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September 3, 2019

City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square,
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am writing in support of the application for the addition of rental housing at the location of 819-823, 825, and 827 Fort Street. I moved to Victoria from Edmonton two and a half years ago to work in the technology industry. When I arrived, I was extremely fortunate to find a one-bedroom suite through a friend of a friend of a friend. The tight rental market in the city makes it difficult for young people like myself to make a start here. I am a web developer and there are plenty of jobs in my industry, but the challenge is to find an appropriate place to live that is close to my place of work and in an affordable price range. The addition of more rental housing, like this project that is so close to many centrally located tech jobs, will make it easier on all of us who are working in the industry and wanting to live in the city.

Sincerely,

Jade Perrin

September 1, 2019

City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square,
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Steven Bertrand
407-640 Fisgard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1R6

Re: Rezoning Application: 819-823, 825, and 827 Fort Street

Dear Mayor and Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to write in support of this proposed rental project on Fort Street. Over the last many years our city has become an increasingly difficult rental market. As a renter, I know how hard it can be to find adequate housing in the city and I have other friends in the same circumstance.

We are fortunate to have a downtown that has lots to offer and more than ever people want to live right in the heart of the city close to their places of work. I think that adding homes to the core of downtown, particularly this heritage area of Fort Street, makes the city a more exciting vibrant place to be.

Also, as a member of the City's Accessibility Working Group, it is important to me that more rental buildings in Victoria are built with people with a variety of needs in mind. We have a large portion of heritage buildings downtown, both homes and commercial spaces that are not accessible. Creating new rental homes downtown that are designed to meet the needs of a variety of types of tenants helps to make the city a better place.

Sincerely,

Steve Bertrand



August 6, 2019

City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Mayor Lisa Helps
Members of City Council
City of Victoria

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Letter of Support for Proposed Redevelopment at 825 Fort Street, Victoria

As the Director of Business Development for Modo Cooperative, I am writing to you in support of The Salient Group's proposal for the site located at 819-827 Fort Street, under consideration at the upcoming Public Hearing on September 5, 2019.

Modo is a round trip carsharing co-operative, founded in Vancouver in 1997. It exists to transform communities by providing people with an affordable, convenient, inclusive and sustainable alternative to owning a vehicle (or a second one). We support the needs of 20,000 drivers and 900 organizations who share a diverse fleet of 700 vehicles located throughout Greater Victoria, Metro Vancouver, Nanaimo, Squamish and Kelowna.

The development application includes the provision of one shared Modo vehicle to be parked in the development's parkade for the benefit of the community and the possibility for 45 future residents of the proposed development to join Modo for free without paying membership fees. Similar transport demand management (TDM) measures have been successfully implemented in other residential developments located in Victoria.

Round trip carsharing is part of a multimodal transportation network, supported by walking, cycling and transit infrastructure: an environment in which people can walk or cycle to neighbourhood amenities, and take transit or a carshare vehicle to go farther afield. A peer-reviewed research from UBC has found that on average households using Modo reduce their vehicle ownership by nearly 50%, resulting in only one in three households owning a vehicle.

The development site is located at the centre of downtown, in a dense area with excellent pedestrian, bicycle and public transit infrastructure. It is extremely conducive for carsharing; which will enable more people to adopt car-light lifestyles.

The additional shared vehicle and designated parking space proposed by The Salient Group are much needed in downtown. Within a 400 metre radius of the development site, Modo serves more than 200 members with seven vehicles. Access to adequate and affordable parking spaces is essential to support the growth of carsarhing and remains a challenge in downtown.

As part of our commitments to support the region's transition to low carbon transportation and reduce Modo's environmental footprint, Modo will prefer the use of a plug-in hybrid or battery electric vehicle if the availability of adequate charging infrastructure allows the use such vehicle motorizations.

Modo strongly encourages the approval of the rezoning and development permit application for 819-827 Fort Street, as the proposed development and carshare TDM measures will allow more people working and/or leaving downtown Victoria the ability to commute sustainably and reduce their dependency on privately owned vehicles in support of the City's 2050 transportation vision.

Thank you for your support of carsharing.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Sylvain Cellaire', with a stylized, flowing script.

Sylvain Cellaire
Director of Business Development