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October 4, 2019

Mayor & Council
#1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Development Variance Permit for 11 Chown Place

On October 4th, 2019 the Gorge View Society held an Open House for the surrounding community to present their plans for an affordable Seniors and Family Housing project to be built on their existing housing location at 11 Chown Place.

The Burnside Gorge Land Use Committee (BGLUC) fully supports this proposal as a welcome addition to the neighbourhood. The inclusion of family units is much desired by the community as part of the positive growth of Burnside Gorge.

The proposed 4 storey building consisting of 49 seniors and 9 family units of affordable housing requires a variance from the Chown Place Special Planning Area policy of 3 storeys in height. As this building is located in the centre of the Chown Place 2.24 hectare site, there would be minimal if any affect on the surrounding properties in regards to shadowing or sight lines.

There is substantial land area available throughout the site to redistribute the existing community gardens being displaced by the proposed building.

Working with the Gorge View Society the BGLUC envisions an opportunity to develop the various pedestrian connections through Chown Place as outlined in the Neighbourhood plan. Formal development of the improvised walkway from Irma Street to Balfour Avenue is desired and could form a community placemaking grant application.

Respectfully,



Avery Stetski
Chair, Burnside Gorge Land Use Committee

cc: Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department
The Gorge View Society



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January 14, 2020

Mayor & Council
#1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Development Variance Permit for 11 Chown Place

On January 13, 2002 the Gorge View Society presented their plans to the Burnside Gorge Land Use Committee for an affordable Seniors and Family Housing project to be built on their existing housing location at 11 Chown Place.

The BGLUC fully supports this proposal as a welcome addition to the neighbourhood. The inclusion of family units is much desired by the community as part of the positive growth of Burnside Gorge.

The proposed 4 storey building consisting of 49 seniors and 9 family units of affordable housing requires a variance from the Chown Place Special Planning Area policy of 3 storeys in height. As this building is located in the centre of the Chown Place 2.24 hectare site, there would be minimal if any affect on the surrounding properties in regards to shadowing or sight lines.

The substantial land area available throughout the site will be used to redistribute the existing community gardens being displaced by the proposed building.

Working with the Gorge View Society the BGLUC envisions an opportunity to develop the various pedestrian connections through Chown Place as outlined in the Neighbourhood plan. Formal development of the improvised walkway from Irma Street to Balfour Avenue is desired by the community.

The BGLUC does not believe a community meeting is required for this proposal.

Respectfully,

Avery Stetski
Chair, Burnside Gorge Land Use Committee

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