

Exoskeleton Tower by Bing Thom

1668 / 1684 Alberni St. (Application Under Review)

Another tower with an impressive architectural flair has been proposed for Alberni Street in downtown Vancouver's West End neighbourhood.

Local developer Westbank has submitted a rezoning application to the City of Vancouver to build a 39-storey market residential tower with a six-storey podium at 1668-1684 Alberni Street, the southwest corner of Alberni Street and Bidwell Street – just north of Robson Street.

Under the West End Community Plan the tower's height is limited to only 385 ft, but it still achieves a relatively high density of 10.7 FSR. Site preparation will necessitate the demolition of two buildings that currently occupy the property.

The proposal falls under the West End Community Plan and calls for 94 residential units, including 55 units with three bedrooms designed for larger families.

To support the residents, there will be 180 vehicle parking stalls and 120 bike parking stalls within four levels of underground parking.

According to Bing Thom Architects, the local firm responsible for the project's design, the form of the development represents a 'weave' or 'exoskeleton' and takes cues from structures that also take repetition in nature.



