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**From:** Christine Warde [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** January 6, 2020 12:32 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Victoria Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Solid Outreach proposal

**Categories:** Awaiting Staff Response

Hi good folks of our fine city!

We just received the proposal for Solid Outreach moving around the corner onto Cook Street.

As a property owner, business owner, and a general non-commercial citizen, I want to whole-heartedly support the proposal.

Solid being in our diverse neighbourhood has not impacted our business one bit (unlike Logan's!), and I think they are fulfilling an essential and very important role for those with addiction issues.

Having a larger space will give them more opportunity in their care plans, and to be able to help more people at once, which is integral to keeping these folks supported, and more importantly, alive.

They deserve as much support as can be garnered for them, and I hope that people that are uncomfortable with certain parts of our society, and neighbourhood, don't slam down the proposal out of fear or innocent ignorance.

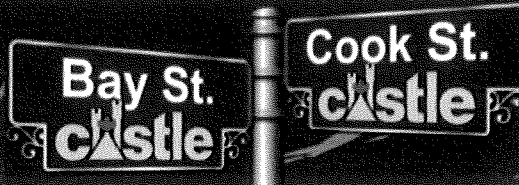
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Christine**

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To whom it does concern,

We are unable to endorse the rezoning application submitted by Solid for the building at the corner of Cook St. and North Park St. While we recognize the need for a variety of prescribed health treatments, North Park and adjacent areas have become saturated with an uneven proportion of these treatment facilities. All agencies, government and private, at all levels should be looking at other areas of opportunity. If the goal is to provide treatment and care for **all** areas of Victoria then housing, injection sites, marijuana dispensaries, long and short term care should be in **all** areas of Victoria. It is already challenging to conduct business in the neighborhood. This rezoning and subsequent licensing would not be a benefit to the North Park neighborhood.

Regards,

Vicki Hagel  
Owner and Operator  
Cook Street Castle

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**From:** Ben Jestico [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** January 21, 2020 6:45 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** ValueOurVillage - North Park - Concerns Regarding SOLID Outreach Society Temporary Permit Application  
**Categories:** Awaiting Staff Response

Hello,

My name is Ben Jestico and my wife and I live at 19-1019 North Park Street. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the recent North Park Community Association meeting on January 16, 2020, but I see on the agenda that the SOLID Outreach Temporary permit application was discussed and is currently under review with the City.

I would like to voice my concerns around this application. My wife and I are young working professionals in our early 30s and we purchased our townhome in early 2017. In the first two years of living in the North Park Community we were very supportive of the City's approach to densify downtown and the surrounding areas and we were very open to land use changes proposed. We were also very happy with the mixed land use and dynamic makeup of the North Park area and feel it represents what makes our city so appealing. We hope to one day start a family that will also grow up in this community and add to the culture and character of North Park.

That being said, since SOLID Outreach has begun operating, we have seen a noticeable negative impact on our community. Our car has been broken into multiple times over the last year and there have been multiple instances of SOLID members causing disturbances and displaying threatening behaviour on our block. We are concerned about our safety and the safety of others including young children and seniors who walk along our block every day. We live next to a subsidized housing complex operated by Pacifica Housing, which is home to families who need additional housing support including those with disabilities and newcomers to Canada. We enjoy the diversity and dynamic makeup of our community but feel like these vulnerable populations may also be negatively impacted by SOLID's continued operation.

We enjoy living downtown and are not oblivious to the fact that many individuals face significant challenges and struggles with addiction, and we were aware of the dynamic makeup of this community before we purchased our home. We are supportive of the work that Our Place and other nearby services in our community continue to do for these vulnerable members of our City. However, while noble in cause, I believe that SOLID's continued operation will bring more issues into our North Park community than it can actually support, and it may not be providing sustainable, realistic solutions to these vulnerable members of our community.

In conclusion, we do not support SOLID Outreach's Temporary Permit Application and do not think that the current location is suitable for the services that SOLID is offering.

Thank you,

Ben Jestico

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