

July 16, 2019

City of Victoria, 1 Centennial Square, Victoria, B.C. V8W 1P6

Dear Sirs:

Re: City Council Meeting July 25, 2019, to consider proposed changes to 2915 Douglas Street

We are the property owners of 2900 Douglas Street and 2992 Douglas Street.

We are opposed to the Temporary Use Permit and Variance Application sought in respect of 2915 Douglas Street. We understand that this application to be a renewal of a previously granted "temporary" use. No information was provided in the Notice on the length of time this "temporary" use would apply. Apart from that, successive applications for "temporary" use seem to bring into question the whole zoning process.

We feel that this is an inappropriate use for a site in what should be a prime retail/residential corridor. The use will continue to impact our tenancies whose customer base will be deterred from dining/shopping at this retail node. In particular, our tenancy at 2900 Douglas Street is Ricky's Family Restaurant. As a family restaurant, the nature of the use at 2915 Douglas Street is incompatible with a family dining experience.

As taxpayers in the City of Victoria, our property tax assessments don't reflect this aberration of use. In our opinion, if the City wishes our property tax dollars, they have a duty to protect our assessments.

Please find a more amenable location for this facility.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon R. Beattie, CPA,CA

President