

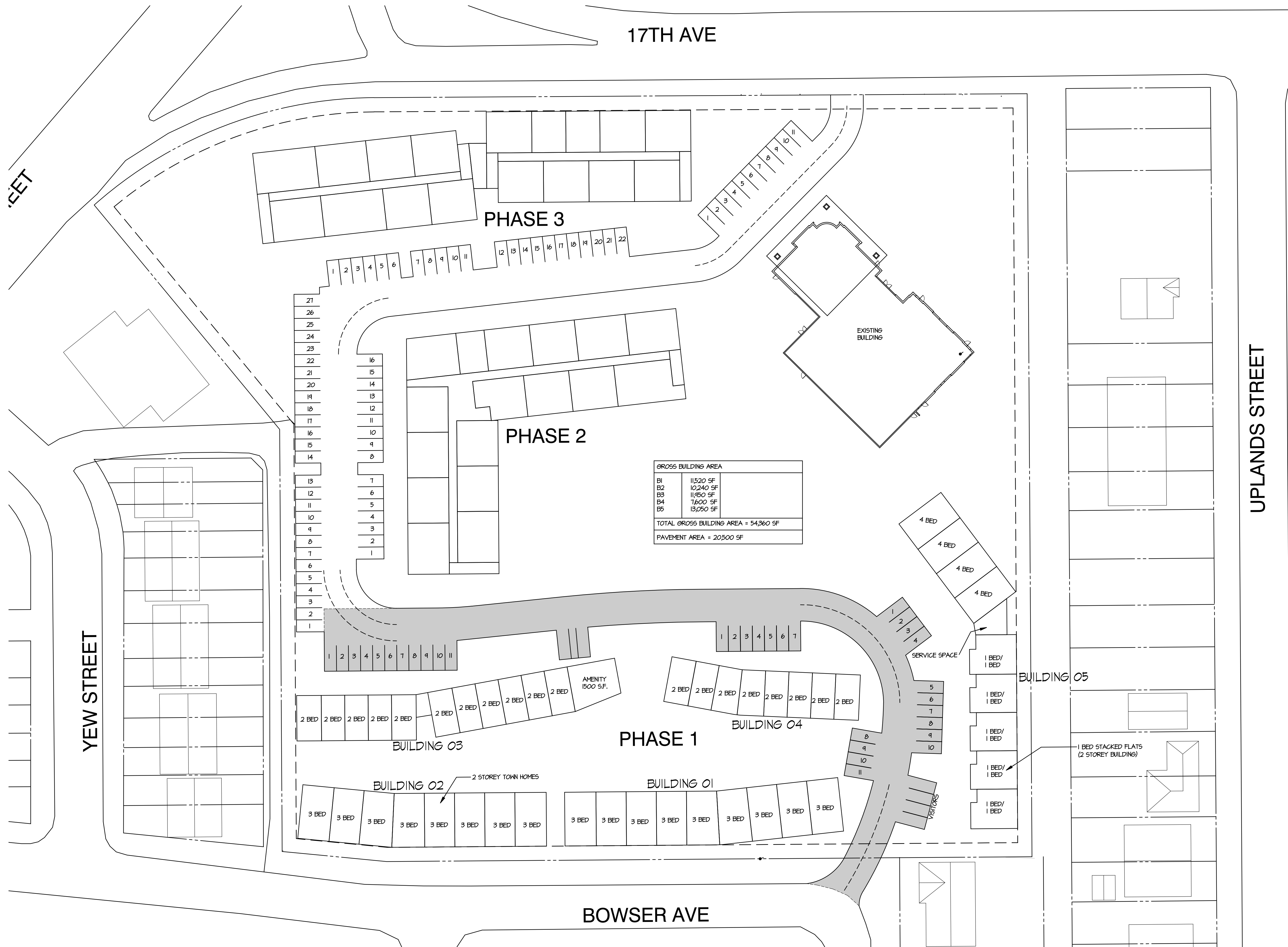
URBAN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY

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CULTURAL USES

The following table is intended to provide a brief description of some of the proposed cultural uses for AHSPG's Urban Aboriginal Community project located at 1919 17th Avenue, Prince George.

CULTURAL USE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
Digital learning centre	A space that provide access to learning resources such as computers, books, and tutors/teaching services.
Central gathering space, including a fire pit/event space	Event space that may be used for activities like pow wows, ceremonies, and weddings. May also include a community garden, playgrounds, and a fire pit.
Health & wellness services	May include primary health care, counselling services, services related to patient lodging (e.g. primary health nursing services, transportation to hospital/doctor appointments, visiting primary care appointments). <i>*Does not include needle exchange, safe injection site, or rehabilitation centre.</i>
Land-based learning centre	May include activities like traditional carving, tool making, food harvesting, or hide tanning. The structure is intended to serve as a workshop for the community and may include an outdoor kitchen for community feasts.
Patient lodge	Apartments for traveling family and relatives of patients seeking treatment.
Smokehouse	Food smoking for the purposes of preservation. Would comply with BC Building Code standards.
Sweat Lodge	Location where heated rocks are used for cultural rituals of cleansing and purification.
Teaching/learning kitchen	A kitchen used for community purposes like cooking classes, events, etc. and would include a café space adjoining the kitchen.



DESIGN NARRATIVE:

Inspired by the land and traditions of Lheidli T'enneh the project strives to create meaningful social and ecological places at various scales that residents and visitors can benefit from throughout all the seasons.

The heart of the community is formed by a central gathering space with arbor and open fire pit for ceremonies and large events. Adjacent to the central gathering space are an elder's patio and outdoor daycare play space ensuring various generations can learn and interact with each other.

Community garden plots are located just south of the daycare play area. The gardens offer residents place to grow and harvest produce, including plants from the medicinal garden located at the north-western corner of the development.

The land-based learning centre is located to the west of the central gathering space. Here residents can work and teach traditional carving, tool making, food harvesting or hide tanning. The structure serves as a workshop for the community and includes an outdoor kitchen for community feasts.

There is a naturalized area for stormwater retention at the north-west part of the site. This area helps to detain stormwater runoff from large storm events. A Medicinal garden is part of this naturalized system, allowing plants to grow in a setting closely resembling their natural habitat.

The townhomes in the south end of the site form a natural courtyard that fosters healthy communal interactions. The space is reinforced by play elements, small family gathering place and an area for quiet reflection.

GATHER



LEARN



FEAST



PLAY



GROW



