From:	Lantern Properties
Sent:	February 26, 2020 10:47 AM
То:	Carolina Ashe
Cc:	Lisa Helps (Mayor); Jeremy Loveday (Councillor); Sharmarke Dubow (Councillor); Ben Isitt (Councillor); Sarah Potts (Councillor); Geoff Young (Councillor); Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor); Marianne Alto (Councillor); Alec Johnston;
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Subject:	Re: Proposed Development at 1475 Fort Street

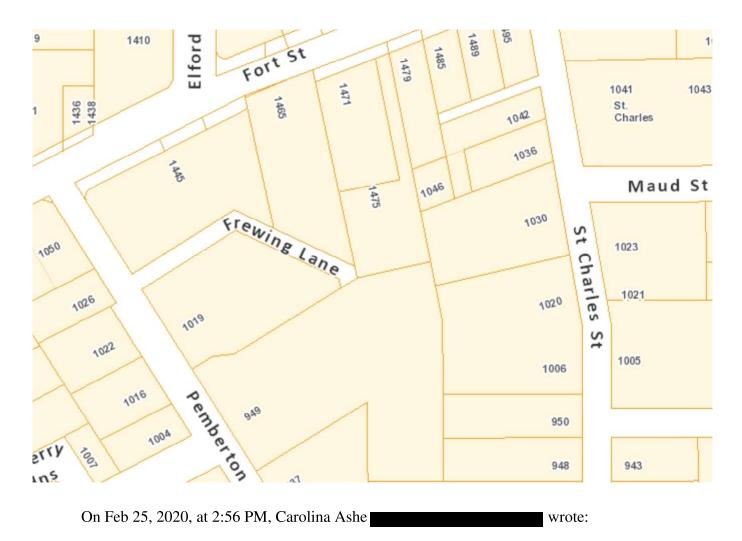
Subject:

Hi Carolina,

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Looking forward to the second meeting at Cascadia's office on March 5th.

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Sent:	February 26, 2020 1:33 PM
То:	Lisa Helps (Mayor); Jeremy Loveday (Councillor); Sharmarke Dubow (Councillor); Ben Isitt (Councillor); Sarah Potts  (Councillor); Geoff Young (Councillor); Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor); Marianne Alto (Councillor); Alec Johnston
Cc: Subject:	Strata 303 1475 Fort Street proposed development

To: Mayor and Council,

I am writing to address the proposed development at this address. I live at 949 Pemberton Road in a strata complex that borders the back of the development site. My concerns are as follows:

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While I share the general concern that there is insufficient rental accommodation in our city, I do not believe that efforts to correct this should lead to a situation of reduced liveability for current homeowners. I think there must be a compromise here and I am counting on the Mayor and Council to seek that compromise.

Sincerely,

Gillian Lawson Unit 1 - 949 Pemberton Road

Sent from my iPad

From: Sent:	Carolina Ashe February 25, 2020 2:57 PM
To:	Lisa Helps (Mayor); Jeremy Loveday (Councillor); Sharmarke Dubow (Councillor); Ben Isitt (Councillor); Sarah Potts (Councillor); Geoff Young (Councillor); Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor); Marianne Alto (Councillor); Alec Johnston;
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## **Katie Lauriston**

Alec Johnston
February 25, 2020 3:15 PM
Katie Lauriston
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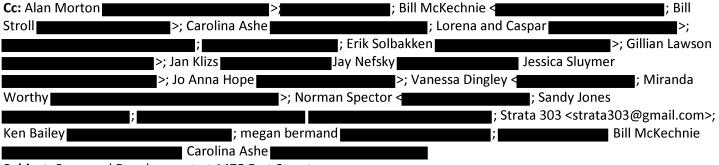
More correspondence for 1475 Fort.

Thanks, Alec

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From:	Kenneth Bailey
Sent:	February 14, 2020 10:35 AM
То:	Lisa Helps (Mayor); mayor@victoria.c
Subject:	Re: Proposed Development of a 33 unit apartment building at 1475 Fort St. Victoria

Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

As a resident at 949 Pemberton Rd., Victoria I and my wife wish to add our expressions of concern regarding the proposed Development of a 33 unit apartment building directly behind our residence at #10. We feel that such a building will have a very Negative impact on the quality of life we have enjoyed for some twenty years. We certainly will lose our privacy and be forced To face significant increases in noise levels due to much extra traffic coming and going during construction and upon completion.

Additionally, we foresee even great difficulty in accessing Fort Street from Pemberton Rd. which is difficult enough already.

We strongly urge you and the Council give this matter the attention it deserves.

Yours sincerely, Kenneth Bailey

From:	Bill Stroll
Sent:	February 13, 2020 1:18 PM
То:	Jeremy Loveday (Councillor); Sharmarke Dubow (Councillor); Ben Isitt (Councillor); Sarah Potts (Councillor); Geoff Young (Councillor); Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor); Marianne Alto (Councillor); Alec Johnston; inquiries@lanprop.com; Strata 303; Lisa Helps (Mayor);
Subject:	Proposed development at 1475 Fort Street

Dear Mayor and city councillors,

We own a townhouse at 949 Pemberton Road and are writing about our concerns over a lack of information and consultation with Lantern Properties regarding the proposed rental development on Fort Street.

We are in favour of a new rental development on condition of meeting the concerns of our strata, however no residents in our 16 unit townhouse strata nor our neighbouring strata at 1019 Pemberton Road have been contacted by the developer. We are worried about the possible impact to our retaining wall that borders the proposed development if blasting takes place for a planned underground parking lot. If a study been done on the potential effects of this, can this information be released to us? Further, we understand that the developer has requested a variance to allow 10-12 feet from their proposed 4 story building to our retaining wall. Is this a usual amount of space between properties in Victoria? Before this project moves foward the City should have these answers. We also welcome the opportunity to get more information from the developer.

Sincerely,

Bill Stroll 3-949 Pemberton Road

From: Sent: To:	February 12, 2020 2:41 PM Lisa Helps (Mayor); Jeremy Loveday (Councillor); Sharmarke Dubow (Councillor); Ben Isitt (Councillor); Sarah Potts (Councillor); Geoff Young (Councillor); Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor); Marianne Alto (Councillor); Alec Johnston;
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Barbara Bolli

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List all members of Strata Council/ owners 1019 Pemberton Rd contact?

## Subject: Proposed Development: 1475 Fort Street

Date: February 12, 2020 at 4:41:09 PM CST

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Sincerely, Jo Anna Hope #15-949 Pemberton Road Victoria BC V8S 3Rt

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Sent:	February 11, 2020 11:57 AM
То:	Lisa Helps (Mayor); Jeremy Loveday (Councillor); Sharmarke Dubow (Councillor); Ben Isitt (Councillor); Sarah Potts (Councillor); cthorton-joe@victoria.ca; gyoug@victoria.ca;
Cc:	Marianne Alto (Councillor); inquiries@victoria.ca; ajhonston@victoria.ca samantha walls; Russ Scruggs; Shirley Anderson
Subject:	Proposed development on Fort Street

Dear City of Victoria Council members

I am the president of Strata 740 at 1019 Pemberton Road. I am writing to state the support of our strata members with the email sent to you by Christine Morisette of Strata 303 on February 10th, 2020. No household in our Strata has been consulted with regards this development, which I find strange since the variance being requested will directly impact us a we are an adjacent property. We would appreciate the opportunity of meeting with City officials to discuss this matter.

Thank you

Paul Lecavalier President, Strata 740

From:	josh.hayes
Sent:	February 11, 2020 3:20 PM
То:	Lisa Helps (Mayor)
Cc:	Jeremy Loveday (Councillor); Sharmarke Dubow (Councillor); Ben Isitt (Councillor); Sarah
	Potts (Councillor); Geoff Young (Councillor); Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor);
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Subject:	Fwd: 1475 Fort St
Attachments:	1475 Letter to Mayor and Council .pdf

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Please feel free to contact me by email or phone with any questions.

Thanks, Josh.



Josh Hayes Director of Development

#101-1176 Burnaby Street Vancouver BC, V6E 1P1

Begin forwarded message:

From: Joshua Hayes Subject: 1475 Fort St Date: February 11, 2020 at 2:51:02 PM PST To: mayor@victoria.ca Cc: jloveday@victoria.ca, sdubow@victoria.ca, bisitt@victoria.ca, spotts@victoria.ca, gyoung@victoria.ca, cthornton-joe@victoria.ca, malto@victoria.ca, Alec Johnston <ajohnston@victoria.ca>

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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