

Pamela Martin

From: Ana Simeon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: January 9, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Heritage Alteration Permit with Variances Application No. 00017

Dear Mayor and Council,

We live across the street from the heritage house that is the subject of the application, at 1703 Fernwood Road.

Two years ago we watched in horror from our living room window as the house burned. Thanks to the prompt action of the Victoria Fire Department, the house was saved.

This is one of the reasons we are pleased to support this application (with a caveat below). More people living in the house means more eyes to spot another potential fire or flooding. Also, a beautiful house such as this one should have people living in it and enjoying and appreciating it! As well, any new units added to the Victoria housing stock - especially when they are being added by changes to an existing building rather than new construction with greenhouse gas-intense concrete - add to the affordability and sustainability of the city for all of us.

Our caveat is as follows: we have carefully read the proponent's application and accompanying documents. These show that the city has asked the proponent to include an affordable housing unit but the proponent has declined. **This should not be optional.** We feel strongly that the city should make the approval of the variance **conditional upon the inclusion of an affordable suite.**

Rationale: for decades the proponent has benefited from the city's funding for heritage properties. The house was ultimately saved from destruction due to the prompt action of city services. True, the proponent paid taxes toward those services, but so did we all. It is understandable that the proponent wishes to make the most out of renting a beautifully renovated heritage house. However, the third unit in the erstwhile garage would be optimally suited for affordable housing. We urge the city to make this a requirement for granting the variance.

Sincerely,

Ana Simeon and Tom Martin
1703B Fernwood Road
Victoria, B.C.
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[REDACTED] (please redact the phone number in public documents)

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From: Jennifer Wilson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: January 8, 2020 11:18 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Heritage Alteration Permit with Variances Application No. 00017

To Whom It May Concern:

I currently reside at 1710 Fernwood Road, two doors from the property at 1702 Fernwood Road. I have no objection to the proposed variances, and I would like to see this project move forward quickly so that these residences can be occupied again.

I welcome a quick resolution so we can provide more available rental housing options in the Victoria area.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Jennifer Wilson
Reiki Master and Soundscape Artist
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

*Please note I do not consent for my phone number or email to be published in the public records for this meeting/discussion.

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From: Francois Milly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: January 7, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: No. 00017

This email is regarding application no 00017 I'm in favour of it

I'm François Milly
1620 fernwood rd

Sent from my iPhone

Pamela Martin

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: January 7, 2020 4:06 PM
To: Public Hearings

This email is regarding application no 00017
I'm in favour of it

I'm François Milly
1620 fernwood rd

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