

Dear Mayor and Council,

As you are no doubt aware, crime in our Burnside Gorge neighbourhood has been on the rise. Our community has – within the confines of our strata property – dealt with breaking and entering, aggressive people harassing and threatening violence against our residents, men chasing our children on our front lawn, needles, human feces, and theft from patios. The accessible area around our property has become a place where constant vigilance is required.

One bright spot has been the fenced area between the two buildings of our strata. The six foot security fence installed in the fall of 2018 around the rest of the property has clearly demonstrated the effectiveness of a physical barrier. Inside is a space you can walk barefoot and lay down for a picnic. Outside that area you have to watch your step and sometimes even your back. A sample of specific events is attached to this letter.

As such, to prevent assault, vandalism, theft and litter of bio hazardous materials, **our strata is requesting the approval of a six foot security fence along the front of our property**, an increase of two feet from the standard allowable four feet. This small two foot variance will allow us to balance our requirement for basic safety with aesthetic concerns of neighbourhood planning (please see attached rendering and adjacent-property neighbour's approval).

We thank you for your time and hope that you will consider our security a priority.

Yours sincerely,



Gayle Chong

Strata 2720 Council President