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Re: Request for permission to construct a bicycle shelter at 120 Douglas Street

Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

As fellow cycling advocates, we are optimistic you will grant us this request for a Development Variance permit to construct an enclosed bicycle shelter with space for 16 bicycles beside our 8-unit condominium building on the common property at 120 Douglas Street, VIS 755 (Beacon Hill School), a designated heritage building.

Prior to July 2018, residents of the building were able to store their bicycles in the wide hallways. Due to a change in fire regulations, bicycle storage in the hallways was disallowed. For the past year, residents who commute daily must carry their bicycles up several long flights of stairs to securely store their bicycles in their small suites. This has been a burden for residents.

As a result, the strata's bicycle committee proposed constructing a bicycle shelter adjacent to, but not touching, our historic building. The Land Use Contract (Doc #: G17135) attached to the property includes wording stating that no buildings or structures may be erected on the site without prior written consent of the City for a fifty-year period (1978-2028).

When the Beacon Hill School was converted into a condominium in 1978, space was created for 8 car parking spots. We feel it is unreasonable to wait until 2028 to construct a secure space to store our bicycles.

Fix It Fernwood, a local company, will be hired to construct the bicycle shelter if we receive permission from the City to proceed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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