

Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to express our support for Aragon's planned development at Cook and Pendergast. As my husband is a permanent wheelchair user, we absolutely need a suitable home to move into.

We cannot rent because the landlords would not allow us to make all the necessary bathroom modifications we need, and we cannot afford to buy a house. Wheelchair users are not always poor but they are also not always wealthy retirees. We want to buy a condo to be able to meet our needs in terms of the bathroom space (comfortable turning radius, adaptable features), new fire sprinkler system, and on the ground floor. The confluence of all these parameters is very hard to find, thus putting us at a disadvantage compare to our able-bodied fellow citizens.

I was so happy to find that Cook & Pendergast will have one such unit #102 (1 bedroom and den, 724 sq ft) that could work for us in terms of the bathroom turning radius and would be affordable due to the overall space and the ground floor. We can work with the developer to make the necessary adjustments. The proximity to all amenities that Cook Street Village offers and to public transit as we do not own a car and walk or bus it everywhere, is essential for us.

Please try to put yourself in our shoes and think about your own living situation, how it relates to your present and future goals in life. Although my husband and I do not live in Victoria, we desire to be able to do so in the future. We hope to become active citizens of Victoria once we are able to secure a good home and move there for work in the near future.

I think this building merits another consideration by all involved, as it has a much needed middle-ownership potential and a beautiful architecture that would add to the overall aesthetics of Cook Street Village. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Pavlina Vagnerova (and Dr. Mazen Guirguis)

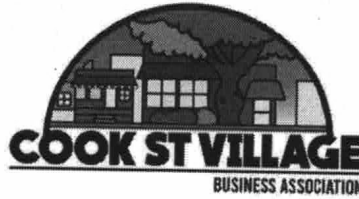
Coquitlam, BC

Good Afternoon,

As a resident of the City of Victoria, I wanted to write and express my support for the proposed development at the corner of Cook and Pendergast in Victoria that is going to council this week. As a young couple in Victoria, we get more and more worried each day that we will be able to find something affordable in this city for us. I understand that the proposal did not pass last time through due to a lack of affordable units. However, even the units at a market rate would help approve affordability in the town, ensuring housing in the missing middle level. More units in the city would help families stay in town, and prevent further urban sprawl out in the West Shore. And sure, I'd like all the units to be affordable (not market), but at some point it just doesn't become feasible to develop them. So please, put this project through, and let's help increase density in our city and encourage sustainable, walkable and affordable neighbourhoods.

Thanks

Mark Stephenson



May 5, 2012

To Mayor and Council
Regarding Support for Aragon Properties

Dear Sirs and Madams,

It is with great enthusiasm that our membership support the Aragon Development in Cook Street Village to move forward under the current design plan.

Aragon has worked closely with the CSV Activity Centre and been open to the community needs regarding this project. The Wellness Centre will be a great benefit to the residents of Fairfield and we are appreciative of this service being added to the amenities available in the area.

Thank you for considering our recommendation to be valid and we look forward to working closer with the City on projects within Cook Street Village catchment.

Sincerely,

Glenn Barlow, Chair
Cook Street Village Business Association