

Lacey Maxwell

From: Douglas Scott [REDACTED]
Sent: March 28, 2018 4:20 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: Landuse@victoria.ca
Subject: 1010 Fort Street

I am a tenant at 1011 Fort Street, and received notice by mail of this proposed development.

I think 9-10 storeys on this part of Fort Street is far too much. We're in danger of completely losing the unique pedestrian oriented character of this area. Even in the parts of this street where 6 stories has been allowed, it has created a dark canyon in all seasons except summer. 4 stories in my opinion should be the limit.

Thanks

Doug Scott
403-1011 Fort Street.

Lacey Maxwell

From: Sandra Holmes [REDACTED]
Sent: March 28, 2018 2:26 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: landuse@victoriadra.ca
Subject: Community Development mtg - April 9 2018 - 1010 Fort Street

I believe that the new development will have a negative affect on our neighbourhood as it proposes only 10 parking spot for 56 units. This is not adequate. People who can afford to live in this neighbourhood drive cars, and any vehicles that cannot park on the property will seek parking on the street, which is already crowded.

I also think that the combination of the zero setback and the 9 storeys will blight this neighbourhood, as the building will not add anything to the frontage.

Sincerely,
Sandra HOLMES
Owner Strata 42, Regents Park

From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Mary Wakefield
Sent: May 10, 2018 1:32 PM
To: Jonathan Tinney <JTinney@victoria.ca>; Lisa Helps (Mayor) <LHelps@victoria.ca>
Subject: Re: 1010 Fort Street

Hi Jonathan, I am attaching the results from our survey. The emails of the clients are on the survey, and I am asking they do not get distributed without permission.
I also would like to be kept up to date regarding this issue. How is the best way to do that?
Myself and other businesses have started a petition regarding this rezoning.
Thank you in advance, Mary Wakefield, Owner Skanda

On Tue, May 8, 2018 at 9:43 PM, Jonathan Tinney <JTinney@victoria.ca> wrote:

Depends on the developer and Council but typically 6 to 8 months. We can take your input any time and add to the file for consideration when it gets to Council.

Cheers.

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On May 8, 2018, at 4:52 PM, Mary Wakefield [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Jonathan,
Thank you for your reply. How long does this process usually take?
I would be happy to share the results of the survey.
Thank you, Mary

On Tue, May 8, 2018 at 12:51 PM, Jonathan Tinney <JTinney@victoria.ca<<mailto:JTinney@victoria.ca>>> wrote:

Thanks Mary, this application is still pending review by staff and has not yet been considered by Council. I will add your email below to the file for consideration by Council when it comes to them. If you would like to forward any outputs from your survey as well, we will ensure that those are forwarded to Council.

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From: [REDACTED]

On Behalf Of Mary Wakefield

Sent: May 7, 2018 4:39 PM

To: Jonathan Tinney <JTinney@victoria.ca<<mailto:JTinney@victoria.ca>>>

Cc: Catherine Holt <ceo@victoriachamber.ca<<mailto:ceo@victoriachamber.ca>>>; Lisa Helps (Mayor) <LHelps@victoria.ca<<mailto:LHelps@victoria.ca>>>

Subject: 1010 Fort Street

Hello Jonathan,
I met with Catherine Holt this morning to share some concerns regarding the zoning change requested by Abstract Development to allow a proposed development of a 10 storey, 54 unit and zero parking development

at 1010 Fort Street<<https://maps.google.com/?q=1010+Fort+Street&entry=gmail&source=g>>. It is currently zoned for a 4 storey building with 10 parking spots.

I own a small business at 1033 Fort

Street<<https://maps.google.com/?q=1033+Fort+Street&entry=gmail&source=g>>, Skanda, and have been there since 2001.

I attended a meeting a few weeks ago, that is how I found out about this request for rezoning. I was surprised at how few people attended, and when I asked my neighbours about this, nobody else had received any kind of notification.

It prompted me to send out a short survey to my clients and an opportunity for comments. I know have this information, and feel it should be shared.

I would very much like to meet you and have a conversation about the concerns...and also what the process is for development to have this kind of zoning changed.

I have not been involved in this sort of thing before, but my business was affected by the bike lane construction (down 50% October-December of last year). I own my retail space, and care about how we move forward with development of Upper Fort Street.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards, Mary Wakefield

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Survey Results Conducted by Skanda Victoria

Survey Name: Parking on Fort Street
Response Status: Partial & Completed
Filter: None
 May 08, 2018 1:37:31 PM

1. Since the bike lanes have been started on Fort Street, do you find it difficult to find parking close to Skanda?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
yes	143	90.5%
no	12	7.5%
Total	158	100%
61 Comment(s)		

2. How likely are you to drive down Fort Street while the construction of the bike lane continues?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Very likely	8	5.0%
Somewhat likely	16	10.0%
Neutral	6	3.7%
Somewhat unlikely	53	33.3%
Very unlikely	75	47.1%
No Responses	1	<1%
Total	159	100%
41 Comment(s)		

3. Do you think the city should allow New Residential /Commercial buildings with "zero" parking for residents/tenants?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
yes	4	2.5%
no	145	91.1%
undecided	8	5.0%
Other	1	<1%
Total	159	100%

71 Comment(s)

4. Do you have any suggestions for the city as they make decisions for integrating more downtown living and commercial spaces?

111 Response(s)

Survey Results Conducted by Skanda Victoria, 1033 Fort Street

Survey Name: Parking on Fort Street	
May 08, 2018 1:37:31 PM	
1. Since the bike lanes have been started on Fort Street, do you find it difficult to find parking close to Skanda? - Comments	
Answers	Respondent
I have arthritis very badly in my legs. It is not so bad as to require a handicapped card, but I find that I need to park close to the shops where I am going to be shopping as walking and standing for longer than 15-20 minutes is very painful. If I cannot find parking close to the shops I patronize, I don't bother to stop and shop. I find I am going downtown less and less because street parking has become increasingly difficult for me	
Parking is difficult everywhere downtown including city parkades.	
The many Fort St stores I'm used to regularly visiting I'm often giving a pass to. I do not ride a bike I do not walk from where I live to shop down town or on Fort. I drive so I need parking. What used to be somewhat of an issue is now next to impossible	
I have a disability, and Parking is always a problem.	
Circling the block several times and still hard to find parking now. I can't imagine what it will be like with mixed units if there is zero parking allocated.	
This ultimately causes me to drive by instead of stopping.	
Find it difficult to find parking anywhere and rarely come into town.	
Difficult? Mostly impossible.	
I avoid Fort Street now - in fact I won't go near it.	
I am not in favor of the many new bike lanes. They are more dangerous than safe for both car drivers and bike riders.	
How does council expect the elderly and handicap to get around... bicycles? In the rain?	
Very confusing	
Previous to the bike lanes I never experienced difficulty parking for a Skanda trip!	
IF THERE IS NO EASY ACCESS I WILL SHOP WHERE THERE IS. I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN WITH WALKING PROBLEMS.	
I am always able to find a space close enough that I don't feel inconvenienced.	
I had to park on Yates Street near Central Middle School due to lack of parking on Fort Street because of the bike lane.	
I walk downtown, so am not looking for a place to park, but do notice far fewer spaces available for automobiles	
This is true of downtown generally.	
The bike lanes are on the opposite side of the street - or at least they were last time we were in Victoria (late Feb)	
Parking on Fort or Cook st. near various stores is a challenge. Sometimes detouring me from going to that area.	
I only ride my bike into town. It's 15 minutes to town from Esquimalt, and I love not having to pay for parking. On the occasional time that I'm in the car, I haven't had an issue finding parking	
Much more difficult, not to mention discomfort of narrower traffic lanes when city busses or large trucks occupy one lane.	
To develop another site on Fort without assuring parking for the users of that site would be irresponsible of City Council.	
Even if we are aiming to reduce car traffic & increase bikes & public transportation- parking will always continue to be necessary.	

I don't drive-but I think Fort street is a mess. I recently saw an ambulance trying to get down the street and it was terrible	
Due to the constant conscruction I avoid the â€ Bird Cagesâ€ Scattered along the majority of Fort Street.	
And very confusing!	
I already frequent the area less due increasing challenges finding reasonably located parking - if continues I will simply choose to shop entirely elsewhere.	
Although they say there is a loss of just 10% of the parking spaces on Fort (11 in total) it will make the street much more difficult to manoeuver as well as actually park as I have found the case to be on Pandora.	
The street is becoming a place to avoid rather than a choice of where to go to shop.	
They have also added more pay parking on Meares.	
It's a daunting task to even enter that block of Fort Street, let alone find a place to park. The congestion is debilitating and cars are scrambling across lanes to try to find a place to park and to get into the correct turning lanes. I find it extremely frustrating, discouraging to my participation as a customer to the shops and vendors and extremely dangerous. I avoid Fort Street between Quadra and Cook.	
It used to be easy to park near Skanda. Now it isn't. Further development without provision of more parking will definitely impact how often I shop at Skanda.	
When the weather is poor, the walk may not justify the visit the store.	
I very seldom go to Skanda now	
I no longer come down to that region, too dangerous with lanes, buses unable to turn, no right turns, hard for pedestrians and no parking. It is a disaster for customers and shop owners alike. thank you. Judy Nobel	
Simply put - not enough room to drive on Fort Street comfortably. I avoid all bike lane streets like the plague.	
I am not usually in a hurry and can take the time to find a spot nearby.	
We have just returned from a trip to Oslo, Goteborg and Stockholm - northern cities with a shorter bicycling season than we have - and they have bike lanes everywhere, and they are well used and highly valued.	
There's no parking & you have to go around the block a few times. Hence I have stopped shopping at all stores on Fort and really just avoid downtown altogether.	
It is impossible to parallel park and most dangerous to exit from the passenger side of one's car...	
I am distracted by them.	
Parking is getting almost impossible for people from outside the area, for shopping or dining. I pity the businesses that rely on outside the area customers to survive.	
Very hard!	
I live on Moss Street and only walk when I am going downtown. I find the traffic and parking intolerable. I think you are right to be concerned about the development across the street. I am scratching my head about the direction the city council is going.	
No comment	
It is difficult as well as confusing. All in all, it is a less attractive to shop on this street. I avoid Fort Street, which used to be my preferred route out of downtown.	
I shop at several stores along that part of Fort including Skandas, Simple Remedies, Heart & Sole, and Not Just Pretty. It is very difficult to park and even navigate along Fort St.	
I avoid the street and feel it is an extra effort to shop in your area. It has taken what was a fun day out, shopping with friends to the question, where will we park?	
Fort Street is a busy street that has been a main route for me to travel for years. I also can't go to the Dutch Bakery because of limited parking, difficult at 7:30 am even! I am 67 years old and have been a loyal customer since the 1960s at many Fort Street businesses that I can no longer shop at. I have severe arthritis and walk with a cane so I am limited to a 2 block parking radius typically and there isnâ€ t much handicapped parking available.	
If you are lucky you might find a space at least 2-3 blocks away and on another street. Usually It is further away.	

I don't think the city councillors care about the business People on Fort Street . They are spending so much money on bike lanes and yet they can't even keep Government, Douglas, and Fort Streets clean in the tourists areas. It is so embarrassing.	
haven't been around your area recently	
I work a block away so I pay for full day parking nearby at a Robbins Parking Lot. When I come to skanda itâ€s usually on a lunch break. For this reason I donâ€t typically rely on hourly paid street parking on Fort but having said that, all the construction of new residential towers has severely reduced the number of parking spots in the area as surface parking lots have been developed.	
In fact, the lack of parking this has prevented me from shopping at several businesses including Skanda	
very difficult most days	
I circled the block three times, and finally gave up and went home.	
It is difficult to find any parking. I have been a customer for years - frequently at Skanda as well as Charmaine's on Fort Street, and I often do not find parking so these businesses lose out.	
It was always difficult but now it is almost impossible and the new bike lanes (and parking next to them) make everything very narrow and difficult	
The bike lanes make parking difficult and there are never any bikes in them!!! The bike lanes are ruining Victoria and most people I know donâ€t want to go downtown anymore!!! Cars are idling longer and ruining our air. This was not thought through well.	
The lanes are so tight now - hate it !	
Perhaps when the bike lane is complete, the parking situation will become clearer and it will be less chaotic as everyone becomes less confused.	
I haven't tried to park on Fort Street lately	
There is essentially one lane of traffic now because the two lanes created are too small. It is busier as a result and parking is more stressful.	
I am retired, so can choose the time of day that I go to different stores but even so, often drive around in circles to find a spot. I now have both my optometrist and my favorite shop, Skanda, within steps of one another. I shop local at every opportunity. That particular section of Fort has a vibrant presence of locally owned shops that I want to see protected and respected.	

2. How likely are you to drive down Fort Street while the construction of the bike lane continues? - Comments

Answers	Respondent
Fort street was called , "Antique Row" and a delightful street to brouse along. The entire charm of the street has been ruined.	
I would prefer to miss Fort St completely however this is not possible as there are many businesses including Scanda that I visit and the parking is now horrible If not impossible !	
Construction on Fort seems unending I use alternate routes or donâ€t go downtown	
Iâ€ve been using view street when ever I can	
I come in from Colwood and have to fit in visits on a tight schedule. Construction is everywhere I go and so frustrating.	
I will go if I was going that direction anyway but am very frustrated with the decision not to consider the shoppers who support all the businesses downtown, and in fact not consider the needs of the businesses downtown that pay taxes.	
Since bike lanes have gone in I rarely go downtown. It has become too congested. Too many signs to look at. No longer feel safe driving in this environment. If I cannot find a spot close to where I am going I just go home.	
I used to go downtown to shop, eat and sightsee most weekends but have onoy been downtown 3-5 times in the past year. Its just to much hassle. I live at Cadboro Bay where the bus service is all but non-existant so I need a car to get there.	
I avoid it.	
I have totally stopped shopping down town--parking is a nightmare, traffic is a nightmare and a downtown shopping and eating experience just is not fun anymore!	
I GO AROUND THE DOWNTOWN AREA.	
Construction in every part of city affecting traffic at the moment.	
I live in Oak Bay and its the most direct route home	

If I come into Victoria before 10am I will try to find a parking spot in the View St or Broughton St parkades. If I want to park in Victoria after 10-11 am then I will expect to park in the outskirts of shopping and walk. I have already left the Aveda salon as my hairdresser as I was late for appointments in the afternoon due to lack of parking spaces in parkades.	
Parking downtown is becoming much more difficult with a number of private parking lots being consumed by developments. A quick trip downtown now is less likely to be made. This is bad for downtown retailers and vitality of downtown. Small retailers downtown already run thin margins with the high rent they face in downtown Victoria. Kicking traffic flow would be difficult for retailers to absorb.	
If I have to park a block away, it is just fine. Your store is a wonderful destination and worth the walk.	
Fort is a main artery access from downtown to major residential areas - Rockland / Oak Bay / The Uplands /	
University of Victoria & Gordon Head. The population served by Fort Street is significant. With bike lanes on both Johnson Street & Fort traffic flow is already negatively impacted.	
I am avoiding it	
I walk and take the bus but I don't even want to walk down the street. It is dangerous.	
I will take another route if I can.	
See comments above for No. 1 question.	
Iâ€¦ I do everything to miss the construction after construction what will be done to accommodate vehicles ? Thereâ€¦ s too little parking now!	
perhaps not in future either. So much against this poor decision	
It is too dangerous and with no parking how is anyone supposed to park? Clearly the mayor feels that cars have no purpose in the downtown core but how are we supposed to shop downtown or attend appointments when there is NO WHERE to park. While I appreciate the Mayor rides her bike I live on the Westshore and at 64 that's not going to happen.	
Drive - likely	
Stop and shop- very unlikely	
I am totally fed up with all of these streets being overtaken by the bike lanes...It has changed my shopping habits completely..	
If I need to go to Skandia, Dutch Bakery, or Russell Books I will do whatever it needs.	
So busy and irritating	
I avoid it unless necessary.	
If the weather is good, I will park blocks away and walk, but it has been so rainy and cold. I have avoided shopping at all the stores I normally frequent on Fort. I really am upset by this as I don't like mall shopping. I prefer supporting local businesses which are primarily downtown. I feel like the current local government wants to ensure that local businesses suffer and are not accessible to Victoria residents who live outside the downtown core. Developers are getting rich on the condos.	
I have not driven down Fort since ANY of the bike construction began	
When in transit I often use Fort Street.	
Will park wherever I can find a spot to park, but certainly not on Fort street. Very frustrating.	
Out of necessity I have to.	
I have been using alternative routes to try and avoid the congestion on Fort st. But it seems very difficult to get around Victoria in general by car or by public transit lately..	
Actually, am finding shopping in town in general has become a nightmare of bike lanes, lack of affordable parking and closed networks of streets.	
There is construction everywhere and all year long now. Victoria is getting harder and harder to drive around. I just hate what the local government is doing to this city.	
I have been finding alternate routes to cut out the section under construction in particular, and Fort St in general. I am very rarely going to Fort without a very definite objective. Fort Street is an area I previously enjoyed browsing when I was able.	
I avoid Fort street.	
I try to avoid it at all costs because it is more aggressive and stressful now than it ever was before. Buses must split the lane to be able to drive down the street, essentially making it one lane, compounded with the risk of knocking someoneâ€¦ s mirror off is enough to keep me away. The street has also become a tense commuter corridor rather than a nice drive. I hate driving on Fort between Douglas and Cook.	

Will avoid it.	
3. Do you think the city should allow New Residential /Commercial buildings with "zero" parking for residents/tenants? - Other responses	
Answer	Respondent
explanation below	
The main transportation in downtown Victoria was cars and buses. Bikes were a minority and were a choice not a requirement. So is this new building without parking exclusive for people with bikes? The Victoria mayor and council seem to me to have tunnel vision and decisions at times, are self motivated in my humble opinion.	
absolutely not!!!	
Parking is in crisis in Victoria. An ageing population is not going to ride a bike in the rain to go shopping.	
Lack of parking is a huge deterrent for me	
I think they some parking especially in commercial buildings, until Victoria has a better cheaper transit system we need parking if you want customers. Also need some parking for residential, perhaps not for every unit, if no parking then a free car share membership.	
I live downtown and don't understand how anyone can have a full and rounded life in victoria without a car. I love to walk, especially in our beautiful neighbourhood, but most of my organized events and family are not downtown. No way to get to them on a timely basis or back and night without. A car. My sister lived in the area for a few years just one parking spot and it was a frustrating effort to visit for me and more so for my senior parents, in the end the family entertained elsewhere.	
I think all buildings need parking. The meters start early.	
Absolutely not!	
This is unrealistic as these people will have visitors regardless of whether they don't have their own vehicle as well. It should be mandatory to provide some parking.	
No it should be the responsibility of the builder to secure parking on site, as part of the development.	
While I appreciate the move towards higher density and more bike/pedestrian friendly downtown, we do not have the infrastructure in place for public transport. Not everyone is able to ride their bike or walk - there is still a need for cars and parking spots in this city. Certainly if a new residence is being constructed it needs parking to be included.	
That is a ridiculous idea. People have cars. Bike lines only work in conjunction with good bus service. The bus service sucks, its like something out of the 1950's. I have lived in cities with good bus service are rarely drove. In Victoria driving is a necessity.	
We are not living in Holland and we are not all 20 years old and/or able to be riding around on bikes.	
absolutely	
are they allowed to have cars?	
Although it is true that some people have made a commitment to the environment by ridding themselves of their cars, I suspect the actual number that do this is less than 10%.unless this building is a passive house or building to a LEED gold standard they should provide the same amount of parking as their fellow contractors do in other cities of similar size	
Victoria should take a lesson from Langford where they insist that developers provide the functional requirements to make access safe and the shopping experience enjoyable.	
THAT IS STUPID OR MONEY UNDER THE TABLE.	
On what planet are 54 people plus not driving or owning a car.	
You could make car free a term of ownership or rental. Dumb	
Unless they sell/rent specifically to car-less people	
There isn't enough on street parking or parkades parking now and to have residents of the buildings competing for parking will continue to discourage people from the municipalities from going into the city and instead they will go to shop in the Malls.	
It has to be taken into consideration that customers will ALWAYS want the availability of parking	
The assumption in these proposals is that none of the tenants will have autos....which is highly unlikely. As a result, the tenants with autos will be looking for parking on the streets in the neighbourhood. This would make an already tight parking environment more difficult.	
I think there should be "some" parking for residents but not necessarily for each suite.	

This plan of zero parking is absolutely crazy! It's almost impossible now to park downtown and do one's business!	
Is City Hall deliberately try to kill business in the downtown core?	
Absolutely not!!! This is completely unfair to other taxpayers and irresponsible! Parking is already a challenge.	
How the heck can you have zero parking?? That is not reasonable.	
I think any new buildings should be required to have	
parking for its residents, visitors or patrons.	
There should be a rule somewhere that ensures that the new occupants are not allowed to own a vehicle, otherwise, the owner is relying on on-street parking to house the resident's vehicles. Perhaps they have a space below, with a few car-togo rentals available or something, to ensure that tenants have a way out.	
In Tokyo, before people buy a new or used car, they must have papers that designate their approved parking spot. Homeowners rent out parking space in their driveways. It's an island!	
Underground parking should be required for ALL new residential constructions. Minimum one space per unit plus guest & service vehicle parking.	
Not for high end developments nor for low cost housing.	
Parking needs are a consistent .	
Completely unrealistic! People will always need their cars!	
Beyond buildings with "zero" parking allocations existing parking lots are going the way of the dinosaur to make way for the buildings.	
Compounds the parking problem.	
Absolutely not! It's one thing to want to get people out of their cars, however lots of people that will choose to be there may need to drive to work daily or for social. To build that many units with no place to park is irresponsible of the city to have given approval.	
That makes people that don't live downtown that realistically will not choose transit choose to go elsewhere with easier and free parking. I think on weekends it will be particularly difficult.	
They should ALWAYS include parking with residential buildings.	
Absolutely not. Whichever city planner designed and approved that flawed model needs to be questioned about the impact study that was done. It seems to most Victorians that a blind eye was turned to critical issues seriously affecting both clients and shop owners. It's hard for us customers to engage in walk by shopping when we can't even get near enough to do the walking! I find Fort Street a nightmare for design. The block design is wholly unworkable. It's dangerous and unsightly.	
Absolutely not!	
Where do friends and clients park? What options are available?	
I wouldn't buy if there was no parking.	
Not if that increases parking pressures on the surrounding streets. The city seems determined to force people out of their cars which for me means if parking gets any more difficult I just won't bother to go downtown. I rarely do now anyway since the outlying malls cover most basic needs. Convenience matters, no matter what these people think.	
remember how many of us in Victoria are handicapped in some way - you are keeping us at home with all these lanes.	
NO NO NO - there needs to be parking - why can't there be underground parking?	
This is irresponsible and will probably increase out of province ownership and decrease local homeownership. Does city council think everyone living downtown works downtown? Greyhound/PLC has canceled many of their route, no train and expensive airfare to limited destinations...how do people/families vacation/explore the island?	
Are the developers willing to make it a requirement that residents/tenants not own a vehicle and only have guests who do not arrive in a vehicle? Not likely!	
Very irresponsible to do that.	
It seems ludicrous that 'they' are planning to construct a building with NO underground parking when above surface parking and 'what is left of it' is being eliminated by the city!	

If I know there is some parking closely I will more likely go downtown.	
Downtown was a part of our family life on Saturdays.	
We got all our comic books at City Hall News.	
Absolutely not!	
It is impossible to find any kind of parking anywhere near that area of Fort Street.	
I like the idea of encouraging biking and walking and would love to see fewer cars downtown. But I am retired and walk most places. The reality is that most people drive and are unwilling to make the sacrifices associated with driving less.	
None	
Residents and employees will require parking. The recent bike lane changes have worsened the parking situation and made it less desirable to shop on that street. Do not exacerbate this!	
Parking throughout downtown Victoria is ridiculous. It is like the city wants to kill downtown for those of us who do not work or live in the downtown core. I have been a Vitoria resident for over 40 years and shopping downtown and frequenting the restaurants has been important to me. But I am feeling squeezed out of downtown because I have to travel there by car. It is like downtown has become a place for just those who live in condos there or for tourists. This makes me very sad and angry.	
The city should have additional parking with 1 or 2 hour restrictions so that we can shop or visit restaurants in the area.	
Who will rent or buy with no parking? Will this take up the few spots currently available?	
Absolutely not! Parking for new buildings should be mandatory. I was born in Victoria and my regular routines are being diminished all the time. The Atrium has limited parking and spaces in their underground parking are only available after 6:00 in the evening. The limited parking eliminated me from shopping at Maycock Optical - Johnson Street parkade is usually FULL! It took me 3 weeks of trying before I could pick up new glasses at Maycock. I walk with a cane and have severe arthritis.	
It is already difficult to park on Fort Street	
Where do the Councillors think these new Residents will	
Park their cars....ask them that question!!	
no!!	
Increased density without additional Auto traffic might be a positive thing.	
When we allow construction with no parking: Where do the delivery trucks park? Where is the guest parking? If the residents/tenants rent a car and want to go on a vacation where do they park the car while loading the car with their goods? Is there a thought to parking for car share vehicles?	
it is unrealistic to think that all 54 units will only own bicycles. There are already challenges with trying to find parking in this block. This will be madness and guarantee the demise of these businesses that call this block home.	
absolutely not!!!	
We also live on a street that is impacted by parking issues; itâ€s always a concern to find a spot to park. To allow construction residential units out some parking provided is irresponsible in a dense downtown location	
I wonder who did the feasibility study for these new bike lanes and considered the impact on local businesses that includes adequate parking for all - residents, tenants, shoppers and commuters. One of the lovely aspects of living in Victoria is shopping locally owned and operated stores in the downtown core. I suspect that parking will get more scarce once the project at Fort and Cook is completed. It has been a huge change in available parking.	
A ridiculous idea	
There should be tenant parking available off-street especially since an increased population in the city core already takes up street parking. The lack of parking spaces available for anyone that does not have local parking is very frustrating as a client/customer that lives beyond "the zone". Personally, it is a 24km round trip into town & although I do walk to/fro or take the bus my schedule may not include 2-3 hours extra for this mode of travel nor is it viable for carrying large items.	
Absolutely not!!! We need to get like-minded citizens together to fight this!!!	

Cycling isn't physically possible for a sizeable portion of Victorians (including me). Public transit isn't always feasible for some of us either, and it's far from ideal (with no quick fix on the horizon). Positive incentives, like offering better transit and bike lanes, are great ways to encourage car-free lifestyles. But making driving and parking more difficult is unfair to those who must still drive (or be isolated) as well as businesses like Skanda.	
Could there be underground parking? Or larger parking buildings with reserved parking for customers and residents	
North America is a car culture. As much as it would be incredibly lovely to change that to a pedestrian and bike culture, the fact is that it is ridiculously idealistic and unrealistic to do so in the forceful manner that our government has chosen. It has disrupted the city, and now property prices (downtown condos) are skyrocketing if the suite comes with its own parking spot. That seems absurd.	
What about the visitors who will be visiting these residents. They too will want a place to park.	
Who on earth ever thought this would be a workable idea?	
4. Do you have any suggestions for the city as they make decisions for integrating more downtown living and commercial spaces? - Responses	
Answer	Respondent
What is it that makes Victoria a tourist destination? What is it that has made Victoria unique? Why turn downtown into a concrete jungle?	
If there is no parking at street level then they need to put it underground. Lisa Helps needs to realize not everyone rides a bike!!!!	
Keep building. I get the idea about less cars. But this hasn't been thought through. Cutting down trees and zero parking condos are ludicrous. Give your head a shake	
Parking is essential for any vibrant city. Whilst Victoria may welcome many visitors from the cruise ships and elsewhere, without adequate parking it discourages greater Victoria residents from venturing downtown. Without local patronage many businesses are dying and we see greater numbers of unoccupied retail space.	
Consult with the stakeholders, neighbours first.	
I never want to come to town anymore.	
I have mobility issues and poor parking restricts my decisions to go places.	
I do not believe they would listen regardless. I avoid Fort street and Pandora whenever possible for many reasons. One is the safety of cyclists. I do believe merchants downtown will suffer, and if they survive they will move	
Stop bike lanes from expanding	
Add more parking garages	
The city is supposed to be for all residents, not just the biking community. If they continue along this path businesses will not stay in the downtown core and the city will lose tax revenue.	
They need to take their blinders off and look at the situation from all sides not just the biking communities.	
See above, plus bike lanes a good idea, but not what we have done, lots of other priorities right now with sewage, bridge and crumbling infrastructure (in front of legislation buildings is shameful)	
We need more parking. My clients cannot find parking when they come to meet. Since I walk to work, I can't go to them. I've many friends who just won't come downtown anymore for that very reason.	
Listen to the citizens of Victoria.	
Make decisions based on the greater good for all.	
Choose balance.	
This development favours the developer, who will not have to dig to provide underground parking - a drastic proposal. If successful, it should move forward as a bicycles only building.	
No but it is irresponsible to allow development without a plan for parking.	
Make realistic decisions - most people have a vehicle, even if they choose to bike also. This is the real world we live in	

Stop	
More green space for dogs please!	
Parking must be replaced in the new construction projects	
Between the city reduced parking and developments taking away parking it is very difficult to come downtown and find parking at all. Which is why I seldom go downtown.	
no bike lanes.	
Ensure that tenants of these spaces have parking, unless there is going to be a new bylaw that allows landlords to refuse a tenant because they own a car.	
Must have parking. Last thing I want is for the few parking spaces available to be taken up by people who live in a condo building. NOT EVERY ONE CAN RIDE A BIKE	
Build another parkade! We are a world-class city with inadequate parking	
Downtown is for the greater region, not just for those who live downtown. Even people who live down town travel out of the core. Builders must provide parking as a requirement. The region needs to improve its third world bus service AND it needs to recognize that people have cars and use them. You cannot make people give up their cars.	
If there was lots of reliable parking nearby, it would be fine. Taking away spots on Fort isn't a problem, it's not replacing them anywhere else that is.	
parking for the residences should have their own underground parking and not interfere with street parking. there are many businesses on fort that need access and should be considered.	
Get a new city council. They don't care about business and/or where the money comes from. When the money runs out - then what. Councils are supposed to be reducing taxes for it's citizens not increasing them. This is a pie head thinking council so you get what you vote for.	
Free parking for everyone!	
Set an example for other cities in Canada. Promote it!!! It will be very well received by most Canadians.	
They must leave spaces for people with vehicles. many people live in Duncan, Mill Bay, and come to town to shop	
To keep people shopping downtown there needs to be more parking, either below or above ground. The people living downtown	
will not provide enough customers to keep the shops open which will result in stores moving to other locations which means downtown people will need cars to shop! Perhaps making shopping areas only with lots of parking.	
parking should be available for residential buildings	
Don't make the same mistakes Vancouver made in order to line the pockets of developers. Many small businesses have suffered	
Careful consideration on behalf of council is mandatory, in order to provide enough parking for all residents. Otherwise, traffic congestion will be a huge issue (as it has been in Vancouver for many years), there will not be enough parking spaces for shoppers and the businesses will have to shut down due to insufficient funds to pay monthly rent.	
Living downtown does not necessarily mean no car. The City should insist on a trade-off - a green wall or green roof could reduce parking requirements, LEED building or equivalent could be rewarded by no parking. Either that or require the building owners to rent/sell half the units to people who declare they have no car	
See above. There is no way that I would choose to live in an accommodation that does not have parking for tenants and their guests. It is totally ridiculous!	
IT'S TOO NOISY DOWNTOWN TO LIVE THERE. WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE PLANS THE CITY PAID FOR IN THE RECENT PAST. THEY NEVER FOLLOW THEM.	
Yes, slow down. No matter how badly you want people to use alternative transportation, many will not and parking is always a huge consideration when going downtown. Spaces are being eroded. People will use the malls.	
Underground parking	
Always include new parking options.	
Absolutely has spoiled Fort Street with the new bike lanes. Has become extremely dangerous for both drivers and for anyone parking and exiting the car without either fearing the possibility of personal injury or car damage from passing vehicles. Particularly buses and trucks. Such a shame.	

In Calgary and Toronto, residents (my relatives) pay for parking on their own streets and have a sticker or pass on their car. This will work for ALL existing and future parking on Victoria streets. Also future developers of buildings can easily dig an underground parking garage. These are both convenient and secure for downtown residents.	
There are always errands that include more or heavier items than will fit onto a bicycle or possible to carry on foot.	
Some balance needs to be found with some parking requirement forced on the developers. The belief that people will bicycle downtown en mass is highly improbable. While some people will cycle downtown, and I think you can observe the increase in cycle traffic, the fact is the majority of people will still use autos.	
There is a definite need for affordable housing in Victoria and surrounding areas but traffic density seems to be an aspect that is overlooked in planning new development. Traffic in and around the city has been difficult for a number of years without any new ideas on how to make it easier to get around. I don't support the bike lanes.	
Insist on adequate parking for all new residential building.	
Underground parking should be part of any building code.	
Incorporate adequate parking into the planning balancing space for cars and bikes. Young families and elderly people do not have the ability to travel exclusively by bike or on foot.	
Residential spaces need one parking space per unit. We have lived in inner city areas and this is the only way to manage the fact that every unit will have a car or motorcycle.	
the above comment	
See my comments above re approved parking spots. The parking spots in town should be those of business users, not residents.	
Get CRD on board with the approved parking note before car purchase thing. I'd be willing to present these ideas. 13 years in Tokyo was inspirational. from Lorraine Nygaard	
A while ago, the downtown core was struggling because commuters did not want to pay for downtown parking. The more density constructed without off road vehicle parking, compounded by the bike lanes and no infrastructure for future rapid transit, will drive customers back out of the downtown core. Businesses will suffer again.	
enough bike lanes now!!	
Wise planning !!!! Make wise decisions!!!	
It is fabulous to see The City of Victoria coming alive with downtown residents. Keep horizon low - do not go high. This city is still on a very human scale - mostly. Keep skyline low.	
Amalgamate with other municipalities so more people feel responsible & involved & contribute tax \$ to the City.	
The city needs to recognize that Victoria is changing and the traffic is becoming ridiculous. They should rethink the downtown core.	
parking of some kind is essentially for both residents and businesses. There has to be a balance	
Consultation from people other than the Mayors small focus groups	
This is an agenda driven council with little or no input from Citizens..	
Examples are too many to list !	
Put bike lanes on non commercial streets.	
PS: I was in to your store for the repair of a gold chain recently that was purchased and for which I neglected to bring the receipt. I resented being challenged regarding the repair of the chain. I will think twice about coming to your store again!	
a new building should be required to provide underground space accomodating its' residents/tenants.	
Be realistic and think about vehicle traffic plus shoppers coming into downtown in their cars. My dear frail 85 year old friend in NEVER going to ride a bike or take public transit to come downtown.	
yes	
Must have parking!	

I think that they have to be realistic about the majority of people will still maintain their cars, so there should be at least 75% parking provided to people that live in a new build.	
Metered parking on Fort should be free for the first 30 minutes so that people running errands may still go to Fort or at least include it in their day.	
Build more city parkades... one day I tried to park in three city parkades and then had to drive for blocks to get parking, making me late for a medical appointment. Add parking for every new unit that is built.	
New development needs careful planning for multi-use, not just a design aimed at putting dollars in the pockets of developers and winning votes (Helps) from a small interest group. Plan for parking and consider ALL those affected. An avid bicyclist, I will NOT ride my bike down Fort, nor Pandora. The lanes are unnecessary, DANGEROUS and cause havoc	
Provide adequate parking for businesses and residences alike.	
Alternative parking should be considered otherwise commercial properties downtown may suffer because people will gravitate elsewhere since parking is limited or not available or parking is too expensive.	
New buildings should have enough underground parking for tenants and businesses	
There should be designated parking in all new construction.	
Hard one. Some large parking facilities on the outskirts of town with really frequent bus departures directly into town from there along major streets and better, more frequent bus connections in the city? On the rare occasion I have bussed it, waiting for buses along my route home wastes more time than it would have taken me to find parking.	
make them provide underground and guest parking. trying to visit someone in them is impossible to park. three places I now have to take cabs to.	
It must be balanced for everyone. Try Seattle's solution - No vehicles in down town core but a free bus service 7 am to 7 pm. But we will need parking for bus access to enable seamless transportation.	
Its not hard, just a little thought to include everyone.	
Have more parking available.	
I don't understand why the city is not using secondary roads for bicycle lanes. It will be interesting to see how these changes affect the tourist season in 2019.	
The mayor's attitude towards downtown parking is irresponsible.	
they need to be realistic about how people live and plan for these practicalities.	
A NEW Mayor and the reversal of the existing bike lane policy...	
If you provide parking downtown should be able to thrive.	
Listen to the residents and businesses in your planning or you will kill the area	
Underground parking for tenants and guests for each building built.	
I support bike lanes but there needs to be a balance of the "rights" of cyclists and those of people who need/chose to use cars. Right now, it doesn't feel as if the needs of car drivers are being taken into consideration. Parking has become a real problem for downtown trips- which of course means fewer trips and this has an impact on merchants.	
The parking in Victoria, especially in the downtown areas is horrible and poorly planned. The city is ruining the parking situation and something needs to be done about it. Stop these condos with no parking! The tenants still have cars so park on the streets making it impossible to find parking for shopping, restaurant dining etc...	
I would love to see more pedestrian thoroughfares - like closing Government street to traffic - but I am sympathetic to the concerns of merchants that if there is nowhere to park people will not come. We need to make a big change in the way we live.	
Any new building should incorporate underground parking for all its occupants &/or customers. So called "zero parking" means they are uncaring of their occupants needs & have opted to "cheaper out". Leaving the parking problems to the city	
Consultation with existing businesses/residences	
They should think about people with disabilities. Walking an extra block might make the difference between a visit at Scanda or not.	
New developments MUST provide parking for residents and tenants. It is a fiction to think that everyone will walk or cycle or take buses! Otherwise local downtown businesses will suffer as shoppers get frustrated and head to malls with their easy and free parking.	

Yes! Add more parking as a must. Look to Vancouver where even hotels like the Blue Horizon on Robson has public parking on the first 2 levels and then hotel parking. We need more integration of parking for residences and businesses. I know the city would like us to use more transit but Victoria transit is hardly accessible to all residents.	
I wish I had a concrete idea to help with this matter. I think something could be done as in Cooke Street Village. My optometrist and nail spa are both on that block and it's really unfair to take away what little parking there is.	
Try discussing these matters with the people most affected including those in the neighbourhood as well as the taxpayers who have to pay the ever escalating costs.	
What are the results of studies on businesses when there is no parking?	
Parking and green space should be provided by developers in the area they are building.	
Yes, they MUST allow for adequate parking in new buildings as not all people who live downtown work or shop downtown. The councillors must surely notice empty storefronts downtown. I think that soon Fort and Cook Street businesses will surely feel the impact of lost revenues as people who drive downtown won't be able to park nearby.	
Have specific parking garages. Not having parking for new complexes does affect the businesses on Fort street.	
They might leave the area if no consideration is giving to the business part of town nor the customers who visit these stores.	
1. priority given to vehicle free clients?	
2. garages available in a remote location	
People are always going to have cars and I like to drive to downtown and walk	
new residential buildings need parking within	
New residential and commercial developments should both include parking in their plans. Residential should include a minimum one space per unit built and commercial developments should include enough for all employees and extra for clients. Underground would be my suggestion.	
Require underground parking available to the public!!!	
Downtown living is going to require parking. There isn't enough now.	
If you want people to visit the downtown or near downtown you have to remember that not all of us are tourists from a cruise ship or come on a bike. Locals that live outside of Victoria will become even more resistant to support local if it means never being able to park.	
Love the idea that there will be more downtown living integrated with commercial spaces as it makes for a more active community, but cars are not likely to disappear in the next 20 years although we may share more through vehicle such as car shares. People who work downtown may not live in an area that has convenient public transit thus drive.	
Victoria is a small city - not London England.	
Downtown should be commercial. There are lots of residential areas within walking distance of downtown already. Stop screwing it up.	
The City needs to remember that for all of us that live out of the downtown, riding a bike or taking a bus into the downtown is not an option. I love to shop in the unique businesses downtown, but without a viable parking option, this will become less frequent. Downtown Duncan is an attraction and worth the drive on a Saturday...	
to ensure adequate parking.	
maintaining or increasing green space.	
The city should consider shoppers/taxpayers who must drive their own vehicles downtown for various reasons, including disability (and poor transit service in this regard). Tourists won't appreciate the lack of parking either. Any reduction in on-street parking should be offset by a requirement that builders/the city provide parkade-style parking.	
No.	
Victoria is deteriorating on many levels. The "charm" of the town is slipping and being replaced by high rises, empty storefronts and an enormous homeless problem that we have yet to properly address. When I moved here in 2001, I participated in a 2 day conference called VICTORIA 2020. Since then, not only has nothing changed but...	

Remember that people move to Victoria because it wasn't like many, many cities of the world. As plans go forward thought could go into the pleasure of living here such as when walking down a street you can enjoy the vista (i.e. sky, architecture, mountains, water, light) to make it so that it is a joy to be downtown (not only for top floor views)	
Listen to the residents! Stop building bike lanes. It is not a build it and they will come situation. Our elders are not going to jump on a bike to go to appointments or go shopping! Stop this madness!	
The city will get huge taxes from all the new bldgs as drivers & businesses cope w/congestion everywhere. The city must have developers build enough parking to stop these bldgs from being permanent impositions on roads & parking. If the city believes parking will become obsolete, have architects include alternate long-term designs for the spaces.	
Please consider parking for those who wish to visit the commercial businesses and the people who will be living in these units. It is ludicrous that parking has not been considered.	
Make sure to include parking for new residential and commercial buildings. People shopping downtown need to transport their purchases home, in a vehicle.	
I think that cars are still a part of society. I myself usually walk in Victoria and drive as little as possible. If the City continues to "improve" roads ie encouraging more cars to use the roads, they might like to consider that all those cars will need to go somewhere. Especially if you want us to use facilities and shops.	
Stop destroying our city. This is not helping anyone who lives here, it is only attempting to steer Lisa Helps (and her party's) reputation towards being environmentally progressive. I have seen a car driving in the fort street bike lane, in the opposite direction of traffic, and bike lanes are being grossly misused by pedestrians and cyclists.	
Most residents still drive cars. We aren't New York city yet and people come are still dependent on cars. This of course means they need parking. I think building residential without at least some parking is neglectful to the surrounding businesses and residents.	
Think it through.....all the way through.	
Keep working on it and consult all parties.	
Sure wish they'd check with the people they are representing first. Everyone I have talked to is quite angry about the bike lanes & the parking spots that have disappeared, which discourages people from going downtown, which in turn hurts businesses. It should be a "must" that downtown living provides parking for its residences.	