

## Pamela Martin

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**From:** Steven Allaire [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** October 18, 2020 4:58 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Development Permit Application 736 Princess Avenue to be heard October 22, 2022

To whom it may concern;

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my opposition to the Development Permit Application at 736 Princess Avenue. This street was not designed for a commercial/residential building of this magnitude with the lack of parking that is being proposed. There is limited available parking on the street at the current moment for the commercial operators doing business there now, with street parking available only on one side of the street. The increased traffic from the new building tenants, employees and customers of the cafe would put an undue stress on this limited parking. The building development is contributing very little parking in its proposal and the number of variances in the Zoning Regulation Bylaw to the parking requirements (in residential parking, commercial parking and even bicycle parking) is substantial. The small size of the building lot for this development is the problem and the number of variances for parking is proof that the building is too big for this type of development.

Also, the nature of the commercial operations on the street does lend itself to residential housing of this size and will add to the stress on these businesses. A development permit very similar to this one was rejected a few years ago. From what I can tell this building is virtually identical to the one proposed at that time.

Regards,

Steven Allaire  
Building Owner  
717 Princess Avenue  
Victoria, BC

Mayor and Council  
City Of Victoria  
1 Centennial Square  
Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing you because I support the development and Rezoning permit at 736 Princess Ave for the John Howard Society of British Columbia. This is an important project for the neighbourhood and for the broad community. I feel the John Howard society and the development would be a great addition to the neighbourhood.

Sincerely,

Name: JOHN MITCHELL

Business: jm 2 marine canvas

Address: 732 Princess Ave.

Email: — n.a.

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Sincerely,

Name: Daniel Schafer & Alexandra Mueller

Business: CrossFit Zone

Address: 708 Pembroke Street

Email: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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Business: McBeachie's Foam

Address: 2103 Douglas

Email: 

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Name: CURT KIMBER

Business: FERNYS

Address: 735 Princess Ave

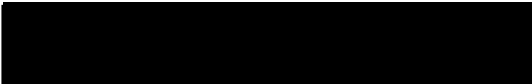
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Business: Brian Roberts Auto Electric Ltd  
Address: 720 Princess Ave.  
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Sincerely,

Name: BRIAN MATHE

Business: 1091966 BC LTD

Address: 601 ALPHA ST

Email: 

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Sincerely,

Name: Marin Mowers

Business: Ferny's Employee

Address: 735 Princess Ave

Email: 



# THE LONDON CHEF

October 19, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the proposed development of a multi-purpose building by the John Howard Society (JHS). I believe that the innovative vision that JHS has developed for facility would be a wonderful addition to community services/supports available in Victoria. By bringing community supports, programming and employment training/readiness and transitional housing to one location JHS will offer a comprehensive environment of support for vulnerable persons.

The London Chef (specifically myself and my husband Dan Hayes) has worked with JHS for over 10 years offering hospitality and culinary arts training programs at our cooking school, and vocational training and restorative justice based culinary arts programs at the Vancouver Island Regional Correctional Centre. Over the past 10 years I have had the pleasure of working with JHS in support of the common goal of improving the life circumstances of program participants. I have worked with hundreds of JHS clients in the capacity as a program facilitator, and have employed many of the program graduates in my own businesses. I regularly see past program participants working in various capacities around the city. JHS has played an integral role in supporting so many vulnerable persons and helping them to move forward towards more positive circumstances. It is the kind of comprehensive approach – with innovative programming, wrap-around supports and transitional housing that our city needs more of.

I have a deep appreciation for the work that the JHS does in our community, and offer steadfast support for all of their endeavors. I believe wholeheartedly that the City of Victoria would benefit enormously in supporting the realization of this dynamic vision for supportive transitional housing.

I would be happy to provide any further information as needed. Please feel to reach out to me at [REDACTED]

Best Wishes,

Micayla Hayes  
Owner/President, The London Chef Inc.



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2020-10-19

October 19th, 2020

To whom it may concern,

We are pleased to furnish this letter of support for John Howard Society of Victoria's proposed development project located at 736 Princess Street. The John Howard Society has been providing individuals involved in the Canadian criminal justice system with humane, dignified and holistic support for over two hundred years. In its daily activities, this society embodies and exemplifies what it means to contribute to public safety in a meaningful way and as a result, currently enjoys a very progressive relationship with the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) as a key community criminal justice partner. Locally, the John Howard Society has operated on Vancouver Island for over thirty years and has continued to further this trusted and essential connection with the CSC.

The programming and residential services offered by the John Howard Society have not only changed the lives of CSC clients, but countless community members. Through the operation of Manchester House Community Residential Facility, the John Howard Society has provided structure and support to those individuals transitioning from an institutional setting back to community living. In recent years, the organization has expanded their residential services to CSC clients with the opening of Gelling Manor and Maxfield House. These houses have provided a cost effective alternative to market housing for individuals that continue to require a degree of support.

In addition to their residential services, the John Howard Society has assisted CSC clients by overseeing the Victoria Parole Office's volunteer program and community employment program. Both of these programs have been an invaluable resource that has assisted in the reintegration of individuals in the Greater Victoria area. The Bladerunners and Construction and Trades to Success (CATTS) programs have assisted countless citizens in providing the skills, training, and certification to find meaningful employment opportunities in the community.

Moving forward, the John Howard Society of Victoria is in the process of finding a new location that is able to accommodate the expansion of their programming and services. The society has shared their vision for their new facility and we are aware they are seeking city council approval in making the vision a reality. We are encouraged that the new facility will provide the organization with the opportunity to expand their programming and services to citizens of Victoria. The CSC is excited to continue our partnership with the John Howard Society throughout this process.

Mr. Toor and his learned and dedicated staff enjoy the full confidence of the CSC and have full support for this proposal. Mr. Toor's proposed project would serve to provide further support to the most vulnerable of our community in a safe, secure and responsible manner. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any questions or require any further information concerning this letter of support.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Baldo', with a stylized, cursive script.

Anthony M. Baldo  
Acting Area Director  
Vancouver Island Community Corrections  
Correctional Service of Canada

October 16, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council,

It is my pleasure to offer a letter of support for John Howard Society Victoria's (JHSV) proposed project at 736 Princess Avenue.

As the Health and Safety/Human Resources Manager for Knappett Construction, I've worked with JHSV for the past four years - providing site tours and employment opportunities under their BladeRunners and CATTS (Construction and Trades To Success). I also offer online safety training to JHSV students through my own company.

When people ask me what I do for a living I like to think I'm in the business of giving people the tools they need to be successful through job readiness training and employment. My involvement with the JHSV isn't just important to me – it's important to Knappett construction. It is our way of giving back to the community. There's a labour shortage in our sector. Many of the people we hire have had troubled pasts and have been overlooked by other employers. What we know however, is that with the right supports, the right motivation and hand-up, success is easy to grab hold of. We believe it's important to help people- especially youth – see what the different levels of employment look like and how quickly you can become successful. In construction you start at \$14 – \$17 an hour and can be up to \$35 an hour in four years if you do all your schooling consecutively.

I worked with one guy who came through our program and is now working as a construction superintendent. His past included substance misuse and an overdose. His future is now filled with watching his family grow with a new addition on the way. Seeing that kind of transformation is a good feeling and is vital to community building.

The Princess Avenue project is exciting and unique in that it combines residential services with a training component at one location. It's not just a roof over someone's head. It's about getting people employment ready. I recognize it's easy to play into the stigmas that surround our most vulnerable community members; to paint all supportive housing efforts with the same brush. What I know though is Knappett's experience with JHSV is proof that it isn't contributing to the problems of housing, mental health and addictions – it's trying to solve them. Knappett is proud of our association with JHSV and excited to see their programs, and their proven track record of success, given the needed space at 736 Princess Avenue to grow.

Sincerely,

Cori Coutts  
Health and Safety/Human Resources Manager  
Knappett Construction

October 2020

To whom this may concern,

I absolutely feel that the John Howard Society of Victoria should expand it's space and programs.

It is the supports received through the BladeRunners program I've found to be of great benefit to myself as well as the classmates I took the program with – many of which I still remain in contact with today. The space and the work was really good for making new connections and friends.

If they expand and are able to offer more services with more staff in greater Victoria, it will help a lot of entry level workers receive the help that I did, and the help that is needed to get started in employment.

This is especially important with the current down-turn related to COVID-19. As more young people are affected through their employment and savings during this time, having access to employment training and employment search via resume building and support would be a huge help in bridging this gap.

My training at BladeRunners has been of great benefit - especially the job search portion, and the ongoing mentorship. I still remain in contact with my job coaches even though I took the program over a year and a half ago. I am still supported and listened to, even this long after my participation.

I don't have personal experience about other programs offered so I am unable to comment further, but I am sure they are just as wonderful as the program I participated in. Many would benefit (I'm sure) from any expansion that the John Howard Society of Victoria

Thank you for your time,

Michelle Hewlett



October 2020

To whom this may concern,

I wasn't sure what I was getting myself into when I first inquired into the employment program - I thought I would leave with a couple of newfound skills, and something flashy to put on a resume. Little did I know, that after the three incredible weeks I had spent with the staff and students at the program that I would be walking away with new found hope, respect, friends, mentors and ambition for the future.

My time at John Howard society's program may have only been three weeks, but the amount of knowledge and care they put into each daily lesson plan for us to learn and patience they had for everyone's different levels of learning, made up for four bad years of high school anxiety's and teachers who just didn't get me. From learning the tools to first aid and fall protection, getting comfortable through real world application such as forklift and excavator training, this course had it all.

I walked away from this program with a couple things I would really like to highlight.

Firstly, an incredible job opportunity and ability to provide for my daughter as a struggling single dad, this course gave me the hope I needed to be able to strive to take that next step. I am working for a plumbing company and am exciting to get ticketed.

Secondly, how incredible these job coaches are. I wasn't forced to take the first job that came up, I had an individualized plan, what I wanted, how we were going to move towards achieving it, and then completing that task by gaining employment. Each one of the staff at John Howard, has not only been a job coach, but a mentor, a shoulder to lean on, and even a friend. I am beyond blessed with the quality of the people there and wouldn't have the newfound skill and ability to provide for my family without their guidance and support.

Thirdly, each and every single person in that classroom was so unique, and we all became very close friends very quickly. On Father's Day while I was attending the course, the students and staff made a giant Father's Day card for me. No one had too, it wasn't part of the course, they did it because they cared. Staff and students a like.

With out pandering and being overtly gimmicky, this course truly not only changed my life, but saved it. Any expansion of programs and space would greatly benefit others, as it has benefited me.

Thank you for taking the time to read my experience with this wonderful program. I hope others who are feelings lost, unsure and alone in their journey and what to do next, can find the same solace as I have.

Cheers,

Owen j. Piper

[REDACTED]

A few months ago, I walked through the doors of John Howard Society after being held hostage by agoraphobia, depression and anxiety for nearly half a decade. Words barely strung together to form my sentences, and, at that moment, I wanted to curl up into a ball so I could roll away from everything. "I don't want to be like this forever", I said.

So, with that, the job coaches made the decision to take this ball and run with it.

During the course of one of John Howard Society's many programs, Bladerunners, the coaches helped me unearth skills I didn't even know I had.

Aided me in writing hearty resumes and cover letters, each delicately tailored towards different jobs I wanted to apply to.

Always ensured I had something to eat and drink so I was energized and raring to go.

Lent an ear free of judgments when I needed it.

Very gently challenged me to take steps out of my comfort zone.

Gave me words of encouragement when I hit snags on the road.

Taught me some invaluable skills to use on the journey ahead.

And, when they didn't have the answers, connected me with places in the community that did.

They did everything within their power to find a way to get me to wherever my destination was.

I spent a lot of time in John Howard Society's rustic kitchen, airy classroom space, and comfortably lit computer area. It was a quaint safe space with a lot to offer!

In that space, I met a multitude of different faces coming to and from John Howard Society's programs, each with their own strengths and struggles. It was slightly crowded at times. There were so many individuals who needed help, just like I did. And John Howard Society offered that and much more.

My weeks at the program ended with one thought: "We need more of something like this in the world. There are probably more people like me out there."

Nowadays, I am happily employed doing something I didn't think I could do with a renewed sense of purpose.

I can confidently say that design and fashion is my passion now.

"You are more capable than you think."

Before coming to the program, I wouldn't have believed that. Thank you, John Howard Society. I feel like I can move forward with confidence now.

I heard about the CATTS (*Construction and Trades to Success*) program and felt that it would be something I would be suited to try. I felt honoured and grateful to be selected as a student of such a small group. The program allowed me to take inventory of my areas of experience within the realm of building and construction, and to see where I would like to continue pursuing my energy.

I felt that there were many levels of support within this program that I wouldn't have expected to be there. I am very glad to see components such as the wellness coach, the social skill games and activities, the role playing for practicing interviews and various typical work dynamics.

As each day of class progressed, I began to feel my own levels of confidence and focus strengthening, as it was demonstrated to us the many ways we could apply our existing skills in combination with our new certifications to become consistently employed individuals.

We heard about many different trades and some of the specifics that were relevant to each, creating more clarity in deciding which paths to consider as well as which might be less suitable.

From the very first interview I felt that I was among people who could understand me and empathize with where I was coming from. They took the time to ask important questions and noted my answers to better guide me along the process of discovering viable pathways.

I felt supported in my decisions and personal needs. The job that I landed because of CATTS was exactly the position that I had written on my new resume, which made me realize that I can achieve nearly anything I set my mind to.

If I knew that more young folks like myself had access to the care, attention, guidance, support, encouragement, resources and space that I was given during the program, I would feel overjoyed! I believe that it has the potential to shift a lot of lives onto more functional pathways that lead in great directions.

The space that we had was more than enough for a class size of 6, if there were more students I would expect a larger space to accommodate (particularly with social distancing). I would also like to see the same ratio of job coaches to students (in my class that was 1:3) so that the proper amount of focus and care could be maintained for each student to feel fully present and acknowledged. I liked finding out that there was also a hospitality version of the course as I know different types of people might prefer that over learning about construction, and I wondered in just how many areas a similar formula could be applied, be it in technology and IT, or preparing a formula for potential students to apply to various higher education programs geared at relevant employment opportunities.

I will always recall my experience with the John Howard society in gratitude and I have been made aware that anytime I can revisit the office to receive support toward job searching if that is something that I require.

Jocelyn Kearns





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**From:** Greg Underwood [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** October 20, 2020 3:17 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** 736 princess ave.

Mayor & Council

Once again here we are fighting for our survival as a business in the city of Victoria. Another high density large building on an undersized lot on a dead end street. (you may want to re-think the map you provided with the notice of hearing)

The 700 block of Princess Ave. is a M1 zoned area with many full frontage drive way lots and parallel parking on the south side and limited parking on the north. On a good day a delivery vehicle can barely drive up the street and must double park for delivery. That includes city trucks that drop off and pick up at our business at 720 Princess.

We have been asking for a loading zone in front of our store front for fourteen years to no avail and have been told it won't happen because of the parking pressure on the street.

So you can't have it both ways.

After covid 19 shut down any hope of a profit for most businesses has vanished. We constantly hear complaints from our customers about no parking and the disruption of construction will be a burden. We have been told that the clients at this project won't have cars, how would we know?

That visitors will have to meet the clients in public areas, where will the visitors park? A coffee shop on the main floor, where will outside customers park?

This is the wrong building for the wrong place at the wrong time.

I strongly ask that all council members reject this proposal.

Greg Underwood

Owner

Brian Roberts Auto Electric LTD.

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**From:** Sherry Baird [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** October 21, 2020 1:05 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** STRONGLY OPPOSED TO DEVELOPMENT AT 736 Princess Ave.

RESPONSE FROM: 721 Pembroke Street owners

October 21, 2020

Attention: Mayor and Councillors, City of Victoria

We are aware of the current application for the rezoning and development of 736 Princess Avenue and we wish to advise you that we are strongly opposed to this proposal.

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This development will be in very close proximity to our business, and adding residential with a minimal parking allowance will also reduce parking access for our businesses, negatively affecting our customers and operation. While we appreciate the task at hand for the City to find solutions for the homeless crisis, concentrating services into our neighbourhood, particularly with more "hard to house" individuals will significantly impact our business, employees and customers. We would like to see proven success in the other areas where this community integration is being tested. So far, this has not proven to be conducive to business and it is driving customers out of downtown and forcing businesses to relocate or even close their doors. It is our belief that rezoning a commercial district to provide these services is not the answer for 736 Princess Avenue and this development is not appropriate use of this land.

Kind Regards,

David W. Baird and John M. Bell, Owners

Advance (1993) Investments Ltd.  
721 Discovery Street  
Victoria, B.C.  
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RESPONSE FROM: 2030 Blanshard Street owners

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Sherry Baird and Jon Bell, Owners  
Pembroke Properties Inc.  
2030 Blanshard Street  
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RESPONSE FROM: 741 PEMBROKE Street owners

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We are aware of the current application for the rezoning and development of 736 Princess Avenue and we wish to advise you that we are strongly opposed to this proposal.

As a property owner and operator of successful long-term commercial operations, we are very concerned about the impact of existing transitional housing in our neighbourhood. It is our experience and also of our customers that vagrancy, homelessness, and mental health issues are at an all-time high, particularly in the downtown area. Rezoning this area for residential was not supported by your staff in 2018 as "it was not in keeping with the neighbourhood's vision" and with the plan to concentrate commercial and industrial activities north of the downtown Victoria and Harris Green areas.

This development will be in very close proximity to our business, and adding residential with a minimal parking allowance will also reduce parking access for our businesses, negatively affecting our customers and operation. While we appreciate the task at hand for the City to find solutions for the homeless crisis, concentrating services into our neighbourhood, particularly with more "hard to house" individuals will significantly impact our business, employees and customers. We would like to see proven success in the other areas where this community integration is being tested. So far, this has not proven to be conducive to business and it is driving customers out of downtown and forcing businesses to relocate or even close their doors. It is our belief that rezoning a commercial district to provide these services is not the answer for 736 Princess Avenue and this development is not appropriate use of this land.

Kind Regards,

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