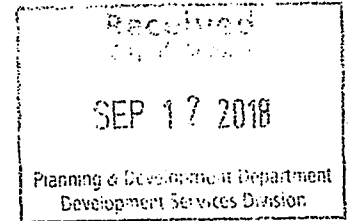


SPENCER CASTLE

2906, 2910, 2920, 2930 Cook St. Victoria BC V8T 3S7

November 22, 2017

Mayor Lisa Helps & Council
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC, V8W 1P6



RE: Development Permit Application for Emergency Preparedness Container

The owners of the three strata corporations that jointly own the 2906 Cook Street property, known as Spencer Castle, voted to install an Emergency Preparedness Container on that property with the intention of storing supplies and equipment in order to be ready and prepared in the event of an emergency. We have recently been advised by staff in your Planning Department that the LUC covering this property can be amended by a Development Permit, which Application is attached for your consideration.

Once installed and stocked, the container will provide residents of Spencer Castle with the ability to address some immediate emergency needs following an earthquake. It's likely that the City's emergency response will be fully taxed immediately following an earthquake and we hope that our preparations aided by the contents of our container will reduce suffering while we wait for aid to arrive.

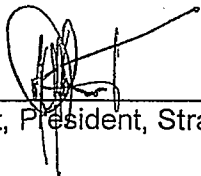
The 20'x8'x8 steel shipping container will be placed close beside a 4'6" rock wall adjacent to Topaz Street. This location is ideal as the container can be easily lifted into place from Topaz Street, is relatively flat with bedrock close to the surface, is out of any "fall line" of nearby buildings, and is close to the large lawn area that can be used as a set-up area for tent shelters, first aid tent, food preparation and distribution etc.

The container will not need to be connected to any City services. The selected location does not have any underground services running through it (i.e. no existing services to be relocated). The container will be anchored to bedrock (which is close to the surface in this location) to prevent it shifting in the event of an earthquake (details of how this will be done are included in the application documentation).

The container will be painted black (to blend in with the dark grey stone of the rock wall and the black wrought iron gate), and will have trees/shrubs planted to help "camouflage" it from view. Looking at it from the Topaz Street side, there already is some very tall natural fennel growing along part of the rock wall which will hide the container from view, and this planting can be extended further along this 4'6" tall rock wall. As well, there is usually a large white pickup truck (belonging to a Topaz Street neighbour) parked right next to the rock wall that is nearly as tall as

the container will be when it is installed. Attached to this application are actual photos of the location, with the container drawn in, to scale, showing what it will look like when installed and landscaped.

Sincerely,



York Stewart, President, Strata 124, 2910 Cook St.



Richard Parrott, President, Strata 83, 2920 Cook St.



Barbara Howatt, President, Strata 345, 2930 Cook St.