

Pamela Martin

From: Lynn Phillips [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 16, 2020 7:15 PM
To: Public Hearings; Victoria Mayor and Council; Councillors
Subject: Glenlyon Norfolk School - October 22, 2020 Public Hearing

Dear Mayor and Council,

As council is aware, there is an absence of trust between GNS and its residential neighbours owing to a lack of transparency and a long history of broken promises; many neighbours believe that GNS is using COVID 19 to help further its expansion agenda. If GNS wishes to gain the trust of neighbours, it is important that it take steps that will ensure this DVP is not used as a way to avoid the appropriate neighbourhood consultation and city processes normally required for development.

GNS has stated in letters to neighbours, to the Board of Variance and to Council that the modular classrooms have no connection to its expansion plans, and the DVP application has been fast-tracked based on it being related to COVID 19. However, although GNS has stressed, repeatedly, that the DVP is not related to its expansion plans, it should be noted that during the COTW on September 17th, Alec Johnston mentioned that GNS had indicated the timeline for the DVP was "also" tied to other expansion plans. This comment did not go unnoticed.

Considering GNS's assertions and the application's fast-tracked status, it would be inappropriate to approve this DVP for any reason other than COVID 19. I believe it would provide some level of comfort, for both neighbours and parents, if certain parameters were attached to the DVP to ensure that, if approved, it remains specifically tied to COVID 19.

Please consider adding the following conditions to the agreement between GNS and the City:

- 1) The modular classrooms may remain on the property for 3 years **or 30 days after the Ministry of Education declares a return to stage 1, whichever comes first.** Stage one is "business as usual."
- 2) GNS should not expand its enrollment from 2020/2021 levels as long as the modular classrooms remain on the property; to do so would defeat the purpose of creating extra space. The one exception to this limitation would be in the case where the number of new students moving up from the junior school exceeds the number of students graduating from the Pemberton Woods campus.
- 3) GNS should not be able to decommission any existing usable space on the property for any reason, including renovations, as long as the modular classrooms remain on the property; again, to allow the decommissioning of any buildings would defeat the purpose of creating the additional space.
- 4) GNS should not be able to apply for an extension to the 3-year timeline for any purpose other than COVID 19, nor should it be able to apply for an extension beyond 30 days after a return to Stage 1. The buildings should be removed and not allowed to remain while GNS moves forward with any expansion steps without having gone through the appropriate development application process. To allow the buildings to remain beyond the requirement of COVID 19 would enable GNS to circumvent the city process for the placement of the buildings on the site, including the required neighbourhood consultation.

I believe that if these limitations were added to the agreement, it would provide a little more assurance for everyone involved. If the application before council is genuinely related to COVID 19, GNS, its staff, students and parents should be more than willing to agree to these terms as it will ensure the DVP is granted for the purpose it was intended.

Thank you,

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 19, 2020 8:12 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: SUPPORT of the application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

From: Claudia Blum [REDACTED]
Sent: October 17, 2020 10:45 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: SUPPORT of the application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

Dear Mayor Helps and Victoria Council,

GNS has been doing a great job to follow physical distancing rules in order to keep teachers, students and staff safe during this challenging time.

So far, many PE classes have been held outside and some cohorts are having lunch outside. Due to the changing season, this will not be possible for much longer. Additional portable classrooms and particularly the gym tent would greatly help with this issue. The gym would be used for PE classes, supervised lunch for one cohort, co-curricular activities and others.

Since these portables would be placed on GNS property behind mature hedges, it will not have any impact on the neighborhood.

Please help the school and families to keep everyone safe and children attending school full time.

With thanks for everything you do.

Best regards,

Claudia & Hannes Blum
Gr. 10 and Gr. 11 parents

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 19, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Glenlyon Norfolk School - Development Variance Permit No 00248 for 801 Bank Street - Public Hearing

From: Cathy Flikweert [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 19, 2020 3:48 PM
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 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 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

Cathy Flikweert
959 Bank St
Victoria, BC
V8S 4B1

Pamela Martin

From: darlene bateman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 19, 2020 5:59 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 801 Bank St.

To Mayor Helps and Council,

We are residents of Maddison Street and submit this written opposition to the proposal requested by Glenlyon Norfolk School (GNS).

GNS states that it is necessary for the school to install the modular classrooms and gym tent in order to comply with the safety guidelines set by the Ministry of Education. As the school has been open to students since September, we can assume they have already met all safety requirements

We are more convinced that their request has a lot to do with their Strategic Plan 2017-2022. Over the years, GNS has continued to work towards expansion of their campus. GNS made a commitment to the neighbourhood in 2002 to reduce school related traffic, including buses, to their Richmond Street entrance. The fact that this has not been done makes it more difficult to believe much of what they say or promise.

We respectfully request that Council deny GNS's application.

Sincerely,

Jim & Darlene Bateman

Oct. 19,2020

Dear Mayor and Council

RE: Development Variance Permit Application #000248 from Glenlyon Norfolk School

I would appreciate Council's thoughtful consideration of Chad Holtum's Oct. 8 letter to Mayor and Council. I think it's important to first note the context. The same application was made to the Board of Variance (BOV) in August and denied. There is no mention of this ruling nor how GNS has addressed any of the BOV's concerns.

As for statements made in the letter, I bring your attention to the following:

- Re: *"The Ministry of Education has directed... demonstrating compliance with a rigorous set of guidelines and protocols to support the safe operation of full-time in-class instruction"*

Mr. Holtum referenced the same MoE directive in his August 5 letter to neighbours. (appended) At that time he wrote that the requested modular structures were "essential" for safe operation. Apparently the structures were not essential for MoE compliance as the school opened in September.

- Re: *"..these temporary structures will allow for additional distancing and flexibility"*

In other words, the structures enable the school to meet its own level of self- prescribed safety standards, above and beyond those actually required by the MoE for safe operation.

- Re: *"...our request to Council is consistent with precedent where similar variances have been granted...to meet provincial government obligations."*

It's unclear what relevance this precedent has to meeting GNS's self-determined standards, not provincial government obligations. It's also unclear why Council should grant exceptionally generous variances of up to 15 times for allowable building height, floor area and side yard placemen in support of self-imposed standards.

- Re: *"..the structures will be located on site for no longer than 3 years."*

Similar to establishing its own safety standards, GNS seeks to establish its own time line for using the temporary structures to adhere to these standards. As the standards are untethered to those of the provincial government, I encourage Council, if it approves the application, to link the removal of the buildings to a relevant provincial government designated phase of the pandemic and associated protocols. Additionally, I encourage Council to legally bind GNS to removal of all temporary structures prior to any consideration of future development plans.

- Re: *"... we have implemented an update to our drop-off and pick-up location of our Grade 9-12 students from Maddison to Richmond*

Mr. Holtum fails to mention that Middle School students will continue using Maddison. Nor is there any mention of GNS playing field renters who are currently directed to use Maddison for drop-off and pick-up. Note that a commitment to relocate its entrance to Richmond in order to address the Maddison traffic congestion was made in 2002. Why, after 18 years of inaction, is GNS finally beginning to address this issue? Could it be that it is now directly dependent on Council, and indirectly on the neighbourhood, for approval of its variance?

- Re: *"This has shifted significant amount of vehicle traffic away from Maddison"*

The question is how long this shift lasts. At the FGCA CALUC hearing in August, Mr. Holtum was asked about GNS parents ignoring the east side of Maddison yellow curb and even GNS issued lawn signs asking parents to "respect our neighbours" and not drop-off or pick-up students. Mr. Holtum replied that "we do our best at controlling drivers but at the end of the day it's a parents prerogative to drive there".

- Re: *"With regards to the work completed by City staff, we are in support..... additional space for pedestrians"*

"The work" is in reference to two options related to a *My Great Neighbourhood Grant* (MGNG) application by Maddison St. residents. Mr. Holtum's support for the east side roadway sidewalk option isn't surprising. Technically, Mr. Holtum is correct; it would remove pick-up and drop-off areas for the School. But these areas are supposedly already removed for this function by the yellow curb and the GNS issued front yard lawn signs. So the School won't really be giving up anything, not even the inconvenience of a traffic calming planter on the west side of Maddison. However all east side residents will have their on-street parking removed.

- Re: *"...we want to assure Council that Glenlyon Norfolk School remains committed to long-term engagement with the broader community with all future planning.."*

Mr. Holtum closed his Aug 25th letter to neighbours with a similar assurance. Albeit it predates Mr. Holtum's tenure, his commitment is reminiscent of the School's commitment back in 2002 to "openness, collaboration and consultation in the School's planning process".

As the school is now in full operation and there is no longer the previously claimed urgency of a decision related to the school opening or not, my request of Council is to pause the variance approval process for a month or two to allow time for GNS and other stakeholders to collaborate on the *My Great Neighbourhood Grant* application.

For example, in his Oct 16 letter to neighbours, Mr Holtum mentioned that GNS is meeting with the coordinator responsible for school buses to re-examine the possibility of using Richmond for busing drop-off and pick up. At the same time, the neighbourhood is examining, through a *MGNG* application, the possibility of GNS replacing their bus lay-bys and/or bus unloading zone with traffic calming planters in an effort to convert the Maddison People Priority Greenway into a shared street.

I suggest that GNS and neighbourhood representatives, over the next 30- 60 days, work out a mutually agreed upon submission to the *MGNG Program* using the 2nd option developed by City staff as a starting point. Once that is complete, Council could decide on the variance application

Sincerely

John Farquharson

997 Wilmer St. @Brighton

[REDACTED]

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 (choltum@mygns.ca) or reach out to Cheryl Alexander (calexander@mygns.ca). We would be pleased to arrange for a physically-distant outdoor visit to the campus.

Sincerely,

Chad Holtum
Head of Glenlyon Norfolk School

**City of Victoria – Public Hearing – October 22, 2020
Glen Lyon School – DVP – 19 August 2020**

18 October 2020

Mayor and Council

GNS's intentions are not transparent; a number of their statements are misleading and their ever evolving story throughout this process is dismissive and disrespectful to our community, and to the process in place at the City.

They have met and they continue to meet the rigorous set of guidelines of both the MOE and the Health Authority. I have been advised by the Independent School's MOE and a member of the Covid Health Team that they would not have been allowed to open if they had not met the guidelines. When they presented their plan the two metre social distancing guideline was in place. As school commenced this was reduced to one metre for students by Dr. Henry, which further enhanced their ability to easily meet the rigorous guidelines within their existing structures. The school has been open for 6 weeks now and have continued to meet all the rigorous guidelines. There is no reason for you to support this application for portables.

Social distancing by their students outside is not evident from afar. The children's behaviour is just as it is under regular circumstances. Some wear masks but there is still lots of huddling, as kids will. Running together through the neighbourhood in groups with no masks is also noted.

The process leading to this public hearing has gone through a number of metamorphoses and what was originally deemed "URGENT and ESSENTIAL" is now "DESIRABLE". It is in fact not necessary at all.

No other school in SD 61, Oak Bay and Saanich have applied for extra classrooms due to Covid and social distancing even though most schools have much larger class sizes.

GNS cite they have support from their adjacent neighbours. Their immediate adjacent neighbours are tenants and tenant/employees, not neighbours who have a long term vested financial interest in this community. They do not have the support of their independent adjacent neighbours.

The hardship they cite regarding the zoning in this residential neighbourhood should have been considered and incorporated into their long term planning many years ago. This is first and foremost a residential neighbourhood. The community that live here should not have to change or have their quality of life undermined to accommodate their long term expansion plans

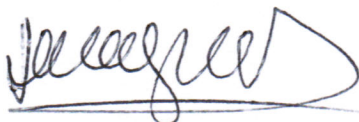
GNS's letter dated October 8th does not represent the true facts with respect to drop-off and pick-up on Maddison Street. Between the large number of cars and buses the conditions are extremely dangerous for all other users especially as the days become shorter, darker and rainy. Last week a couple of teen boys were riding south on the block only to turn around because they could not physically ride their bikes through. The "people priority greenway" was blocked by GNS users, one of which chose to pull a u-turn in the middle of the chaos.

The term used in their letter "they remain committed to long term engagement with the broader community" holds little meaning. This phrase has been used over many years by the school with little regard for the community. There is no trust between this community and GNS.

There is only one question you have to answer. Does this school need these portables to meet the rigorous set of guidelines set out by the MoE and the Health Authority for Covid? The answer is no.

This application should be denied. Social distancing due to Covid is not a problem for them.

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Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:52 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: 801 Bank Street - Glenlyon Norfolk School

From: Karen Ayers <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 19, 2020 4:43 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Cc: Councillors <Councillors@victoria.ca>; publichearing@victoria.ca <publichearing@victoria.ca>
Subject: 801 Bank Street - Glenlyon Norfolk School

Dear Mayor and Council:

In 2002 Glenlyon Norfolk consulted widely on a "Master Plan". The plan proposed the demolition of 3 single family homes to make way for an all-weather field, and to allow the student pick-up and drop off to be moved onto school property with access off of Richmond Road, to address neighbourhood concerns about traffic congestion and safety. The GNS Master Plan was considered and endorsed by Victoria City Council at a Council meeting in December of 2002, and the 2002 Gonzales Neighbourhood Plan was amended to reflect that.

GNS demolished the houses, built the playing field, but never moved the pick-up and drop off to Richmond Road. Instead, without notification or consultation with the neighbourhood, GNS built a 345 seat theatre on a large part of the site committed to for student pick-up and drop off. While not the only broken promise to the neighbourhood, GNS failure to move the pick-up and drop off has been the most egregious.

Fast forward to 2020. The school population has increased since 2002 and so has the traffic issue. GNS now proposes to place multiple buildings on the school site purportedly to address social distancing for COVID. Many in the neighbourhood believe the buildings are part of a GNS expansion plan, rather than for COVID. There is no guarantee the portables will be not be used to increase school capacity (and therefore exacerbate the traffic problem), nor that the portables will be removed once the pandemic is over.

Council has the ability to allay at least some of the neighbourhoods' concerns. Please make any approval contingent upon GNS agreeing that:

- a) school enrollment at the Pemberton Woods campus will not increase while the portables are on site** (so the portables will be used for their stated COVID purpose rather than to expand school enrollment), **and**
- b) the portables will be removed once the Province returns to Stage 1 (all students, all classes, full time).**

As well, **GNS should be required to move ALL student pick-up and drop-off onto school property, off of Richmond Road.** GNS has a Capital Fund of over \$16 Million, and owns multiple Richmond Road properties immediately adjacent to the school. Taxpayer dollars should not be used for traffic calming, nor should those using Richmond be subjected to traffic congestion. GNS has the means and ability to move the pick-up and drop off as they had originally committed to, and should be required to do so. The neighbourhood has waited long enough.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 19, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support of variance permit #00248

From: Karen Hood-Deshon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 19, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support of variance permit #00248

Re: Support of application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

I am a parent of two school age children, one of which attends Glenlyon Norfolk School at 801 Bank Street. I am in support of the variance since I am concerned about what COVID numbers will look like through the rainy season and believe this can contribute to not only keeping my child safe but anyone my child comes into contact with ie grandparents, community teammates etc. Ultimately I believe this improves the chances for our entire city since we know kids across this city come into contact with each other regardless of what school they are at (even in my household we are at two different schools) so if this was a request for any other school in Greater Victoria I would also support it.

We are teaching our children each small thing we do can make a big difference so if one mask can be the difference then so can increased distancing opportunities at this school.

Thank you for considering the proposal for portables and a gym tent to be useful until such time as a vaccine is widely available.

Karen Hood-Deshon
931 Runnymede Place

PATRICK & KAREN BEHNSEN,
833 MADDISON STREET,
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16 October 2020

Mayor and Council
City of Victoria

Re: GlenLyon Norfolk School – Development Variance Permit – Public Hearing – October 22, 2020

As 40 year residents of Maddison Street my wife and I are adamantly opposed to the above Development Variance application.

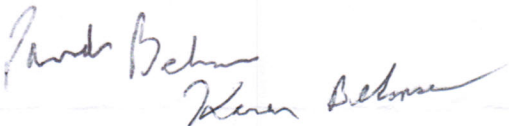
This school has a long history of “working the system” to get exactly what it wants, at the expense of the surrounding community. We do not believe this application has anything to do with Covid even though they are using this reason for application.

Over the years they have continued to expand without considering the input from their neighbours. There is no good will on their part to address any concerns raised by the neighbourhood. Traffic has been an ever growing problem along with their continual drive to expand their footprint.

We are fed up with their lack of respect for the community we call home. We do not want an ever expanding private school that contributes nothing to our local community.

Please deny this application.

Sincerely

Handwritten signatures of Patrick and Karen Behnson. The signature for Patrick is on the left and for Karen is on the right, both in cursive script.

Patrick & Karen Behnson

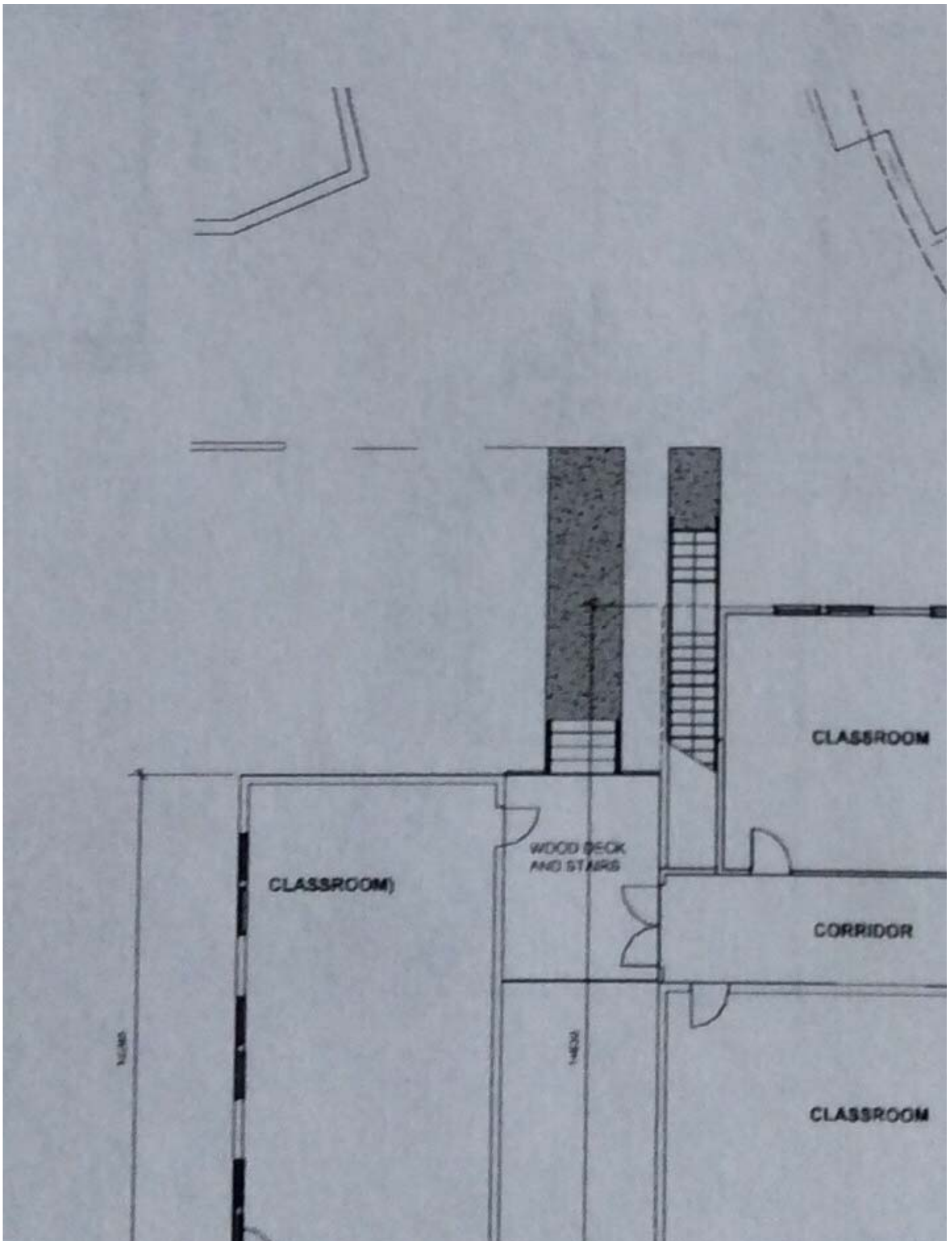
Pamela Martin

From: Shirley Edwards [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 19, 2020 5:41 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: GNS Application for Development Variance Permit

I live in the Gonzales Neighbourhood and would like to have noted my opposition to this application for the following reasons:

A) Although this Variance has stated that it is for 2 modular buildings plus a tent, the architectural drawings CLEARLY show the two storey building has 4 classrooms - which would be the equivalent to 2 - two storey modular buildings put together separated by a corridor (or 4 single units), as well there is a separate single modular classroom on its own, plus a huge gym tent to be used as 1 classroom - total 6 classrooms. That's a lot of classroom space. These buildings will reduce the small area of remaining green

space.



B) These structures are not in keeping with the form and character of our neighbourhood.

C) These buildings are located at their Beach Drive Campus and with proper planning could have been used by both campuses at their current venue from the beginning of the school year. Thus reinforcing the fact that, since we are well into October, they are only a “nice to have”, but not a necessary element regarding COVID.

D) GNS’s current verbal commitment to not expanding student enrollment is not enforceable should their position change after placement of these structures, thus creating more traffic congestion in the Gonzales neighbourhood.

If the DVP is approved the legal agreement for placement of these structures should relate to COVID Safety criteria only, not the proposed 3 year timeline (which still allows the structures to be used to temporarily accommodate students during construction of permanent space) and that these structures be removed before any further building permits are issued.

I respectfully request that Council deny GNS’s Development Permit Application.

Thank you.

Shirley Edwards

820 Lawndale Avenue

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 19, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Sandy Meadow - Program Coordinator Health Sciences [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 19, 2020 1:04 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing in support of Glenlyon Norfolk School's application for a variance (Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street) to temporarily relocate portables and a tent to the Bank Street campus to provide options for physical distancing in the coming months as Covid-19 restrictions continue. Given that this measure is temporary and does not increase the number of people coming and going at the school – only how distanced they can be, while sheltered – I think this is a reasonable health and safety measure for the school to take.

Thank you for considering the application for a variance permit.

Sandra Meadow
1940 Runnymede Avenue, Victoria

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:49 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Variance permit 00248 Glenlyon Norfolk school -801 Bank St

From: Claudia Sparks <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 19, 2020 6:56 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Variance permit 00248 Glenlyon Norfolk school -801 Bank St

Dear Mayor and Council

We are the parents of a grade 7 student at GNS school and we are writing in support of placing temporary structures in place to promote physical distancing. These learning pavilions and gym structure to be placed on the lawn next to Denford Hall will help maintain proper physical distancing as the weather gets colder and kids can't be outside for extended periods.

Any homes adjacent to the school and surrounding neighborhood are already use to having students and school activities occurring during school hours. We can't imagine adding these temporary structures would impact a neighbor in any significant manner.

During this uncertain time in a pandemic surely everyone would put the health, safety and well-being of students ahead of any concerns regarding a temporary building placement on school property.

As parents we are all happy to have our kids back in school however knowing that physical distancing is in place to the highest extent possible provides extra reassurance.

These temporary structures will achieve just that and we are in full support!

Thank you for your consideration,

Claudia and Howard Sparks
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Sent from my iPhone

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Glen Lyon Norfolk Variance Request

From: David Beaulieu <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 20, 2020 6:24 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Glen Lyon Norfolk Variance Request

I am writing this letter to support Development Permit Variance #00248. During these extraordinary times of the COVID pandemic I think it is critical that as a society we support flexible planning and variances such as this one to enable continued learning in a safe environment.

Yours Truly, David Beaulieu
 4022 Palmetto Pl
 Victoria BC

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:49 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: David Johnson [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 19, 2020 6:53 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Cc: Marianne Alto (Councillor) <MAlto@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto and other Members of Council:

I'm writing in support of Glenlyon Norfolk School's Development Variance Permit No. 00248. This variance will allow the school to take advantage of existing temporary structures to provide additional academic and recreational space to students during this unprecedented time when the space required for effective physical distancing is an essential health measure for our children.

I am a Jubilee North resident and the parent of a child at the school's Beach Drive campus who will move to the Pemberton Woods campus next year. Hopefully, the pandemic will have come to an end by then but if not I will very much appreciate the opportunity for the school to provide effective, safe, on campus instruction for my child and his classmates in an environmentally responsible manner through the temporary reuse of these existing facilities.

Please support the development variance permit application.

Sincerely,

David Johnson

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Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:46 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: In support of our application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

From: Erin Dallin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:32 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: In support of our application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

I am writing in support of Glenlyon Norfolk School setting up learning pavilions on the 801 Bank Street Campus. My children attend the school and I see the immediate benefit to such a change to the campus. During our ongoing pandemic, it is essential that we provide safe ways for our children to continue learning. This includes providing learning space that ensures physical distancing. GNS has done an exemplary job in this regard, but these learning pavilions will provide opportunity to further safeguard against illness spread.

Furthermore, the learning pavilions would be placed in a location that would not negatively impact the neighbors. These structures will not result in more people, merely an ability to provide more space for learning.

Kind regards,
Erin Dallin

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Graeme Campbell [REDACTED]
Sent: October 19, 2020 6:05 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm writing in support of Glenlyon Norfolk School's variance application. As a teacher at the school, I'm very much aware of our need to provide additional classroom spaces for our students this year.

At the moment we are utilizing a number of outdoor spaces in order to ensure that students are able to maintain appropriate social distancing between their cohorts. As the weather sours, this will become less of a viable option. Further, the options provided by having additional class spaces will allow the school to be flexible in how it schedules the various cohorts throughout the day, ensuring the safety and security of the students, but also the mental wellbeing in knowing that we have the space needed to protect everyone to the best of our abilities.

Thank you for considering my support, as well as the application as a whole.

Sincerely,

Graeme Campbell

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:48 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Gina Delimari [REDACTED]
Sent: October 19, 2020 8:00 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to share my support for this application.

My daughter attends the school. I trust that the addition of this infrastructure, even as a temporary measure, will assist the school to maintain and enhance precautions ordered by Dr. Henry during this global pandemic, contributing to the health and safety of students, faculty and staff at Glenlyon Norfolk School.

Thank you for your consideration.

Georgina Delimari
3225 Exeter Road, Victoria BC V8R 6H7

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support of application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School
801 Bank Street

From: Karen Davis [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 19, 2020 6:14 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support of application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

This email is in support of the above mentioned application at the Glenlyon Norfolk School located at 801 Bank Street. During this time of an active pandemic, I feel it is critical to provide alternative learning spaces in order to keep the community, students and staff as safe as possible. I can think of no valid reason why the school should not be able to use all the resources available to them in order to help stop the spread of Covid 19. I feel it is the obligation of all community members to support all efforts in this regard.

Sincerely,
Karen Pears
1215 Duke Street
Victoria, BC V8P 2B7

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Opposition to GNS variance proposal

From: K Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: October 19, 2020 9:19 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Opposition to GNS variance proposal

Dear Mayor and Council

I would like to once again express my concern regarding Glenlyon Norfolk School variance request for additional buildings. I would like to express my opposition to their request. I do understand that COVID has presented many new circumstances for us all to learn to adapt and modify our usual way to the "new normal". I also understand that Glenlyon Norfolk has currently been able to adapt their current building situation to meet those needs following public health guidelines - without any additional buildings.

It is my understanding that GNS has a long history of presentations and engagement to appease the community but does not follow through on any of their promises. Specifically, it is my understanding that when GNS was granted a variance for theater they agreed to move their drop off pick up location to Richmond Road (where it is suppose to be). This has not been done. Of greater concern is that there does not seem to be any process or mechanism that holds GNS accountable.

I understand that GNS has stated that their intention is to not have the buildings for more than 3 years. What recourse is there for the neighborhood community if this is not upheld. GNS school has also stated that they intend to move their drop off and pick up to Richmond Road. Again, what recourse is there for the neighborhood community when this is not upheld. As much as I would like to trust that these statements will be followed, history dictates that they will not be and that the community has no ability to hold them to their promises.

I am opposed to granting variance to GNS school.

Krista Williams
1886 Quamichan St.
Victoria

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248

From: Leanne Giommi [REDACTED]
Sent: October 19, 2020 6:12 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248

To the Mayor and Council,

I am writing to give my support for Glenlyon Norfolk School's (801 Bank Street) application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248. Utilizing these temporary structures will provide a safe environment for the students and staff during the pandemic, and the city of Victoria needs to support these efforts. GNS students give thousands of hours of volunteer service every year to Victoria and the surrounding area and we owe it to them to support them in every way possible during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Leanne Giommi

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit 00248 - support

From: Leigh Lindstrom [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 19, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit 00248 - support

Mayor and Council,
Please accept this as my support of the application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.
Thank you,

Leigh Lindstrom
[REDACTED]

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: laurence toffoletto [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 19, 2020 5:09 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Good afternoon Members of Victoria Council,

I am writing in support of the Development Variance Permit No. 00248 application (Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street).

As a GNS parent, a tax payer in Oak Bay Council and a resident of Victoria, I support the moving of the modular gym tent and up to five of the remaining portables from the Beach Drive Campus to the lawn adjacent to Denford Hall at Pemberton Campus.

In these uncertain times, it seems quite logical an rationale to keep these structures at hand for GNS instead of selling them. This will give more space for the kids and more leaning opportunities. Lots of after-school activities have been cancelled due to social-distancing measures and this would allow to reinstall some of them.

As a community, the School, the neighbours, local councils, parents and students - we all need to look at the big picture. As Dr. Henry keeps repeating every day in her daily press conference, we all need to be kind and patient. These temporary facilities are not part of any permanent campus development plans and will be removed after a maximum of 3 years and hopefully before when "normal" activities can resume - This is not forever...

I know that GNS has always involved its neighbours in its decisions and showed respect and attention for their concerns- I hope this is more of a misunderstanding than a NIMBY attitude, which is very un-Victorian and un-Covid response:)

I hope Victoria Council will approve this Development Variance, this is all about the kids...

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Laurence Toffoletto
2990 Beach Dr
Victoria BC V8R 6K9

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:49 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Marci Bearance [REDACTED]
Sent: October 19, 2020 7:06 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing into express my support of Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

I am a resident of the city of Victoria and the parent of two children who both attend Glenlyon Norfolk School. The school has demonstrated an outstanding response to the current pandemic and to ensuring a safe learning environment for its student and teachers. The school is making all efforts possible to respond proactively to provincial health directives related to the COVID-19 pandemic in a way that ensures student scan continue to learn and school can safely remain open. These efforts should be commended and Glenlyon Norfolk's current request to provide more safe learning and recreation space for students should be viewed favourably by Council and supported. The schools' proposal respects the privacy of neighbours, utilizes existing school property and is a temporary measure to ensure the school can remain open during the current health crisis.

I strongly urge council to support Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

Sincerely,

Marci Bearance
Victoria BC

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Nancy Besharah [REDACTED]
Sent: October 19, 2020 5:06 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor of Victoria and Council Members,

I want to express my support for the Development Variance Permit No. 00248 at Glenlyon Norfolk School (801 Bank Street). In the midst of a global pandemic, our community must work together to ensure the safety of our children, their parents/caregivers, elderly family members, and the community of Victoria. I support the temporary relocation of a modular gym tent and learning pavilions to Glenlyon Norfolk School at 801 Bank Street.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Best regards,

Nancy Besharah

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:48 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Glenlyon Norfolk applicaion

From: pjdryden@telus.net [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 19, 2020 8:53 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Glenlyon Norfolk applicaion

Major and Council, This letter serves to support the application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street. With Covid-19, the medical advise to schools is to continue to follow the advice of the provincial Health officer. In order to accomplish this and to allow students to remain learning, the application asks for a temporary variance. Please consider allowing this variance to allow young students to continue to learn in a safe environment. Sincerely, Peter Dryden 3210 Beach Drive

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:46 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: DVP 00248 - support letter

From: Pamela Úbeda <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:09 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: DVP 00248 - support letter

Good Morning,

I am writing in regards to the above noted DP application.

I am an Architect and Fairfield Community Member and I am in full support of the development permit application and the temporary portables in the location they are being proposed. They infringe on no one as proposed and will not be creating any further traffic, density if student numbers or causing noise or nuisance. They will however, allow safer spaces due to more social distancing during COVID for the foreseeable future.

Please do not allow grumpy neighbours to put these children at further risk by denying their application.

Thanks and Sincerely,
Pamela Ubeda | Architect.AIBC
Coast + Beam Architecture
coastandbeam.ca
[REDACTED]

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support DVP 00248

From: Pei Wang [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 20, 2020 7:11 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support DVP 00248

To whom may concern:

It is in support of the application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

As a parent of current student of GNS, I believe it is important for my son and all the other children.

Regards,
Pei Wang

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:49 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Ramona Johnston [REDACTED]
Sent: October 19, 2020 7:53 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Honourable Mayor and Council,

I am writing in support of the application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 regarding the use of portables at Glenlyon Norfolk School (GNS) at 801 Bank Street.

My two children currently attend the Middle School at GNS. They both spent their final years at the Junior Campus on Beach Drive in these beautifully designed portables.

These temporary structures would not negatively impact surrounding neighbours and clearly provide a much needed benefit to the students and staff at GNS.

Since school returned, my children have been negatively impacted when the indoor areas their learning cohorts are assigned need to be used by others, leaving them no alternate location.

The decision to have children return to school during COVID-19 is a difficult one for all parents. These portables will better enable GNS to safely provide in-class instruction, as well as space for activities such as debate club and student council meetings, particularly as the weather cools and our wet season begins. This, in turn, will reduce the stress for students, staff and parents, who are understandably concerned about close indoor contact.

I respectfully ask for your support for this variance application.

Sincerely,
Ramona Johnston
3905A Cadboro Bay Road

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Steve King <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 19, 2020 9:15 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor of Victoria and Council,

I'm writing this letter to voice support of the planned temporary schooling structures at 801 Bank Street site of Glenlyon Norfolk school. We are living in trying times and the Ministry of Education has worked tirelessly to provide guidelines to keep the students in school while keeping students and faculty safe.

As you know Physical distancing is a key component of the guidelines. GNS has the ability to spread the students out more effectively by using these temporary spaces. As fall and winter approach using outdoor spaces is not realistic. These structures are low and will not affect privacy of neighbours. The school has ensured the city that these are to be temporary and are not part of any master expansion plans.

Help GNS do the best they can to keep their population safe.

Thanks for your time, Dr. Stephen King

Sent from my iPad

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:46 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: variance #00248: Glenlyon Norfolk School

From: Susan Matthews [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:08 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: variance #00248: Glenlyon Norfolk School

Dear all,

I am writing to you in support of the school's application for a permit to place several portable classrooms on the greenspace adjacent to the school hall.

As the school is divided into cohorts that cannot mingle in the cafeteria, gym and other common areas, our grade 12 daughter has been relegated to the foyer to heat up her lunch and then head outside to eat. While the kids are making do under these circumstances, it would be really helpful if they had a designated place for their grade where they could sit down and relax or eat their lunch.

The portables will be barely visible from Richmond Ave, as they are tucked in behind the hall and there is a large hedge along the edges of the private properties. It is my understanding that they will be used on a temporary basis and then removed once the school is no longer required to follow pandemic protocols.

It is astonishing to me that 58 letters against this proposal could be generated by a concern that will potentially affect only 2 residences; it feels like a bit of a vendetta. I trust that you will find the school's proposal reasonable, given the circumstances of the pandemic, the presence of portables on school properties elsewhere in Victoria, and the need to provide children affected with a place to congregate safely within their designated cohorts.

Sincerely,

Susan Morrical
parent of GNS student

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:50 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: In support of our application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Saritha Perera [REDACTED]
Sent: October 19, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: In support of our application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Hello,

My husband and I would like to forward our support in the application for development variance permit no. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank St to the mayor and council.

Kind regards,
Saritha & Tharanga Perera

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:48 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: In Support of Development Variance permit 00248

From: Shelley Aubrey-Young <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 19, 2020 9:01 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: In Support of Development Variance permit 00248

RE: Development Variance #00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

Thank you for taking the time to consider this Variance. I am writing **in support** of granting permit # 00248. This is the first letter I have ever written to any mayor and council on any issue and please indulge me while I give you some background. My husband and I are parents to 2 amazing children. Our eldest son has a challenging learning disability as well as ADHD and is in his final 2 years of senior school (grade 11). His disability went undiagnosed until grade 6 which contributed to a fairly negative experience at school, much of his early years were arduous and peppered with disappointing academic results.

Entering grade 7, we moved from Ontario to Victoria, a decision that was instigated by professional opportunities but completely predicated on our children's acceptance into GNS. While in Ontario we had moved the boys from another school in our region to an IB school as our eldest was not doing well where he was. To ease the move and difficult transition to Victoria, we felt continuing with an IB school made sense. GNS did not disappoint. It has taken all of the 4 years so far completed for our son to finally have the academic success that mirrors his abilities. For the first time EVER this school year he is returning home proud of his grades and feeling like his results match his efforts and capabilities. He feels smart.

While academic success has finally come within reach, our son continues to be challenged on the social front. It is not uncommon for children such as our son to struggle with friends. He has made great strides and has engaged in many activities but all of his socialization happens **at school**, he has very little outside of school. Last year when schools were closed, he suffered greatly from the loneliness of not having in person classes and organized activities to attend and thus other kids to socialize with.

My son's story is not uncommon or unique to GNS. I implore you all to consider that children like my son suffer more than most in an on-line school environment. The virtual platform makes it hard to seek out help or identify kids who are struggling, even with the best of intentions from the faculty. While I understand that the neighbouring community has concerns about the addition of the portables, I believe that Covid-19 requires us all to aim higher in our accommodations so that the most vulnerable in our communities remain safe and well. As a community we have been asked to do this over and over. Our children, even with school happening in person, are paying a very large price in their development and life experience as we navigate this pandemic. I hope that as adults our first and foremost concern would be that all kids, regardless of their demographic, are given equal opportunity to in-person teaching. At the Pemberton Woods campus the portables may be required to make this happen if conditions of the pandemic

worsen. Please consider my son's history, his mental and emotional health and academic needs when you consider your position on the portables, he is certainly not the only one who would benefit. I think the families on both sides of this discussion would want the same consideration for their loved ones.

I appreciate your patience with our story and thank you for the work you do in service to everyone living in Victoria.

Very Sincerely,
Shelley Aubrey-Young and Justin Young
Parents to 2 children at GNS
Residents of Oak Bay

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:52 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Tony Eder [REDACTED]
Sent: October 19, 2020 4:43 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am writing in support of the Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

I am a parent of two children at GNS and I support the school's efforts to provide a safe learning environment that respects provincial health directives related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The school has been exemplary in responding to this health crisis and their current request to provide more learning and recreation space for students should be viewed favourably by Council. Their proposal respects the privacy of neighbours and is a temporary measure to ensure the school can remain open.

I strongly urge council to support Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

Sincerely,

Tony Eder
Victoria BC

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:48 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: In support of application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: kasmer@shaw.ca [REDACTED]
Sent: October 19, 2020 8:40 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: In support of application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Mayor and Council,

I would like to speak in favour of the variance permit for GNS to be able to move some of the portable structures from the Beach Drive campus to Pemberton Woods. These will not impact our neighbours and will give GNS greater flexibility to provide for physical distancing, and therefore reduce the likelihood of a COVID-19 outbreak at the PW campus.

Yours,

Tom Kasmer
2324 Cranmore Road
Oak Bay, BC

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support for Development Variance Permit No. 00248-Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Jennifer DeBeck [REDACTED]
Sent: October 20, 2020 1:15 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support for Development Variance Permit No. 00248-Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor and Victoria Council,

I am writing to show my support of Glenlyon Norfolk School's application for a Development Variance Permit #00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

The two structures that have been put forth for relocation will not impact the neighbours. The extra space would allow for more social distancing between students and their teachers, which is vital during this unprecedented time. They have promised to remove the structures within three years, which I trust them to do.

Sincerely,

Jennifer

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank St - Development Variance Permit No. 00248

From: Karl Leong [REDACTED]
Sent: October 20, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank St - Development Variance Permit No. 00248

Mayor Helps and Council

Our daughter attends Glenlyon Norfolk School. I am writing in support of their development variance permit seeking approval of a plan that will give the school the option of moving the modular gym tent and up to five learning pavilions from the Beach Drive Campus to the lawn adjacent to Denford Hall.

Regards,

Karl Leong
[REDACTED]

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Variance Permit 00248-Glenlyon Norfolk School

From: Kathleen Stamp-Vincent [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 20, 2020 11:15 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Variance Permit 00248-Glenlyon Norfolk School

To whom I may concern,

I am writing in support of the placement of the portables and gym tent at the GNS campus on Bank Street.

I live on Laurentian Place and my sons attend GNS.

These structures are tremendously important during Covid. The children need spaces where they can learn, play and socialize safely. It is crucial for their physical, emotional and mental health.

Kathleen Stamp-Vincent

Sent from my iPhone

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School)

From: L Cai [REDACTED]
Sent: October 20, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School)

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

Dear Mayor Helps and Council Members,

I'm writing to seek your support to GNS for its efforts to install temporary facilities to provide greater social distancing during the Covid crisis. Safety is the top priority for our community and the proposed development will be very helpful to the whole school as well as the whole community. As a local resident, I believe that the city should not only permit these facilities, but also encourage similar development. 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.

Dr. Henry and Mr. Dix remind us, every effort leading to a safer environment counts. Schools, parents, and community leaders could do what we can to keep our children and teachers safe during this process. City staff are recommending that this be approved and have noted that it should pose no impact on the neighbours or neighborhood.

The willingness of Glenlyon Norfolk to commit itself, legally, to remove these facilities within a three year period should more than allay any fears that this is a covert expansion strategy. This additional academic space will have no impact on traffic, parking or the neighbours. The benefit to the students and the larger Victoria community greatly outweighs other concerns.

We live near the Glenlyon Norfolk School, our child 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,

Lin Cai

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: In support of our application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

From: Mia Angus <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 20, 2020 10:17 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: In support of our application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

Dear Mayor 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 are 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 school is a place of learning and education. Nothing will change to the surrounding neighbourhood. We can assure you that there will be no extra noise or traffic within the neighbourhood. 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 during the COVID-19 pandemic. 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.

All the best,

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- Mia Angus
"Nothing is impossible. If you Believe in yourself, you can achieve it" -Nastia Liukin

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 20, 2020 2:47 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School)

From: Suzanne Bradbury [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 20, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: 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, long-time Fairfield residents, and parents of former GNS students. We believe the city should wholeheartedly support the school in its effort 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 thus to the community at large as well, including 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. Supporting the health of children and the larger Victoria community greatly outweighs the concerns of the few.

We live near the Glenlyon Norfolk School, our children graduated from the school. The school and the students do much to support our community, and they also do their 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,

Suzanne

Suzanne Bradbury
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Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 21, 2020 8:40 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support of Application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Anne Marie Hogya [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:32 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support of Application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor Lisa Help and Council Members:

Please accept this letter as evidence of support for the application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

We are parents of a son in Grade 9 who attends GNS and we completely support GNS as it looks at ways to provide social distancing during this Covid pandemic by installing temporary facilities to better provide for the students.

We believe the school has excellent leadership will support the neighbouring community by being good neighbours with no impact to their peace and privacy while at the same time caring for our school community by ensuring safety of our students and staff.

I am aware that the City of Victoria staff are recommending that this variance permit No. 00248 be approved and have specifically noted that it should pose no impact on neighbours or the neighbourhood.

Glenlyon Norfolk School has committed itself legally to remove the temporary facilities within a three-year period and I trust that we as parents are witness to this declaration and trust wholeheartedly they will do this as planned.

I serve the Victoria community as an occupational therapist and my husband serves the city and the province with his work with BC ambulance. We are both engaged citizens in health care in our local and school communities and believe in safety first.

Please vote in favour of safety and to support proactive leadership that is ensuring student and teacher safety.

Vote in support of Application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School.

Sincerely,

Anne Marie and Brooks Hogya
339 Moss Street
Victoria, BC V8V 4M9

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Anne Marie Hogya
Occupational Therapist

Magma Rehabilitation



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From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 21, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

From: Carrdunkley [REDACTED]
Sent: October 21, 2020 12:53 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Re: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

Dear, Mayor and Council.

This letter is in support of Glenlyon Norfolk School's application for temporarily moving a modular gym tent and up to five of the learning pavilions (portables) to the Pemberton Woods location at 801 Bank Street.

During the current pandemic we have witnessed many changes and a high degree of adaptability by local governments in response to public health requirements and advice. These changes and adaptations have been critical to ensuring continued operations of our society, including businesses, health care and schools.

The Ministry of Education continues to provide guidance around safe in-class instruction. The proposed structures would enable Glenlyon Norfolk school to provide greater flexibility and support to students and staff for indoor classes and meetings, playing a key role in ensuring physical distancing requirements, particularly as winter weather decreases the current outdoor spaces used for physical distancing.

The proposed structures would remain for a defined temporary period (no more than three years) and would not negatively impact neighbours of Bank Street, as they would be located behind a mature hedge and are lower than existing school buildings. These temporary facilities are not part of any permanent campus development plans, and any usage outside of the application parameters would require an additional Development Variance Permit decision by the City of Victoria.

Just as the City of Victoria council has responded with understanding and flexibility with other issues and proposals in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, I respectfully request Mayor and Council consider and support this application to enable the school to better respond to the challenges placed on continued in-class instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,
Brian Dunkley
1715 Monteith Street
Victoria BC.

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 21, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit #00248 Glenlyon Norfolk School

From: Barbara McElroy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 20, 2020 9:12 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Development Variance Permit #00248 Glenlyon Norfolk School

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

Dear Mayor Helps and Council Members,

Our world has certainly been rocked in the last eight months and adjustments and creative solutions have been a necessary part of survival with the current pandemic. In efforts to create safe solutions for the students and to adhere to provincial mandates for COVID 19 safety measures, we believe the city should wholeheartedly support the school in its effort 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. It is our duty as schools, parents, and community leaders to do what we can to keep our children and teachers as safe as possible during this process. City staff are recommending that this be approved and have noted that it should pose no impact on the neighbours or neighborhood.

The willingness of Glenlyon Norfolk to commit itself, legally, to remove these facilities within a three year period should more than allay any fears that this is a covert expansion strategy. This additional academic space will have no impact on traffic, parking or the neighbours. The benefit to the students and the larger Victoria community greatly outweighs the concerns of the few.

We live near the Glenlyon Norfolk School and 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,
Barbara McElroy

Barbara Carr-Harris
3759 Ascot Drive
Victoria, B.C

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 21, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: GNS

From: Bob Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: October 21, 2020 12:11 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: GNS

Vote: to SUPPORT the variance application of a modular tent and portable schools.

We are told by Dr Henry to keep a distance from one another when indoors and this is exactly what the GNS campus is trying to do.

Please help them to be good citizens and to follow our provincial guidelines.

Because the variance will be temporary and will not infringe on anyones property, it is good citizenship on your part to accept it.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Carol and Bob Wright

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 21, 2020 8:41 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support of Application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

From: Carolyn Kvajic <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 20, 2020 5:56 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support of Application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Dear Mayor Help and Council Members:

Please accept this letter as evidence of support for the application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

As parents of a 9th grader who attends GNS and as civic-minded and engaged citizens in our community, we are compelled to wholeheartedly support the school in its efforts to install temporary facilities to better provide for social distancing during this unprecedented Covid crisis.

In these challenging times when Covid has stripped our communities of almost every aspect of normal life, our son's school environment is a beacon of light. Glenlyon Norfolk School administration and leadership team have done an exemplary job at juggling the needs of its students, creating an environment conducive to learning and at the same time adhering to Ministry protocols. They should be applauded and we are immensely proud!

These times clearly call for strong leadership and creative problem solving as we all try to navigate these treacherous waters. The opportunity to provide a creative means to increase social distancing (temporarily), further protecting not only our children but the teachers on campus as well as their families at home behooves you to not only permit these facilities but to share these best practices with other communities.

We all need to do our part. The politics of old have no place today. It is our duty as community leaders, neighbours, parents and school leaders to actively reduce the risk to teachers and children as well as their families and neighbourhoods.

City of Victoria staff are recommending that this variance permit No. 00248 be approved and have specifically noted that it should pose no impact on neighbours or the neighbourhood. This is a win-win.

Glenlyon Norfolk School has committed itself legally to remove the temporary facilities within a three-year period. This removes any fear of covert expansion slick handling. This isn't about expansion but about our children. Period.

Our child attends GNS and we are supporters and volunteers at the school. We are active members of this community. We are active and engaged citizens. This request is a request for reason and goodwill.

This is about doing the right thing. History will look back upon what leaders did and what they did not do and judge them accordingly. We hope you will be on the right side. The benefits of so many greatly outweighs the perceived inconvenience of the few.


Thank you for voting for the children, for the teachers, for their families and for our neighbourhood. Vote in support of Application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Kvajic
1202 Duke Street
Victoria, BC V8P 2B6

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Carolyn Kvajic
Salt Spring Sea Salt Ltd.



Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 21, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248

From: Doran Wright [REDACTED] >
Sent: October 21, 2020 8:22 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing in support of Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street. I have two children that attend this school. The school has been doing a great job at physical distancing; however, it is a small school with limited indoor space available.

In the interest of safety, it seems to me to allow temporary use of portable classrooms and gym space during a pandemic should be allowed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Doran Wright.

Madison Heiser

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street
Attachments: Support_Development Variance Permit No. 00248_GNS.docx

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: October 21, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street

Mayor and Council
City of Victoria BC

Date: October 21, 2020

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

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please accept this letter (also attached for reference) in support of the above Development Variance Permit for Glenlyon Norfolk School.

We seek your approval on this Variance.

We have observed firsthand the careful planning amid Covid 19 concerns and constraints followed by strict adherence to government protocols that the administration and staff of Glenlyon Norfolk School have diligently undergone to provide the best experience possible to their students and staff.

We have full confidence that moving forward with your approval to the plan outlined in Development Variance Permit No. 00248 will further enhance these measures to maintain safe in-class instruction. Maximizing the opportunities for the safe education experience of our youth is of utmost priority.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Elaine and Philip Arctander
182 Beach Drive, Victoria, BC V8R 6J3

**Mayor and Council
City of Victoria BC**

Date: October 21, 2020

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

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Sincerely,

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182 Beach Drive, Victoria, BC V8R 6J3

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 21, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

From: Elizabeth Bullen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 20, 2020 9:54 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

Dear Mayor and Council

I am writing in support of the application by Glenlyon Norfolk school to install temporary facilities at its Pemberton Woods campus at 801 Bank St.

During the COVID pandemic, the temporary installation of these structures will assist in greater physical distancing for the students, especially during the upcoming winter months when outside activities become more limited.

Glenlyon Norfolk school, which our children attend, supports the children of Victoria and the community. As a supporter and volunteer of the GNS community, and as a resident and taxpayer of the City of Victoria, I wholeheartedly support GNS in its application for this development variance.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bullen

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 21, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: support of Glenlyon Norfolk's Application for a Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School

From: Gina Simpson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: October 21, 2020 9:44 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: support of Glenlyon Norfolk's Application for a Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School

Dear Mayor 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 are 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 school is a place of learning and education. Nothing will happen to the neighbourhood. There will not be extra noise or traffic. 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 during a the COVID-19 pandemic. 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,

Gina Simpson

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 21, 2020 8:40 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School)

From: Ianna Breese [REDACTED]
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:47 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School)

Dear Mayor Helps and City Council Members,

I am writing to share my support of the application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School).

Through a detailed return to school plan, Glenlyon Norfolk School is following guidelines from the Ministry of Education to maintain safe in-class instruction for its students. As Dr. Henry announced yesterday, British Columbia is now officially experiencing a second wave of covid-19 and now more than ever it is imperative that physical distancing be maintained in our schools and work places.

GNS hopes to provide additional spaces for their students, staff, and faculty via the use of the temporary learning pavilions and gym tent so that learning, working, and playing can continue per the Ministry's guidelines for gathering size and distancing requirements. As these structures would be in place only temporarily, are proposed to be between a large hedge and an existing building, and would not be any taller than existing structures, there would not be any negative consequences for neighbours' properties or the neighbourhood as a whole.

I hope you will please consider the positive impact that the temporary instalment of the learning pavilions and gym tent will have on the community. Allowing Glenlyon Norfolk School to install these structures will provide students and staff a safer learning and working environment. Ultimately, it will be beneficial for the Glenlyon Norfolk School and Victoria communities as we all live and work together through covid-19. Providing extra spaces for safe learning and working during these uncertain times is immeasurable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Ianna Breese
GNS Parent

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 21, 2020 8:40 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: In support of application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

From: John Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:28 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: In support of application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

Dear Mayor Helps,

I am writing this email in the hopes of helping you and council to see the importance of approving Dr. Singal and Glenlyon Norfolk School's plan that would give GNS the ability to move their modular gym tent and up to five other portables from the Beach Drive Campus to the lawn on school property at the Pemberton Woods campus. As I understand it, this would not be a permanent home for these structures but rather temporary while we battle the second wave of this pandemic.

We hear so often in the media to trust science and the medical professionals with best practices and this is exactly what we would be doing in listening to Dr. Singal an Epidemiologist who is concerned about maintaining safe-in class instruction while we fight to flatten the curve and keep the rate of infections down as best as possible within our educational environment.

Unfortunately, I have heard that some neighbours are unsupportive of this request. That is understandable as they may feel this is a permanent plan that might negatively impact their neighborhood, parking or traffic patterns. This is to be expected and normal but these are not normal times, while many sacrifice so much at times like this, teachers, front line workers, etc., I think the neighbourhood can be expected to make a small sacrifice in aiding a safer learning environment for a limited time.

Ironically, this might actually help the neighbourhood as they will be at ground zero if an outbreak or super-spreader event happens because our youth are too close together while at school.

I hope council can see the benefit to all in our community by granting this variance.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request as I know how

busy all council is.

Respectfully,

John C Davis
Parent of student at GNS

October 21, 2020

Re: DVP00248 - 801 Bank Street

To the Mayor and Council,

My wife and I live at the corner of Richardson and Maddison streets, directly across from Glenlyon Norfolk (GNS) school. We, along with many members of the community, have written to and spoken at the Board of Variance (BOV) and CALUC meetings expressing opposition to this proposed expansion.

We are parents and grandparents and certainly support student safety. However, with this DVP application we question the validity and motive to relocate the five modular buildings and fabric tent structure from the GNS Beach Drive (B/D) campus to its Pemberton Woods (P/W) campus.

When you add up the total number questionable statements, incomplete facts and zoning criteria applied during the BOV application and now this DVP application this proposed project does not pass the preverbal “smell test” to warrant approval by the City.

I present the following information for your consideration as you evaluate this DVP application:

Current School Status

- GNS is one school with two campus close to each other. Both campuses are open and comply with the rigorous government COVID safety standards.
- There are buses that move students between the two campuses.
- The modular structures, with the exception of one classroom presumptively moved to the parking lot at the P/W campus, are legally placed at the B/D campus and can be used for enhanced Covid safety with administrative coordination between the campuses.

Forthrightness of The Applicant's Actions & Communications:

- GNS initially notified the community on July 2nd of their intention to relocate the structures from their B/D campus to the P/W campus. In a second newsletter GNS stated the move was pending approval on July 23, 2020. In neither newsletter did it state the approval was tied into the Board of Variance (BOV). Arrogantly, GNS commenced moving a classroom on to site the day before the BOV hearing.
- The reason stated for the placement of the structures in July was that these structures were “essential and urgent” to meet Covid safety regulations in order for the school to open . This has proven inaccurate so the narrative for their need has morphed through a few iterations to what amounts to now as a “nice to have” scenario.
- Architectural documents were initially submitted with the drawings title block cropped so the drawing date was not shown. Upon request, the drawing were resubmitted showing the drawings dated October 2019, long before COVID was known.
- It is commendable that council passed a motion to fast track school projects related to Covid safety standards. However, it is difficult to not question that the applicant may have had motivation and involvement in initiating this action since this is the only Covid related school application project in Victoria, Saanich or Oak Bay.
- The applicant has revised the application to have the gym structure be considered a classroom. At a size of 226 square meters (2432 SF) it is certainly a very generous classroom area for a school that advertises an average class size of 18 students.
- Not until after the CALUC meeting had commenced and it was apparent that there was over whelming opposition by the community did the applicant state its intent to offer a five year term for the buildings to be on site. The applicant would not discuss a shorter time frame.

- The applicant subsequently reduced the temporary term to three years when it appeared there may be some question as to whether the application would be forwarded to Public Hearing.
- The applicant has inferred that these temporary structures will not be used to advance its longer term masterplan for the P/W campus. I am not aware of any offer by the applicant to make this a legally enforceable condition.
- As the applicant's arguments have been questioned through the BOV and now DVP processes regarding the placement of five modular classrooms and a fabric gym structure the applicants view for the requirement for these structures has evolved to meet whatever will serve its interests in that particular moment.

Alternative Motive Scenario For This DVP Application

- During the 2019 community presentations a Masterplan time schedule was presented stating the B/D campus expansion would commence in 2019 followed by rezoning and expansion of the P/W campus and construction of the P/W campus in 2020. Due to overwhelming opposition the school has delayed their rezoning application.
- The B/D addition is now occupied. It is desirable for GNS to relocate the temporary structures to allow the completion of B/D landscape work. The delay in the rezoning approval complicated GNS's relocation schedule. The Covid outbreak has presented the opportunity for GNS to relocate the structures under the guise of safety rather than campus modernization and expansion.
- The applicant states that there is no other motive to have the structures placed on site other than safety. It states the structures are not part of the school's long term construction renewal and expansion. This statement may be misleading. When reviewed carefully, the structures will not be part of the final renewal and modernization construction outcome but may be used during the construction phase. The three year time frame will still allow GNS to achieve what many in the community feel was their primary objective to have the structures placed at the P/W campus. (8 months rezoning, 6 months construction documents, 2 months building permit and 18 months construction = 34 months). By employing construction management techniques this time could be reduced even further.

Zoning Bylaw Interpretation & Compliance:

- The City defines an *Accessory Building* in the zoning bylaw a "a building that is subordinate to the principal use of the lot". The total floor area of all accessory buildings is limited to 37 square meters and a height of 3.5 meters. It is not reasonable to accept that the Zoning bylaw was written with the intent to allow for such significant relaxations for any of the accepted uses as listed in the R1-B zone. (707 sq. meters and 7.16 meters high)
- The City and the applicant have stated there is past precedent to treat these types of school structures as *accessory buildings* as they are not the principal building on site. I present the rationale that this interpretation is flawed, at least in this case. There are nine individual school related buildings on site. If this application is approved there will be twelve. Why would these three buildings not be considered principal use as per the other nine? These three buildings are not a support type function such as a storage shed, maintenance shop, etc. that typically would be considered the type of structure that would be an *accessory building*.
- I have brought it to the attention of the City that there are two existing *accessory buildings* on site. They are now shown on the most recent submission. They are extremely close to the location of the proposed classroom building and very close to property lines. I have been informed by the City that the applicant indicated that a separate application will be made for the existing storage buildings, whereas this application is on classroom space to allow for greater physical distancing during Covid-19 pandemic. I fail to see why these two *accessory building* proposals should not be addressed at the same time as they are in so very close proximity to one another and as presently interpreted by the City are all *accessory buildings*.

- I have questioned the applicants off-site parking four times and have offered to meet with the City and applicant on site to verify the actual number of parking stalls. The City has declined my offer and the applicant has not responded as of the time of submitting this letter. The originally stated number of stalls by the applicant was 122. It has been reduced twice and is now stated as 103 existing stalls. My on site count of actual stalls is 97. My count is below the minimum zoning requirement. I have been informed by the City that if the DVP is approved the parking on site would have to comply with the approved plans. If parking is non compliant why is this not included as a variance request in the DVP application or alternatively shown how parking will be made compliant?

Effect To The Community If The Additional Structures Are Permitted

- The applicant states there will be no increase in staff. It is not reasonable to expect that no additional staff will be required to teach/supervise the addition of six additional classrooms (707 square meters 7,618 SF)).
- The applicant has inferred it is its intention to not increase student enrollment as a result of the increased classrooms. This may be its position now; however, as past experience bears out commitments made now are not necessarily followed through in the future, particularly if Covid safety regulations are relaxed over the next three years.
- With no mechanism in place to hold GNS accountable to their current position of no additional staff and students the community can anticipate additional traffic. Increased traffic is a significant concern of the neighbourhood.
- These additional structures will occupy what little true usable (non-artificial) green space remains on campus for students for informal play and exercise. The outside is the best location for distancing, particularly during out of class unsupervised student time.

Summary

- GNS currently have excess space over and above current Ministry of Education safety guideline requirements.
- The four classrooms and the fabric gym structure are still legally in place on the B/D campus.
- There would have been five classrooms if GNS was not so dismissive of City regulations assuming its BOV application was nothing more than an administrative formality.
- With minimal coordination this additional space can be used by either campus at any time.
- By the City rejecting this application it is not diminishing GNS from having additional space it is desiring for enhanced Covid-19 safety, only the location where it will be housed.
- GNS is seeking significant variance approvals to relocate the structures to its P/W campus that far exceed the *Accessory Building* regulations.
- The movement of these structures to the P/W campus has significant opposition from the Gonzales community.

Recommendations

- Please consider the information above and come to the conclusion that this DVP application as submitted should not be approved.
- If the City does approve this application, require legally binding documentation that early removal of the structures will be required upon the BC Government implementing the final stage of their 5 stage safety plan for schools (Learning as usual full-time in-class). In addition include in the legal declaration that no building permits will be issued for projects that will rely on existing student space to be temporarily decanted to the the modular structures to facilitate the construction work.

Best Regards,
John Myles

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 21, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street

From: Randy Wright | _____
Sent: October 21, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street

Hello Mayor Helps and Council,

I hope that this finds you all well as you navigate our City through these unprecedented times.

Although we talk often when I am wearing my professional hat, today I am writing to ask your support of Glenlyon Norfolk School's request for a variance on temporarily moving some structures from their Beach drive campus to 801 Bank street. It goes without saying that moving these structures is in the best interest of both the Faculty as well as the Students (2 of which are my own children) who have all been working diligently to socially distance and reduce the spread of COVID-19. I feel that this aligns with your other successful initiatives in the hospitality sector by temporarily relaxing the rules and expanding street patios.

The structures would be inside the schools property and have no impact on traffic, parking or the neighbourhood.

Your support on this temporary solution is sincerely appreciated and I am as close as the phone should you wish to discuss further.

Thank you in advance,

RANDY WRIGHT
PRESIDENT
HARBOUR AIR GROUP
950 Wharf Street, Victoria, BC V8W 1T3

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 21, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: GNS portables/gym Tent Oct 22, 2020

From: kim northcott | _____
Sent: October 20, 2020 11:59 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: GNS portables/gym Tent Oct 22, 2020

Dear Mayor and Victoria City Council,

I am writing as both a parent and physician requesting the City of Victoria Council consider approving our school's application to allow temporary portables to facilitate the educational needs of our children while respecting the public health officer's important message of maintaining physical distance.

In-class learning has provided significant benefit to students' social and mental well-being.

However, as we are mandated to ensure appropriate physical distancing is adhered to in our learning environments, utilizing modular space to facilitate safety seems to reflect a progressive, thoughtful, and socially responsible approach.

The goal is not to increase enrollment, but rather safely facilitate ongoing learning where our children can be maintained independently in their cohort groups in separated spaces.

These modular units will not be visible to neighbors as they will be shielded by a hedge and the height is lower than the existing fixed buildings.

This will not increase traffic since it will serve to safely house current students only. There is no incentive to utilize this opportunity to increase enrollment. The hope is to offer greater square footage to better provide a learning environment where our children feel safe and supported.

I perceive this opportunity as a proactive, socially responsible approach to enhance our children's educational space and model respectful adherence to public health guidelines.

I hope the council agrees.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kimberly Northcott
Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology, Vancouver Island Health Authority
Department of Medicine, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 21, 2020 8:41 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

From: Karilyn Walker
Sent: October 20, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Re: application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School 801 Bank Street.

Dear Mayor and Council,

We live in the Fairfield/Gonzales neighborhood and have 13 year old twins attending GNS. We fully support the need for extra space being facilitated on the GNS Pemberton Woods school grounds, for a limited amount of time. We are of course in the midst of a Pandemic and I think anything that will help keep children and staff distanced helps our wider community by mitigating transmission of COVID 19. By providing extra space it seems to me that would help with distancing; one of the important things our health professionals have been telling us for months now. I don't feel that this would or should be an imposition to the nearest neighbors as the proposed structures are shorter than the permanent structures, the hedges are very tall and it is for a limited time.

Unfortunately my husband has been battling Acute Leukemia & now Myloid Sarcoma for five years. His immune system is severely compromised. I have Crohn's Disease and also a compromised immune system. We do everything we can to mitigate exposure. I think if we all took a moment to think about others around us (not just the school), who are medically compromised, those neighbors who are opposed would be more inclined to allow the temporary portables. It is in the best interest of the children and staff but clearly also the wider community; comprised of elderly, and other medically compromised individuals. Some we know, some we don't.

We're also near a hospital and many health workers live in this neighborhood. We need to think proactively and do everything we can to keep each other safe and healthy especially during this very difficult time.

Sincerely,

Karilyn Walker
625 Normanton Court
Victoria, BC
Sent from my iPhone

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 21, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Development Variance Permit No. 00248 for 801 Bank Street (Glenlyon Norfolk School)

From: Monet Howard nee Taylor | _____ >
Sent: October 20, 2020 9:13 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,

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

It is sensible 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.

City staff are recommending that this be approved and have noted that it should pose no impact on the neighbours or neighborhood.

The willingness of Glenlyon Norfolk to commit itself, legally, to remove these facilities within a three year period should more than allay any fears that this is a covert expansion strategy. This additional academic space will have no impact on traffic, parking or the neighbours. 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 are 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,
Monet and Tim Howard, Victoria.

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 21, 2020 8:40 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: GNS-permit No 00248

From: Natalie Gaines [redacted]
Sent: October 20, 2020 8:31 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: GNS-permit No 00248

Dear Major Helps and council members,

I am writing in support of the application for development variance permit number 00248- Glenlyon Norfolk school 801 Bank st.

In a time such as this I, as a concerned parent and community member cannot understand how this could possibly be an issue, to not allow more room for students.??!!

With this pandemic fully upon us surely the sensible action is to have as much space for studies where ever possible! Having these units shows the care and consideration not just for the students but for the community at large. My son is in grade 9 and I as a single mother have put him into this school because GNS has genuine care and compassion...GNS always wants to do the right thing and in regards to this matter it's not just correct but mindful of what Bonnie Henry has repeated over and over 'be safe'... if only more could be kind and understand that this is the best option not only for the students but for all the community! It's showing responsibility and quite frankly I don't understand any opposition of such a necessary action.

I truly hope this matter can be resolved calmly and with a positive outcome.

Kind regards

Natalie Gaines

Sent from my iPhone [redacted]

Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: October 21, 2020 8:42 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Support for Application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School

From: Sarah Wallace
Sent: October 20, 2020 6:01 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support for Application for Development Variance Permit No. 00248 - Glenlyon Norfolk School

Please accept this as note of our support for the above variance permit. In times such as these we should consider doing all that we can to make school a safe place for young people and staff. By granting this variance, you will allow students to work and play in areas that are out of sight of neighbouring properties, & do not increase the footprint or numbers attending the school. GNS students provide considerable service hours to the City of Victoria, the local community and the surrounding municipalities. Please do the right thing and allow these temporary buildings to be used at the Pemberton Woods Campus for a defined period of time.

Sarah Wallace