

Mayor Marianne Alto
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

April 29, 2025

RE: Heritage designation for 2407 Fernwood Road

Dear Mayor Alto and Council,

I am writing to propose the Heritage Designation for my residential property located at 2407 Fernwood Rd, as part of an application to modify the zoning to permit three dwelling units, up from the current allowance of two. This initiative aims to balance the evolving need for sustainable housing solutions with the preservation of our city's architectural heritage.

This designated Development Variance Permit application that this Heritage Designation is under is an effort to update the zoning and bring this property into compliance. Approximately six years ago the previous homeowner created an unpermitted triplex. This configuration has been a good fit in the community with no negative impact. We believe that reconciling the house's three dwelling units with the City's zoning is most sensible. Heritage Designation has been agreed upon with Planning staff as an appropriate avenue to achieve our mutual goal.

Victoria's rich tapestry of historic buildings contributes significantly to its unique character and community identity. Heritage designation serves as a vital tool for safeguarding properties that embody architectural, historical, or cultural significance. By designating this property, we can ensure its preservation and continued contribution to the city's heritage.

The proposed zoning modification aligns with the city's goals of increasing housing density while maintaining the integrity of established neighborhoods. Heritage designation would provide clear guidelines for any future alterations, ensuring that changes are in harmony with the property's historical value and the surrounding area.

In conclusion, this Heritage Designation application is a proactive step toward accommodating the need for increased housing density while preserving the architectural heritage of our community. I respectfully request your support in initiating the heritage designation process for this property.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sabo