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Dear Mayor Helps and Councillors,

The Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment for the Development Permit with Variances for 500, 504 and 506 Herald Street arrived at the DRA office late in the day on November 18th. The notice was both dated and postmarked November 12th but took 6 days to get the 200 meters from City Hall to the DRA Landuse office. No email notification was received.

In order to provide adequate and well considered feedback, our methodology is to scan and circulate these notices to our 15-member committee and ask for responses within 5 days (most of us work full time), a letter is then drafted and circulated for comments/corrections (2 days), then edits are made and a new draft letter is recirculated (2 days), then submitted to Council (hopefully on the Tuesday before the meeting). As you can see a proper response on this application from the DRA simply can't be reasonably accomplished in the 7 days we had left on this particular application.

We note that Council has already reviewed and approved the Liquor Licencing for the proposed rooftop patio in advance of any Development Permit or Variance approvals, so this earlier decision regarding the proposed use tacitly indicates the decision on the corresponding building structure has already been made.

Best regards,
Ian Sutherland
Chair DRALUC