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**To:** Public Hearings  
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**Subject:** 1023 Tolmie Redevelopment Proposal July 9th

1023 Tolmie Ave. Variance Application to build a house in the backyard.

Zoning Regulation Bylaw: Amendment Bylaw (No.1227) No. 20-064

Public Hearing Thursday July 9th, 2020 6.30PM

This proposal went to public hearing at the Neighbourhood Action Committee of Quadra Village a few years ago, and at that time all the neighbours were against this in-fill house.

The lot is just too small to accommodate a house. All the setback requirements would have to be waived, and the new house would be right up against the neighbour's house, and the street, and would take up most of the property.

The Garvey family live on Fifth St. next to this proposal and would have a house just feet from the walls of their house. Mrs. Garvey is in constant pain with a permanent degenerative neurological disorder and the noise and chaos of construction would be horrific for her.

Then we have the problems already created by the new small lot houses going up on Tolmie Ave.

Only 3 of the 8 lots have been sold and developed, with the 4<sup>th</sup> lots kept and built on by the property owner. So now instead of having 4 decrepit houses with a jungle of debris behind them, we have 4 new houses with a jungle of debris behind them. There is full capacity parking, on both Tolmie and Fifth St, due to shoppers from Quadra St, construction people, and residents.

The neighbourhood agreed to a townhouse development on the 4 Tolmie properties with no laneways going on to Fifth St. The city and the owners/developers changed this to single lot developments with 3 laneways on Fifth St. There was no approval of or notification of this change to the neighbours (we were told the city forgot to mail out the letters so we had notifications dropped in to our mail boxes the night before the city hall meeting)! We never agreed to 3 laneways coming off Fifth St, and so far the new sidewalks and ramps for the new houses have just made the traffic situation worse.

Now you want to add yet another laneway across Fifth St, for this new infill house.

And don't forget that Saanich is planning on building a new 4 storey seniors apartment building across Tolmie St . More traffic and parking problems.....

I have no objection to the owners of 1023 Tolmie enlarging their tiny house, building it up a storey or into the backyard, or demolishing it and building a larger house, but putting a separate house in the backyard is just too disruptive and invasive to the neighbours, the street, and the community.

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