

Pamela Martin

From: Morgan Lesov <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 24, 2019 10:39 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: Public Hearings
Subject: 1025-1031 Johnson & 1050 Yates

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I sincerely hope that you will approve this project - density helps bring residents and life to the downtown core!

Thank you for your time,

Morgan Lesov
960 Yates Street

703 – 1090 Johnson Street, Victoria, BC V8V 0B3

Mayor and Council | City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

March 29, 2018

Hello,

I live in a condo (owned) located at 1090 Johnson Street. Would someone please explain the rationale behind moving Fire Hall No. 1 from its current location at 1234 Yates Street, and to the 1000 block of Johnson, which is such a high-density residential area?

Living conditions are almost unbearable in downtown Victoria now, particularly in the Johnson and Pandora areas between Douglas and Cook. Construction projects everywhere, homeless people (I am sure that I don't need to break the effects of this down), open drug use, higher rates of break-ins and thefts, noise. Constant. Unrelenting. Noise. Relocating the fire station from where it is currently situated (across from a school that is empty 17 hours of the day and 2 months of the year) to a location that will impact hundreds of people defies all logic. We already experience a noise impact from the fire station in its current location. I accept this, as we do need emergency services. However, if you relocate this to the 1000 block on Johnson, the sound from the sirens will reverberate between the buildings *every single time* a call for a fire truck (or ambulance if it is added) is dispatched from that location, because there is nowhere for the sound to be scattered.

Specifically, in your 'Committee of the Whole Report' dated March 8th, 2018 from Susanne Thompson and Paul Bruce, it was indicated, "Exiting on Johnson allows fire apparatus to continue north or south on Cook, which is an improvement from the current site where going against traffic on Yates is sometimes necessary." How many times has this actually been necessary (traveling east on Yates), and why wouldn't the fire trucks travel west on Yates to Ormond and then travel east on Fort Street? Even so, the trucks would only need to exit and turn the corner to get to Camosun (which would then connect them to Johnson), and Ormond if the trucks were dispatched to a location south from there. Many of these streets have trees, which would buffer and scatter the sound.

The plan also includes the potential to add BC Ambulance to this location. I don't understand why it would be considered necessary to have the two services in the same location. You are subjecting the many residents that live in those buildings to a lot of noise every single time there is a fire or ambulance dispatch. On the weeks that the social assistance cheques are issued the effect would be increased because of the upturn in demand.

This new location must not go ahead. This might be the cheapest option that has been brought forward thus far, but it isn't the best. The residents on Johnson need to be part of this discussion not excluded.

Thank you,
Shelly Urquhart

Causeway Restaurants Ltd
812 Wharf
Victoria, BC
V8W 1T3
October 24, 2019

Lisa Helps and Council
City Of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria BC V8W 1P6

RE: Support for 1025 Johnson Street Rezoning Application

Dear Lisa Helps and Council:

As the Owner/Operator of the Milestone's Restaurant in the Inner Harbour, I would like to provide my support for the rezoning application of 1025 Johnson Street. By increasing the density, to allow for a multifaceted housing and commercial complex into the downtown area. This will be instrumental in maintaining the vitality and culture that is synonymous with Victoria. The additional housing would provide much needed options for people who work in the downtown area, like most of our > 200 employees.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me (██████████)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Johanna Ward', written over a faint, light-colored signature line.

Johanna Ward

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 24, 2019 9:06 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: FW: 1025 Johnson Street

From: Justine Sader <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 23, 2019 4:50 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: 1025 Johnson Street

Mayor and Council,

I have reviewed the application for 1025 Johnson Street, going to Public Hearing tomorrow evening, October 24th, and I support this project being approved. I believe that the City would benefit greatly from this type of mixed use development being approved.

Justine Sader

506-646 Michigan Street

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From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 23, 2019 2:38 PM
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From: Karia Rosenberg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 23, 2019 2:37 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
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Karia Rosenberg

1033 Cook Street

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From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 24, 2019 11:27 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: FW: 1025-1031 Johnson & 1050 Yates

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Morgan Lesov
960 Yates Street

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From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 23, 2019 12:39 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: FW: Firehall development application

From: Andy Wachtel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 23, 2019 11:36 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Firehall development application

Re: New Firehall at Johnson and Cook

Dear Mayor & Council,

I understand Council's desire to move forward with a new firehall and combine that with other emergency services and some non-market housing. I leave to others the question of whether the proposed design is suitable and what challenges it poses in that location.

I understand Council's desire to negotiate a fixed price for this building to avoid the political risks that over-runs represent in the wake of the Blue Bridge replacement. However, I believe that this concern has translated into a deal with adverse long term consequences for the development process.

The developer proposed transferring some additional "unused" density to the other lots in the land assembly. This would constitute an overall up-zoning and permit the future development of large towers on Cook and Yates.

My concern is that this arrangement, which goes well beyond the firehall itself, confers very considerable benefits on the developer, lacks transparency because the cost of these benefits is not treated as part of the price of the firehall, and puts City Council in a position where it has closed the opportunity to exercise its mandated responsibilities to judge future developments on their own merits. And that also tramples on citizen's rights because it would largely eliminate the opportunity for genuine public consultation when the rest of the property is eventually developed, as most or all of the developer's needs would already have been achieved in the up-zoning.

I urge City Council to find a way to avoid the worst impacts of this kind of development precedent.

Andy Wachtel

737 Humboldt Street
[REDACTED]

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 24, 2019 2:40 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: FW: Johnson | Cook | Yates - Response to Late DRA October 22nd Letter

From: David Jawl <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 24, 2019 1:54 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>; Legislative Services email <LegislativeServices@victoria.ca>; Public Hearings <PublicHearings@victoria.ca>
Cc: Elizabeth Jawl <[REDACTED]>; Mike Jawl <[REDACTED]>; Elizabeth Jawl <[REDACTED]>
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Sincerely,

David Jawl
Director
Jawl Residential

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From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 23, 2019 2:27 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: FW: Johnson St/ Cook St Land

From: Romeo's <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 23, 2019 2:01 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Johnson St/ Cook St Land

Mayor Helps,

Re: Johnson Street/ Cook St Land

I am in full support of this development.

Specifically, I am in support of the density that is being applied for, as it is badly needed in the area to ensure that there is appropriate housing stock available to all individuals. As a manager of a restaurant that struggles to find staff specifically due to a lack of affordable housing options, I strongly support the construction of housing that would be located above the firehall.

Thank you,

Yiannis Mavrikos
Manager/Owner- Romeo's Restaurants

Romeo's
1703 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 2J8

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 23, 2019 12:58 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: FW: Johnson/Cook/Yates - development

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Tougas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 23, 2019 12:58 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Johnson/Cook/Yates - development

To whom it may concern:

I have read the proposal & am supportive of: the overall plan, the affordable housing and the fire hall.

I am an active, retired (RN) senior living on Foul Bay Rd. (V8S4H4)

I encourage council to support this application.

Thank you,
Karen Tougas

Sent from karen's iPhone

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From: Victoria Mayor and Council
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From: Atarah Humphreys <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 24, 2019 1:59 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Johnson/Cook/Yates Project

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my support for the project at Johnson/Cook/Yates which will be reviewed at the meeting tonights. I work downtown and live in Esquimalt, and regularly frequent the downtown area for pleasure and business. I feel that this proposal offers a great use of the space in that it provides a much needed fire hall, affordable housing and has considered public spaces and welcoming entrances while offering the density that is required to support our growing community. Jawl Residential always does nice, tasteful and community oriented projects and I hope that this proposal will be supported by the Mayor and Council.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact me at my email or cell [REDACTED]

Atarah Humphreys

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From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 23, 2019 2:29 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: FW: Letter of support for new Victoria No.1 Fire Hall & affordable housing

From: Ria Mavrikos [REDACTED]
Sent: October 23, 2019 2:28 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Letter of support for new Victoria No.1 Fire Hall & affordable housing

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to provide my support to the application for the new Firehall #1 located at 1025 Johnson Street. I believe that this project will be a great improvement to what currently exists as the Mazda dealership. In addition, the affordable housing aspect is drastically needed in the city of Victoria. The building itself has been well designed and the future phases and density are well thought out and very appropriate for this location.

Thank you,
Ria Mavrikos
1306-83 Saghalie Rd.

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 24, 2019 9:05 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: FW: New fire hall development (Johnson | Cook | Yates)

From: Eric Swanson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 23, 2019 5:20 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: New fire hall development (Johnson | Cook | Yates)

Hi Mayor and Council,

I won't be able to attend the public hearing on the fire hall development, tomorrow, but am writing to express Generation Squeeze's quick support for it on the following grounds:

- The partnership with Pacifica Housing
- The fact that the rents in the affordable units are proposed to be geared to income (easier to comprehend the social value as compared to % below market)
- The number of affordable units on offer is large!
- In addition to the obvious benefit of a purpose-built emergency services center

I hear there is some continuing concern about whether or not some portion of the affordable housing "amenity" should instead go to parks/green space.

We echo the general concern that as we add density to downtown, we need to work even harder to ensure access to well-designed, connected green spaces for the people living in the neighbourhood, including those who cannot hope to afford a yard of their own in other neighbourhoods.

But we hope that, e.g. via a separately funded and continually improved Parks Master Plan and other applicable comprehensive strategies, we can have both.

All the best,

Eric

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Eric Swanson
Co-Executive Director, Generation Squeeze
e: [REDACTED]

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Derek Townsend
#1 -1177 Esquimalt Road

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
of BRITISH COLUMBIA



Rob Fleming, MLA
Victoria - Swan Lake

October 23, 2019

Victoria Mayor and Council
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

To the Mayor and Council of Victoria:

I am writing today to express my continued support for the Pacifica Housing Affordable Project Development Plan for 1025 Johnson Street. Affordable housing continues to be needed in the City of Victoria and the combined homeless crisis and 0.6% vacancy rate needs creative solutions. Pacifica Housing wishes to be a part of the solution and increase the amount of available affordable housing in Victoria.

Pacifica Housing has been a provider of supported, subsidized, market and near market housing in Victoria for over 30 years. They currently house more than 2000 people. Many constituents in the Victoria-Swan Lake riding depend on Pacifica Housing to help them reach their full potential without being held back by the current housing market.

The Johnson Street project will not only increase the housing available in Victoria, but will also be well situated in its location allowing residents to easily walk to various amenities. One hundred and thirty additional units of housing will give families with low to moderate incomes stability and have a firmer foundation to reach their full potential upon.

Pacifica Housing has shown their commitment to providing affordable housing through Vancouver Island and support services to vulnerable sectors of the community. Thank you for giving their project proposal serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Rob Fleming, MLA
Victoria-Swan Lake

Victoria - Swan Lake Constituency Office

1020 Hillside Ave
Victoria, B.C. V8T 2A3

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[REDACTED]

Legislative Office

Room 124, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

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#2 1010 Yates Street
Victoria, BC V8W 3M6

October 23, 2019

VIA email: mayorandcouncil@cityofvictoria.ca / publichearings@victoria.ca

Mayor Lisa Helps and
Victoria City Council
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC
V8w 1P6

Dear Mayor Helps and City Councilors,

Please accept this letter showing my support for the Johnson Cook Yates proposed development by Jawl Residential.

As a business owner and neighbour in the Harris Green neighbourhood I believe this project will have a very positive impact on the community. Combining mixed use residential while integrating emergency services and high quality affordable housing is a unique and innovative use of the location.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heath Gabrysh".

Heath Gabrysh

Pamela Martin

From: Patricia Hultman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 24, 2019 1:58 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Official Community Plan Bylaw 2012 Amendment Bylaw no 31 no 19-032. Meeting on October 24, 2019

Dear Mayor and Council

We are writing to express our objection to the proposed building of 4 towers on the Mazda property bordered by Johnson Street, Cook Street and Yates Street for the following reasons.

- * it has been stated that the 4 towers will be built separately so that each building would be a minimum of 2 years to complete for a minimum of 8 years AFTER the firehall has been built. But recent tags on Citified states 8-10 years
- * all three of these streets are major traffic corridors in Victoria
- * the proposed project at Harris Chrysler by Starlight Developers have proposed 4 towers at Yates, Cook, and View Street to be completed in 2 years.
- * how will the fire department respond to emergencies when these traffic corridors are compromised for years
- * we are opposed to institutional uses being allowed, it should only be zoned to allow the firehall
- * I believe that the need to find a new location for the firehall has compromised council and planning departments objectivity in reviewing this proposal Would any one of you agree to your neighborhood being hostage to 8 to 10 years of construction? Would you agree to this beside your home?

We respectfully ask that you require this Developer to commit to completing the whole project of condos in 2 years or split the project and only do the development for the fire hall, if they are unable to fulfill this segment of the proposal.

Sincerely
David and Patricia Hultman

Sent from my iPad

Pamela Martin

From: Paul Harker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 23, 2019 3:20 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Public parking in 1025-1031 Johnson St. Redevelopment

Hello,

I am concerned about the loss of the public parking area on Johnson as part of this project. This seems to be a common aspect of new developments in this part of the city and will ultimately be a real problem for people who need to drive to medical appointments or to go to retail businesses in the Cook/Fort Street area. I hope this concern will be taken into account in this large redevelopment.

Thank you

Paul Harker

737 Humboldt Street

October 21, 2019

City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria BC
V8W 1P6

RE: Letter of Support for Pacifica Housing – Johnson Street Fire Hall Housing

To Mayor and Council,

I'm writing on behalf of the Burnside Gorge Community Association (BGCA) in support of Pacifica Housing's **Johnson Street Fire Hall Housing**.

BGCA's Homeless Family Outreach program is the only program in the region that is solely dedicated to family homelessness. Homeless Family Outreach provides direct service delivery to more than 300 families in housing crisis each year in the Greater Victoria area and provides information and referral services to another 400 families. Almost all of the families we work with are in crisis, be it housing, financial or relational such as domestic violence.

At the present moment there is a severe shortage of safe, affordable, and appropriate housing for families coming out of transitional housing (BGCA shelter units, Transition Houses, motels) and who are ready to move into permanent housing. The proposal put forward by Pacifica helps to fill some of those gaps. They are committed to creating safe and stable homes for our communities' most vulnerable families. Pacifica is a valued community partner to BGCA in supporting families facing multiple barriers and we look forward to partnering with them on this exciting project.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Cole
Executive Director

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October 24, 2019

Lisa Helps and Council
City Of Victoria
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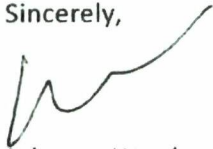
RE: Support for 1025 Johnson Street Rezoning Application

Dear Lisa Helps and Council:

As the owner of a commercial building in the downtown area, I would like to provide my support for the rezoning application of 1025 Johnson Street. We have been fortunate to have had a long term renter in our building, the success of our Tenant's business is directly related to, access for housing for their staff and patrons living in the downtown area. By increasing the density, to allow for a mixed residential and commercial complex into the downtown area, will be instrumental in maintaining the vitality and culture for downtown Victoria, as well as providing the additional housing options for people who work in the downtown area.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me ([REDACTED])

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Johanna Ward', with a stylized, flowing script.

Johanna Ward

Victoria City Center Motels Ltd.