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From: Sarah Phillips [REDACTED]
Sent: July 8, 2019 8:16 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: 1900 Fort/Richmond development

Categories: Awaiting Staff Response, Planning

Her Worship Mayor Helps and Councillors,

I am a homeowner/resident of South Jubilee and I have seen the re-development plans for 1900 Fort/Richmond. With Victoria's aging population, I believe more assisted living housing needs to be available for seniors of all income levels. I have grandparents in their 90's who reside in an Amica facility in Victoria and I believe in the quality of service Amica provides. I credit the high quality of life they enjoy, to the decision to move my grandparents to an Amica facility.

The plans for this new development include high ceiling suites which raise the quality of life and health for seniors living with dementia. The plans also include more green space than is currently on that site and common spaces for all members of the community to use, not just residents. I also appreciate that the developer is offering \$1,000,000 towards charitable services for low income seniors.

I support the development for many reasons, both personal, professional and community related. Please approve this development. Our parents and grandparents need it and so will we one day.

Thank you,

Sarah Phillips

Sarah
Sent from my iPhone

Monica Dhawan

From: NJNA Community <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 11:21 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: Marianne Alto (Councillor); Development Services email inquiries
Subject: REZ#00651 and DVP#00531...1900, 1908 and 1912 Richmond Road

Mayor Lisa Helps and Victoria City Councillors:

Last Friday afternoon our community received the agenda links for the June 20, 2019 COTW and on which the proposed application for 1900, 1908 and 1912 Richmond Road is listed. While our neighbourhood recognizes the need for facilities for seniors, the price range of these proposed memory care and assisted living units is still unknown. Based on the monthly rate for similar care residences in the area, these units will not be affordable for the majority of local residents.

A 5-storey building has been emphasized over 6 stories, but the building height remains at over 67 feet. Does this respect the character of the existing homes in the area? Does it add to the creation of a "Jubilee Village"?

A contribution to the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund provides funds for current housing needs which we realize are desperately needed. However, may we also request consideration towards Community Amenities with funding earmarked for this neighbourhood. In the June, 1996 Jubilee Neighbourhood Plan it is noted that there is a lack of designated park area and the 2012 OCP Jubilee Strategic Directions had as one of its objectives "establish new park space in neighbourhood". Our community misses having a community center; a park; a village center; or a local school which would promote social gatherings; opportunities to meet our neighbours and in this way foster a sense of community.

The loss of the walk-in clinic on this site is of special concern for us all due to the shortage of family doctors. It also leads one to wonder how the residents of this proposed facility will adapt to having to use a walk-in clinic which often includes long wait times.

A wide range of concerns were outlined in our October 22, 2018 and April 8, 2019 letters to you in connection with this proposal and they remain valid.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration of these concerns which are respectfully submitted,

Jean Johnson, Co-chair
NJNA Land Use Committee

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Heather McIntyre

From: Clem Persaud <[REDACTED]>
Sent: July 25, 2019 11:06 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Millikan Developments Project, Seniors' Residence, 1900 Richmond Road

To Her Worship Mayor Helps and Councillors,

I support this development as it will contribute to the supply of assisted living and memory-care facilities that are crucially needed.

I think it is imperative to supply these facilities to provide space for those needing to move out of their homes due to physical or mental difficulties. In addition, they will provide long-term care for those now occupying active beds in the hospitals.

I urge you to approve this proposal so that these facilities would be available in the near future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Donna Persaud
Victoria B.C.

Sent from my iPad

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: July 26, 2019 11:41 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: FW: August 1 Council meeting to discuss the rezoning and development application for 1900 Richmond Rd.

From: vmurray <[REDACTED]>
Sent: July 26, 2019 11:36 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: August 1 Council meeting to discuss the rezoning and development application for 1900 Richmond Rd.

Dear Mayor Helps and Members of Council,

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the above-noted rezoning and development application prior to your hearing on this matter on August 1. I should emphasize that I am not an expert in the details of this application nor specific aspects of the design of the proposed facility. I write simply as the spouse of a person who currently suffers from advanced stage Parkinson's Disease Dementia (PDD), part of a group known as Lewy Bodies Dementias (LBD). I am also a resident of the nearby area of Fort and Foul Bay Rd. which makes the location of the proposed facility most attractive to me.

In late 2018, my wife's dementia worsened to the point that I could no longer take care of her at home, even with 20 hours a week of help from paid care aides. I initially sought to find a care facility into which I could move with her while she adjusted to institutional living. In terms of that, there are very few such facilities in the CRD but I eventually found one with space for both of us and we moved on December 1. It was then that my real education in dementia care started in earnest as I began to live daily among about 50 people with varying degrees and kinds of dementia. I then started to read extensively about models of care for this rapidly growing segment of our society.

As Dr. Atul Gawande so clearly shows in his recent book *Being Mortal*, the dominant model of care for the frail elderly in North America emphasizes maintaining bodily health: treating specific medical conditions one at a time and keeping patients safe, clean, properly fed and compliant with medication regimes, hopefully in pleasant well-equipped and maintained surroundings. It tends *not* to recognize the patient as a whole person. Treating the whole person requires recognizing each individual as someone with basic emotional needs. I'm referring to the need to feel respected, to feel one's life has purpose, to feel one has some control over what happens to them, to feel one can still be of some use to others and to experience feelings of attachment to at least some of the people with whom one interacts. These needs do *not* disappear because one has dementia, yet the dominant model of care largely overlooks them which results in many of those in care facilities feeling lonely, agitated, fearful, anxious and depressed. Fortunately, in the past dozen or so years, new models of care have begun to emerge based on a heightened awareness of these basic emotional needs we all possess. The problem is that, in spite of growing evidence from many demonstration projects of their positive impact on the physical well-being and quality of life of this group of patients, implementation of them on a wide scale has been painfully slow.

Turning to the situation here in the Capital Regional District, I have been attempting to discover how many of the long term care facilities here have implemented some or all of the best practices that have emerged from these new models of care. From what I can tell most still operate in accordance with the old model while two or three are aware of new approaches and have begun making some changes. I have discovered only one that comes quite close, however the waiting time for admission to it is currently 10 months.

I have also spoken to several highly placed leaders at Amica about their thoughts on the new models of care and learned that they are both aware of them and committed to implementing them throughout the Amica system. I have also been told that the proposed facility at 1900 Richmond Rd. will embody all these new developments. They appear in its layout and design, décor and colour schemes, specially designed activity and social programs and specialized training and development for all staff, not only care aides.

Victoria urgently needs facilities such as these and I strongly recommend that Council approve this development application. Should Council permit, I would be pleased to speak to this letter at the August 1 meeting.

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