

**Madison Heiser**

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**From:** Andrew Johnston [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 6:40 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00017 and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 000591

Mayor Helps and members of council,

Thank you for providing the public with the opportunity to comment on Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00017 and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 000591.

Our names are Leah and Andrew Johnston and we live on Green Street immediately across the street from the subject properties.

We are writing to express our support for these applications. We encourage council to approve them so that this transitional tiny home community may proceed.

Should this initiative move forward, we encourage council to work closely with the North Park Neighborhood Association (NPNA). Working closely with the NPNA can assist council and City staff in quickly identifying and addressing any issues that may arise as this community takes shape.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to having the Tiny Home Transitional Community in our neighbourhood.

Andrew and Leah Johnston

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**From:** Jeremy Schmidt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 12:27 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** temporary housing proposal at Royal Athletic Park

Hi,

I write in support of the Hey Neighbour project that I believe is on the agenda for one of the council meetings later today. I donated to the initiative as soon as it launched. I think it is a tasteful, respectful, and compassionate opportunity to provide a safe and secure transition for those who are unhoused in our city. I think that a lot of thought has gone into planning it, those involved strike me as highly capable and credible, and it's a great quick win solution to tackle our immediate challenges that have arisen with the pandemic.

Thanks,  
Jeremy Schmidt  
160 Wilson St  
Victoria BC

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**From:** Jodi Sigsworth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 1:58 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** 940 Caledonia sea canisters



to me



Dear City Council,

I'm here today to ask you to rethink your proposed sea canister tiny homes for RAP parking lot.

I'm here to tell you how the past almost 3 months of "un-housed neighbours" at our front doors with their drug addicted mental health issues, has affected the mental health and wellbeing of all of us "housed neighbours". I'm here to ask you to stop calling this a "homeless crisis". It is a crisis of addiction, trauma, mental health and instability. And if you think it is compassionate to give them tents, bring them food, provide warming tents and let them carry on with the sad existence of drug abuse, violence, mental health outbursts, criminal behaviour and living in squalor, I ask you, where is the compassion? All of this "good doing" that everyone seems to think they are doing, is not good. We are enabling a situation to perpetuate and rise to epidemic proportions. I do not see this as compassionate.

Almost every conversation I have had with my neighbours over the past several months has had to do with your camp outside of our houses. Several of us now have security cameras. I have emailed city hall over this several times, I've told you what we live with on a daily basis. A once quiet street turned into a hive of activity. Constant drug dealers up and down Green St at all hours of the night. Loud music and violent outbursts. Several overdoses, one of whom died. Reckless behaviour like getting extremely high and driving a car out of the parking lot trying to get onto Green St. only to get stuck in the bushes...thankfully! Theft and fear. One neighbour's girlfriend was followed and she ran back into the house because she was so scared. Several of us have been yelled at, I've been called a bitch, for doing nothing but walking down my street. We've had car windows broken and cars broken into, ladders and other tools have been stolen. We listen to violent

domestic disputes, we watch as people can hardly stand up because they are so high, we watch them fling toilet paper all over the street and scream as they're tripping out. And you think we should feel safe? Happy maybe??? How would you feel if trauma was at your front door every day?

If you think we are privileged, NIMBY humans that lack compassion and understanding, this is so not true. We are a neighbourhood that cares deeply. We all have our personal experiences and places that we have come from and ultimately are trying to create good, happy, positive lives for ourselves. I grew up with an alcoholic father and a mother who threw dishes. I was witness to violent outbursts on a regular basis. My father once broke my brother's finger during a beating while I hid outside under a table in fear that I would be next, my mother was hysterical. I was not raised with privilege, I was raised in borderline poverty. I do my best to create beauty and joy for my adult life. When I have to witness the trauma in front of my house, it makes me sad, very sad. It makes me frustrated with the societies we have created. The fact that we can let good people slip through the cracks into this life of addiction on the street, the fact that this is even an option for them, is despicable. And it's hard, every day for us who bear witness to some of our societies worst problems. Do we feel safe? Happy? NO we do not. It hurts us to, because every day I feel the pain of those who struggle to just barely stay alive.

Our tax payers dollars are paying for these Band-Aid solutions that politicians have been coming up with for years now. Has anyone noticed that the Band-Aids aren't working? I'd like to see my tax dollars paying for true compassion. Paying for real solutions. And please, stop calling this a pandemic issue. This has nothing to do with covid19 and if you think it does then you haven't been paying attention to this crisis that has been on the rise for 30 years now.

You plan to put sea canisters in the parking lot to house them for a further year and ½. Has anyone taken note of Our Place? Of the congregation of humans that accumulate in places like Rock Bay Landing? Do you really think you'll be able to create this idealistic community that has no violence, drug deals and outbursts, where not a single soul except the ones who live there are around? You propose the sea canisters will be monitored by someone from Our Place 24/7. Just like the 24/7 security you provided to the tent camp? When I called the police to report drug deals they told me it wasn't an emergency and to call the other line. Do you think some sort of magic is going to happen because of sea canisters? You say they won't be allowed to have visitors and these rules will be enforced. Enforced by who? What I see every day is that there is no enforcement. I read it in our local paper, people get arrested, charged and let go with court dates. By law officers are scared of these people and their violent tendencies. So you want to continue to inflict this on our neighbourhood? For a year ½?

I am asking you to care for those of us who are doing our best to keep our heads above the water every day in our neighbourhoods. I am asking you to recognize how much stress is added to our lives because of these camps. I am telling you about all the sleepless nights many of us have because of the noise, the loud music the domestic disputes and drug induced outbursts. I am asking you please to stop the enabling Band-Aids. I am asking you to initiate real change, real solutions. Myself and many others have emailed you for several months now giving solutions for THIS PANDEMIC. I know you have looked around the world and seen what other cities and countries are doing. Many have come way closer to solving these issues than we have. We need to implement real solutions.

If you can crowd fund \$500,000.00 in such a short period of time for some sea canisters, how about you send out a mass alert to the public to fund some real solutions. There is a lot of money in this town, people with millions of dollars, corporations with so much money, ask them to help. It's all just a big charitable write off for them anyhow. For over ten years now I've been making monthly donations to Mustard Seed and the Pivot Legal Society, and I'm not someone with a lot of extra money to spare. Surely people with more can give more. But PLEASE I ask you, please don't put sea canisters in RAP. It will not solve anything and will only continue disrupting our peace and cause fear and sadness.

I didn't want to participate in this meeting this evening because I am already exhausted by this experience. I have to focus on this crisis every day. I've been writing emails almost weekly. It takes so much energy to care, so much frustration. They say we need to speak up if we want change, use your voice. Well I have been, and I'm tired now. This is my final plea. If we indeed live in a democratic society, now is the time to prove it.

Sincerely,

Jodi

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**From:** Katie Fillion [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 12:31 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings; Sarah Murray, NPNA Executive Director; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Support for tiny homes at 940 Caledonia

Hello,

I live directly across the street (937 Caledonia) from the proposed tiny home village at 940 Caledonia.

I fully support the project and I am looking forward to getting to know my new neighbours.

The flooding situation at Central Park this winter was heartbreaking and the tiny home village is a bright spot in an otherwise difficult year for folks sheltering in North Park.

I am grateful to the city for providing the land, to the folks at Aryze for the incredibly generous and creative work they are doing, and to the service providers and other organizations that are supporting this project.

I am also grateful to the unhoused folks who spent the winter at 940 Caledonia — they were kind neighbours and worked so hard to turn a terrible situation into a success. I'd also like to show appreciation for the good people at Peers — their hard work with the warming tent and their care and kindness was an incredible thing to see.

The tiny home village is a step in the right direction, let's get these folks indoors without further delay.

Katie Fillion  
937 Caledonia Ave