

## Monica Dhawan

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**From:** Bridey Morrison Morgan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 25, 2019 10:32 AM  
**To:** Victoria Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** RE: Mayor and Council email RE: re-zoning application - 1661 Burton Avenue

Good morning Monica, Mayor and Council:

Thank you for another reply.

Re: your response to my points about traffic and the park. I find it totally amazing that city staff sitting in their downtown offices would be able to comment on what is good for our street and playground. For example, since when is having 2 swings for possibly 24 children (from the daycare) plus other neighbourhood children playing in the park a suitable ratio of equipment and users of the equipment ?

I find it interesting that on the public board posted on the property would advertise "giving input to the re-zoning" and in all likelihood the city is going to rubber stamp the application for re-zoning.

It is my understanding from the information that you sent to me about licensing, the City is saying that IH and the Province are the decision makers about when and where daycare operations are set up in residential communities. Their rules override the City and also, feedback in the community.

To me it appears that the City, IH and the Province all want to appear as being supportive of day care – making themselves look good to the public. However, I as a resident of the street feel that there is potential for disruption to my life and my neighbourhood.

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**From:** Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2019 12:35:04 PM  
**To:** 'Bridey Morrison Morgan'  
**Subject:** RE: Mayor and Council email RE: re-zoning application - 1661 Burton Avenue

Thank you for your follow up email, Bridey. I should have clarified on point #3 that I was referring to City staff based on site visits to the park.

I will share your email with Mayor and Council and with the Planner for their information. I will also file this latest email as well, to ensure it is on the public agenda when the application comes before Council for their consideration.

Sincerely,  
Monica

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**From:** Bridey Morrison Morgan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 6:38 PM  
**To:** Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Mayor and Council email RE: re-zoning application - 1661 Burton Avenue

Dear Mayor, Council and Monica:

Thank you for your personal reply to my 2<sup>nd</sup> letter.

My reply to the following points –

Point # 1) I find it interesting the Transportation staff reviewed the file and have no concerns. **The people in that department do not live on my street** and I, as a resident of the street, do have a high degree of concern about 24 vehicles driving down my street possibly twice a day, five days a week. My grandchildren and other street on the street will no longer be able to play freely and safely with the increased traffic flow department. I am not sure the people in the Traffic Department would want increased traffic on their street.

Point # 3) I am aware that the daycare has it's own playground area and I can appreciate that the "staff do not have concerns about overcrowding in the playground". I assume you mean the daycare staff. If so, I appreciate that they have no concerns, but again as a resident of the neighbourhood, I do have a concern. Why would the staff's opinion over rule or have more weight than residents of the community?

As I stated before, it is my opinion that the private-for-profit owner / operator, Ms. Fehr, from the start **has not been transparent and honest about her intentions in acquiring the property**. It may be a great business opportunity for Ms. Fehr but in my opinion it is not an improvement to our community / neighbourhood. Again, I will remind all of you that at the OCA meeting, 29 April 2019, **Ms. Fehr told those in attendance that she wanted support for 4 more spaces not 16 more spaces**. She advised us that she was already licensed for 8 children and wanted to increase the number of children from 8 to 12.

In my opinion, having a commercial business at the end of our residential street in our neighbourhood is not desirable. The is not a case of "not in my backyard" but rather a case of the process moving forward without a lot of dialogue with the residents.

For your information, I will be contacting Island Health and the Provincial Government about my concerns about permitting re-zoning for private-for-profit day care operations in long established neighbourhoods without an open and transparent public consultation process with residents. I support publicly funded day care.

Yours truly,

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Thank you for you

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**From:** Victoria Mayor and Council <[mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca)>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 2:28:50 PM

**To:** 'Bridey Morrison Morgan'

**Subject:** Mayor and Council email RE: re-zoning application - 1661 Burton Avenue

Dear Bridey,

Thank you for your email regarding a rezoning application for 1661 Burton Avenue, it has been shared with Mayor and Council.

This application is scheduled to come before Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 27. At that time, Council will consider whether the application will proceed to a Public Hearing (or to decline, defer decision, etc.) Should it proceed to a Public Hearing, the public is then notified of the Hearing through various means, including an update to the signage, a mail-out, and an ad in the newspaper.

The City's [Development Tracker](#) has the most up-to-date information regarding this proposal, including the most recent plans. The staff report for the Committee of the Whole meeting will be published the Friday before the meeting on our [Council webcasting portal](#).

To respond to some of your questions, the Planning department has provided the following information:

1. Transportation staff have reviewed the file and did not raise concerns regarding traffic. However, a Statutory Right-of-Way is being requested along Shakespeare Street which would be used for future road improvements.
2. The R1-B Zone permits for house conversions which permit daycares. In this instance, this requires a rezoning only because the house was constructed in 1945 (house conversions for daycares must be built prior to 1931 according to the zoning).
3. The daycare has its own play area and Clawthorpe Park would be used as an outing – not its primary location. Staff do not have concerns about overcrowding.

Island Health would place the limit on the number of children allowed, and not the City.

I have filed your email with this address, to be shared with Mayor and Council again once this application comes before them at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Bridey Morrison Morgan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 3:15 PM  
**To:** Victoria Mayor and Council <[mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca)>; Ben Isitt (Councillor) <[BIsitt@victoria.ca](mailto:BIsitt@victoria.ca)>  
**Subject:** re-zoning application - 1661 Burton Avenue

Attached please find a second letter regarding – 1661 Burton Ave, Victoria, BC

I look forward to your reply and information about the upcoming public meeting with council to discuss the impact in our community / neighbourhood.

Thank you.

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