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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 5:52 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Robert St.

I live at 270 Russell St.and am in favour of the Robert St. Heritage Conservation Area. I wounder why not all of the houses on the street are included.

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**From:** Eric Burkle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** March 22, 2022 1:35 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Robert Street as a Heritage Conservation Area

Dear Council,

as a resident of the neighbourhood since 1995, I am in full support of designating Robert Street as a Heritage Conservation Area. We have several beautiful heritage homes which show what Vic West used to look like. One of these homes even used to be on our property before the condominiums were built, which caused it to be moved half a block. This is a great example of keeping heritage properties in the neighbourhood, even if room is made for denser housing.

Regards,  
Eric Burkle  
1106 – 325 Maitland St.  
Victoria, BC

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**From:** Bruce Mackenzie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 9:33 AM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Public Hearing for Bylaw 22-026 (Robert Street)

Mayor & Council,

I support the adoption of Bylaw 22-026 (Robert Street). I have lived on Maitland Street for over 20 years. We are blessed to have the harbour walkway and the Matson Conservation Area - as well as small parks - on a waterfront that is still in a somewhat natural state. I appreciate the historic nature of the houses along Robert Street and the owners who have been willing to maintain them, especially after the fire last year.

Bruce Mackenzie  
902 – 325 Maitland Street  
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**From:** Karengail Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 9:00 AM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Heritage Conservation Robert Street meeting March 24

Hello!

I am submitting this letter on behalf of myself and my husband, Steven Smith.

I have just seen the notice re the Council Meeting and request for consultation from stakeholders which is due March 24.

We are owners of a condominium unit located at 325 Maitland Street.

This is basically across the street from the Heritage Area of Robert Street, and as such, part of the existing residential area. We have owned our unit since 2016.

We completely support the designation of Robert Street to Heritage Conservation.

At present, Robert Street's residences encompass a diverse mix of homes, ranging in age and style. There are buildings over 100 years old which are maintained beautifully, and including post war and mid century up until so called "modern" buildings.(our address is located in one of two 12 storey brick and concrete buildings, approximately 32 years old).

The vast majority of the buildings are multi- family. This includes the structures which are currently designated Heritage-many are divided into suites, or house several families or individuals.

We completely understand and are aware that there is a great need for more housing in Victoria- and are aware that this housing should meet specific needs, as in being affordable to a greater range of incomes. As such, at this point, that is the case on Robert and the surrounding area. And needs to continue.

We firmly believe that in designating Robert as a Heritage conservation area, a balance will be struck , so that the existing Heritage residences can continue to exist and so celebrate the iconic "Victorian" style of architecture which is enjoyed by not only the residents of the buildings, but contributes to the overall ambiance of the area, and helps foster a sense of community and comfort to all the residents of the area.

Currently, there are plans for many more condominium units in the Bayside area. While this will bring more housing, none of it is slated to be "affordable, family oriented, middle " ...which is what is sorely needed. That is why we must preserve what little areas we have- which include Robert Street.

There are many more new projects being built all around the area, including in Victoria West, and Esquimault. We need to remember and maintain some small pockets of history, charm, green space, and clapboard siding in heritage colours, while the concrete towers go up.

There are certainly ways in which more density could be afforded to the residences on Robert, to include infill "carriage " type housing. This would open up more opportunities for housing, while maintaining the cherished streetscapes, the green spaces, and open air which is necessary for the health of the community.

Thanks for your attention,

Sincerely Karen Smith

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**From:** Penny McKinlay [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** March 23, 2022 9:37 AM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Designation of Robert Street as a Heritage Conservation Area

To whom it may concern:

I live at 301-327 Maitland Street. I frequently walk along Robert Street and really enjoy seeing the older houses. They remind the public of the city's past, its growth, and its possibilities in the future. I also really enjoy the well-established gardens these houses possess. There are plenty of high-rises in this area and I appreciate the mix of housing styles and socio-economic backgrounds. I wholeheartedly endorse designating Robert Street as a Heritage Conservation Area.

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