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TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
FROM:	GEORGE KOTSIFAS, P. Eng. MANAGING DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT & COMPLIANCE SERVICES AND CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL
SUBJECT:	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SITE PLAN BY-LAW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING ON FEBRUARY 2, 2015

RECOMMENDATION

That on the recommendation of the Manager of Development Services & Engineering Liaison, the proposed changes to Schedule 1 of the Site Plan Control Area By-law C.P.-1455-541 attached as **Appendix A BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting on February 9, 2015 to amend the Site Plan Control Area By-law C.P.-1455-541.

BACKGROUND

Recently, staff in Development Services have studied Section 6.7 of the Site Plan Manual with a goal to provide improvements and updates to this section.

Development Services staff have worked closely with By-law Enforcement and Building to develop the proposed revisions to Schedule 1 of the Site Plan Manual.

Attached as Appendix B are the sections being amended showing the deletions (line through the text) and the additions (bold). In addition to this, the proposed by-law for the technical changes is attached as Appendix A.

The revisions provide for corrections to some of the figures, clarify the height the signs can be placed above the ground as well as the maximum distance for the edge of the fire route and a new figure to illustrate the requirements for wall mounted signs.

DISCUSSION

Section 6.7: Fire Route Access

Recently, By-law Enforcement and members of the public raised some issues regarding fire routes. As a result, site plan staff and enforcement staff have worked together to develop a number of revisions to facilitate the establishment of Fire Routes for residential, commercial, industrial and institutional projects.

Staff in Development Services have studied Section 6.7 of the Site Plan Manual with a goal to provide improvements and updates to this section. The review was initiated to address a gap between Site Plan approval requirements (found within the Site Plan Manual in Section 6.7) and Parking By-Law enforcement requirements. Conflicts between Parking By-Law enforcement requirements and Site Plan approval requirements for Fire Routes was particularly an issue at the Site Plan compliance stage. The improvements and updates are proposed to better align the Site Plan approval and compliance requirements with By-Law enforcement requirements.

Notice of the proposed amendments were placed in the Londoner on December 4, 2014. Notice of the Public Meeting was placed on the Londoner on January 15, 2015.

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CONCLUSION

Recently staff have revised section 6.7 in the Site Plan Control Area By-law to provide updates regarding Fire Routes to facilitate the implementation of Fire Routes as a result of issues in the field. These changes implement and resolve a number of issues by adding clarity and certainty and represent good planning.

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Appendix A

Bill No.
2015

By-law No. C.P. – _____

A by-law to amend By-law C.P.-1455-541
entitled, “A By-law to designate site plan
control area and delegate Council’s power
under Section 41 of the *Planning Act*”

WHEREAS Section 41 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 provides in part that, where in an official plan an area is shown or described as a proposed site plan control area, the council of the local municipality in which the proposed area is situated may, by by-law, either a committee of the council or to an appointed officer of the municipality any of the council’s power or authority under that section;

AND WHEREAS Clause 5(2) (b) of the *Building Code Act* authorizes the council of a municipality to pass by-laws requiring applications for building construction permits to be accompanied by such plans, specifications, documents and other information as is prescribed;

AND WHEREAS in the Official Plan for the City of London Planning Area the whole of the City of London is shown or described as a proposed site plan control area and the Council of The Corporation of the City of London considers it appropriate to designate the whole of the City of London as a site plan control area, to delegate its powers or authority under Section 41 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, to certain appointed officials of the Corporation, and to require applications for building construction permits to be accompanied by plans and drawings referred to in Subsection 41(4) and by one or more agreements with the Corporation that deal with or ensure the provision and maintenance of any of the facilities, works or matters to be provided in conjunction with all buildings and structures to be erected and any of the facilities, works or matters mentioned in Subsection 41(7) of that *Act*.

AND WHEREAS Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London passed By-law C.P.-1455-541 being a by-law to designate a Site Plan Control Area and to delegate Council’s power under Section 41 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c.P.13;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to amend the said By-law;

Now THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London hereby enact as follows:

1. Bylaw No. C.P.-1455-541 is hereby being amended by deleting 6.7 and the associated tables & figures and by adding a new 6.7 and the associated tables and figures attached as Schedule “A”
2. This by-law comes into force and effect on the date of passing of the by-law

Passed in Open Council on February 9, 2015

Matt Brown
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – February 9, 2015
Second Reading – February 9, 2015
Third Reading – February 9, 2015

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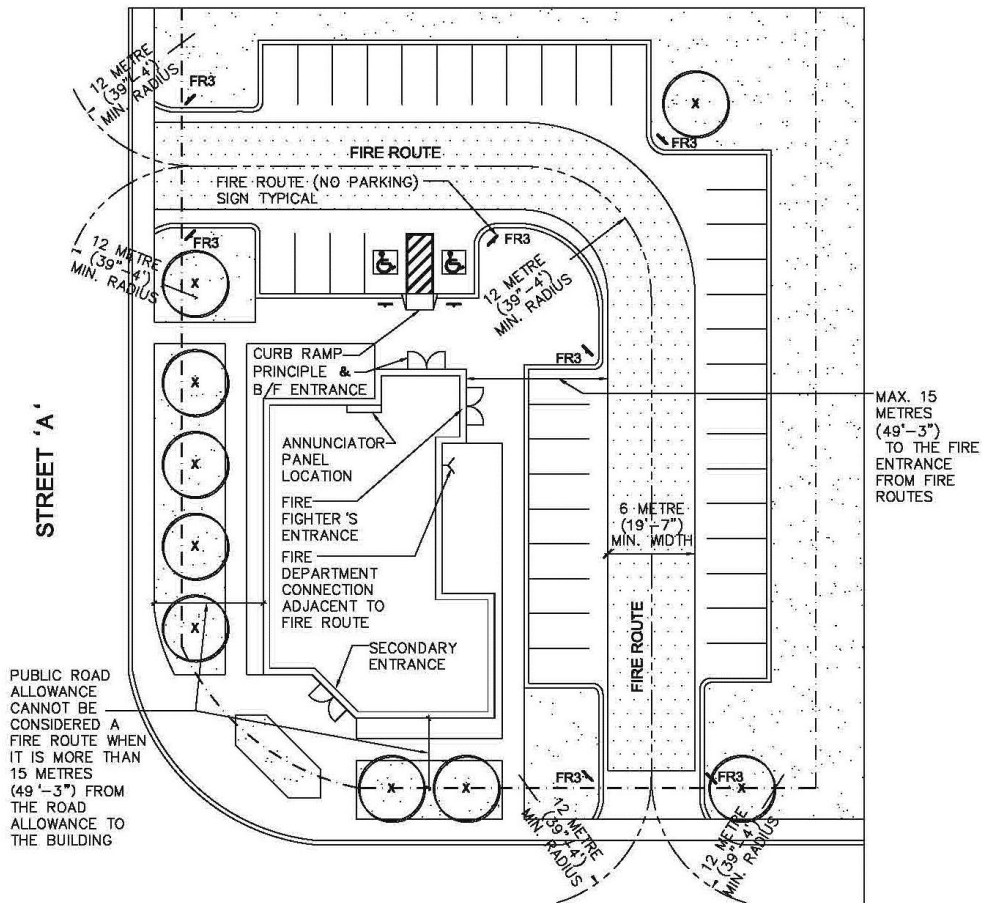
Schedule "A"

6.7. Fire Department Access

- (a) Access routes for firefighting including the location, width, turning radius, vertical alignment and location of fire route signs shall be shown on the site plan (a sample site plan is shown in Figure 6.3 Private Property Fire Routes).
- (b) When required in association with a development, fire routes shall be constructed, installed and maintained by the owner in accordance with Table 6.2 Design Standards for Fire Routes. The construction, installation and maintenance of fire routes shall include fire route signs in accordance with Table 6.3 Design and Installation Standards for Fire Route Signs.

FIGURE 6.3

PRIVATE PROPERTY FIRE ROUTES



FIRE ROUTES (O.B.C. SUBSECTION 3.2.5)

- LOCATED NOT LESS THAN 3 METRES (9'-10") AND NOT MORE THAN 15 METRES (49'-3") FROM THE BUILDING
 - FIRE HYDRANT TO BE MAX 45 METRES (147'-6"), UNOBSTRUCTED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION AND 90 METRES (295'-3") TO PRINCIPLE ENTRANCE WHEN NO FIRE CONNECTIONS ARE REQUIRED
 - OVERHEAD CLEARANCE MIN 5 METRES
 - CHANGE IN GRADIENT MAX 1 IN 12.5 OVER A MIN. DISTANCE OF 15 METRES
 - MUST BE DESIGNED TO SUPPORT FIRE EQUIPMENT UNDER ALL CONDITIONS
 - HAVE TURN AROUND FACILITY FOR DEAD END PORTIONS EXCEEDING 90 METRES (295'-3")
 - HAVE ACCESS OPENINGS EVERY 15 METRES (49'-3") ON WALLS REQUIRED TO FACE A STREET UNLESS BUILDING IS SPRINKLERED
- NUMBER OF STREETS (O.B.C. ARTICLE 3.2.2.10)**
- FOR TWO STREETS ACCESS TO 50% OF BUILDING PERIMETER FROM FIRE ROUTE
 - FOR THREE STREETS ACCESS TO 75% OF BUILDING PERIMETER FROM FIRE ROUTE
 - LOCATED WITHIN 15 METRES (49'-3") OF THE BUILDING

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Schedule “A”

TABLE 6.2

DESIGN STANDARDS FOR FIRE ROUTES

Width:	6.0 metres
Overhead Clearance:	5.0 metres
Minimum Centreline Turning Radius:	12.0 metres
Maximum Gradient:	1 vertical in 12.5 horizontal over a minimum distance of 15 metres
Maximum Dead end Distance without an Approved Turnaround Facility:	90 metres
Design Loading:	To support the expected loads of firefighting equipment
Surface Material:	Concrete, asphalt or other material designed to permit accessibility under all climate conditions.

TABLE 6.3

DESIGN AND INSTALLATION STANDARDS FOR FIRE ROUTE SIGNS

1.	Sign Plate:	Lettering, colour, size and material in accordance with Figure 6.4
2.	Sign Post:	Type and material in accordance with Figure 6.4
3.	Sign Mounting Alternatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) standard sign post (figure 6.4) b) light standard or other equivalent utility pole located not more than 1.8 metres from the limit of the fire route c) fences, landscape walls and building faces located not more than 1.8 metres from the limit of the fire route (Figure 6.5)
4.	Mounting Height:	no greater than 3 metres measured from the top limit of the sign to the grade of the fire route surface adjacent to the fire route sign and no less than 2.4 metres to the bottom of the sign
5.	Spacing between Signs:	not more than 30 metres (100 ft) between signs located on the same side of the Fire Route and spaced such that at least 1 sign is clearly visible and lettering is legible within the Fire Route
6.	Location of Signs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Fire Routes greater than 9.1 metres in width - one side of the Fire Route b) Fire Routes 6.1 metres and less than 9.1 metres in width - both sides of the Fire Route

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- 7. Setback from the Fire Route:
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- 8. Sign Orientation: at an angle of not less than 30 degrees and not more than 45 degrees to a line parallel to the flow of traffic, except for wall mounted signs

- 9. Visibility: the property owner is responsible to ensure that physical obstructions are not placed or constructed in locations that interfere with the visibility and/or legibility of any Fire Route sign and to ensure sufficient maintenance of vegetation such that unobstructed views to all Fire Route Signs are maintained at all times and under all circumstances.

Notes:

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In both cases, additional signage may be needed to adequately accommodate bends or deflections of the drive being used as a fire route.

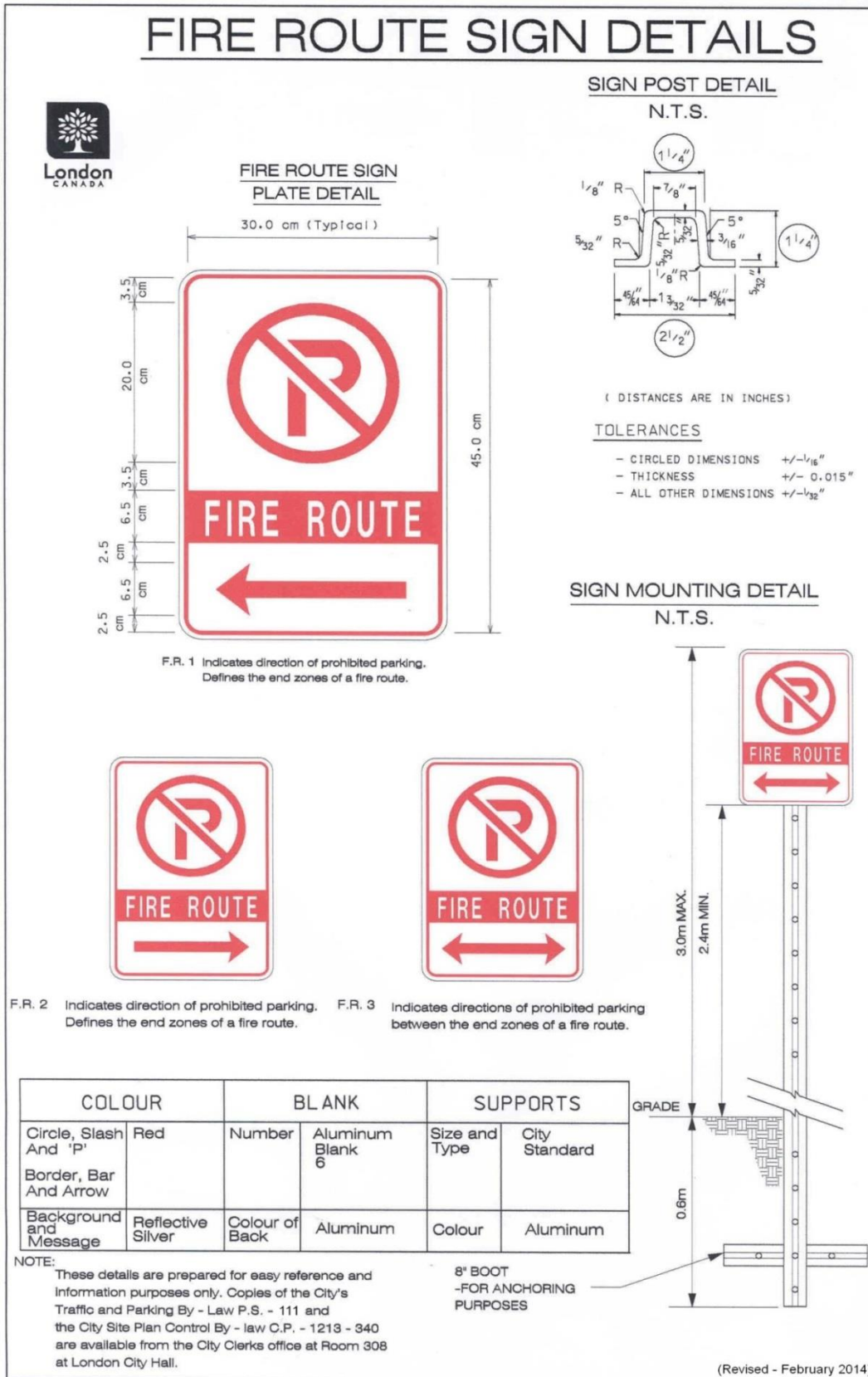
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- “Deadend” drives less than 30m in length are required to have signs on both sides of the drive at the beginning and the end of the drive.

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Schedule "A"

FIGURE 6.4

FIRE ROUTE SIGN DETAILS

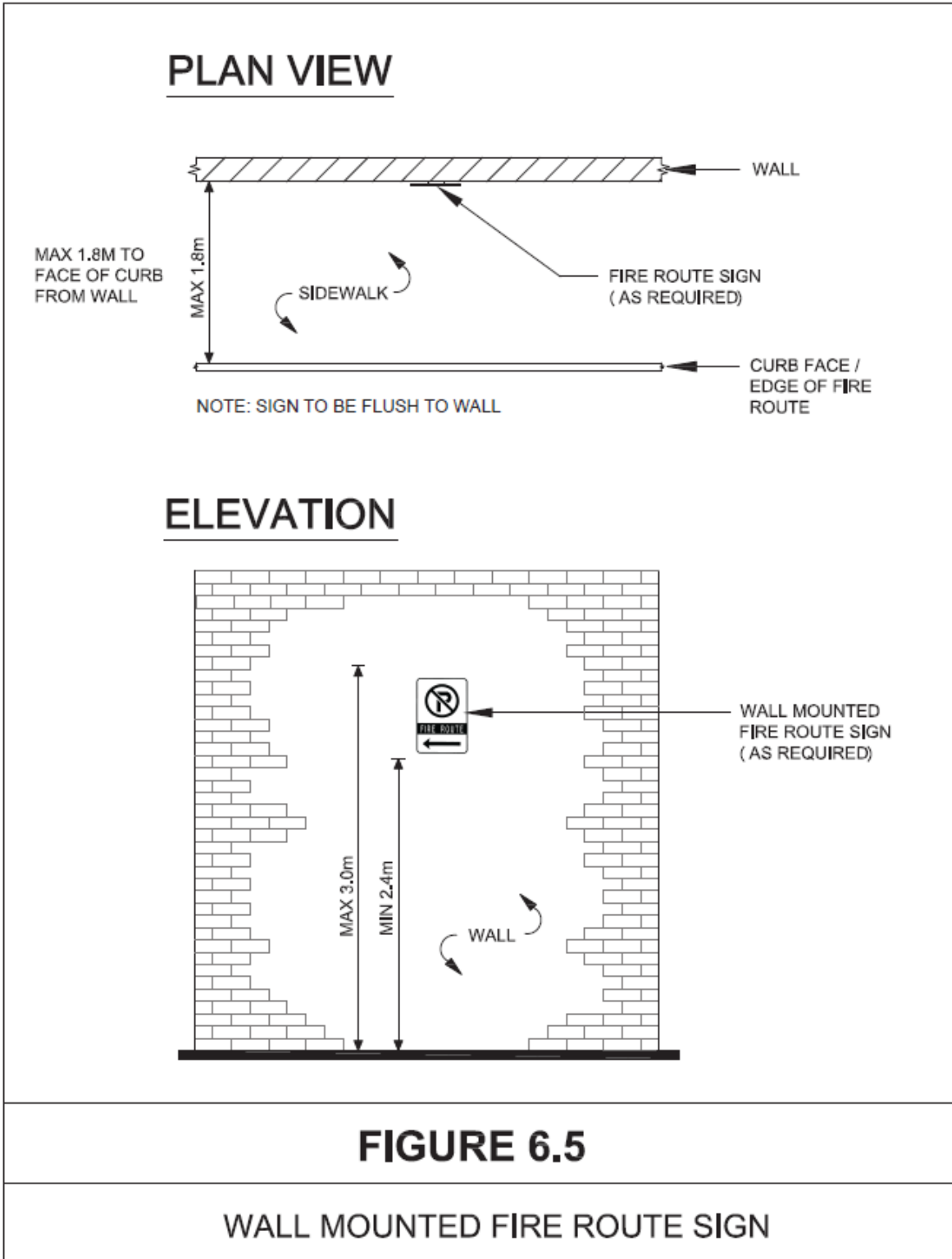


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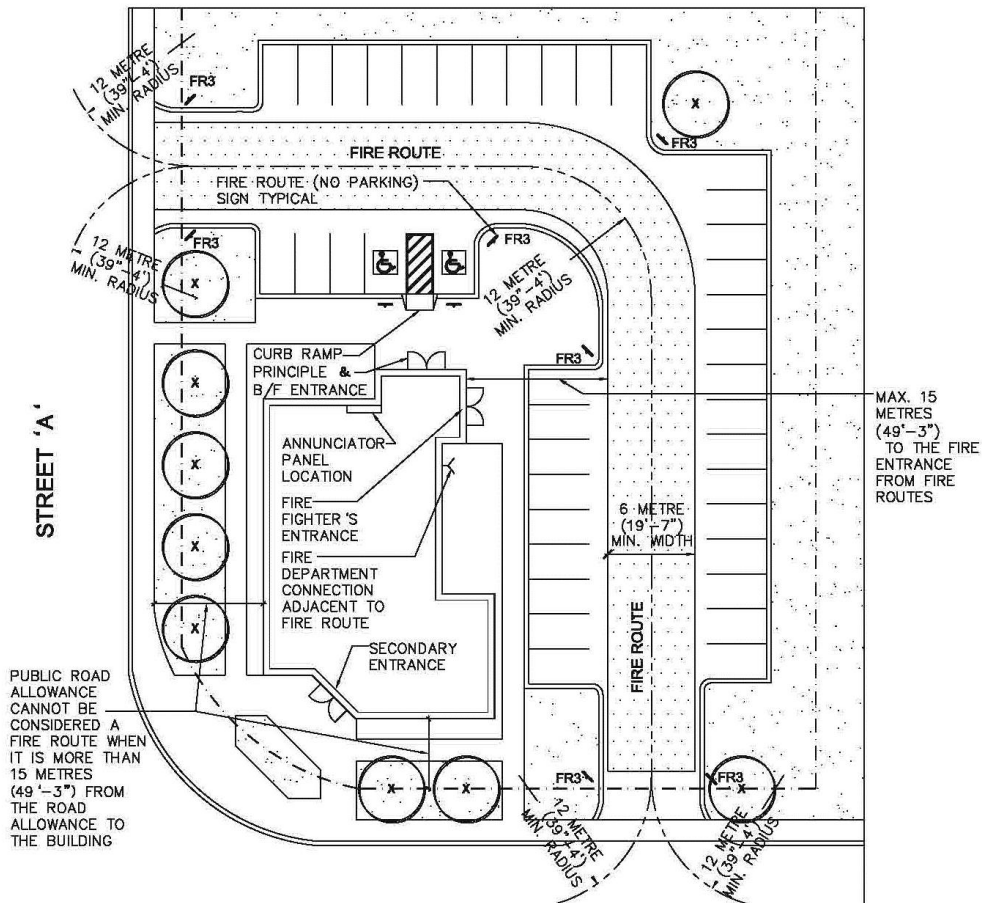
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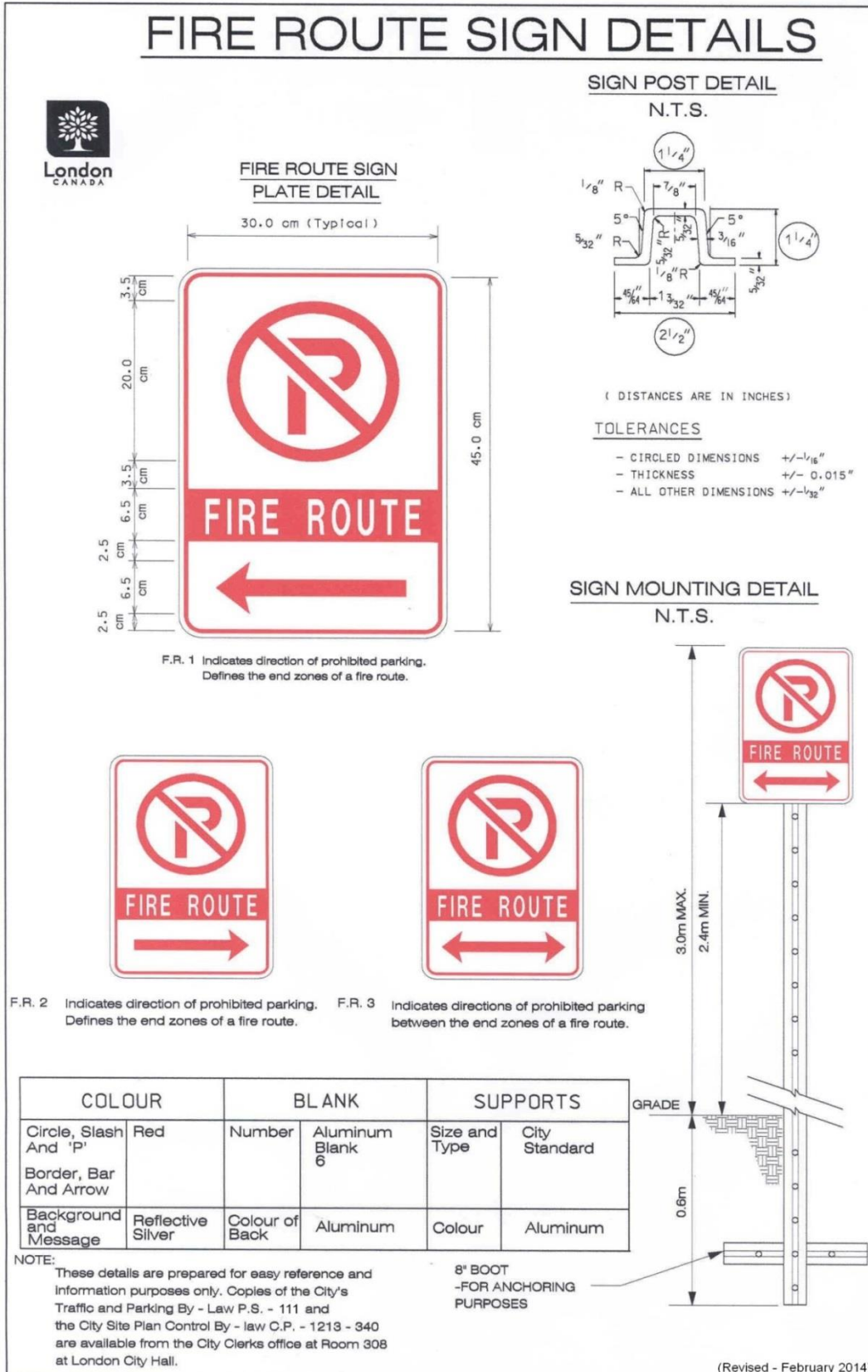
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FIGURE 6.4 (REVISED)

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