

Richard Elliott

From: Sidne Marat [REDACTED]
Sent: March 14, 2020 10:37 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: 328 Cook St Rezoning Application

Hello,

I'm writing to you about how the health care situation in Victoria is in dire need of more family doctor's and nurse practitioner's. Especially in light of this recent virus outbreak. My family has moved here from Vancouver where we had access to a family doctor, we haven't been able to find a family doctor or even a nurse practitioner since we've been here. We've kept our family doctor in Vancouver, but this requires us to take a ferry and navigate around nap schedules. This is costly for us (especially on only one income), this also prevents someone else in that city from having access to a family doctor because we are taking up their spot since we cannot find anyone here. I don't want to have to rely on a walk-in doctor, because waiting in a waiting room for 2 hours with two small children can be overwhelming. Not to mention that they all reach capacity by mid-morning, this is insane! I would also like to form a relationship with a doctor, have someone that has a knowledge of our medical history.

The Victoria Health Co-op needs more space for exam and treatment rooms. Please let this happen but also think about how we can get more GP's and NP's into this city so that more people can have access to health services.

Thank you,

Sidne Marat

Richard Elliott

From: anne [REDACTED]
Sent: March 15, 2020 9:08 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: Carol
Subject: Re: 328 Cook St. Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor Lisa Helps and Victoria Council,

I am writing about the Cook Street Village Activity Centre and the need for the additional space in unit 2 (2-380 Cook St.). I have been going there for some years now and I lead one of the wellness activities. It is a vibrant wonderful community of people with so many activities to enjoy, opportunities to learn, have fun, and get to know people. The staff, board and volunteers are amazing in how they welcome people do their jobs.

The Centre is quite busy, there is always lots going on and people enjoy gathering in the lounge. With the demand for space, the lounge is often taken up by activities including wellness activities and this is not ideal. This means people often can't relax or gather there when they want to, I've heard people say this many times. The lounge is sometimes a bit of a noisy atmosphere for some wellness activities like meditation because of its proximity to the entrance. The wellness activities would do better in the space at the back of the building where it is quieter as well as leaving the lounge for people to socialize or relax.

It would be really great to have the additional space for the centre, to allow for all the activities people want to do and for the lounge to be used as a lounge.

Thank you,

Anne Fortin

Richard Elliott

From: Ron Stewart [REDACTED]
Sent: March 16, 2020 5:24 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 328 Cook St. Rezoning Application

Mayor and Council,

More space is needed in this Centre which is essential for physical and social health of seniors in Victoria as it serves a large and growing population. With the addition of big condos and apartments being built in Fairfield, Harris Green and downtown, its' services will be even more required.

And it's already "bursting at the seams". There is no room available for needed additional programs. As an example, the lounge originally meant to be a safe meeting place and retreat for chatting and making friends is now often unavailable for its' original purpose due to the need to use it for programs.

This Centre is a most important part of my life as I attend exercise, meditation, yoga and an art program. This is a place where no one feels lonely.

Please allow the Fairfield Activity Centre to expand.

Sincerely,
Alexandra Stewart

PS And, please try to negotiate a few more parking spaces with the developer next door - many of us are handicapped and unable to walk, bus or bike - and with the expansion of much needed wellness/health services and programs parking will be essential. Perhaps if the development encounters say a need for a variance, they could contribute this parking to the Centre - and what a great community service that could be for them to give to our City and our Centre!

Richard Elliott

From: Douglas Joynson [REDACTED]
Sent: March 16, 2020 9:15 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Proposal for 328 Cook St. Vic. Health Co-op

To Mayor and Council,

My wife and I are seniors without a family physician, and now with Covid -19 appearance we are very worried for the health needs of seniors like us, for now, and the future!

We need to fund Victoria Health Co-op.

They need an exam and treatment room space for the 70,000 people on the South Island who have no consistent Primary Health care.

The Proposal for 328 Cook St. enables the Victoria Health Co-op to access space to provide NURSE PRACTITIONERS services, a Medical Office Assistant, Health and Wellness Education.

These services are essential to the physical, spiritual wellness of every community.

Thank you,
Sincerely,

Douglas Joynson

Sent from Douglas via iPad

Richard Elliott

From: Michelle Mitschrich [REDACTED]
Sent: March 19, 2020 5:47 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Re: 328 cook St. Rezoning Application

Hello Mayor and Council,

I am excited to hear about the potential of The Cook Street Village Activity Center expanding to open more treatment rooms for their members. This is important because I feel it would allow the community more access to high quality health and well being services. It has become clear to me that there is a need for additional space. My reflexology sessions offer clients and members a space to relax and experience the benefits of my sessions. That being said, I feel having more space (not having session in the activity room where the space is being allocated for other things/community classes) would offer a more private, and welcoming environment. The community at CSVAC is supportive, inclusive, and growing. If the space was expanded, it could attract more people to recreate at the facility, making health and well being for locals more available.

The current environment is not ideal for creating a relaxing and holistic atmosphere. I feel this expansion would make referring clients and passing on information about fellow practitioners more available.

I look forward to hearing more about this expansion, and would welcome more space, as well as seeing how the Cook street Village community could grow as a result.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mitschrich
[REDACTED]

Cook Street Village

Cook Street Village Business Association

May 6, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council,

This is a letter of support, on behalf of our membership and board for the Cook Street Village Activity Centre's proposed wellness centre. We feel that this will be a positive addition to our village and meets CSVAC's belief that access to health, wellness and recreational services is essential for an equitable society. Never has that need been so great. The loss of the CSVAC services this spring has been widely felt by the community and their centre users.

Cook Street Village has been described as 'the heart of Fairfield' in the current Local Area Plan. This is due to the diversity of local businesses including the abundant opportunities at CSVAC. By accepting the development plan with purchase of 2-380 Cook St you will join CSVBA in supporting better access to medical and complimentary services to our neighbourhood and beyond.

The area near CSVAC is growing and changing. There are two significant proposed developments that will positively impact CSVAC and the Cook Street Village. The first is the proposed development that is next door at 328 Cook St by Aragon Properties. The second, newly announced, proposed development is the Starlight Properties at Harris Green. If the estimated 1,500 residential units is approved this could significantly increase the number of people making their way to this neighbourhood.

We hope that you will support this additional space for the Cook Street Village Activity Centre so that they can expand their services and better give to our community.

Your Truly,

Glenn Barlow
President
Cook Street Village Business Association
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