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**From:** Andrea Demers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 10:26 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Letter of support for 1475 Fort St

Dear Mayor & Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed rental project at 1475 Fort St.

I am not a direct neighbour, but live just down the hill near Fort & Cook. I am pleased to see the construction and densification happening in my neighbourhood, (Harris Green) and applaud projects such as this one proposed at 1475 Fort, which offer purpose built rentals close to downtown. Any concerns about aesthetics or loss of trees seem trivial given the limited availability of rental housing in the city and I hope similar such projects will be encouraged and approved.

My only critique is that the developer is taking down a 3 story building to add a 4 story one - it might be nice if it were 5 or 6 storeys, but obviously 4 is what is allowed within current zoning so I understand why this is what they are proposing, and I hope they will be allowed to proceed.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,  
Andrea Demers

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**From:** David Grypma [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 4:27 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** 1475 Fort Street Public Hearing

Just a quick email of support for the 1475 Fort Street proposal. The rental shortage was palpable and extremely concerning in the fall with so many Uvic students unable to find stable housing. Further, the cost of renting for lots of different types of households has increased due to the rental shortages in the city. These issues will continue if council does not expediently approve a significant amount of purpose built rental projects. Lower income and middle income households are counting on council to be a leader in housing policy, rather than exporting the responsibility to Langford (which results in more trees being lost than if Victoria actually prioritized dense infill development)

David Grypma, resident in downtown Victoria

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**From:** Victoria Mayor and Council  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2022 10:08 AM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Fw: Letter of Support: 1475 Fort Street

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**From:** Jim Mayer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** February 23, 2022 8:15 PM  
**To:** Councillors <Councillors@victoria.ca>  
**Subject:** Letter of Support: 1475 Fort Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing in support of awarding a development permit with variances to the project proposed for 1475 Fort Street.

- The additional reduction of parking from 26 to 22 stalls in response to Council's request to preserve more trees seems supportable as noted by staff. This is especially true given the upcoming active transportation improvements on Fort Street, and the close proximity to transit stops on Fort.
- The other variances requested seem supportable as well, as they are all modest in nature.
- The addition of four secured affordable units, and the agreement to offer Island Health the right of first refusal on renting units is a welcome benefit.
- The city desperately needs more rental housing.

Although no rezoning is required, I'd like to add that I find the proposed building in keeping with other buildings in the neighbourhood. A quick tour of the area reveals a number of three to four story apartment buildings, and the proposed building will fit right in.

Please approve this.

Sincerely,

Jim Mayer  
G3-389 Tyee Road, Victoria BC V9A 0A9

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**From:** Avtar Singh [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2022 12:37 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** 1475 Fort Street application for re-zoning

Hello I live in the City of Victoria at 3127 Millgrove Street. I would like to voice my strong support for this project. We desperately need more rental housing in Victoria. The vacancy rate is at record lows. I have friends who are unable to find a place to rent in the City. The City should be enthusiastically supporting this project and encouraging more rental units to be built.

Thank you for allowing me to express my support for this worthwhile project.

Avatar Singh

**From:** Victoria Mayor and Council  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2022 10:08 AM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Fw: 1475 Fort Street

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**From:** Strata 303 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** February 24, 2022 12:38 AM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor) <LHelps@victoria.ca>; Marianne Alto (Councillor) <MAlto@victoria.ca>; Jeremy Loveday (Councillor) <jloveday@victoria.ca>; Stephen Andrew (Councillor) <stephen.andrew@victoria.ca>; Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor) <cth Thornton-joe@victoria.ca>; Sharmarke Dubow (Councillor) <sdubow@victoria.ca>; Ben Isitt (Councillor) <BIsitt@victoria.ca>; Geoff Young (Councillor) <gyoung@victoria.ca>; Sarah Potts (Councillor) <spotts@victoria.ca>  
**Subject:** 1475 Fort Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

For almost exactly two years, the neighbours in the area of 1475 Fort Street have been working to help City Council understand the implications of this proposed development. We have always supported redevelopment of this property. We simply asked that the developer be required to respect existing zoning bylaws and the city's own championing of its urban tree canopy.

The developer chose to insist on pursuing approval for excessive variances and the removal of mature trees. At each step in the process, despite being directed several times by City Council to respond to neighbourhood concerns, the developer made only minor changes to the proposal. This is now the third time this proposal has been before the Committee of the Whole and yet it is only fractionally different from the first proposal. At no time in the process did the developer attempt to genuinely engage with the neighbourhood. Apparently Mayor Helps sees the neighbours of 1475 Fort Street as being the cause of the delay in approving the project. I'm more inclined to think it is the developer's unwillingness to follow existing guidelines that are created by city officials and approved by elected councillors.

Finally, the building currently on site contains 11 supported housing units. The latest proposal put forward by the developer includes four "affordable" units. Does this seem likely to contribute to a resolution to the housing crisis?

Council made a carefully considered decision to reject this proposal in May 2021. I hope you can see your way clear to reaching the same conclusion on February 24, 2022.

Thank you,  
Gillian Lawson  
1-949 Pemberton Road

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**From:** Sukhbir Basi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** February 24, 2022 12:50 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Support of rezoning at 1475 Fort Street

To whom it may concern;

I have lived in the City of Victoria on Balfour Avenue for my entire life. I have never seen a situation like the one we have presently where it is so difficult to find a place to rent. This situation is untenable and it needs to change immediately! Projects like the one that are being proposed at 1475 Fort Street need to be approved so we have more rental housing. The only way we can have more rental housing is to build it, not talk about it and pretend like we are doing something. This City was built by people who had vision and wanted to get things done. We do not need to put up roadblocks to more rental housing we need to encourage it every way we can.

I hope you support this project and allow it to move forward. It has been delayed long enough.

Yours truly,

Sukhbir Kaur

Sent from [Outlook](#)

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**From:** Ruby Galanida [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 6:51 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** 1475 Fort St

Hi

I am writing to express my support for 1475 Fort St. We are in a housing crisis and we need to build more housing for all people in the housing spectrum.

Thank you,

Ruby Galanida  
1237 Rudlin St  
Victoria BC  
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Sent from my iPhone