

June 25, 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 and previously submitted a letter of support dated January 14, 2020.

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 inclusion of family units is much desired by the community as part of the positive growth of Burnside Gorge.

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 believes that the current opposition by some community members is the unfortunate result of the recent increase of incidents of crime around Chown Place. The BGLUC views these incidents to be temporary and the causes will be addressed as the Topaz Park relocation process is completed.

Respectfully,





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