

February 21, 2019

Mayor Lisa Helps and City Council,

We are Michael and Barbara Richman, who are long time residents (27 years) of 2003 Shakespeare St. in Victoria.

We are applying to the City of Victoria to subdivide a lot from our existing Shakespeare property. This subdivided lot would conform to a regular R1-B lot with a small variance for width. The subdivision would also require a north side yard setback variance for the siting of the existing house on the parent lot.

We have had the property professionally surveyed by J.E. Anderson & Associates. As well, we have commissioned the award-winning Java Designs to create a proposed house and landscape design that we feel is considerate of our neighbours, functional, and aesthetically appropriate for the area, as there are other houses of similar design in the neighborhood.

Through consultation with the City and an arborist, the landscape design incorporates the best usage of existing shrubbery and the protection of all existing trees with no tree removal necessary. Apart from what we feel is making the best use of our fallow lot, as Victoria residents we are aware of the shortage of housing in our fair city, and we feel this subdivided lot would be beneficial in contributing to much-needed ground-oriented housing that is needed in our city.

Sincerely yours,

Mike & Barb Richman

2003 Shakespeare Street

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