

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca

RE: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School)

Dear Mayor Helps and Members of Council,

Thank you for considering our application to temporarily locate portable classrooms, as a precaution to the risk of COVID-19 transmission, on a sheltered section of our school property. As chair of the volunteer Board for the school—as well as the father of two students at the school—I felt it important to communicate to the Council the need for the variances contained within the application to enhance the safety of our students, teachers, staff and families as well as that of our neighbours.

The temporary portable classrooms and mobile gym would give us the greatest flexibility to create an environment of classroom instruction that can accommodate additional physical distancing. No one knows what the next few months, year or longer will bring. We all need to adapt as best we can to keep the presence of COVID-19 low and prevent community transmission.

With regards to our neighbours, it is clear to the school and our Board that we have to do a better job of ensuring we work together on the day-to-day impacts the school may have on the neighbourhood. To that end, I want to assure the council that we are committed to finding ways to work with our neighbours to improve issues that have arisen in the past and present. I will ensure that we will keep the goal of improving relations with our community at the forefront. While we clearly understand that we have work to do, moving forward we would welcome a reconciliation of differences in a neighbourhood that we have shared and loved since 1932.

Thank you for your consideration during these extraordinary times.

Sincerely,

Curtis Mundstock
Chair, Society Board of Governors
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To the Major and Council,

I am the owner of 944 Maddison Street. I am opposed to Victoria granting any permit to Glenlyon Norfolk School for their Pemberton Park campus or adjacent owned properties that will permit the expansion of building, temporary or permanent. History shows as GNS has expanded its building footprint so has its contribution to greater vehicle traffic volume on Maddison Street and surrounding residential streets. This has eroded the residential character of our neighbourhood. Maddison Street is City designated as a People Priority Greenway (PPG).

Once GNS honours its 2002 commitment to the community to make Richmond Avenue their main campus entrance and it removes school traffic from Maddison, I would be pleased to discuss GNS's plans for the future.

Regards,

Chris Parks

RE: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School)

Dear Mayor Helps and members of Victoria Council.

I write today in my professional role as an Epidemiologist and Population Health Research Scientist, a member of the Glenlyon Norfolk School (GNS) COVID Task Force, a parent of two children at GNS, and a citizen of Victoria, BC. In all capacities, I am in full support of pursuing all possible opportunities ***to increase physical distancing elements for in-class school instruction*** – at GNS and at all schools.

Population health and infectious disease control research across the global has demonstrated the effectiveness and critical need for the **enforcement of physical distancing measures – especially when indoors – to combat COVID-19**. As stated by Dr. Bonnie Henry, physical distancing is essential part of keeping children in the classroom for face to face learning and helping reduce the incidence of COVID-19 in schools, as well as in the local community.

The citizens of British Columbia, particularly Victoria are extremely fortunate to live in communities where the incidence and prevalence of COVID-19 has remained low, relative to rates across the rest of Canada and the world. **Leadership at GNS is taking extraordinary measures to safeguard our relatively low local community case load by implementing strict protocols and procedures as our students and staff return to school**. A high correlation between caseload of COVID-19 in local communities and caseloads of COVID-19 in schools has been shown across the world – i.e. if cases of COVID-19 in schools remain low, this decreases the risk of COVID-19 transmission into the larger community.

As part of the measures GNS is implementing to decrease risk of COVID-19 transmission, we would like to move our modular classrooms located at the GNS Beach Campus to a location that is appropriate and needs the requirements of the city. These classrooms would be placed for a temporary period of time (maximum of five years), which respects the concerns of our neighbours. This request is a critical part of ensuring the safety of our staff, students and community and is aligned with recommendations and requirements from BC's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Bonnie Henry, the BC Ministry of Education and the BC Ministry of Health for the following reasons:

- (1) The modular classrooms increase our ability to physically distance staff and students, as they are more spacious and allow for physical distancing environments for in-door course instruction. Physically distancing students is a critical part of BC's Safe Return to School Plan, issued by the Ministry of Education and supported by the Ministry of Health.
- (2) The modular classrooms allow for greater ventilation – best practice evidence demonstrates that greater ventilation and air flow is a critical element to

combating COVID-19 indoors – these classrooms ensure the safety for students and staff during the winter months.

- (3) Moving the modular classrooms provides more space at the GNS Beach Campus (where they are currently located) which allows for more physical distancing capacity for our junior school students and staff to implement outdoor learning environments – which is a key recommendation for schools by the Ministry of Education.

It is my hope that our elected officials support this important public health application. Keeping our children and staff safe is of paramount importance and taking extraordinary measures to protect the local community around us is a priority for GNS leadership. GNS and the community around GNS is extremely fortunate to have access to these structures. More space strengthens safety within an educational environment that is stressed by COVID-19 and mitigate risks of transmission of this highly contagious virus between the students, teachers/staff, parents family members – and our neighbourhood.

Paraphrasing Dr. Henry's words, '**wherever possible, we need to do the things that we know work. Physical distancing is a priority for public health**'. Thank you in advance for your support during these extraordinary times of ongoing uncertainty. Ensuring and enabling physical distancing at every opportunity is our provincial health officer's directive.

For Council to deny this school's application to optimize the safety of our children and local community would be extremely disappointing as an epidemiologist and scientist, and on a personal note as a parent trying to protect her children, and a wife of a front line health care provider who is risking his life every day to treat patients in Victoria. We are in this together, and we must do our part to enforce and support protocols that are supported by best practice evidence and scientific facts to combat this pandemic and keep our community healthy.

Thank you for your leadership support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deepa Singal', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Deepa Singal

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to voice my concern regarding the Glenlyon Norfolk School DVP. **There is good reason to believe that this application is a strategic steppingstone that would enable Glenlyon to further expand its Pemberton Woods campus (801 Bank Street) into a residential neighbourhood against the wishes of the community.** Last year, the community emphatically rejected the Pemberton Woods expansion proposal.

Glenlyon recently completed a large 28,000 square foot expansion at the **Beach Drive** junior school and now wishes to relocate the modular buildings that were used during construction to the **Pemberton Woods** campus. The relocation of these buildings is necessary so that Glenlyon can move forward with the second phase of its “campus transformation plan.”

For the last few months, Glenlyon has misrepresented that the modular buildings were “**necessary**” for a safe return to school” and to “**adhere the province’s rigid guidelines.**” They have stated this to the neighbourhood, the **Board of Variance** on July 23rd on its “emergency” application (which was denied), the **CALUC** on August 27th, and to **Councillor Jeremy Loveday** on August 5th when they asserted that the modular buildings were necessary and asked that he put forward a motion to help them expedite the process.

The fact is that the buildings are not “necessary”, and they have **not** been included in Glenlyon’s return to school plan which has been approved by the province. Further, the wording on Glenlyon’s letter to the city with its application has now been changed to state that the additional buildings are merely “**desirable**” (not “necessary”).

The BOV denied Glenlyon’s application on July 23rd because the board was not able to restrict the variance to be “temporary” and because Glenlyon did not consult with neighbours other than their own tenants who live in homes on adjacent properties. It was also noted by the board that the plans presented to the BOV were dated **October 2019** (before COVID). The date has since been changed.

Had the BOV application been approved, it would have enabled Glenlyon to circumvent neighbourhood consultation and obtain the variance without neighbours having an opportunity for input. This would have been preferable for Glenlyon given the nature of the relationship between the school and its neighbours.

An additional detail that would cause one to question Glenlyon’s motives is that prior to the BOV application (July 6th), Glenlyon announced on its website that because the new building at the Beach Drive location was expected to open in September 2020, and that the modular learning pavilions and the tent gym “will need to be relocated.” There was no mention that the relocation was “necessary” for the safety of the middle and senior students.

Granting this DVP will not provide any additional safety for students and/or faculty.

The use of cohorts (learning groups) in schools has been recommended by Dr. Bonnie Henry. It is understood that students may socialize with other students within their own cohorts. Also, there would not be any cohorts overlapping within a single classroom. Therefore, one can conclude that although it

may be “desirable” for the school to relocate the buildings to Pemberton Woods, it will not provide any additional safety for students or staff as students.

I am attaching photos taken at Glenlyon today which suggest that Glenlyon is not requiring students to maintain two metres of distance – my assumption is that it is because it is not necessary within their own cohorts, and it follows it would not be necessary within the classrooms.

Glenlyon also has music rooms, labs, a drama classroom and a theatre that can be utilized to provide more space. It also has a comprehensive online and blended learning platform.

At the CALUC meeting on August 27th, Glenlyon was questioned as to whether it had looked into physical plexiglass barriers as a way to promote safety (which would be more effective and less costly than moving buildings); the response from the school’s representative was that **“the ministry is not asking us to do that!”** The ministry mentions physical barriers several times in its guidelines but does not mention additional modular classrooms once. It appears that Glenlyon is very selective about what exactly it is willing to do “out of an abundance of caution.”

I find it suspect that Glenlyon is insisting that it must do something that is not being suggested by the ministry but has not considered doing something that has been specifically suggested.

Glenlyon has been expanding into the residential neighbourhood for many years, and as a result, has caused disruption, additional traffic and environmental damage.

In 2018, Glenlyon was given a large donation of \$5 Million. To date, they have raised \$16 Million toward their future expansion plans and are highly motivated to follow through with what they refer to as their Wonder Campaign.

Over the years, Glenlyon has purchased 14 properties around the school; four have already been demolished for expansion purposes. In fact, the area where Glenlyon is proposing to place the modular classrooms was once a residential home. Three of the homes were purchased in the last two years alone at a cost of approximately \$4 Million. The last home purchase (735 Richmond) was completed on August 31, 2020.

The owner of 735 Richmond provided a letter of support for the school for its July Board of Variance application. Glenlyon misrepresented to the BOV that the letter of support was from an adjacent “homeowner”; this was not true as the school had already negotiated a sale with this person (the deal closed one week later).

Each time Glenlyon purchases a home, it rents to families until such time it is ready to do its next expansion and then evicts the tenants so the houses can be torn down.

The proposed relocation of these buildings (please see attached photos) will mean that what remaining green space remains on the campus will be lost. The size and height of the buildings will be overwhelming to neighbours (10x the area and over twice the height of what would normally be allowed for residential zoning), and if approved, it will mean that the driveway pick-up/drop-off that was promised by the school 20 years ago (which it never followed through on) will not be built. The result

will be neighbours continuing to have to deal with the overwhelming amount of traffic the Glenlyon generates on surrounding side roads.

My hope is that council will see this DVP application for what it is, and not allow it to go any further.

Glenlyon is already quite privileged and has more than enough space for students and faculty. I can't help but wonder, if they need to put the modular classrooms somewhere because they are in the way at Beach Drive, perhaps they should consider making them available to a public school that may need actually need them because their classes are twice the size of Glenlyon's classes.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lynn Phillips





July 21, 2020

City of Victoria Board of Variance
Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department
cc: Mayor and Council
by email: bov@victoria.ca, councillors@victoria.ca

re: Board of Variance Appeal #00846, Glenlyon Norfolk School, 801 Bank St.

Dear Board Members,

As a 52 year resident, land owner and landlord, sharing 3 property lines with Glen Lyon Norforlk School (GNS), I am writing to voice my sincere opposition to this so-called "urgent variance" under the guise of Covid. It appears more of an attempt to use Covid to ram rod through an agenda that was already defeated one year ago. The plans submitted for this "tent" and "modular classrooms" are dated **October 2019** - long before Covid, and the surprise attack now with only days notice must be questioned.

This is ***not*** a minor variance. It more than ***doubles*** maximum height limits, and increases floor area by more than ***ten times***.

After consultation with the neighborhood last summer, the residents clearly spoke with a 372 name petition (attached) opposed to school expansion beyond current zoning, and in particular not until drop-off access off Richmond versus Maddison - previously promised twenty years ago - was addressed.

Construction of these buildings will entirely preclude ever resolving the access issue.

Classroom overcrowding (even by Covid standards) can hardly be an issue when a significant portion of the GNS student base - international students - simply are not here, and advertised class sizes are a mere 16-18. Furthermore, these structures already exist at their other campus, only blocks away. Some students could simply be relocated.

GNS has a decades long history of broken promises and deceit when it comes to approval of construction plans. Case in point, the 2002 "Master Plan" (attached) that shows the main entrance off Richmond, and the closing of drop off access on Maddison. While they successfully gained their fourth road access, a gymnasium was built instead of a drop off area and other amenities such as a public greenway were never constructed. Now GNS wants to expand that gymnasium further into the area originally designated for drop off.

I put forth that this variance will pave the way for permanent construction on the site without following due process and forever precludes resolving the long standing dispute over vehicle access and parking off Richmond vs Madison.

I ask that this variance be denied in the best interests of the neighborhood.

Sincerely,



W. Caleb Small
1832 Gonzales Ave.
722 Laurentian Pl.



August 25, 2020

Dear Neighbours,

I hope this letter finds each of you and your families well.

As a follow-up to my last letter to you, I wanted to provide an update on how the school will be welcoming our students back to full-time in-class instruction this fall in a safe and engaging manner.

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Education has directed all British Columbia schools to prepare and submit a School Health and Safety Plan demonstrating compliance with a rigorous set of guidelines and protocols to support the safe operation of full-time in-class instruction in September.

To support our ability to safely deliver classroom instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic, Glenlyon Norfolk School has provided an application to the City of Victoria, seeking Council to support our application for a Development Variance Permit (DVP) to allow for the installation of five modular school classrooms and a prefabricated tent gym to expand the school's available teaching space. These would be placed on our Pemberton Woods middle and senior school campus at 801 Bank Street, on an undeveloped area currently occupied by a lawn and adjacent to school-owned/controlled residential properties. In order to ensure that our students, staff and faculty have the best chances for a safe return to school during a regular school day, access to these modular structures is essential.

We do wish to acknowledge that our request to the City is consistent with precedent where similar variances have been granted to other schools requiring modular classrooms to meet provincial government education obligations. We do not believe that the proposed structures will have any deleterious effect on the livability of the neighbouring properties and have received support from our adjacent neighbours. Further our application seeks no variances to parking, setbacks or any zoning changes to density or land use—thus maintaining the context of our school within the broader neighbourhood.

While our application does signify a change to the school, we want to assure the neighbourhood that Glenlyon Norfolk School remains committed to long-term engagement with the broader community with all future planning pertaining to the renewal components of our 100-year old school. While our priority has shifted with urgency to create a safe learning environment that is in compliance with the provincial government's guidelines, we intend to engage with the broader community next year (2021) on any renewal components to our school ensuring that our planning includes input from the neighbourhood and the community that have evolved around us over the past century. Any update to the school over the long-term must meet the needs of the school and fit into the context of the Gonzales neighbourhood.

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Below is a site map identifying the proposed placement of the modular structures.



The health and safety of our students, teachers, staff and as well as our neighbourhood is our priority as we return to in-class instruction in September.

Should you have concerns or wish to visit the school to look at the location or discuss updates to parking and drop off please contact me directly ([REDACTED] a) or reach out to Cheryl Alexander ([REDACTED]). We would be pleased to arrange for a physically-distant outdoor visit to the campus.

Sincerely,

Chad Holtum
Head of Glenlyon Norfolk School

Dear Mayor & Council

The heart of a community is trust. Trust that community members will give as much as they get, follow through on their commitments and always tell the whole truth with no omissions or attempts to mislead. Unfortunately the immediate community doesn't trust GNS; so most member's initial reaction to its current DVP application was "What are they up to now?"

Exactly when GNS lost the community's trust is hard to say. For many it was the School's 2002 still unfulfilled promise to relocate its entrance from Maddison to Richmond during its campus planning process. A newsletter at the time outlined its "Framework of Neighbourhood Commitment" including a commitment to "openness, collaboration and consultation in the School's planning process".

Many in the Gonzales neighbourhood are still waiting for the ever worsening student drop-off and pick-up traffic, at least 500 cars and 12 buses on Maddison every week day, to relocate to Richmond. So much for follow through on commitments. As for openness and consultation, was the community consulted on, let alone even informed of, the school's policy of instructing playing field renters to use Maddison for pick up and drop off, not the Richmond entrance immediately adjacent to the fields?

As for telling the whole truth, the school's August 25, 2020 letter to Dear Neighbours (appended), with the school motto -- "Do your best through truth and courage" in the footer, is a prime example:

- There is no mention of the school's failed attempt a few weeks previous to bypass Council and obtain a variance through the Board of Variance. Nor an apology for installing one of the portables the day *before* the Board hearing. Perhaps GNS considered this an act of courage whereas the neighbours saw it as deeply disrespectful of them and the Board's hearing process.
- As for securing support from "adjacent neighbours", exactly how many neighbours on the immediately impacted street of 800 block Maddison, other than those living in the three GNS owned rental houses, support the application? What about impacted neighbours on Bank, Richmond or Laurentian Place?
- Did the School mention that its expansion proposal, presented as one recently developed to comply with the rigorous guidelines of the BC Ministry of Education, was actually planned well before the pandemic back in October of 2019?
- The letter shows the proposed buildings on its site map but doesn't inform the neighbours of the significant degree to which they will exceed existing height and size allowances? For

example, zoning bylaw Schedule F- Accessory Buildings stipulates a maximum size of 27 square meters. The variance request is for buildings 225.6, 404.4 and 75.8 square meters.

- The school claims that its expansion application "...is consistent with precedent where similar variances have been granted to other schools requiring modular classrooms to meet provincial government education obligations". This seems to suggest that GNS is not alone in seeking development permit applications pertaining to Covid 19 BC government regulation compliance. How many other schools, private or public, in Victoria, Oak Bay or Sannich have applied for such expansion permits? If any, how many exceed existing building size allowances by about 15 times?

- As for the School's assurance that it will "...engage with the broader community next year (2021) on any renewal components to our school ensuring that our planning includes input from the neighbourhood and the community", it's still waiting on the School's 2002 promise. So it's understandable that the Gonzales neighbourhood may decline the engagement offer.

My request of Council is that it not support granting any permit to Glenlyon Norfolk School for their Pemberton Park campus or adjacent owned properties that will permit the expansion of building, temporary or permanent until GNS honours its 2002 commitment to the community to make Richmond Avenue their main campus entrance and it removes school traffic from Maddison.

Once this is completed, not promised, I would be pleased to discuss GNS's plans for the future.

It should be noted that, given the School's less than admirable record in being truthful, transparent and not misleading, I will be requesting 3rd party independent confirmation of every claim they make.

Sincerely

John Farquharson

997 Wilmer St.

Dear Mayor and Council,

September 16, 2020

We are the tenants of 886 Maddison St (at the corner of Quamichan).

We are opposed to Victoria granting any permit to Glenlyon Norfolk School for their Pemberton Park campus or adjacent owned properties that will permit the expansion of building, temporary or permanent. History shows as GNS has expanded its building footprint so has its contribution to greater vehicle traffic volume on Maddison Street and surrounding residential streets. Being on the corner of Maddison and Quamichan has given us visibility into how much this problem has worsened and the impact on residents and pedestrians. This has eroded the residential character of our neighbourhood. Maddison Street is City designated as a People Priority Greenway (PPG).

Once GNS honours its 2002 commitment to the community to make Richmond Avenue their main campus entrance and it removes school traffic from Maddison, we would be pleased to discuss GNS's plans for the future.

Yours sincerely, Paul & Lisa Kachan

To whom it may concern,

We live at 871 Richmond Avenue, just along from the school, and we are aware of recent issues from concerned residents relating to proposed temporary portables at the GlenLyon Norfolk School site next to Denman Hall. While our children do not attend GNS we do have friends and neighbours who have children that do. We are of the understanding that the portables are proposed to ease the strain on the existing school building from a space perspective and allow proper social distancing for the children there during the Covid Pandemic. While we understand concerns from some of our neighbours with respect to potential development plans at the school we do believe that this situation should be viewed and considered separately. The school and the City have both confirmed this temporary measure is only as a response to Covid and as such we are in full support. As we move into the winter months and schools returning any efforts to keep the Covid curve as flat as possible should be applauded.

Regards,
Russell and Blythe Scott
871 Richmond Avenue
Victoria, BC
V8S3Z2

Mayor and Council

I oppose any future expansion as proposed in the GNS- 801 Bank Street Development Variance Permit

No other schools in District 61 have moved to apply for Development Variance Permits due to Covid19.

I am believe this request is using Covid19 as an excuse to expand their buildings and student population.

Thin edge of the wedge?

I was born at 1050 Redfern Street in April 1941. I have witnessed the entire area of Victoria change to

what it is today. I have raised 8 children here and now have 19 grand children and 1 great grandchild

and I resent our neighborhood turning into a uncontrolled vehicle infested zoo. We are in the 1919

covenant area which has given us a paradise to live in.

Our beautiful neighborhood in the east side of Victoria is being pressured with constant expansion by GNS.

The effects on vehicle traffic is out of hand. Speeds have increased to the point of recklessness and GNS parents driving children to school are among the guilty. The 30k zone at

Pemberton Park has vehicles going above 60k consistently. Traffic Sgt. O'neil tells me he has limited officers

to patrol our area

GNS has not moved to address traffic problems it had agreed to in 2002. Does this application include a traffic review?

I would like to invite all or any of you for coffee, tea, cookies or donuts to witness what is going on here.

I am not alone to the content of my e-mail. If you wish I will get as many signatures as you want. Most people

have given up on trying to deal with City Hall and have even moved away from the area.

Edward G. Brown, resident
908 Cowichan St.

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

I have carefully read and fully support Development Variance Permit No. 00248.

Living on Gonzales Ave, I can see the school

from my home: I have no problem with their request and I fully commend the school's efforts to keep its student body and teachers safe.

Regards

PK Pathak BSc MD FRCPC

Dear Mayor and Councilors:

I have read and fully support Development Variance Permit No. 00248.

I live in the same neighbourhood as Glenlyon Norfolk School (Pemberton Woods campus).

I can see their campus from my home.

Please note that I have no issues with any extra temporary structures on their property, which is in an effort to keep their students and teachers safe, during the pandemic.

Regards

Sarah E. Capes MD MSC FRCPC

Re: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School)

Dear Mayor Helps and Council Members,

We are Glenlyon Norfolk School neighbours, and parents of former and future GNS students. We believe the city should wholeheartedly support the school in its effort to to install temporary facilities to provide greater social distancing during the Covid crisis.

It is good common sense for the city to not only permit these facilities, but to encourage them. By reducing the health risk to children and staff, the temporary structures will serve to reduce the health risk to their families, and to the neighbourhood around the school as well.

Everybody needs to do what they can to help in this crisis, as Dr. Henry and Mr. Dix remind us.

Schools are opening Victoria, despite Covid. It is our duty as schools, parents, and community leaders to do what we can to keep our children as safe as possible during this process.

The willingness of Glenlyon Norfolk to commit itself, legally, to remove these facilities when the health crisis is over should more than allay any fears that this is a covert expansion strategy. The benefit to the students and the larger Victoria community greatly outweighs the concerns of the few.

We live near the Glenlyon Norfolk School, our daughter attended the school, and we have become supporters and volunteers at the school. This is because we have found the school supports our neighbourhood, supports Victoria, supports Victoria children, and does its best to support and live in harmony with the neighbourhood in which it finds itself.

Thank you for giving the children and staff and GNS neighbours, and all those who have contact with them, the support and social distancing "space" that the school is requesting.

Sincerely,
Tom Meyer
969 Cowichan Street

Dear mayor and council members ,

As neighbours of GNS and grandparents middle school students , we sincerely hope you will give final approval for the above permit allowing temporary

instruction facilities on site while Covid restrictions are in force . It makes abundant good sense , and all neighbours should be reassured as to the temporary

nature of the structures .

Respectfully , Edward & Surinder Curran , 1636 Warren Gardens

Re: Support for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School)

Dear Mayor Helps and Council Members,

We are Glenlyon Norfolk School neighbours residing for 20 years at 927 Richmond Avenue. We are also parents of 2 students in the GNS high school.

We strongly recommend that the city should support the school in its effort to to install temporary facilities to provide greater social distancing during the Covid crisis --- to allow our children the space needed to have classes and lunch breaks while maintaining appropriate social distancing measures.

We are in a crisis and it is not only good common sense for the city to allow the temporary placement of these facilities, but our city officials should be ACTIVELY pursuing this as a way to keep our community safe and our children educated while flattening the curve.

By reducing the health risk to children and staff, the temporary structures will serve to reduce the health risk to their families, and to the neighbourhood around the school as well.

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We live near the Glenlyon Norfolk School, our children attend the school, and we are supporters of this initiative. We are very proud of how the school supports our neighbourhood, supports Victoria, supports Victoria children, and does its best to support and live in harmony with our neighbourhood and community.

The school allows our kids to safely play on the outdoor playground equipment and turf on weekends and the school does everything it can to minimize traffic disruption that may annoy a couple of close neighbours who purchased their home beside this established school. Please do not allow the voices of a few negatively impact the opportunity for our children to be taught in a socially distant, safe way in this stressful time.

Thank you for giving the children and staff and GNS neighbours, and all those who have contact with them, the support and social distancing "space" that the school is requesting.

Dear Mayor and Council,

We are submitting this letter in support of **Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.**

We were formally neighbours of **Glenlyon Norfolk School** as well as parents to a former GNS student.

We absolutely believe the city should support the school in its effort to install temporary facilities to provide greater social distancing during the Covid crisis.

The health and wellbeing of teachers, staff and students should be the Council's primary concern. The willingness of Glenlyon Norfolk to commit itself, legally, to remove these facilities when the health crisis is over should more than allay any fears that this is a covert expansion strategy. The benefit to the students and the larger Victoria community greatly outweighs the concerns of the few.

As stated by Dr. Henry and Mr. Dix "everybody needs to do what they can to help in this crisis". If this is not an example of that then I do not know what is.

Thank you for giving the children and staff and GNS neighbours, and all those who have contact with them, the support and social distancing "space" that the school is requesting.

Kind regards,
Geoffrey and Christine Beattie

Re: Development Variance Permit No.00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School, 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor Helps and Victoria City Councillors

I'm writing this to you as a neighbour of the Middle/Senior School Campus of Glenlyon Norfolk School, located at Pemberton Woods.

This is to express my sincere and complete support to the School's application for a Development Variance Permit to allow the temporary installation of modular classroom space and a mobile gym on that Campus. I have looked at the planned layout for the structures and, located alongside a mature hedge and being lower in height than existing buildings on the campus, I see them as fitting in and not being obtrusive to neighbouring properties

While every school has been challenged in accommodating the protocols and directives of the Education and Health Ministries, the essential need to minimize the health risks to students and staff and their families and communities must be and is recognized as paramount.

I urge you to consider favourably the Development Variance Permit No.00248 for 801 Bank Street. The installation of the structures proposed is temporary and is essential to the establishment of the best possible safety plan through this COVID era, through which we all hope to remain healthy.

Respectfully,

Judy Scott

Dear Mayor Helps and Council Members,

We are Glenlyon Norfolk School neighbours and we believe the city should wholeheartedly support the school in its effort to to install temporary facilities to provide greater social distancing during the Covid crisis.

It is good common sense for the city to not only permit these facilities, but to encourage them. By reducing the health risk to children and staff, the temporary structures will serve to reduce the health risk to their families, and to the neighbourhood around the school as well.

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We live near the Glenlyon Norfolk School and we encourage you to give the children and staff and GNS neighbours, and all those who have contact with them, the support and social distancing "space" that the school is requesting.

Sincerely,

A supportive neighbour

Dear Mayor Helps and Council Members,

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>> Sincerely,

> Stephanie Ellis

1685 Warren Gardens

Re: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School) – Public Hearing

Dear Mayor Helps and Council Members,

I am a resident of Gonzales and believe the city should not support GNS in its effort to install oversized temporary classrooms and a tent. I do not believe their reason that this will help them to meet the Ministry of Education's rigorous set of guidelines. In fact, they have already met the standards because they were able to start school at the beginning of September without these structures. Dr. Henry stated three weeks ago that students only need to use one metre social distancing.

We have been informed that no other school in Victoria, Oak Bay or Saanich is bringing in extra classrooms. GNS would have the neighbourhood believe these temporary classrooms and tent are Covid related but, in actuality, this fits with their Master Plan and specifically their Strategic Plan 2017 – 2022. Ori

There is very little trust in this neighbourhood with ongoing GNS issues that go back many years. It is a shame the school does not place more importance on the safety of the local children who attend public schools. Children who walk or ride their bikes each day are in constant danger from the parents of students who rush through our residential streets.

Covid is a time in our lives to look out for each other, but until GNS finally works to regain trust in this neighbourhood, the neighbourhood will continue to oppose its expansionism.

Please deny this application.

Sincerely,

Janet Weiten
1929 Brighton Avenue
Victoria, BC. V8S 2C7

Dear Mayor Helps and Council Members,

My wife and I are residents of Gonzales and we believe the city should NOT support GNS in its effort to install oversized temporary classrooms and a tent as we do not believe their reason that this will help them meet the Ministry of Education's rigorous set of guidelines. GNS opened successfully along with other city schools and could not have done so unless they met the Covid requirements. Dr. Henry stated three weeks ago that students only need to use one metre social distancing.

We have been informed that no other school in Victoria, Oak Bay or Saanich are bringing in extra classrooms. GNS would have us believe these temporary classrooms and a tent are Covid related but it is clear to us this is part of their Master Plan and specifically their Strategic Plan 2017 – 2022. Originally they wanted to have these structures in place for a period of five years and would not consider any less time, however we are now aware they have agreed to reduce it to three years which still fits into their Strategic Plan.

GNS's redevelopment project at their Oak Bay Campus is nearing completion and as they are now in the way they need to move these structures. Perhaps it is "Covid timely" that the neighbours are now hearing of the need to have them at the Pemberton Campus.

Additionally, the extra traffic anticipated is totally unacceptable, as well as cars, we witness busses using streets not designed for that purpose.

Thus you can understand the difficulty the neighbours are having trusting the reasons we are hearing for their need to increase their footprint.

We respectfully request that Council deny GNS's Development Permit Application.

Sincerely

Signed by Anthony & Shirley Edwards

820 Lawndale Ave

Victoria, BC

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Sincerely

Betty Armstrong

Don Cohoon

Re: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School)

Dear Mayor Helps and Council Members,

We live at 927 Richmond Avenue which is in close proximity to Glenlyon Norfolk School (GNS). We also have 2 teenagers attending GNS and we believe the city should wholeheartedly support the school in its effort to to install temporary facilities to provide greater social distancing during the Covid crisis.

It is good common sense for the city to not only permit these facilities, but to encourage them. By reducing the health risk to children and staff, the temporary structures will serve to reduce the health risk to their families, and to the neighbourhood around the school as well.

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Sincerely,

Frank Macdonald
927 Richmond Avenue
Victoria, BC. V8S 3Z4

As a resident of Gonzales, I ask that the City NOT support GNS in its efforts to install temporary classrooms. It would appear that this "temporary expansion" contributes to part of their 2017-2022 Master Plan to permanently increase the capacity of the school.

As it is, I put up with the frequent, disruptive and loud bus traffic on Quamichan (despite the schools commitment to use Richardson), and I do not support anything that will contribute to more traffic or more students at this location.

Ruth Wittenberg.

1925 Quamichan Street

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Sincerely

Stephan Tuomi & Michelle Vinay
723 Richmond Avenue
Victoria, BC

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Sincerely

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 5, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Belinda Robbins [REDACTED]
Sent: October 5, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor Helps and Council Members

I write in support of Glenlyon Norfolk Schools variance application to relocate temporary classroom and gym structures.

As a neighbour of the school and parent of a former GNS student I wholeheartedly support the school in its effort to install facilities to provide increased social distancing during the COVID crisis. As we know, social distancing is a major factor in reducing transmission of the virus and potentially serious health risks. It is up to me as a neighbour to support GNS to do everything they can to protect the students and staff during the expected second wave of this dangerous virus. When the students and staff are protected, so are their families and neighbours.

I believe the temporary structures will have limited impact on the neighbourhood. The benefit to the students, staff and families, as well as those that come in contact with them, far outweighs the minimal effect on the neighbourhood. Thank you for permitting facilities that will increase safety for all.

Yours truly
Belinda Robbins

1051 Beverley Place
Victoria, BC
V8S 3Z7

Phone: [REDACTED]

Rod & Bev Windjack

837 Maddison Street

Victoria, BC V8S 4C3

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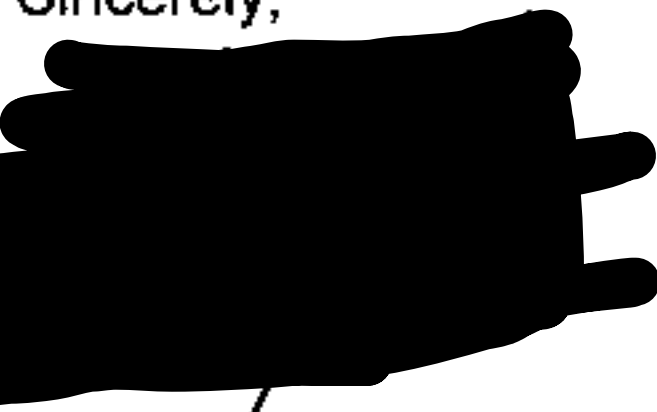
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Rod Windjack



Bev Windjack

September 13, 2020

Mayor and Council
City of Victoria

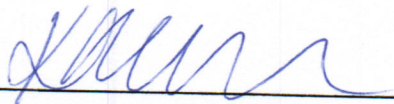
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KAYLEY REDGERY - 941 RICHMOND AVE

I/we Kayley Redger are/am the owner/occupant/tenant of above address.

(I/we)(am/are) opposed to Victoria granting any permit to Glen Lyon Norfolk School for their Pemberton Park campus or adjacent owned properties that will permit the expansion of building, temporary or permanent. History shows as GNS has expanded its building footprint so has its contribution to greater vehicle traffic volume on Maddison Street and surrounding residential streets. This has eroded the residential character of our neighbourhood. Maddison Street is City designated as a People Priority Greenway (PPG). Once GNS honours its 2002 commitment to the community to make Richmond Avenue their main campus entrance and it removes school traffic from Maddison, the community would be pleased to discuss GNS's plans for the future.

Yours truly



September 13, 2020

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941 Richmond Ave.

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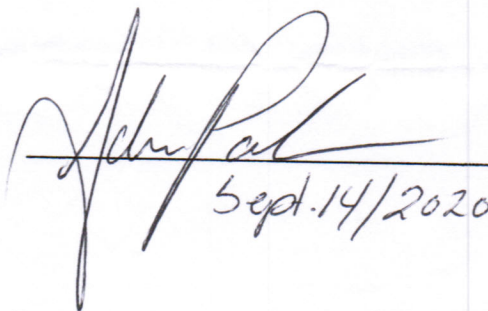
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Adam Palmer


Sept. 14/2020

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 8, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Variance Permit for GNS

From: Alison Shillington [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 8, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Variance Permit for GNS

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of the Development Variance Permit application submitted by Glenlyon Norfolk School. The temporary installation of a portable gym and learning pavilions would provide much needed extra space to facilitate the school's efforts to comply with the protocols as directed by the Ministry of Education. The fact that these buildings are temporary and will not impact the size of the school beyond a measured period of time, should provide reassurance to neighbours who are concerned with this application.

In this time of COVID and worry over transmission of disease, a time that could extend for months or years, it is disappointing to think the City of Victoria would not support the increased social distancing and safety these buildings would provide.

Thank you for considering accepting this permit application.

Alison Shillington
1165 Oliver St.
Victoria, BC

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 9, 2020 8:28 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: In Support of Dev. Variance Permit No. 00248

From: Caley JB [REDACTED]
Sent: October 8, 2020 8:01 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: In Support of Dev. Variance Permit No. 00248

Dear Mayor and Council,

I write today to pledge my support for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, allowing the school to temporarily keep these unobtrusive structures on the lawn will allow greater flexibility for socially distanced learning and recreational options for the students. This is eclectically pertinent as the weather grows inclement. The structures will greatly impact the school community in a positive way. They will not negatively impact anyone else in the surrounding community, given that the structures are behind a hedge and no taller than existing school buildings.

I thank you for your consideration of this pledge of support.

Best,
Caley Byrne
(She / her)
Grateful to be living and raising my family on Lekwungen Territory

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 8, 2020 9:09 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: GNS - Support Variance Permit#00248

From: Gary Bogdanovich <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 8, 2020 8:01 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: GNS - Support Variance Permit#00248

With a Pandemic comes great difficulty and adversity in our country, and our community. Governments in all communities are making allowances to protect people financially, socially, and medically. Trying to do the right thing to keep our schools, our teachers and our children safe is more important and relevant than ever.

GNS is adapting their community in order to provide a safe working environment for teachers, and education setting for kids.

GNS is complying with directives of the ministry of education and continuing to improve and provide safe in-class instructions

The addition of 'temporary' classrooms on the property are in line with this directive. These portables will have minimal visual impact on the neighbourhood given their proposed location and the abundance of greenery surrounding them. The addition of portables 'does not' increase neighbourhood traffic or congestion. This is not an increase in school population. Portables allow for safer social distancing for the students.

Allowing these Portable/temporary classrooms at GNS is not 'special treatment', or 'unique' for any school in our district/province. As I drive around our community I see extensive use of 'portables' in Victoria and district schools. The majority of these, out in the open, for all of us to see. After all, it's a school, that's where we want are kids to be. In a classroom, learning.

Please support the GNS initiative that keeps our teachers, our children, and ultimately, our community safer. If we can't support initiatives that keep our kids safe then we've still got a lot to learn.

As a member of this neighbourhood I support Variance Permit 00248

God bless.

Gary Bogdanovich
[REDACTED]

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Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 8, 2020 11:09 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: In Support of the application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Miriam Byrne [REDACTED]
Sent: October 8, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: In Support of the application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Hello,

I am a Glenlyon Norfolk School former employee and mother to a son who attended GNS for his entire school tenure. As a neighbour living on Richardson Street, and a *parent*, I believe the city should wholeheartedly support the school in its effort to to install temporary facilities to provide greater social distancing during the Covid crisis.

It is good common sense for the city to not only permit these facilities, but to encourage them. By reducing the health risk to children and staff, the temporary structures will serve to reduce the health risk to their families, and to the neighbourhood around the school as well.

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Sincerely,
Miriam Byrne

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 8, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

From: MARVA SMITH <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 7, 2020 11:52 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Cc: Chad Holtum [REDACTED]
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

Dear Mayor Helps and Council Members,
I write in strong support of the above noted application which is temporary in nature and will help to keep the children and staff at this school safer during these difficult times. We are grandparents in our 70's raising our 13 year old granddaughter. As far as reasonably possible risks of covid transmission to students and their caregivers and the broader community should be minimized and student life should be improved. During the rainy and cool season these temporary facilities are sorely needed. Please be health conscious, thoughtful, and kind enough to approve this important temporary additional space.
Respectfully submitted,

Marva J. Smith
2496 Sinclair Road
Victoria, BC
V8N 1B4

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 8, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support for Variance Permit

From: ROXY BUTLER [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 7, 2020 6:57 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support for Variance Permit

Dear Mayor and council,

I wish to implore you to consider approval of this variance. I fully support the application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street. I have read about the school's plans to move their temporary gym and Learning pavilions to the Pemberton Woods campus. The school has done an amazing job at adapting to the current restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These extra buildings would provide them with even more safe, warm, dry alternatives so students may Continue to learn in the socially distanced style.

Roxy Butler | President
BUTLER PROPERTIES LTD.

Office Location:

[1824 Maple Ave S, SOOKE BC](#)



Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 8, 2020 11:26 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support for development variance permit no.00248 Glenlyon Norfolk School

From: sandra hemphill <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 8, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support for development variance permit no.00248 Glenlyon Norfolk School

As guardians of 2 students at this school, we strongly support this application. We sent the children back to in house learning with some trepidation during these trying times, and although the school has put many good measures in place, we are fearful of the coming rainy and cold season. These extra structures will help provide greater flexibility for increased social distancing while Covid 19 is still a threat. They are not permanent structures.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sandra and Fred Hemphill

Sent from my iPad

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 9, 2020 3:15 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support for application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Jacquelyn Cantwell [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 9, 2020 3:13 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support for application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to add my support for the application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 submitted by Glenlyon Norfolk School at 801 Bank Street.

As an employee of the school, I can assure that the need for the installation of the temporary learning pavilions and gym is of the utmost importance to upholding the health and safety of the school community. As an employee, I see that spaces typically used for other purposes (the Middle School library, the Fitness Centre, the Dining Hall) have all been re-purposed as classroom spaces - not because the school is at capacity, in fact it is far from it - but because classes need room to spread out and maintain social distancing. As an employee, I know that the installation of the temporary learning pavilions and gym would benefit the students as there would be additional space for physical education during the rainiest months, there would be a dedicated space for the school nurse and a sick room, there would be additional teaching spaces to make the Learning Commons a space for all Middle School students, and classrooms that are currently cramped would be able to spread out. As an employee, it saddens me that our neighbourhood is painting a poor vision of the school through misinformation regarding increasing enrollment and concerns about traffic with no regard for the needs of the students.

Sincerely,
Jacquelyn Cantwell

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 9, 2020 9:33 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School)

From: Paula Luusa Weir [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 9, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Cc: Mary Anne Marchildon [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School)

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I am a parent and member of the Glenlyon Norfolk School (GNS) community. I believe the city should wholeheartedly support the school in its effort to install temporary facilities to provide greater physical distancing for the safety and well being of the students, faculty and community at large during the Covid-19 pandemic.

It is good common sense for the city to not only permit these facilities, but to encourage them. By reducing the health risk to children and staff, the temporary structures will serve to reduce the health risk to their families, the neighbourhood around the school and the city of Victoria as well.

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Schools have opened in Victoria, despite Covid-19. It is our duty as schools, parents, and community leaders to do what we can to keep our children as safe as possible during this process. I have noticed that several public schools have had new structures installed on their premises (temporary and permanent), and would appreciate it if the city would extend the same courtesy to GNS.

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From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 13, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: DVP00248 - GNS - 801 Bank St.

From: Matthew Greenwood [REDACTED]
Sent: October 11, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: DVP00248 - GNS - 801 Bank St.

October 11, 2020

To the Mayor and Council,

We are the owners of 884 Maddison Street, Victoria BC.

We are opposed to Victoria granting any permit to Glenlyon Norfolk School for their Pemberton Park campus, or adjacent GNS-owned properties, which will lead to the expansion of school buildings, temporary or permanent.

We do not believe these structures are required to meet the Province's COVID-19 safety guidelines. GNS has already opened successfully and could not have done so unless they already have met the COVID-19 safety requirements. We are not aware of any other schools in the area which have had to bring in temporary structures to meet COVID-19 safety guidelines.

We also believe that an expanded footprint of buildings at GNS will ultimately contribute to greater vehicle traffic volume on Maddison Street and surrounding residential streets. This will continue to erode the residential character of our neighbourhood. Maddison Street is designated by the city as a People Priority Greenway (PPG).

Once GNS honours its 2002 commitment to the community to make Richmond Avenue their main campus entrance and demonstrates that it is actively working to reduce school traffic on Maddison, we would be pleased to discuss GNS's plans for the future.

Sincerely,

Matthew & Carolyn Greenwood

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 13, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

From: Jill Graham [REDACTED]
Sent: October 12, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

Hello,

My name is Jill Graham and I am a mother to 3 sons who all attended and graduated from GNS. As a neighbour living on Cowichan Street, and a *parent*, I believe the city should wholeheartedly support the school in its effort to to install temporary facilities to provide greater social distancing during the Covid crisis.

As you are aware, GNS is seeking approval to relocate portables/modular classrooms and a mobile gym area for additional instruction space on the middle/senior campus at Pemberton Woods. These structures would be situated for a defined temporary period (no more than 3 years) and are not negatively impacting the neighbours as they would be located behind a mature hedge and are lower than existing school buildings. This request comes as schools return to in-class instruction. The Ministry of Education continues to work with schools to promote safe in-class instruction. GNS is complying with the Ministry's directives and in recognition of broad concerns regarding safe distancing as an integral part of risk-mitigation management of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the school wishes to strengthen its ability to respond to COVID-19 concerns. This highly contagious virus, for which there is no vaccine or cure, is expected to increase this fall and to be with our population for the coming year or until which time there is a proven and approved vaccine. Respectfully, we ask for Council's support for this proactive response to a serious health concern. Keeping the students and teachers/staff as safe as possible will in turn help protect the health of our families and our neighbourhood.

It is good common sense for the city to not only permit these facilities, but to encourage them. By reducing the health risk to children and staff, the temporary structures will serve to reduce the health risk to their families, and to the neighbourhood around the school as well.

Everybody needs to do what they can to help in this crisis, as Dr. Henry and Mr. Dix remind us.

Thank you for giving the children and staff and GNS neighbours, and all those who have contact with them, the support and social distancing "space" that the school is requesting.

Thank-you,

Jill Graham

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 13, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Andrea Scott <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 13, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Norfolk House School was founded in 1913 at the Pemberton Woods Campus. 20 years later, Glenlyon Preparatory School was established on the Beach Campus location. In 1986, the schools joined together and in 2013, GNS celebrated its 100-year anniversary since the founding of Norfolk House.

I think this history lesson is important, and extremely valid in support of this application. Our Pemberton Woods campus has been a continuous place of learning for almost 110 years, and most certainly pre-dates the home ownerships of most neighbours.

That said, not only is social distancing one of the cornerstones of BC's Back-to-School-Plan but it is a fundamental tool for all us in the fight against COVID19. These portables would be located behind a mature hedge, are lower than existing school buildings, and would provide additional learning space which is essential to ensure that the students and staff have a safe environment to continue with their studies **in-person** on campus. Of note, GNS was ranked by the [Fraser Institute](#) in 2017/2018 as #9 out of 251 British Columbia Secondary Schools. Students, parents, and the whole community support these temporary measures to ensure that our high standards of academic excellence are not compromised due to COVID19.

I wholeheartedly support GNS in their application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street to **temporarily** move the portable gym tent and up to five of the learning pavilions (portables) to the Pemberton Woods campus.

Andrea Scott, parent
[REDACTED]

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 13, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Re:

From: Jerry Divoky [REDACTED]
Sent: October 9, 2020 4:29 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Re:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept this correspondence in acceptance of Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

Kind regards,
Jerry J Divoky

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Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 13, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit #00248

From: JOHN SHILLINGTON [REDACTED]
Sent: October 13, 2020 3:03 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit #00248

To Whom It May Concern - I am writing in support of the application for GNS to temporarily relocate the portable gym and learning pavilions to the Pemberton Woods Campus in light of the current pandemic situation. Surely the enhanced safety of having extra space for students and staff outweighs any perceived negative effects of this temporary measure from those who are opposed to it.

Thank you for your consideration,

John Shillington

1165 Oliver Street,
Victoria

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 13, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw:

From: pilar buritica [REDACTED]
Sent: October 9, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept this correspondence in acceptance of Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

Kind regards,
Maria del Pilar Divoky

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 13, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248-Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Patricia Wells <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 9, 2020 7:13 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248-Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor Helps and Victoria Council,
I am writing in support of Glenlyon Norfolk's application for a Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School [801 Bank Street](#).

The two structures that being proposed for relocation to 801 Bank Street will not impact the adjacent neighbours. During this time when social distancing is of utmost importance, it would be beneficial for there to be more room for the students and their teachers. This is a place of learning and education. Nothing nefarious is happening. Glenlyon Norfolk is a place where students from all over Victoria come to learn and play. Allowing these extra spaces will allow them to do this safely. I also know from experience that if they say these are temporary structures and that they will be moved in 3 years, they will do so. They are good neighbours.
Sincerely,
Patricia Wells

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Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 13, 2020 1:16 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Glenlyon Norfolk School - Development Variance Permit No 00248 for 801 Bank Street - Public Hearing

From: Robert and Lori Simon [REDACTED]
Sent: October 13, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Glenlyon Norfolk School - Development Variance Permit No 00248 for 801 Bank Street - Public Hearing

Dear Mayor Helps and Council Members,

We are Maddison Street neighbours of Glenlyon Norfolk School (GNS) and strongly believe that the city should NOT support GNS in its effort to install oversized temporary classrooms and a tent as we do not believe their reason that this is necessary for them to operate under the Ministry of Education's rigorous set of guidelines.

As residents of this street for over 20 years, we have witnessed the strategy of GNS to secure city and neighbourhood approval for plans through consultation however after approval is granted, GNS has a demonstrated bad faith by either not fully implementing the approved plans or changing it without even consulting with the neighbours originally engaged.

GNS opened successfully along with other city schools; students at GNS have been attending school on campus for several weeks and could not have done so unless they met the Covid requirements. Dr. Henry stated four weeks ago that students only need to use one metre social distancing. We have been informed that no other school in Victoria, Oak Bay or Saanich are bringing in extra classrooms.

GNS would have us believe these temporary classrooms and tent are Covid related but it is clear to us this is part of their Master Plan and specifically their Strategic Plan 2017 – 2022. Originally they wanted to have these structures in place for a period of five years and would not consider any less time, however we are now aware they have agreed to reduce it to three years which still fits into their Strategic Plan.

GNS's redevelopment project at their Oak Bay Campus is nearing completion and as they are now in the way they need to move these structures. Perhaps it is "Covid timely" that the neighbours are now hearing of the need to have them at the Pemberton Campus.

Thus you can understand the difficulty the neighbours are having trusting the reasons we are hearing for their need to increase their footprint.

We respectfully request that Council deny GNS's Development Permit Application.

Sincerely
Robert and Lori Simon

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 13, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

From: Todd Milford [REDACTED]
Sent: October 10, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: re: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

Dear Mayor Helps and Council Members,

We are Glenlyon Norfolk School neighbours, and parents of a current GNS students. We believe the city should wholeheartedly support the school in its effort to to install temporary facilities to provide greater social distancing during the Covid crisis.

It is good common sense for the city to not only permit these facilities, but to encourage them. By reducing the health risk to children and staff, the temporary structures will serve to reduce the health risk to their families, and to the neighbourhood around the school as well.

Everybody needs to do what they can to help in this crisis, as Dr. Henry and Mr. Dix remind us.

Schools are opening Victoria, despite Covid. It is our duty as schools, parents, and community leaders to do what we can to keep our children as safe as possible during this process.

The willingness of Glenlyon Norfolk to commit itself, legally, to remove these facilities when the health crisis is over should more than allay any fears that this is a covert expansion strategy. The benefit to the students and the larger Victoria community greatly outweighs the concerns of the few.

We live near the Glenlyon Norfolk School, our children attended the school, and we have become supporters and volunteers at the school. This is because we have found the school supports our neighbourhood, supports Victoria, supports Victoria children, and does its best to support and live in harmony with the neighbourhood in which it finds itself.

Thank you for giving the children and staff and GNS neighbours, and all those who have contact with them, the support and social distancing “space” that the school is requesting.

Sincerely,
Todd Milford

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 15, 2020 8:23 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit 00248, Glenlyon Norfolk School - URGENT

From: Carolyn Rogers [REDACTED]
Sent: October 14, 2020 7:42 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit 00248, Glenlyon Norfolk School - URGENT

To:
The Mayor and City Counsellors
Victoria, B.C.

From:
Carolyn Rogers

Re:
Glenlyon Norfolk School, 801 Bank Street
Development Variance Permit No. 00248

I am writing to advise that I am in support of the Development Variance Permit No. 00248.

It is important, during this global health crisis, and these unprecedented times of COVID 20, that we move quickly to support our schools, so that the children, teachers and staff are safe. And, in turn, by keeping them safe, it will keep our community and elders safe. The guidelines given to schools mean that children must be spaced, with fewer kids per classroom.

Bureaucracy should not get in the way of important decision such as this.

Right now we need your help - we need our kids to thrive. Keep the kids healthy and in school social distancing so our parents can continue to work and support our city, and continue to boost Victoria's economy.

Our schools need to spread out so that they can stay open. Bonnie Henry has said that it is important for our community to keep going about our days as safely as possible, and it is hard to do this within her guidelines, without the extra space.

It makes sense that, under these dire circumstances, a school should be able to use its own land for the purpose of installing temporary portables. Especially, if they do not impede on neighbours visual lines, and are hidden by greenery. The portables do not mean extra students, or extra parents and cars visiting the site.

Up until now, the children have been able to spend some time outdoors, which helps sanity and mental health at the same time as keeping distances, but now that the winter months are approaching it will not be as easy.

There have been many challenges brought to us in Victoria this year, and we need to keep calm, be kind and safe. We all need to work with our neighbours and each other to get past these difficult times, which, in turn, will keep down the health curve.

Using portables is a positive action plan to help towards recovering from the pandemic. Re-inventing the way we do things. We are all in this together - working towards the same goals. Let us be a team and support each other.

It would be really strange if the portables were not allowed, but tents are allowed in Pemberton Park less than 50 metres away.

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 14, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: GNS

From: Teresa Unwin [REDACTED]
Sent: October 14, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: GNS

I AM AGAINST THE SCHOOL PUTTING IN PORTABLE CLASSROOMS.

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 16, 2020 8:41 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: regarding Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: C Storan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 15, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: regarding Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Lisa Helps and Council,

I am the parent of a middle school student at Glenlyon Norfolk School, writing to state support of the request to move portable classroom and gym spaces to the Bank Street campus. These spaces would increase available spaces on campus, which is critical especially during inclement weather during the pandemic. I hope the Victoria City Council will support the school's efforts to keep our children healthy this winter. Because these structures are not intended to be permanent, I do not see any reason why this request would not be granted.

Thank you,
Carey Storan

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 15, 2020 8:50 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support of application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248

From: Julita Traylen [REDACTED]
Sent: October 15, 2020 8:29 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support of application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248

Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

I am fully in support of Glenlyon Norfolk School's application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

It is vital that our children be able to continue to attend in class learning during this pandemic. The portable learning pavilions (portables) and gym tent from the Beach Drive Campus will allow for safer physical distancing during the winter months for the middle and senior school staff and students. Neighbours who do not agree must understand that this is a highly unusual, temporary situation. The safety of our teachers and students of the utmost importance.

Thank you,
Julita Traylen

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 15, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support for Learning Pavillions and Gym Tent for GNS

From: Linda Rosenstrøm Chang [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 15, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support for Learning Pavillions and Gym Tent for GNS

Good morning,

I am writing about the GNS proposal for learning pavilions and gym tent on its south lawn. I support this initiative and see no issue with it for the neighborhood. I live adjacent to the school.

Sincerely, Linda

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Linda Rosenstrøm Chang
850 Somenos Street, Victoria, BC V8S 4A6
[REDACTED]

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 15, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Natalie Barnes [REDACTED]
Sent: October 15, 2020 1:10 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Cc: Matt Sheridan-Jonah [REDACTED] Mary Anne Marchildon [REDACTED]
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Please accept this letter as support for the placement of learning pavilions and a gym tent at Glenlyon Norfolk School Bank Street.

My children attend GNS, one at the Beach campus and one at Bank Street. The school has taken its obligations to provide a COVID-safe learning environment extremely seriously, and the proposal to allow the learning pavilions and gym tent to be placed temporarily at Bank St is further evidence of that commitment.

Simply put, the learning pavilions and gym tent provide for more space for existing students to safely learn and - with the upcoming wet and rainy weather - to exercise safely indoors. The pavilions are attractive, having been my older son's classroom home for two years (grades 4 and 5) at the Beach. They contribute to the beauty of the campus and do not detract from it. They also provide greater accessibility for those with mobility disabilities like myself to be able to meet with teachers (assuming that in-person meetings eventually resume). They do not add any additional traffic - indeed, they simply provide more space for the same number of students and staff. Finally, they do not need to be constructed but rather placed and hooked up so there should be little to no construction noise.

Ultimately, this proposal allows children to go to school in a safe environment and for that reason alone the City of Victoria should approve it.

Yours truly,

Natalie Hepburn Barnes
2727 Dover Road, Oak Bay

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 15, 2020 8:23 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School)

From: Rocket [REDACTED]
Sent: October 14, 2020 11:48 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School)

Dear Mayor Helps and Council Members,

I am a resident Gonzales and parent of a recent GNS alumni , and I believe the city, should **not** support GNS in its effort to install oversized temporary classrooms and a gymnasium tent, as I do not believe their reason that this will help them to meet the Ministry of Education's rigorous set of Covid guidelines. I am disappointed with the school attempting to pull a fast one on the neighbourhood, using Covid as a convenient excuse. They have already met the provincial Covid standards, because they were able to start school at the beginning of September without these structures.

I have been informed that no other school in Victoria, Oak Bay or Saanich has brought in extra classrooms. GNS would have us believe these temporary classrooms and gymnasium tent are Covid related, but it is clear to me this is part of their Master Plan and specifically their Strategic Plan 2017 – 2022. Applications were submitted long before Covid. The combined structures would add significantly to the overall crowded footprint of the school. Originally they wanted to have these structures in place for a period of five years and would not consider any less time, however, I am now aware they have agreed to reduce it to three years which still fits into their Strategic Plan.

I'm happy to work with the neighbourhood and the school, however, I'm not happy with the lack of transparency and frankly, the dishonesty that GNS has presented to the city and our neighbourhood over this matter.

Please deny this application.
Thank you,

Roxanne Ogden
851 Maddison St
Victoria BC
V8S4C3



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Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 15, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248

From: S. C. [REDACTED]
Sent: October 15, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248

Hello, I am writing to support Glenlyon Norfolk School with its application for **Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School at 801 Bank Street.**

It is important to support this school, and **Dr. Bonnie Henry's recommendations** during this time of Covid-19.

These **temporary** structures will help the school to maintain physical distancing to keep the students, staff and neighbours safe during this time of Covid-19.

Thank you,
Suzanne Cutt

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 15, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit 000248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School, 801 Bank Street

From: Sarah Emslie [REDACTED]
Sent: October 15, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit 000248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School, 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

I write to support Glenlyon Norfolk School's application to place portable classrooms and a portable gym on the school's Bank Street Campus. The school has no intention of increasing the student population and is intending to use these temporary structures to accommodate Covid restrictions.

This is not 'the thin edge of the wedge' in terms of it being a sneaky attempt at development. It is merely an open and transparent attempt to support the school's students as the school endeavours to fulfil it's commitment to the students during these difficult Covid times.

There will be no additional traffic and no increase in the student population. The buildings will not be visible to the neighbours as they will be placed behind a tall hedge. I can see no reason for the neighbours to be objecting to this application for temporary classroom space. It is my hope that Council will approve the application forthwith and that the school can proceed with what is a very sound and logical plan.

With kind regards,
Sarah Emslie
Parent, Alumna

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 16, 2020 2:51 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: C P [REDACTED]
Sent: October 16, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor Helps & Council Members,

Our daughter is a student at Glenlyon Norfolk School. We are writing here today to lend our voices to the school's request to relocate modular classrooms and a mobile gym to the school's Bank Street campus.

Although GNS students are back at school, we are aware of the risks and know that we have likely not seen the full impact of Covid 19 on our community. We have been very impressed by how GNS has handled the crisis thus far. The school's request to use temporary facilities to enable greater social distancing is consistent with its creative approach to handling the crisis. As we head deeper into the fall season here, and the expected inclement weather, the benefits of having additional academic and recreational spaces should be clear.

Glenlyon is willing to legally commit to future removal of these facilities, which should address the concerns of some that the school is planning to expand. In the meantime, GNS is doing all it can to reduce the health risk to students and their families, staff, the neighbourhood, and ultimately our community. This is a time for the community to come together, to do all it can to help in this crisis, recognizing that the benefits to the GNS community and the community as a whole greatly outweighs the concerns of a few.

"We'll all get through this together."

- Chanda Pacholuk & Allen Gage