



November 18th 2021

Mayor Lisa Helps & Victoria City Council CC: Kimberley Stratford (Staff Liaison)

Dear Mayor and Council,

At a September 2021 meeting, Council directed city staff to consult with the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association, the North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association, and their respective CALUCs, to gauge interest in merging their CALUC functions.

Both Neighbourhood Associations have now had an opportunity to discuss this proposal. Upon reflection, SJNA and NJNA would like to notify Mayor and Council that <u>neither Association supports a merger of their independent CALUCs.</u>

At this time, both CALUCs would prefer to remain independent so they can focus more closely on the developments within their neighbourhood. Each community has unique land-use features that we believe are better addressed by their own local CALUCs. Furthermore, both organizations are struggling with volunteer recruitment and feel that expanding the scope of each CALUC would create more work, not less.

We understand there are benefits to working more closely together on land-use issues, particularly around the development of the Local Area Plan and Fort-Street Corridor planning. As a result, we have committed to working more closely together on projects of shared interest, and sharing more information and resources where possible.

We respectfully request that Council does not pursue a merger of SJNA and NJNA CALUC at this time.

With Regards,

Matt Dell (President) - on behalf of the South Jubilee Neighborhood Association Board and CALUC Pat May (Chair) – on behalf of the North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association board and CALUC