# Building Secondary Suites The "JSU Prototype"

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### Agenda

- Who I am?
- What is Secondary Suite?
- Where to build a Secondary Suite?
- Why build a Secondary Suite?
- How to start a Secondary Suite?
- The "JSU Prototype" Secondary Suite

### Who am I?

- Architectural Designer by day... real estate investor by night
  - Architecture and Design for 10+ years.
  - Designed 50+ private homes/cottages for permit applications
- Owner of Blue Bella Drafting and Design
  - work with Splendid Homes (designer/contractor)
- Co started JSU Properties Limited (2013)
  - Started with hold properties
  - Last property contained vacant lot
    - Developed Single Family home with Secondary Suite (completed Fall 2016)
    - We Buy homes!

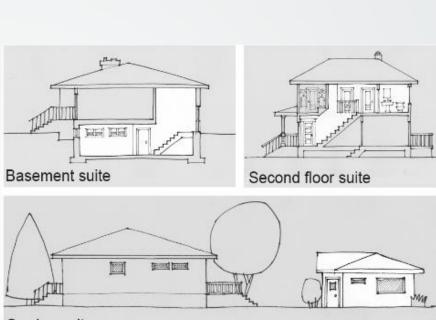


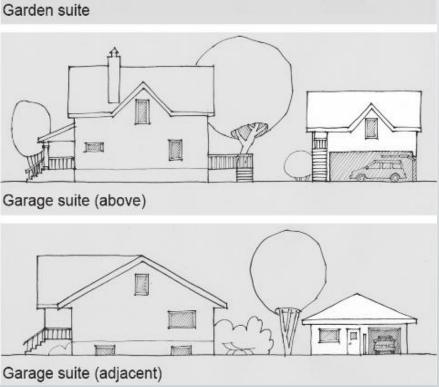




### What is a Secondary Suite?

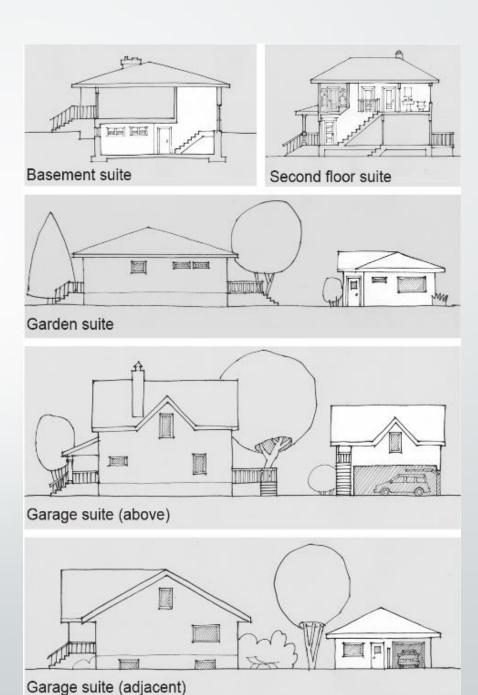
- Already have some knowledge;
- Private, self contained unit within a dwelling
  - City of Winnipeg website:
  - <a href="http://winnipeg.ca/PPD/permits/Residential/SecondarySuites.stm">http://winnipeg.ca/PPD/permits/Residential/SecondarySuites.stm</a>
  - http://www.winnipeg.ca/ppd/planning/planninged/





### Where to Build?

- All R(esidential) zoned properties
- Existing homes or New builds
- New lots
- Infill lots
- Detached or Attached structures



### Why Build a Secondary Suite?

- Generational living
  - Kids? Parents? In-laws?
- Rental income
  - Who wouldn't like someone paying there mortgage?
- Money generating rental property
  - Two suites on one R1 property
    - R1 typically only one dwelling

### How to start?

- Have an existing home or property for construction? (Find one)
- Contact a contractor or designer for options
  - Zoning, building code, other considerations you may not know of
- Speak to the City planner / Zoning officer for the area
  - Understand what's all required
- Get the design completed
- Apply for the permit and applicable variances
  - No need for variance in attached suites (permitted vs conditional)
  - Still need variance for detached suites.
- *Incentives or grant* applications?
- Start construction

### Variance Route

- Fill out the forms and provide the necessary information;
   <a href="http://winnipeg.ca/ppd/zoning\_dev-app.stm">http://winnipeg.ca/ppd/zoning\_dev-app.stm</a>
  - Letter of Intent
  - Title status
  - Letter of authorization (from registered owners of property)
  - Building Location Certificate
  - Plans of Development
  - Letters of support (neighbours)
  - Yellow boards on property and option for neighbourhood rejection (~ 6 weeks)

### Grants and Incentives

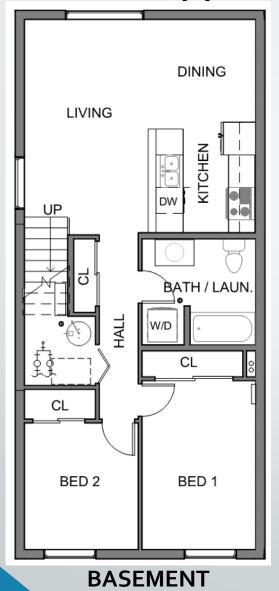
- Manitoba Housing;
- http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/mh/progs/ssp.htmlLetter of Intent
  - Owner Occupancy
  - Forgivable loan up to \$35,000
  - 50% of construction costs
  - 10 year agreement

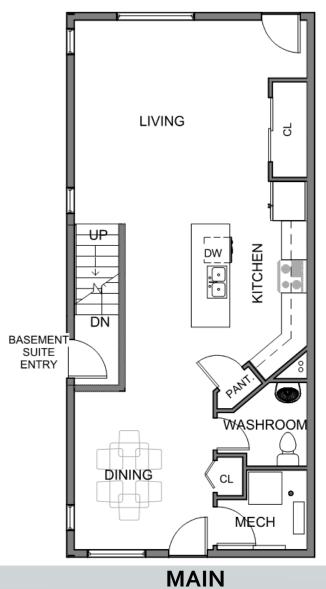
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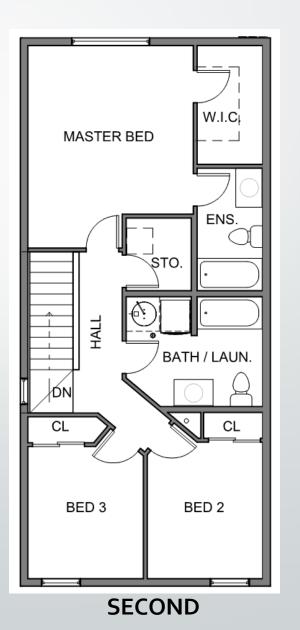
- Two-storey single family home + basement suite
- Both suites rented
  - Not owner/occupied
  - (no incentives)



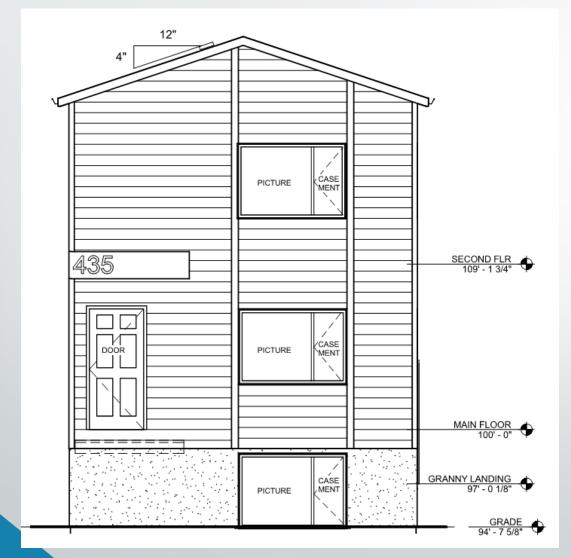
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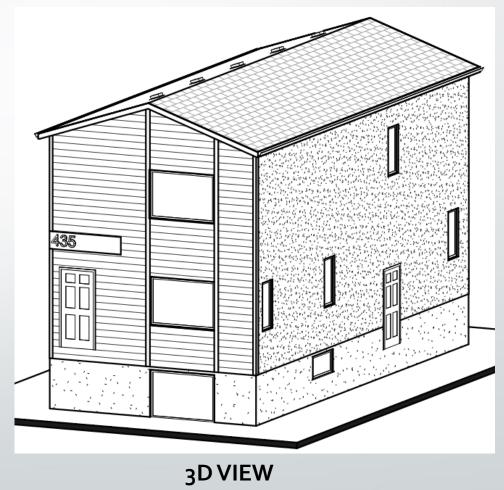






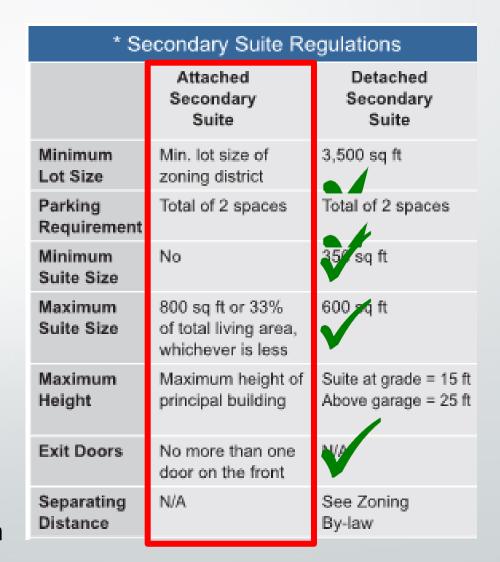
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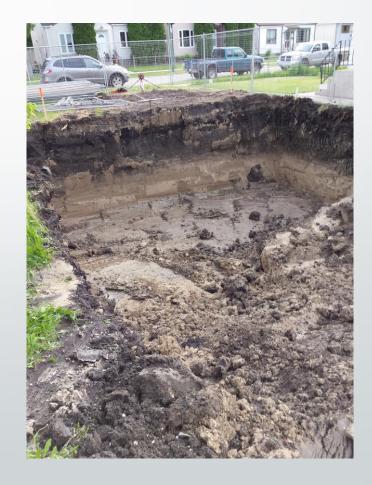
- Main suite includes second floor (~ 1600 sq ft)
- Basement suite with separate side entry (~ 800 sq ft)
- R1-S zoned land (min 2500 sq ft)
  - 25x101 vacant infill lot
- Code criteria met for secondary suites
  - One exit direct to outside
  - Windows meet egress
  - Head height > 6'-5"
  - Smoke and CO alarms
  - Independent heating and ventilation system



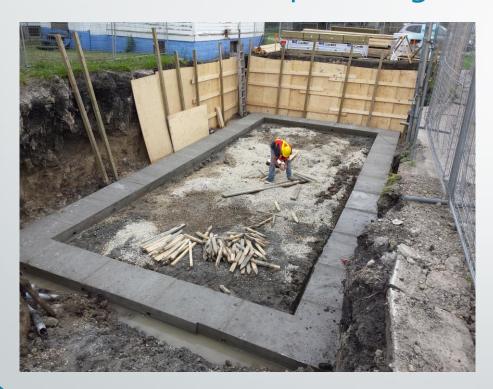
#### Variance boards



#### Excavation



Foundation – strip footing



Foundation – PWF walls



Foundation – waterproofing

Walls – Wood frame const





### Wood framing const



### **Envelope and Openings**



Exterior finishes

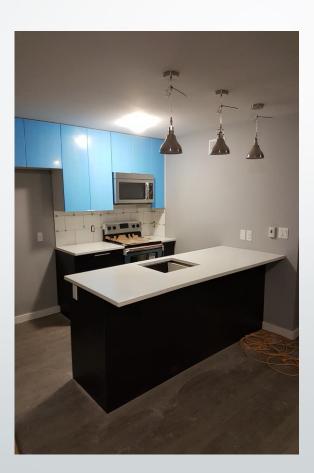


Interior envelope and systems



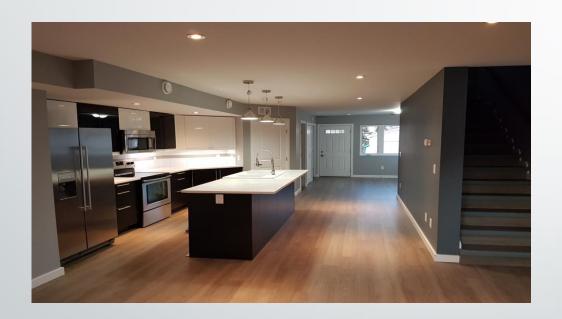
#### **Interior Finishes**

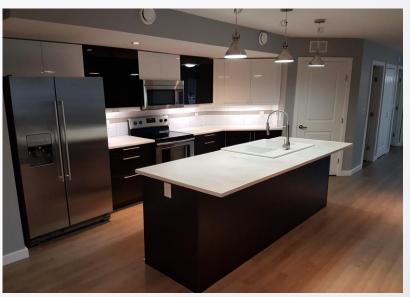






Main Suite – living and kitchen

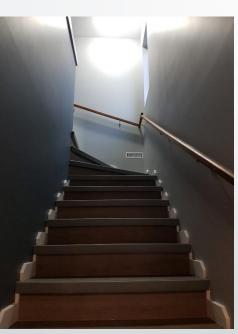


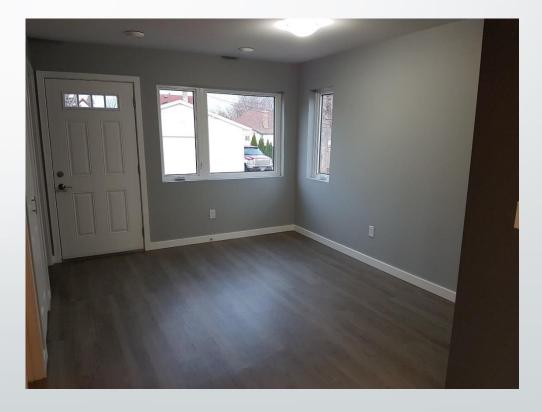




Main Suite – washroom and dining







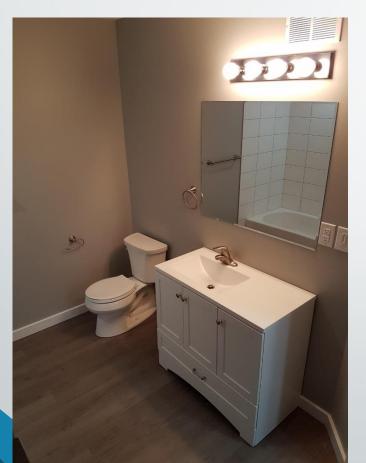
#### Main Suite - bedrooms







### Main Suite - bathroom



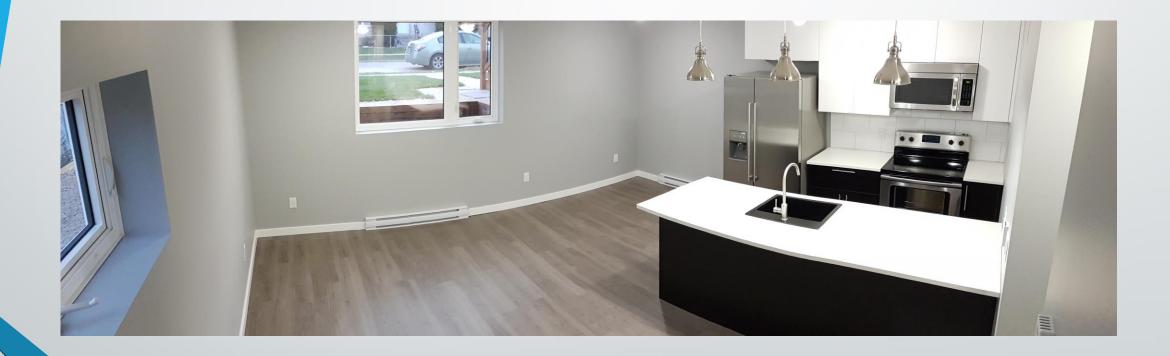


Main Suite – Master bed

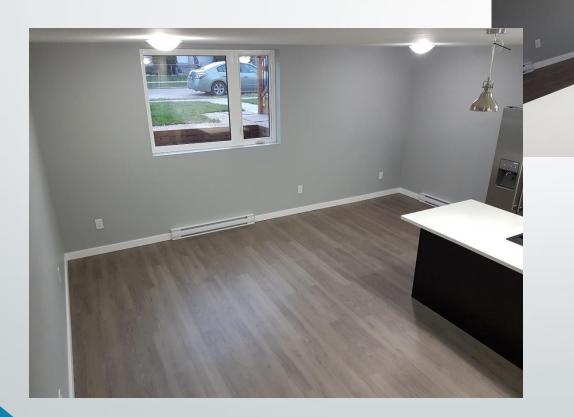




### Basement (Secondary) Suite



Basement – Living and Kitchen





#### Basement - Bath







### Basement - Bedrooms







### JSU Prototype – Additional Notes

- 16 weeks to receive all permits/variances
  - Could've gone faster (~8 weeks total)
  - Split lot with city BLC needed (+2 weeks)
  - Variance Required at time (+6 weeks)
    - City supportive and offered considerations
  - Infill Lot Grade Requirement (+2 weeks)
    - Since has been added to permit application
- 5 month construction to completion
  - be careful who you hire! Cheapest isn't always cheapest



# Secondary Suites

So what are you waiting for?

Questions?

Contact me afterwards or,

## Selling?

Your property need renovations and care?

Interested in selling?

Contact: JSU Properties Ltd.



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