## Council Report

For the Meeting of February 13, 2020
To: Council Date: January 30, 2020

From: Karen Hoese, Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development
Subject: Update Council Report for Rezoning Application No. 00681 and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00104 for 1309 \& 1315 Cook Street, 1100-1120 Yates Street and 1109-1115 Johnson Street

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council give first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment No. 20-015 (Amendment No. 1214) and Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 20-016, and give first, second, and third readings to Housing Agreement (1109 and 1115 Johnson Street, 1100, 1102, 1108 and 1120 Yates Street, 1309 and 1315 Cook Street) Bylaw No. 20-017.
2. That Council, after giving notice and allowing an Opportunity for Public Comment at a meeting of Council, and after the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00681, if it is approved, consider the following revised motion:
"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00104 for 1309 \& 1315 Cook Street, 1100-1120 Yates Street and 1109-1115 Johnson Street, in accordance with:
3. Plans date stamped January 24, 2020.
4. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
i. increase the height of the building on Parcel A from 40 m to 42.76 m for a rooftop structural wall projection
ii. reduce the required number of residential parking spaces for the twelve-storey, mixed-use building on Parcel A from 87 to 70
iii. reduce the required number of visitor parking spaces for the twelvestorey, mixed-use building on Parcel A from 11 to 6
iv. reduce the required number of commercial parking spaces for the twelve-storey, mixed-use building on Parcel A from 21 to 0
v. reduce the required number of residential parking spaces for the sixstorey, multi-unit residential building on Parcel B from 102 to 59
vi. reduce the required number of visitor parking spaces for the sixstorey, multi-unit residential building on Parcel B from 10 to 0
vii. reduce the required number of commercial parking spaces for the

> existing Victoria Professional Building on Parcel C from 120 to 0 viii. reduce the short-term commercial bicycle parking spaces on Parcel A fro 10 .
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present Council with an update regarding the Rezoning and Development Permit with Variances Applications for the properties located at 1309 \& 1315 Cook Street, 1100-1120 Yates Street and 1109-1115 Johnson Street, considered by Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 3, 2019. The proposal is to rezone from the C-1 Zone, Limited Commercial District, and the R3-1 Zone, Multiple Dwelling District, to a new zone in order to increase the overall density to $3.01: 1$ floor space ratio (FSR) and construct a twelvestorey, mixed-use building, which would consist of commercial uses on the ground level, a day care and residential dwelling units on the second storey and residential uses above. A six-storey, multi-unit residential building is being proposed on Johnson Street and the existing five-storey Victoria Professional Building fronting Yates Street would be retained. An amendment to the Official Community Plan (OCP, 2012) is required to facilitate this development.

In accordance with Council's motion of October 10, 2019, included below, the necessary conditions to advance Rezoning Application No. 00681 to a Public Hearing have been fulfilled. The motion from the September 19, 2019 Council meeting is as follows:

## Rezoning Application No. 00681

That Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw in accordance with Section 475 of the Local Government Act and the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendments that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00681 for 1309 \& 1315 Cook Street, 1100-1120 Yates Street and 1109-1115 Johnson Street, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendments be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set once the following conditions are met:
a. Preparation and execution of the appropriate legal agreements in order to secure the following:
i. that future strata corporations could not pass bylaws that would prohibit or restrict the rental of units to non-owners, in the 13 storey building, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development;
ii. 104 dwelling units sold at $10 \%$ below-market value under BC Housing's Affordable Home Ownership Program and ensure the unit types include 12 studios, 55 one bedroom, 35 two-bedroom and 2 three-bedroom dwelling units of to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development;
iii. a daycare with a minimum floor area of $362 m^{2}$ is provided in the thirteen-storey building for a minimum of ten years to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development;
iv. a Statutory Right-of-Way of 2.45 m on Johnson Street to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works;
v. construction of a bus shelter on Johnson Street to the satisfaction of BC Transit and the Director of Engineering and Public Works;
vi. construction of a traffic bulb on the northeast corner of Cook and Yates Street to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Works;
vii. undergrounding the BC Hydro lines and associated infrastructure along the Yates Street frontage and that the applicant cover the City's portion of the cost under BC

Hydro's Beautification Program to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Work;
viii. purchase of two car share vehicles with assigned parking spaces on-site, 217 car share memberships (one per dwelling unit), an on-site bike share program consisting of ten electric bicycles, 48 electric charging stations in the long-term bicycle storage rooms, and 15 commercial parking spaces assigned to residential visitors after business hours and on weekends to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Public Work; and
ix. that the applicant enter a reciprocal access agreement to allow pedestrians and vehicles to cross Parcel $C$ in order to access the underground parkade on Parcel A and $B$.
b. That the applicant explore opportunities to retain the Horse Chestnut tree on the Cook Street boulevard as part of the overall project to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities.
c. That the City enter into an agreement with BC Housing and the applicant to ensure that $10 \%$ of the current fair market value of each unit sold under BC Housing's Affordable Home Ownership Program (secured as a second mortgage and registered on title) is allocated to the City at the time of resale of a dwelling unit and that the amenity contributions are secured in the City's Affordable Housing Reserve Fund to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development.
d. That Council determine, pursuant to Section 475(1) of the Local Government Act that the affected persons, organizations and authorities are those property owners and occupiers within a 200 m radius of the subject properties; that the appropriate consultation measures would include a mailed notice of the proposed OCP Amendment to the affected persons; posting of a notice on the City's website inviting affected persons, organizations and authorities to ask questions of staff and provide written or verbal comments to Council for their consideration.
e. That Council, having provided the opportunity for consultation pursuant to Section 475(1) of the Local Government Act with persons, organizations and authorities it considers will be affected, specifically, the property owners and occupiers within a 200 m radius of the subject properties, have been consulted at a Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) Community Meeting, consider whether the opportunity for consultation should be early and ongoing, and determine that no further consultation is required.
$f$. That Council, specifically consider whether consultation is required under Section 475(2)(b) of the Local Government Act, and determine that no referrals are necessary with the Capital Regional District Board, Councils of Oak Bay, Esquimalt and Saanich, the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations, the School District Board and the provincial and federal governments and their agencies due to the nature of the proposed amendment.
g. That Council give first reading to the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw.
h. That Council consider the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw in conjunction with the City of Victoria 2017-2021 Financial Plan, the Capital Regional District Liquid Waste Management Plan and the Capital Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan pursuant to Section 477(3)(a) of the Local Government Act, and deem those Plans to be consistent with the proposed Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw.
$i$. That Council give second reading to the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw.
j. That Council refer the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw for consideration at a Public Hearing.

That Council, after giving notice and allowing an opportunity for public comment at a meeting of Council, and after the Public Hearing for Rezoning Application No. 00681, if it is approved, consider the following motion:

That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00104 for 1309 \& 1315 Cook Street, 1100-1120 Yates Street and 1109-1115 Johnson Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped September 12, 2019.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
a. increase the height of the building on Parcel A from 40 m to 42.76 m for a rooftop structural wall projection; and
b. reduce the long-term commercial bicycle parking spaces from 5 to 0 .
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.

## COMMENTS

## Community Input on OCP Amendment

On October 3, 2019, Council directed staff to consult with property owners and occupants within 200 m of the properties at 1109 and 1115 Johnson Street, 1100, 1102, 1108 and 1120 Yates Street, 1309 and 1315 Cook Street through a mail-out and public notices on the City's website. To date, the City has received correspondence from 18 members of the public (attached). Additional comments received prior to the Public Hearing will be included in the Council Agenda package at that time.

## Reduction in the Number of Storeys

The proposed mixed-use building on Parcel A was originally considered a thirteen-storey building as a result of a mezzanine level (considered a storey in the Zoning Regulation Bylaw) associated with the dwelling units on the second floor. The applicant removed the mezzanine level to allow for a daycare to occupy the entire second floor, and as a result the mixed-use building is now considered a twelve-storey building. The proposed amendment to the Official Community Plan is therefore to allow for a building up to twelve storeys on Parcel A instead of thirteen storeys as originally proposed.

## Parking Variances

In the Committee of the Whole report, staff recommended that given the unique underground parking layout resulting from the proposed development areas, the vehicle parking requirements should be embedded in the new zone. Further evaluation was given to this approach and it was determined by staff that it would be best to handle the parking shortfall through a variance process. The reason for this is to ensure that if the proposal is approved by Council, but for unforeseen circumstances it does not get built then a different proposal for the site would still have to comply with Schedule C: Off-street Parking.

## On-site Landscaping and Underground Parkade

The applicant made some changes to the underground parkade, which resulted in the following improvements to the plaza area:

- increased size of the children's play area from $120.77 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ to $198.81 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$
- improved exit into the plaza from the parkade
- enhanced sightlines and accessibility around the play area and from the parkade access
- revised planting list to ensure $30 \%$ of all soft landscaping are native and edible plant species
- increased amount of soft landscaping between the ground-floor patios on the south side of the six-storey, multi-unit residential building and the children's play area.


## Construction Phasing Plan

The applicant has prepared a construction phasing plan showing which buildings and associated on-site landscaping would be constructed in Phase 1 and Phase 2, should Council approve the rezoning and development permit with variances applications. The phasing plan is attached to the report for Council's consideration as well.

## Public Hearing Conditions

With regard to the pre-conditions that Council set in relation to these applications, staff can report that the applicant has executed the following legal agreements:

- a housing agreement to ensure that future strata corporations could not pass bylaws that would prohibit or restrict the rental of units to non-owners, in the twelve-storey building
- Section 219 Covenants and Statutory Rights-of-Way securing the following items:
> 104 dwelling units sold at $10 \%$ below-market value under BC Housing's Affordable Home Ownership Program and ensuring the unit types include 12 studios, 55 one bedroom, 35 two-bedroom and 2 three-bedroom
> a daycare with a minimum floor area of $362 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ is provided in the twelve-storey building for a minimum of ten years
> a Statutory Right-of-Way of 2.45 m on Johnson Street
> construction of a bus shelter on Johnson Street to the satisfaction of BC Transit
> construction of a traffic bulb on the northeast corner of Cook and Yates Street
$>$ undergrounding the BC Hydro lines and associated infrastructure along the Yates Street frontage and that the applicant cover the City's portion of the cost under BC Hydro's Beautification Program
> purchase of two car share vehicles with assigned parking spaces on-site, 217 car share memberships (one per dwelling unit), an on-site bike share program consisting of ten electric bicycles, 48 electric charging stations in the long-term bicycle storage rooms, and 15 commercial parking spaces assigned to residential visitors after business hours and on weekends
> reciprocal access to allow pedestrians and vehicles to cross Parcel C in order to access the underground parkade on Parcel $A$ and $B$.

The recommendation provided for Council's consideration contains the appropriate language to advance these applications to a Public Hearing and an Opportunity for Public Comment.

Respectfully submitted,


Leanne Taylor
Senior Planner
Development Services Division


Karen Hoese, Director
Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department

Report accepted and recommended by the city Manager. Oceld

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## List of Attachments

- Attachment A: Plans date stamped January 24, 2020
- Attachment B: Correspondence from OCP notice mail out.















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September 27, 2019
Mayor Helps \& Council
City of Victoria
City Hall
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor \& Council,

Re: Redevelopment of 1100 and 1120 Yates Street and 1109, 1115 Johnson Street by Chard Development Ltd.
Fort Properties Ltd. is the owner of the lands immediately to the east of the above noted properties. I am writing to express our support of the proposed redevelopment.

Having reviewed the drawings submitted, we can say with confidence that we believe this project will bring significant benefit to the City of Victoria and the Fernwood community. The addition of new homes across two levels of the housing continuum - including a significant number of affordable home ownership units - speaks to the need for a diversity of housing across the city. Further, the retention of the Victoria Professional Building recognizes and respects the importance of this building within the community, both in terms of employment and essential services.

Finally, we wish to express our gratitude for the ongoing, respectful communication we have had with Chard Development. They have and continue to demonstrate a commitment to being good neighbours and positive contributors to the community.

We encourage mayor and council to support this redevelopment as submitted. Should you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,
Jayne Bradbury
Owner / Director
Fort Properties Ltd.

FORT PROPERTIES LTD.
814 BROUGHTON STREET, VICTORIA, BC V8W IE4

## Heather McIntyre

| From: | Cuban Cigar |
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| Sent: | October 8,2019 2:23 PM |
| To: | Victoria Mayor and Council |

To whom it may concern,
Dear Sir/Madam,
My name is Aemon Bayat, owner of Cuban Cigar Shop at 938 Fort street. We have reviewed the application for Johnson/Cook/Yates project and we fully support it and hope that it gets approved. Thank you and have a good day.

Aemon Bayat
Cuban Cigar Shop

Heather McIntyre

| From: | David Adams |
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| Sent: | October $8,20193: 07 \mathrm{PM}$ |
| To: | Victoria Mayor and Council |
| Subject: | Re: Johnson/Cook/Yates Project |

Mayor and Council
I am writing in support of this Project.
Having reviewed the material it is hard not to agree with the Applicant when they say that this will bring "new life and energy" to Harris Green.
Aside from the mix of market and affordable housing, one also has to take into account the considerable value added as a result of the construction of the public safety facility and public spaces.
As a person who works downtown, I ask you to approve this Project.
David Adams

Heather McIntyre

| From: | Ken Henderson |
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| Sent: | October 8,2019 12:00 PM |
| To: | Victoria Mayor and Council |
| Subject: | Johnson/Cook/Yates proposal |

Dear Mayor and Council. My name is Ken Henderson and I am President of Carolyn Developments Ltd. Our office is located at 2736 Quadra St in the city.

I have reviewed the proposed development and find it a tasteful and intelligent use of the lands and fully support the entire concept. Please give it your enthusiastic endorsement. Sincerely Kenneth J Henderson.
Sent from my iPhone

# McLEAN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INC 

Vietoria Professional Building, \#300-1120 Yates St., Victoria, BC V8V 3M9 Tcl: 250-472-3446 Fax 250-472-3447 E-mail: mcleanlinancial@shaw.ca

October 29, 2019
Mayor Helps \& Council
City of Victoria
City Hall
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6
Email only: mayorandcouncil(Qvictoria.ca
Dear Mayor and Council.
RE: Development around 1120 Yates Street
I am writing as a tenant of the Victoria Professional Building at 1120 Yates Streat to express my support for the application to develop this bullding and the lands that surround it.

Through communication with the property manager and landlord, it is my understanding that the proposal before council will add both market and affordable housing to this community. This is a much-needed addition to our community. Further, I understand that this development will include renovations that will extend the useful life of the Victoria Professlonal Building and will provide tenants and patients with weather-protected, below-grade parking that is accessible via an interior connection - all at no additional expense to existing tenants.

The Victoria Professional Building is a well-used and important part of this community. I sincerely hope you will support this application.

Sincerely,


## Katie Lauriston

| From: | Leanne Taylor |
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| Sent: | November 4, 2019 12:31 PM |
| To: | Katie Lauriston |
| Subject: | FW: 1309 \& 1315 Cook St, 1100-1120 Yates St, 1109-1115 Johnson St feedback |

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

Sent: November 1, 2019 7:23 PM
To: Leanne Taylor [ltaylor@victoria.ca](mailto:ltaylor@victoria.ca)
Subject: 1309 \& 1315 Cook St, 1100-1120 Yates St, 1109-1115 Johnson St feedback

Hi Leanne,

I live at 102-1146 View St. and received a notice of a proposed changed to the official community plan in the mail tonight. I've looked through the proposal and see no reason why the city shouldn't proceed with changing the plan.

I would also like to share with council my very humble layman's position that the use of maximum FSR requirements and density bonuses seems completely backwards to me. The city should invert this and promote the efficient use of space (and housing dollars) by uncapping FSR and implementing sparseness penalties if a proposed development falls under some set FSR instead.

Thank you,

Andrew Sund

| From: | Leanne Taylor |
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| Sent: | November 4, 2019 12:35 PM |
| To: | Katie Lauriston |
| Subject: | FW: Chard Development |

From: joeseph el murr
Sent: November 1, 2019 2:27 PM
To: Leanne Taylor [ltaylor@victoria.ca](mailto:ltaylor@victoria.ca)
Subject: Chard Development
We are writing to let you know we fully support Chard Developments Proposal.
They have been in constant consultation with us about their project and have been nothing but out most professional and considerate.
Again! As we commented on the Jawl Development this project is a little small for our liking and in the future I think the City will be kicking itself for not maxing out capacity on these lots.
This is the perfect area for some real density.
Once the blasting is done, they should be allowed to go higher, therefore saving other areas in town from one day having to build huge buildings.
One day we could be building 17 floor buildings in the Cook street village. Instead of now on empty parking and car lots.

Thank you
Fadi Murr, Michel Murr, Yvette Murr, Allan Murr \& Paula Murr
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1329 Cook St, Victoria, BC V8V 4A3

From:
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Todd Litman $\square$
November 1, 2019 3:37 PM
Victoria Mayor and Council
Chard Development at Cook, Yates and Johnson streets

Chard Development at Cook, Yates and Johnson streets


Victoria has a severe shortage of moderate-priced housing in walkable urban neighborhoods. This proposed mixeduse development can provide 217 homes, of which 104 will be sold at $10 \%$ below-market prices, plus commercial spaces and a childcare center, located in a very accessible area adjacent to downtown. Although taller than currently allowed on that site, its height would be allowed on the other side of Cook Street.

According to a recent Times Colonist article, "At Cook and Yates, Tall Building Heading for Public Hearing" some city councilors are concerned that this project would not benefit poorer renters ("the people who are struggling the most"). This concern is understandable but incomplete. It overlooks the ways that moderate-priced condominiums benefit lower-income households, including those that rent apartments:

- A significant portion of condominiums are rented. A recent study by Andy Yan, director of Simon Fraser University's city program found that $46 \%$ of Vancouver condos are "not-owner occupied," with particularly high rates in large downtown buildings.
- According to data in the City of Victoria's Housing Strategy, many moderate-income households spend more on housing than is affordable. Increasing moderate-priced housing supply increases affordability for those households.
- Increasing moderate-priced housing also increases the availability of lower-priced housing units, as some occupants move into the new housing freeing up units, a process called filtering, and over the long-term as they depreciate in value. For example, a recent academic study by economist Evan Mast tracked the previous
residences of the occupants of 802 new multifamily developments in 12 North American cities, and the previous residences of the households that replaced them. It found that building market-price apartments causes a kind of housing musical chairs, as households move into new units. It found that for every 100 new market-rate units built, approximately 65 units are freed up in existing buildings, accommodating up to 48 moderate- and lowincome families.
- Because this is a very accessible location, households can minimize their transportation costs. It is therefore more affordable to moderate-income households than the same priced housing located in an automobiledependent location. By locating in a walkable urban neighborhood a typical household can save $\$ 5,000-10,000$ annually in vehicle expenses; these savings can finance an additional \$100,000-150,000 in affordable home price. For example, if a household can afford a $\$ 500,000$ home at the urban fringe, it can afford a $\$ 600,000-$ 650,000 condominium in one of Victoria's walkable urban neighborhoods, with the same income.

Moderate priced infill development provides many benefits to residents and communities. Compared with living in suburban areas, residents of compact, walkable urban neighborhoods:

- Spend 10-30\% less money on transportation.
- Spend less time driving and delayed by congestion.
- Are healthier and live longer.
- Have greater economic mobility (chance that children born in lower-income households become economically successful as adults).
- Consume less energy and produce 20-50\% lower pollution emissions.
- Have substantially lower traffic casualty rates.
- Require less land for roads and parking, which reduces stormwater management costs and heat island effects, and preserves open space (farmland and habitat).
- Reduce costs of providing roads, parking facilities and other public services.

For these reasons, adding 217 moderate-priced homes at the edge of downtown certainly does increase our community's overall affordability, livability and economic opportunity. We therefore encourage Victoria to approve the Chard Development at Cook, Yates and Johnson streets, and other projects that add moderate-priced housing in our walkable urban neighborhoods.

Sincerely, Todd Litman ( Cities for Everyone Mobile:

From: Amy Rutherford
Sent: November 2, 2019 12:43 PM
To: Leanne Taylor [ltaylor@victoria.ca](mailto:ltaylor@victoria.ca)
Subject: DPV00104 REZ00681
I'm fully in support of densification.
Victoria needs to densify to act and function as a proper city.
Thanks,
Amy

## Katie Lauriston

| From: | Leanne Taylor |
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| Sent: | November 4, 2019 12:29 PM |
| To: | Katie Lauriston |
| Subject: | FW: It's your neighbourhood |

-----Original Message-----
From: Ed O'Brien
Sent: November 2, 2019 7:52 AM
To: Leanne Taylor [ltaylor@victoria.ca](mailto:ltaylor@victoria.ca)
Subject: It's your neighbourhood

As owners on the edge of the urban core area, ( 51119 View St.), we are against allowing developers to alter the OCP. If they want to build a tower, perhaps they should purchase land within the core area.
Cheers, Ed and Kendall O'Brien

Sent from my iPad

From: Shiri Gershuni
Sent: November 3, 2019 12:46 PM
To: Leanne Taylor [ltaylor@victoria.ca](mailto:ltaylor@victoria.ca)
Subject: 1309 \& 1315 Cook Street

Hi Leanne,
I own a unit at 1090 Johnson St and think this proposed development would be a great addition to the neighbourhood.

Thanks,
Shiri Gershuni

Katie Lauriston

From: Leanne Taylor
Sent:
November 6, 2019 8:15 AM
To:
Katie Lauriston
Subject:
FW: Proposed development on 1120 Yates, 1109 Johnson, and 1309 Cook St

From: Karen Fishwick
Sent: November 6, 2019 8:12 AM
To: Leanne Taylor [ltaylor@victoria.ca](mailto:ltaylor@victoria.ca)
Subject: Proposed development on 1120 Yates, 1109 Johnson, and 1309 Cook St
I believe 13 stories is too high for this neighbourhood. Everything else sounds ok to me. My property is at 1015 Johnson St.

Karen Fishwick
Highway Three Solutions (2013) Ltd.
Voice: Elaternern

## Katie Lauriston

| From: | Leanne Taylor |
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| Sent: | November 7, 2019 11:52 AM |
| To: | Katie Lauriston |
| Subject: | FW: Development Planning in area of Cook St, Yates, Johnson, Fort, View St. |


Sent: November 7, 2019 11:49 AM
To: Leanne Taylor [ltaylor@victoria.ca](mailto:ltaylor@victoria.ca)
Subject: Development Planning in area of Cook St, Yates, Johnson, Fort ,View St.
To Leanne Taylor, Senior Planner
I am very concerned about the lack of green space, and park areas related to all the many development projects in the area -for multi-storied commercial and especially residential high buildings.
Where can all these residents greet and meet others, congregate with their coffees, and their dogs in their daily outings?
Where can residents meet and greet one another, when there are few or no green spaces with seating to encourage neighbourly contact, and encourage a sense of community?

I have lived at 1020 View Street the past ten years and can look down into the courtyard circle where there is a long curved bench by a water fountain and semi-tropical trees and lovely flowering bushes tended by Regent's Place. Over the years, I have noticed more and more people who use this bench to have a coffee, meet a friend, of just take a time out from traffic and consumerism. What a lovely place to be neighbourly! (These people are certainly not all from Regent Place.)

I live across from the new condo complex called Jukebox which offers NO green space, nor communal gathering place in which people could be neighbourly. Yes, perhaps they have a rooftop "garden", but that doesn't really serve to help neighbours to connect and contributes nothing to the community around the Jukebox. Once the space for greens and trees is taken, it's gone-unrecoverable!

Please consider the marvellous effect of green spaces (with trees!) and meeting places for the enhancement of the neighbourhood and community mindedness.

Yours truly, Marlene Brouwer 802, 1020 View St. Victoria V8V4Y4

## Katie Lauriston

| From: | Leanne Taylor |
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| Sent: | November 7, 2019 8:36 AM |
| To: | Katie Lauriston |
| Subject: | FW: 1309 Cook St -1100 1100 Yates Street 'your neighbourhood' |

## From: Susan Smith wex

Sent: November 7, 2019 6:57 AM
To: Leanne Taylor [ltaylor@victoria.ca](mailto:ltaylor@victoria.ca)
Subject: 1309 Cook St - 11001100 Yates Street 'your neighbourhood'

## Ms. Taylor,

Growth in Victoria is imminent.
I believe 13 storeys on the corner of Cook Street and Yates is overpowering, considering it won't be long before
the old Audi dealership, 1101/05 Yates, directly south of this proposal will be asking for the same.
However, I believe council will accept the 13 storey project at 1309 Cook Street for growth and tax purposes.
What I would like to see in this proposal is more green landscape unlike the small garden area offered by Jukebox at

1029 View Street, for residents only.
Victoria in the Downtown/Harris Green/Fernwood corridor between Johnson and Fort d oes not have much in the way of green space.

City Council spend a great deal of time, energy and tax payers money on making bike paths.
The Mayor recently talked about the " 2030 " goal to have less cars, more bikes and walking.
The Council and the Mayor should also make the city green in the visual sense.
Regards
Sean Smith
1163 View Street

## Katie Lauriston

| From: | Leanne Taylor |
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| Sent: | November 20, 2019 11:18 AM |
| To: | Katie Lauriston |
| Subject: | FW: Rezoning at Cook and Yates |

Hi Katie,

Correspondence for 1120 Yates.

Thanks,
Leanne

From: Allison Lundy
Sent: November 13, 2019 6:02 PM
To: Leanne Taylor [Itaylor@victoria.ca](mailto:Itaylor@victoria.ca)
Subject: Rezoning at Cook and Yates
Hi Leanne,
Thank-you for all you do for this city! I recieved the rezoning information in the mail for Cook (1309 and 1315) and Yates (1100-1120). Im concerned about Ithaka Restaurant. Are they being pushed out? It's our favourite restaurant, family owned and just a block away from our apartment. The staff are amazing and the food is delicious! Whats the fate of Ithaka? Are they forced out? Will they be compensated?

Also, the letter doesn't mention anything about inexpensive housing. I don't mean affordable housing because that can mean something like $30 \%$ lower than market value in the area (Cook St village example). I'm talking inexpensive housing for someone working minimum wage. I am constantly seeing hiring signs at minimum wage jobs (retail, fast food, cashiers) and I'm sure you have too. This needs to be fixed. Minimum wage workers need a place to live. All of the units should be affordable for someone on a minimum wage and occupants should be screened in the application phase. All of the rentals going up downtown lately are $\$ 1,400$ or $\$ 1,500$ a month. A single person or a single parent have no way of affording that rent. It's discrimintation in an unjust housing market. The housing crisis is disturbing. Every so often I see someone with luggage and a blanket who looks freshly homeless. I think developers need NEED to rearrange their wealth to give a home to the people who work hard and deserve a place to live. It's a human right and Victoria needs help.

Please ensure this project is a part of the solution to the housing crisis, not another flashy example of wealth and a source of corporate income. People are not products and their housing should not be exploited for financial gain.

Thanks Leanne,
Allison Lundy
Concerned Opinionated DT Resident

## Katie Lauriston

| From: | Leanne Taylor |
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| Sent: | November 14, 2019 8:39 AM |
| To: | Katie Lauriston |
| Subject: | FW: Proposed amendment 1120 Yates St. |

From: Kathleen Maher
Sent: November 13, 2019 7:45 PM
To: Leanne Taylor [|taylor@victoria.ca](mailto:%7Ctaylor@victoria.ca)
Subject: Proposed amendment 1120 Yates St.
Hello Ms. Taylor
Thank you for your letter with regards to the proposed amendment.
On behalf of myself and my husband we are not in favour of a tower on the east side of Cook St. higher than 8 storeys ever. We think it is setting a precedent that will change the character of the neighbourhood. We are not in support of any high towers east of Cook.
Thanks again,
Kathleen Maher and Derek Sheplawy
202-1235 Johnson St.

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From: margmbb
Sent: November 22, 2019 8:21 PM
To: Leanne Taylor <ltaylor@victoria.ca>
Subject: Community plan 1100-1120 Yates St
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I am confused as to what will happen to the parking lot that is used by the Victoria Professional Building staff and clients. This parking lot is at least $80 \%$ full all day. Will the spots be retained?

I live at 1217 Pandora (at Chambers) and neighbourhood parking is at a premium. Unless there are two parking spots for each new condo/apartment built it will become a absolute parking nightmare.

People have not evolved enough to do without cars. I challenge everyone who works at City Hall to dispense with their cars for a month, especially if Council is going to suggest that we leave our cars at home.

Please let me know the number of parking spots that will be lost and the number to be built. Also, the final number of units this development will build.

Thank you,
Margaret Bourke
Sent from my Galaxy Tab A (2016)

## Katie Lauriston

From:<br>Sent:<br>To:<br>Subject:<br>Leanne Taylor<br>December 2, 2019 9:29 AM<br>Katie Lauriston<br>FW: Proposed OCP Amendment for 1309 \& 1315 Cook, 1100-1120 Yates and 1109-1115 Johnson

From: Clayton Cowan
Sent: December 1, 2019 8:14 PM
To: Leanne Taylor [ltaylor@victoria.ca](mailto:ltaylor@victoria.ca)
Subject: Re: Proposed OCP Amendment for 1309 \& 1315 Cook, 1100-1120 Yates and 1109-1115 Johnson
Leanne,
Thank you for reaching out to the neighborhood and giving us the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed development at 1309 \& 1315 Cook Street, 1100-1120 Yates Street and 1109-1115 Johnson Street.
We have lived at 1146 View Street for almost 12 years now and we are happy to see the neighborhood grow and evolve. While higher density is not our concern, we are concerned about the proposed height ( 13 stories) of the buildings at 1309 \& 1315 Cook Street and 1100-1120 Yates Street in particular. Tall buildings create long shadows and can make for an uncomfortably dark and cold street-level experience. Buildings with a broader footprint could possibly achieve a similar density while enriching the surrounding community with more approachable architecture. Tall slender towers only benefit the new residents seeking good views. We would prefer to see a development that benefits all of the new residents and the surrounding neighborhood as much as possible.
We are not supportive of the currently proposed amendment to the OCP for the above addresses. We could however support a similar development if the building heights of the proposed 13 stories towers were reduced to 9 stories or less.

Kind regards,
Clay and Nicolette Cowan, 1146 View St.

## Katie Lauriston

| From: | Leanne Taylor |
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| Sent: | December 3, 2019 4:47 PM |
| To: | Katie Lauriston |
| Subject: | FW: OCP Cook / Johnson / Yates Streets |

## Correspondence for 1120 Yates

From: Michelle Edington
Sent: December 3, 2019 4:29 PM
To: Leanne Taylor [ltaylor@victoria.ca](mailto:ltaylor@victoria.ca)
Subject: OCP Cook / Johnson / Yates Streets

Hello Leanne:
Thank you for your letter outlining the proposed Official Community Plan amendment for 1309 \& 1315 Cook Street, 1100 1120 Yates Street and 1109-1115 Johnson Street.

My feedback is that there is just too much development happening in the downtown area especially near my residence. Therefore I don't believe this project should even be approved. However if the construction project is to move forward my vote for a height of eight storeys rather than for the 13 storeys amendment.

There is just too much development happening all at once and I believe any future projects should be delayed or actually stopped.
The following are construction of residential \& commercial buildings completed or in development within the last 3 years:

- Fort \& Cook - Black \& White Building
- Vancouver \& View - Jigsaw
- Johnson \& Cook / Pandora \& Cook - Extension to Medical building
- Johnson \& Chambers Street
- Pandora \& Vancouver - Save-On-Foods \& Residential
- Yates \& Vancouver / Johnson \& Vancouver - Two high rise residential buildings
- Yates on Yates development - Yates between Quadra \& Blanshard
- Fort Street \& Pentrelew PI
- Development proposed for View St \& Vancouver
- Development proposed for Cook \& Pandora currently Wellburns \& Residential
- Fisgard \& Blanshard - Highest residential construction in Victoria

The list above speaks for itself. Therefore I hope you will seriously re-consider approving any future projects happening in our city.

All the best,
Michelle

Michelle Edington
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