



04 Oct, 2020

Lisa Helps  
Mayor, City of Victoria

Dear Lisa,

We are writing on behalf of the board of the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association, with regard to the future of the Bank Street School and the former Sundance School in our neighbourhood.

At a meeting on Sept 4, with Chuck Morris and Marni Vistisen-Harwood, representatives of our community association were advised of the school district's intention to seek a demolition permit for the Bank Street School, in the very near future. This was said to be the first step in the redevelopment plans for the site of Bank and "Sundance" schools, after which the neighbourhood would be consulted on the future of the site.

At our AGM for the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association on Sept 15, a committee was struck to conduct a survey of our residents to assess the opinions of our neighbours on the future of the school site, including the possible demolition of the existing Bank Street School. This is now under way.

We are writing to request that Victoria City Council make no decisions on granting a demolition permit for the Bank Street School to SD61 until the results of the neighbourhood survey have been collected and shared with both SD61 and our council liaison Marianne Alto. Once the survey is completed, we will request another meeting with the school district to discuss what we find about the residents' wishes for these school sites. We would welcome city representation at this proposed meeting.

We very much appreciate your willingness to cooperate with the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association on the future plans to revitalize our neighbourhood schools.

With best regards,

Murray Gudmundson and Susan Wetmore  
On behalf of the SJNA Board

Dear Councillor, School Trustee,

I am a resident of South Jubilee. I have just learned that School District 61- SD61- wants to destroy the heritage Bank St. School.

SD61 has told City of Victoria staff that they want to demolish the heritage designated school.

The request will be on the agenda for committee of the Whole at City Hall this Thursday.

There has been no neighbourhood consultation.

Bank St. School is an iconic landmark for our neighbourhood.

Destruction of a school has not happened in Victoria in 25 years. ( James Douglas in 1995)

The greenest buildings are heritage buildings, like Bank St, that are re-furnished.

Please vote no on destruction.

Yours truly,

Catherine Green