



316-322 Clifton

Design Brief

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The Neighbourhood of Westboro is an architecturally diverse neighbourhood. It is a melting pot of ranging from low-rise residential to towering condos. These different typologies reflect different architectural styles and periods. Traditional architecture is dominant in smaller scale residential. However, over time, contemporary projects have grown and have weaved themselves in the fabric of the community to create the Westboro of today.

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To respond to the neighbourhood, the design of the buildings along Clifton looks to borrow various elements from both these periods. It draws on traditional elements such as heritage bricks, dark window trims, and wood accents. The interior of the site is quite different, in contrast, it uses more contemporary elements such as large metal architectural frames and large windows. On both Clifton and Wilber, the buildings setback and change materiality on the third floor in order to minimize the height and soften the appearance of the upper floor.

The three-dimensional massing of this townhouse development is compact as it recreates a village of its own but at the same time embraces the exposures to both Clifton and Wilber streets with front yard outdoor terraces and front entrances. Garages are tucked away at the rear served by private driveways. The building mass acts as a sort of buffer between the low-scale residential on Clifton and the larger scale buildings and condos behind it.



Figure 1 - Aerial View looking North West



Figure 2 – Townhouses Along Clifton



Figure 3 - Corner of Wilber and Clifton



Figure 4 - Inner Back to Back Townhouses