

To Mayor, Council and others of concern,

I am writing this letter to support the proposed redevelopment project at 1201 Fort st. After reviewing the plans and drawings, I feel that this project keeps within the current aesthetics of the Rockland/Harris Green neighbourhood, while looking towards the future development of Victoria as a city.

With the proximity of this site to downtown, development is an inevitable reality. It seems that Abstract has taken many of the neighbours' concerns into the planning stages and presented a finished project that places these concerns at the forefront of the development. The consideration taken to the maintenance of old growth trees and the addition of more trees provides a continuity to the current park-like feel of the property, along with the choices to recess the building back from its Fort street property line, as well as providing a public path to allow everyone to enjoy the urban green space.

As a cafe owner on the 1000 block of Fort street, I am happy to see responsibly planned projects providing more density in the area. Upper Fort is becoming a great little neighbourhood in its own right and projects like this help to continue to perpetuate that forward. The proposed affordable housing offered on the block is a welcome addition as well—especially since it provides options for those working in industries such as ours. As a business, we strive to offer an inclusive neighbourhood space for all to enjoy and, with increased residential density, we can continue down that path, expanding our hours and helping to add a vibrancy to the area.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jon Perkins', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jon Perkins



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**Re: eclipse 360's December 13, 2017 email to City Council regarding support for 1201 Fort Street and allegations re: the Rockland Neighborhood Association**

Dear Mr. Coates,

It is with alarm that we have just been provided a copy of an email prepared by Ms. Jenny Marshall dated December 13, 2017, sent from her official email address and business entitled **eclipse 360°** to Victoria City Council on the topic of 1201 Fort Street.

In her email to council that I see is posted on the City of Victoria website, Ms. Marshall indicates her and her company's support for the development of 1201 Fort Street, which is of course perfectly within any citizen or company's right to do. She indicates that she has attended the community engagement sessions and that she believes the development will be a "stunning addition to our City".

Ms. Marshall, however, does not stop there with her support for the project, as she then decides to make some very serious allegations about the conduct of the Rockland Neighborhood Association (RNA). She sites "intimidation and bullying at every stage of the process" by what she purports to be undertaken by members of the RNA.

As a member of the Board of Directors for the past five years and, as of February 2018 the current President, I find these claims troubling. The RNA strives to balance and represent the predominant views expressed by its membership on community related issues like land use, the importance of maintaining heritage related values, proposed new development, and safety related issues such as traffic and crime.

Moreover, the RNA is not a civic elected position but an association of non-paid residents of Rockland and volunteers who come together to represent Rockland residents in ensuring that the Official Community Plan is adhered to. The Association attempts to work collaboratively with the City and others like the Victoria Police on important community related issues. For example, we have a long history of an effective and collaborative working relationship with our City Councillor in our effort to support the community of