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From: Chris Kask [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 8:35 PM
To: Development Services email inquiries; Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Development Proposal for 1314-1318, 1324 Wharf Street

Hello,

This email is in response to the Community Meeting for the Development Proposal for 1314-1318, 1324 Wharf Street (Northern Junk) properties. Having reviewed the materials at the meeting, please register this feedback as non-supportive of the development.

It is a mistake in the highest order to permit a wall of buildings to face our waterways. It is absolute horrid urban planning to take our beautiful harbour and waterways and permit a wall of buildings along them. If you look at almost the entire Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour there are large set-backs and open space along the waterway. To hem in the harbour and the new bridge with this development is short-sited and as big of a mistake as The Victoria Regent Hotel and Mermaid Wharf, remembered by many in this community as examples of very poor city planning. Such a building does not belong between the harbour and Old Town. Should this development be approved by the City, it certainly lends weight to the sentiment that Council and the City are doing whatever they can to pack this City with Condo or housing units under the false belief that it will "End Homelessness" and for, perhaps, the taxes that go with them and care very little for good urban planning.

The property owners knew the OCP, the height and storeys permitted. We should not cater to the continual chipping away what all the past planning and discussions decided would be best for the City!

Sincerely,

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