

**From:** [Mathew Yee](#)  
**To:** [Holly Vivian](#)  
**Cc:** [Charlotte Wain](#); [Michael Hill](#)  
**Subject:** Re: FW: 836 Yates Street "Yates Centre" mid-block walkway  
**Date:** July 16, 2020 1:45:10 PM  
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Hello Charlotte,

Yes, please add mine and Holly's emails to the public record for this.

Thank you!  
Mathew Yee  
Vice President, 834 Strata

On Thu, Jul 16, 2020 at 12:35 PM Holly Vivian [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Charlotte

I agree wholeheartedly with everything Matt expressed in his email about the closed gates. With Matt's permission, please add my name to the record.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.  
All the best,  
Holly

Holly Vivian  
Council member, The 834 Strata  
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"Wear gratitude like a cloak and it will feed every corner of your life."  
-Rumi

On Thu, 16 Jul 2020 at 12:21, Charlotte Wain <[CWain@victoria.ca](mailto:CWain@victoria.ca)> wrote:

Hello Mr. Yee,

Thank you for your email, and please accept my apologies in the delayed response.

Staff are aware of the issue of the closed gates at 836 Yates Street and are reviewing how best to manage this procedurally. Would you consent to your email forming part of the public record, should this matter be taken before members of Council? The points you raised in your email were very pertinent and we appreciate you bringing these to our attention.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Charlotte

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**Subject:** 836 Yates Street "Yates Centre" mid-block walkway

Hello,

I apologize if this is being sent to the wrong department. Please forward to the correct group if that is the case.

I'm inquiring on whether there is any requirement to retain a mid-block pedestrian walkway. A couple years ago, the owners of the *Yates Centre* building at 836 Yates Street, fenced off the existing mid-block passage. It was initially thought this was for evening security; where the passage would be open during the day, but closed at night, to prevent

loitering.

The passageway is currently closed to pedestrian traffic 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I should note the fencing was installed prior to the start of construction on the *Vivid* and *Yates on Yates* buildings, located on the adjacent property. The fencing's sole purpose was to control pedestrian foot traffic. This is contrary to the City's OCP. Page 45 of the OCP identifies mid-block walkways as a characteristic feature within areas designated as Core Business.

I live in *The 834*, at 834 Johnson Street and we have residents with mobility issues. To catch a bus on Yates, they used to cut past the *Yates Centre*, to the bus stop out front. Now they need to go around the block, effectively tripling the distance.

I'm not opposed to the fencing and understand the need for security. However, as the *Vivid* and *Yates on Yates* buildings near completion, I would like to see the city have the Yates Centre building re-open the walkway for daytime use, 6a-8p.

Thank you,

Mathew Yee

834 strata vice president