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From: Sheila Hanna [REDACTED]
Sent: February 17, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Proposal for development Blanshard and Fort - Monk's site

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to voice my objection to any approval being given for a proposal for a 20 storey building on the Fort and Blanshard Streets block. (Monk's site).

Simply put, the building would be much too tall, and not in proportion to other buildings in the area.

Furthermore, approval of a building this high would be the thin edge of the wedge.

We have a unique downtown core which locals and tourists appreciate as it is. Adding huge high rises would be a detriment to the beauty of our city, and are totally out of scale.

Please nip this in the bud and ensure the number of storeys does not exceed those of surrounding properties.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Deb and Bob Sherwood [REDACTED]
Sent: March 9, 2020 5:25 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Proposed Development of 780-798 Fort St and 1106-1126 Blanshard St

Dear Mayor and Council,

We understand that Merchant House Capital Inc is requesting a zoning variance for their Montrose Wintergarden Hotel project. As we understand it, the proposal includes a height increase from 43m to 65.5m. We strongly object to this added height.

We bought a condo in the downtown core and were assured that sight lines would be preserved as well as the unique character of downtown Victoria. This building will block our view and that of many others. As Victoria struggles to preserve a viable downtown core, adding another hotel for short-term visits is not the way to do it.

Furthermore, the Montrose Apartments Building is Heritage Registered - keeping a few of the original bricks is not heritage preservation.

Please honour your zoning by-laws.

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