



June 8, 2020

Victoria Mayor and Council

Re: Crosstown Project-CoolAid

To Whom it may concern

I am writing in my capacity as CEO of the British Columbia Restaurant and Foodservices Association.

We have been working with CoolAid to assist in their development of a commercial kitchen with space to provide a culinary training program.

We have been involved with HAVE Culinary in Vancouver for over a decade. HAVE provides culinary training for people with significant employment barriers. Over this period, HAVE has trained over 1100 students of all ages with an almost 80% success rate in getting jobs in kitchens. This much needed service takes people off social assistance at an estimated cost of over \$60,000 per year. After 8 weeks of training, HAVE helps them secure employment. What was a cost, is now employment earnings through gainful employment. Although Covid19 has slowed the employment opportunities, we believe in the next year, industry will once again be faced with systemic culinary worker shortages.

To this end, we fully support CoolAid's initiative and hope it will gain the support and approvals necessary to provide the critical services as described above.

Please feel free to contact me directly at [REDACTED] with any questions you may have.

Sincerely

Ian Tostenson  
President/CEO



June 9, 2020

Mayor Lisa Helps and Council  
1 Centennial Square  
Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

**RE: Crosstown development proposal**

Please accept this letter as an expression of Beacon Community Services' support for the proposed mixed-use Crosstown Project at 3020 Douglas Street.

As a local charity that strives to help people in need, our staff and volunteers see first-hand, every day, how lives can be improved through access to safe, stable, affordable housing, necessary supports, and work and business opportunities.

The Crosstown development delivers these benefits and fills some key social and community needs by combining affordable housing, supportive housing, and commercial space -- including for licensed childcare.

Beacon is proud to have been selected to partner with Victoria's Cool Aid Society to provide child care services at Crosstown. As a long-time care provider elsewhere in the CRD and as a recipient of a Province of BC 2018 Child Care Award of Excellence for leadership in inclusive practices, Beacon is well-positioned to serve Victoria families with quality care. It would be an honour and privilege to do so at the Crosstown development, which is planned to accommodate a range of income levels, ages, and abilities.

By blending a range of housing and services at single location, Cool Aid is creating an innovative, vibrant addition to the City of Victoria; the project should enhance the local neighbourhood, support several community needs, and benefit people of all ages for years to come.

We would encourage you to join us in supporting this worthwhile endeavour, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Bob Boulter".

Bob Boulter, CPA, CA  
Chief Executive Officer

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## Madison Heiser

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**From:** Victoria Mayor and Council  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:45 AM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Fw: Support for Crosstown Project - 3020 Douglas St. and 584 Burnside Road East

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**From:** Ibarra, Carolina [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** June 9, 2020 4:23 PM  
**To:** Victoria Mayor and Council [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Kathy Stinson [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Support for Crosstown Project - 3020 Douglas St. and 584 Burnside Road East

Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

I wish to express my support for Victoria Cool Aid Society's Cross Town project located at 584 Burnside Road.

The mixed use project will not only provide affordable housing for a range of people, but will also create over 200 jobs over the life of the project which provides our community with some economic relief in the face of pandemic-related job losses.

Communities are made up of diverse people of different backgrounds and incomes. It is often housing developments that are inclusive and diverse that are the most successful for everyone including and especially our more vulnerable neighbors. When we, as affordable and supportive housing providers, are able to design and plan a built environment that promotes community we are able to operate homes in a way that does not negatively impact neighborhoods, and rather enriches them. This is why I am especially supportive of this type of project as it will create an inclusive and diverse community. It will improve long term housing security and the opportunity for people to live their best lives. Thank you for consideration.



Carolina Ibarra BA, MSc  
Chief Executive Officer

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**From:** DONNA SANTAROSSA [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 1:06 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Zoning Regulation Bylaw (No. 1223) No. 20-050

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Mayor Lisa Helps & City of Victoria Council members.

I am writing these comments to state that I oppose the zoning amendment for 584 Burnside Road East.

I was not in favour of the original concept as most buildings in the current neighbourhood are 2 storeys tall. Apartment buildings are 4 storeys.

This new proposed building will be 8 Storeys (24 metres)

Your proposal to change the zoning will further depreciate my property located across the street. This is zoned residential.

I doubt very strongly, that I can find a young family, wishing to purchase my home, with the neighbourhood plan.

I am seeking property tax relief as both the city and province continue to fill the neighbourhood with homeless people.

If the proposal passes, I encourage both the province and city to approach the residential property owners to purchase their homes for future housing projects.

Rob Santarossa  
551 Burnside Rd. E.

## Madison Heiser

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**From:** Franc D'Ambrosio [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 5:01 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Cc:** Leanne Taylor  
**Subject:** REZ 00676, 3020 Douglas Street/584 Burnside Road East: Rezoning Application for a mixed-use development. Concurrent with DP#000542.

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my full support of the referenced Application for Rezoning and Development Permit for properties at 3020 Douglas Street/584 Burnside Road East. As a commercial property owner and business operator in the Burnside/ Gorge Neighbourhood, (2960 Jutland Road, Selkirk Waterfront) , I support the increase in, and diversification of housing and the addition of ground floor commercial space in the area. The pertinent aspects of the application; Density, Form and Land-use, are acceptable and appropriate for this transitional location. As a reputable and commendable agency, The Victoria Cool Aid Society serves Victoria's citizenry and works toward socially responsible urban development with projects that reinforce the values of the community and thereby the health and resilience of the City. The Crossroads Project is one such development.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you require further comment.

Sincerely,

Franc D'Ambrosio

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Architect Franc D'Ambrosio AIBC FRAIC  
Principal

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Please note that DAU staff are working remotely in efforts to maintain a safe work environment. We will continue to work on all of our current projects and will be available to attend virtual meetings. Please feel free to email or call my cell [REDACTED] if you need to reach me.

DAU respectfully acknowledges that we are located on the unceded territories of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples, now known as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations. We seek to honour and uphold these ongoing relationships to the land and its stewards as we work on these territories.

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Victoria Mayor and City Council [REDACTED]

Victoria City Hall

Victoria, BC, V8W 1P6

9 June 2020

Re: **Cool Aid Crosstown Project (3020 Douglas Street and 584 Burnside Road)**

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to support Cool Aid's proposed Crosstown Project at 3020 Douglas Street and 584 Burnside Road.

This project will include 154 badly-needed affordable rental housing units suitable for working families, seniors and singles, including 54 supportive units, plus other uses including daycare services, office space, and retail space (including a café). It is close to shopping, transit and other services, and near downtown, making it an ideal location for singles and families who want to minimize automobile travel and maximize walking and bicycling.

Because it is located in a walkable and transit-oriented neighborhood, it increases housing and transportation affordability, and helps achieve our community's sustainability goals. This project should be approved due to the many benefits it provides to our community.

Sincerely,

Todd Litman

**Madison Heiser**

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**From:** Yvonne Hsieh [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:32 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** letter of support for Cool Aid's proposed Crosstown Project at 3020 Douglas St.

June 10, 2020

Dear Mayor Helps and Council Members,

I am writing to support Cool Aid's proposed Crosstown Project at 3020 Douglas Street.

The proposed 154 affordable rental housing units, including 54 supportive units, are badly needed in our city. The location – proximity to public transit, shopping and other amenities – makes it ideal for residents who cannot afford to own a car. This also helps achieve our city's environmental objectives.

I have confidence in Cool Aid's ability to manage this project, as I live a mere stone's throw away from Mount Edward. At the time this low-barrier supportive housing project was proposed several years ago, there was much apprehension in the neighborhood. But due to good management on Cool Aid's part, these fears were quickly put to rest.

I sincerely hope this project will be approved by Council.

Respectfully,

Yvonne Hsieh  
#401 - 1014 Rockland Avenue  
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