



# Rutherford Cottage

Heritage Study

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## History of the Rutherford Cottage

- Leasehold secured by Alexander C. Rutherford, MLA of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly, in 1902
- Alexander C. Rutherford was elected and sworn in as the first Premier, Treasurer, and Minister of Education of the newly established province of Alberta in 1905
- Year of Construction: 1908
- Built by Strathcona carpenter and contractor William Lockett
- When vacated by Rutherford family the cottage was provided to the faculty of the newly founded University of Alberta for educational purposes
- “Rural” oasis just outside Banff town centre and has remained relatively unaltered over its lifespan, with the exception of an early full-width shed roof addition on the East elevation
- Design is representative of its time, showcasing a mix of Victorian and Edwardian architectural details and remains a good example of early residential cottage development in Banff



## Character Defining Elements

- Located on Buffalo Street roughly 35 metres from the Bow River in the Town of Banff
- Residential form, scale, and massing as expressed by:
  - Square plan
  - 1.5 Storey Height
  - Hipped roof structure
- Wood-frame construction with lapped wood siding, cornerboards, and closed soffits
- Typical residential cottage design features including wrap-around verandah and outdoor space facing the Bow River
- Wooden doors



# Site Plan Comparison

- Enhanced Pedestrian Connectivity
- Reduced Vehicular Presence



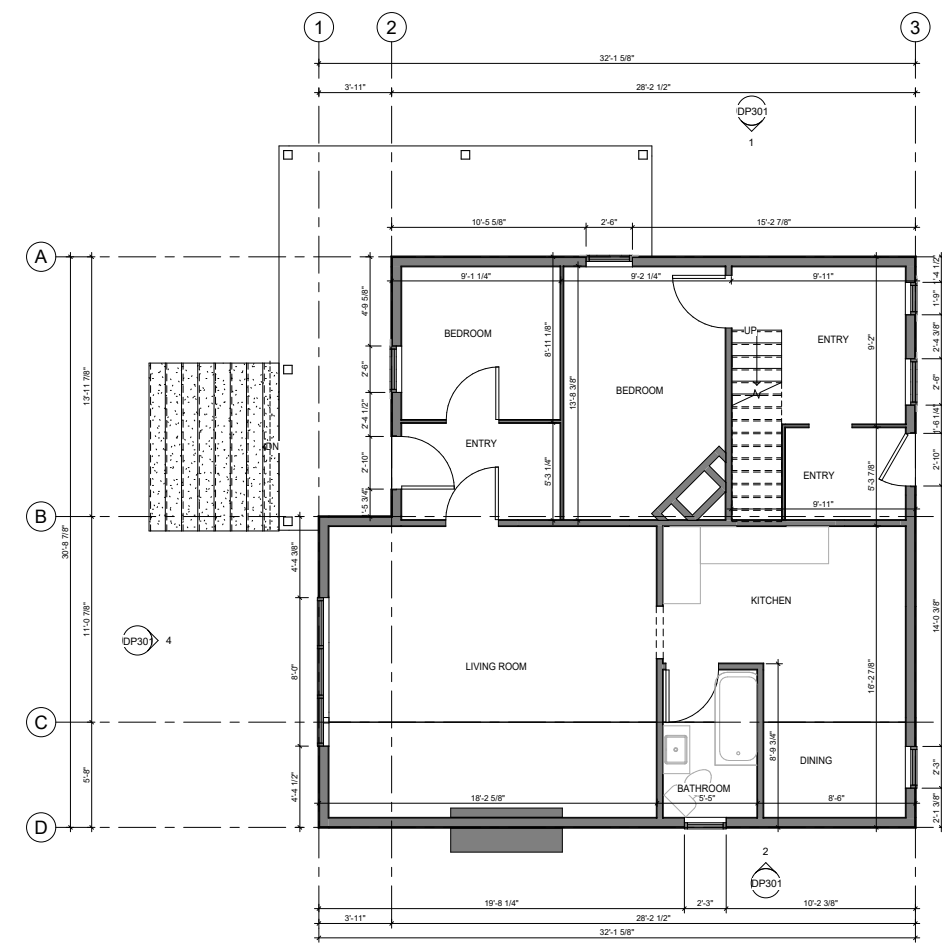
**Existing Site Plan**

**Proposed Site Plan**

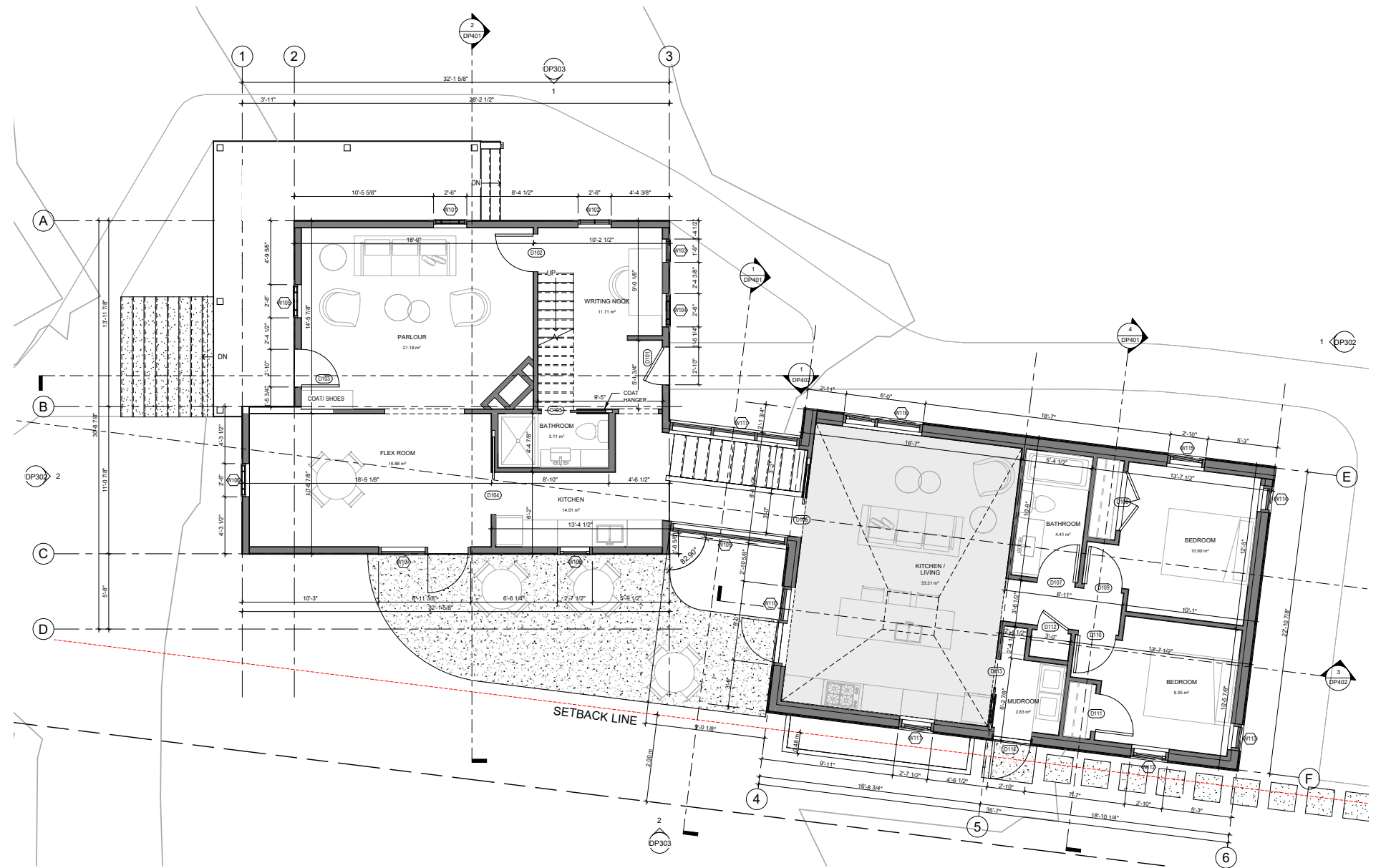
**— Pedestrian Circulation**  
**— Vehicle Circulation**

# Floor Plan Comparison

- Previous extension to be demolished and return existing cottage to original footprint
- Interior partitions to be renovated to reflect original building layout with upgraded modern building services



Existing Main Floor Plan



Proposed Main Floor Plan

# Elevations

- Proposed caretaker's residence to borrow design elements from Rutherford Cottage
- Light tone of Cottage siding to be replicated on caretaker's residence roof
- Proposed wood siding for caretaker's residence
- Connecting breezeway glazed to minimize visual impact on site

2	PAINTED WOOD SIDING HORIZONTAL - WHITE
3	NATURAL/ COMPOSITE STAINED WOOD SIDING HORIZONTAL - LIGHT NATURAL
4	ROUGH CUT FIR BOARD SIDING
5	STANDING-SEAM METAL ROOF - LIGHT GREY
6	COMPOSITE/ WOODEN CEDAR SHAKE ROOF
7	PARGING - COLOUR TO MATCH EXTERIOR CONCRETE
8	PREFIN. METAL FLASHING TO MATCH FIR BOARD SIDING
9	PAINTED WOOD SIDING - TO MATCH ORIGINAL COLOUR TBC.

