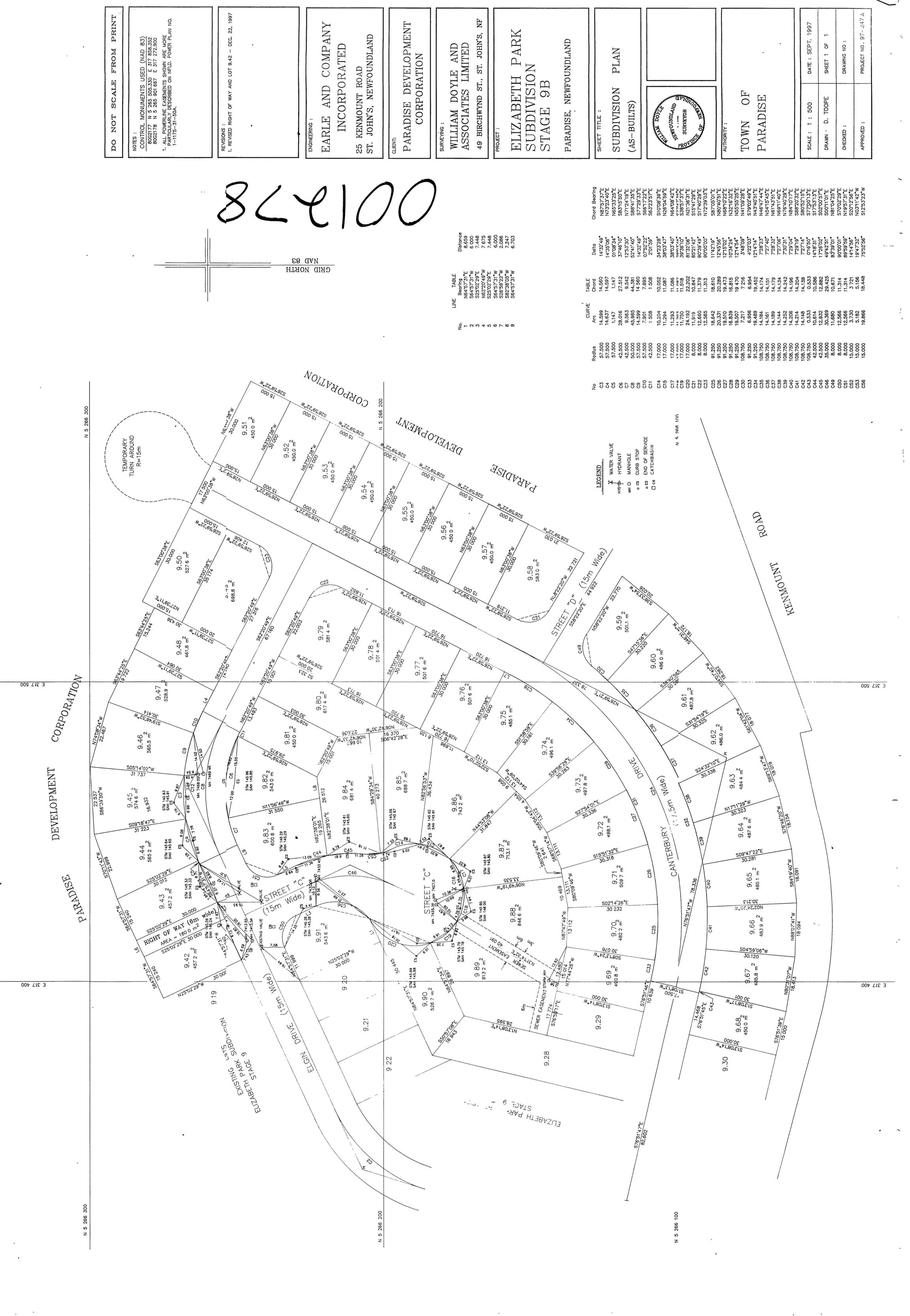
PLAN & PROFILE STREET "B"

SHEET 3 OF 7 PLOT DATE: JUNE 14\96
PROJECT NO. DRAWING NO.

PROJECT NO. DRAWING NO. 112-01-03









### **Corey Smith**

From: Chris Milley

**Sent:** April-13-21 12:03 PM **To:** Tracy-Lynn Goosney

Cc: Melissa Gale

**Subject:** FW: (EXTERNAL) Water on property

Take a look at this e-mail I sent Alton. If you have any questions about what I am thinking we should discuss.

Thanks,

Chris

From: Chris Milley

Sent: April 13, 2021 11:52 AM

To: Alton Glenn <AGlenn@paradise.ca>
Cc: Lisa Niblock <Iniblock@paradise.ca>
Subject: RE: (EXTERNAL) Water on property

Hi Alton,

With these types of on property drainage problems, we can investigate from two perspectives.

- 1) Determine if the water is storm sewer being directed to the property by the Town. The Town is responsible for directing storm sewer from Municipal property to a natural drain.
- 2) Determine if it is surface water that is flowing in a natural drain path. If it is surface water then it is a private matter to be addressed by the owner through enacting their rights. We can in this case provide recommendations to the owner through your department. Most recommendations for surface water is to create a better drainage path (via better grading) or if not possible collecting the surface water into a private storm sewer and either directing to a natural drain (approval from Water Resources) or deposit in the Town's storm sewer (approval from Town)

#### Water rights are fairly basic.

- Water is allowed to follow a natural path on the surface (ie. basically the law of gravity. down hill) on its way to
  collect in natural drain (Stream, brook, river). They can not be blocked or dammed to cause flooding on other's
  property.
- Property owners have the right to redirect surface water. Usually via grading to direct it to a natural drain using a better drainage path. One that is away from a house.
- Owners have the right to reject or not accept storm water from someone else. Thus the reason Town's are supposed to approve connections to their storm sewer and outfalls to rivers have to be permitted by the province. Or reason we take responsibility to fix issues related to 1) above.
- Once an owner accepts storm sewer, they have to then treat it as their own and manage all aspects of it until it is passed over to someone else. In the Town's case our responsibility normally ends at the outfall to a river when the province accepts responsibility.
- Surface water not collected by a storm drain is still surface water and must be handled in that way. So when the storm drains are at their approved maximum capacity and cannot accept anymore surface water, the overflow must be handled by grading to allow it to flow along natural drainage paths to a stream.

We can help analyze this and offer up suggestions for the owners in the case of 2) but it is not the Towns responsibility to implement solutions to support owner's rights. Nor do we have the ability to force owners to do something that support their rights other than through enforceable development regulations (grading). We can probably order someone to stop directing storm sewer and infringing on some else's rights by using nuisance regulations. (like an order to redirect a weeping tile outfall from someone else's property to instead a defined drainage path)

With all that said, I will report back to you what we are able to
Thanks
Chris
From: Lisa Niblock < <a href="mailto:linblock@paradise.ca">linblock@paradise.ca</a> Sent: April 12, 2021 2:44 PM  To: Allan English <a href="mailto:lenglish@paradise.ca">aenglish@paradise.ca</a> ; Alton Glenn <a href="mailto:lenglish@paradise.ca">AGlenn@paradise.ca</a> Cc: Chris Milley <a href="mailto:lenglish@paradise.ca">cmilley@paradise.ca</a> ; Council  Subject: RE: (EXTERNAL) Water on property
Hi Councillor English,
Chris's team would look after this. I have copied him so he can have someone take a look. Thanks for sending along.
Lisa
From: Allan English <a href="mailto:aenglish@paradise.ca">aenglish@paradise.ca</a> Sent: April 12, 2021 2:14 PM  To: Alton Glenn <a href="mailto:AGlenn@paradise.ca">AGlenn@paradise.ca</a> Cc: Lisa Niblock <a href="mailto:lniblock@paradise.ca">lniblock@paradise.ca</a> Subject: Fwd: (EXTERNAL) Water on property
Hi Alton  Attached is an email that I received from  I believe the email is self explanatory. He did include a number of photos but I am not sure that if they are visible to you. Can you have someone contact on this matter?
Regards,

Allan

## Sent from my iPhone

#### Begin forwarded message:

From:

Date: April 12, 2021 at 12:56:37 PM NDT
To: Allan English <a href="mailto:aenglish@paradise.ca">aenglish@paradise.ca</a>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Water on property

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Good day Mr. English,

Wondering if you could direct me with respect a water issue

The past couple of years, and typically in the spring, I am noticing large pooling of water following heavy melting and rains. This occurred again over the weekend and is becoming concerning. We purchased noticed this occurring the past couple of years.

I am attaching some pictures for reference. I would appreciate any guidance you can provide with respect to whom I need to discuss this matter with further.



## **Corey Smith**

Subject:

From: Tracy-Lynn Goosney

Sent: April-13-21 1:54 PM

To: Shannon Toope

Can you look into this one as well please, see email to Council below.

Drainage Issue

Good day Mr. English,

Wondering if you could direct me with respect a water issue I The past couple of years, and typically in the spring, I am noticing large pooling of water following heavy melting and rains. This occurred again over the weekend and is becoming concerning. We purchased our home in 2000 and have only noticed this occurring the past couple of years.

I am attaching some pictures for reference. I would appreciate any guidance you can provide with respect to whom I need to discuss this matter with further.



## **Tracy-Lynn Goosney, P.Eng.**Manager of Engineering Services



P: 709.782.6614 F: 709.782.3601 tlgoosney@paradise.ca www.paradise.ca



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----- Forwarded message ------

From: Shannon Toope <stoope@paradise.ca>

Date: Fri, May 14, 2021 at 2:17 PM

Subject: RE: (EXTERNAL) Re: (EXTERNAL) Re: Following up To:

Cc: Tracy-Lynn Goosney < tlgoosney@paradise.ca >

Hi Jason,

One of the main reasons for the delay in response to your standing water/poor drainage that during the record rainfalls in April, the Town was dealing with numerous complaints on other properties of the same nature. During this time, Town staff were engaging with Council to ensure the appropriate decisions were being made based on the research that was conducted.

Should you wish to discuss that research and the rationale behind the decision, please contact Tracy-Lynn Goosney, Manager of Infrastructure and Engineering, at your convenience.

Regards,

## Shannon Toope, P.Tech.

Engineering Technician, Infrastructure & Engineering



P: 709.782.3548 F: 709.782.3601

stoope@paradise.ca

www.paradise.ca

From:

Sent: May-13-21 4:55 PM

To: Shannon Toope <stoope@paradise.ca>

Subject: (EXTERNAL) Re: (EXTERNAL) Re: Following up

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Hi Shannon,
Can you provide some reasoning, or what information you found in your review that leads you to this decision? I find that making this statement without proving supporting rationale for "why" falls short of the month long period waiting for a reply.
Thanks,
On Thu, May 13, 2021 at 4:30 PM Shannon Toope < stoope@paradise.ca > wrote:  Hi
The Town will not be taking any action regarding the standing water/poor drainage that was discussed at your property on April 14.
Should you wish to complete any work to address the matter, please apply outlining the proposed work.
Regards,
Shannon Toope, P.Tech.

Engineering Technician, Infrastructure & Engineering



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stoope@paradise.ca
www.paradise.ca
From: Sent: May-13-21 3:50 PM To: Shannon Toope < stoope@paradise.ca > Subject: (EXTERNAL) Re: Following up
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Hi Shannon,
Again, I am following up to see if there is any update or response you can provide with respect to my inquiry concerning the grading / drainage concerns I raised over a month ago. If you require some additional time to complete your review, that is understood.
I would however, appreciate some acknowledgement that this issue has not gone by the wayside. Given that there hasn't been any communication on this in over a month, I'm sure you can understand my concern and motivation for following up on this matter.
Thanks,

## **Corey Smith**

From: Lisa Niblock

**Sent:** <u>May-18-21 1</u>1:18 AM

To:

Cc: Chris Milley; Allan English; Council; Tracy-Lynn Goosney; Terrilynn Smith RE: (EXTERNAL) Fwd: (EXTERNAL) Re: (EXTERNAL) Re: Following up

Good Morning

Thank you for your email and looping me in on your discussion with staff. I apologize that the response took look longer than expected from the Infrastructure and Engineering Department – as noted, the department was reviewing a higher number of files than normal.

The Town is regulated by ATIPPA; therefore, the release of information you are requesting would have to be reviewed by our Corporate Services Department. I have included a link to how this process works and the necessary form to request the information.

https://www.paradise.ca/en/town-hall/access-to-information-and-protection-of-privacy-aspx#:~:text=To%20formally%20request%20records%20from,Town%20Hall%20or%20by%20email.

Once you have the necessary information, if you wish to set up a time to discuss your property with the Town's engineering staff, please coordinate a time and we will certainly oblige.

Again, I apologize for the delays and the frustration with the situation on your property.

Lisa Niblock CAO

From:

**Sent:** May 17, 2021 4:55 PM

To: Tracy-Lynn Goosney <tlgoosney@paradise.ca>

Cc: Chris Milley <cmilley@paradise.ca>; Lisa Niblock <lniblock@paradise.ca>; Allan English <aenglish@paradise.ca>

Subject: (EXTERNAL) Fwd: (EXTERNAL) Re: (EXTERNAL) Re: Following up

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Hi Tracy-Lynn,

First, I would like to again thank-you for returning my call this afternoon and providing me with the Town's position regarding the instances of standing water issues at my property. I retain the right to be disappointed with the rationale I have been provided to date, however I do thank you for providing context additional to the email chain below.

Just to follow up on our call, I find it difficult to accept that the responsibility for resolving this issue should lie solely with me as a property owner. As I have communicated, the issue appears to be getting progressively worse the past few spring seasons; notably last year's higher snowfall and this year's record rainfalls. However, we do all agree that there is a water issue that is becoming more and more concerning here, and that something that has worked in the past now seems to be not working as it once did. I have

more concerns with respect to standing water issues. For me, first steps are to understand the potential causes that now contribute to the slower drainage of surface water, and the solution might need to

). As such, I am again here

requesting that I be provided with any and all information related to the anything on file that would speak to the clear grading issue(s) that would have needed to have been addressed during this area's development.

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly. I am including in this email, the Town CAO, the Director of Infrastructure and Engineering. Additionally, I am also including Councillor English whom I initially reached out to for some direction, as he has asked that he be kept informed of responses and progress on this matter. I feel that bringing all parties together is appropriate at this point in the conversation, as the Town's stand that this issue in particular is my sole responsibility, has not been supported by any evidence based in fact. I am hoping that the information that is on file respecting the development of this lot / neighbourhood, will provide some additional context that will inform a better solution.

I am happy to respond to any and all if further information is needed.

Sincerest Regards,