

[REDACTED]

---

**From:** Stacey Fitzsimmons [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** April 4, 2022 1:37 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Support for April 14th zoning regulation bylaw and zoning bylaw 2018  
**Attachments:** video-1649104307.mp4

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Hi Victoria Councillors,

Please see the attached video with my hearty support for the proposed changes to the zoning regulation bylaw and zoning bylaw 2018 that you'll be discussing on April 14th.

THANK-YOU for the amazing work you all do for our city! These changes could make an amazing difference for so many people hoping to get affordable housing.

Warmly,  
Stacey Fitzsimmons

[REDACTED]

---

**From:** Daniel Ferguson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** April 5, 2022 10:05 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes to the Zoning Regulation Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw 2018

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to enthusiastically support LAND USE PROCEDURES BYLAW, AMENDMENT BYLAW (NO. 15) because housing is critically important, and we need more non-market affordable housing.

I also support the MAXIMUM FLOOR SPACE RATIO FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING BYLAW because more FSR means more housing for more people, and we need that.

There is sufficient oversight within the staff approval process and official community plans to ensure developments are up to standards, without also requiring council time. Thanks for proposing these bylaw changes, please approve and adopt them.

Thanks,  
Daniel Ferguson  
Victoria, BC

---

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** April 4, 2022 7:32 PM

**To:** Engagement-External <engage@victoria.ca>

**Subject:** I support the affordable housing by law

Judy Lightwater

**From:** Julia MacDuff [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** April 8, 2022 11:17 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External <engage@victoria.ca>  
**Subject:** Rapid Deployment of Affordable Housing

PLEASE move forward in support of the Rapid Deployment of Affordable Housing. Our city is full of people who are either unhoused or precariously-housed.

---

We cannot provide shelter for more people without building more housing, and renters cannot afford to wait years for housing because homeowners are 'concerned about their neighbourhood and its character' during every proposal.

EVERY PERSON WHO OWNS LAND in Victoria has seen their property value increase SIGNIFICANTLY in the last year. What have renters seen? Huge increases in rent, and decreasing rental stock. Reasonably priced rentals receive 10s-100s inquiries within only a day or two. Competition is fierce, and more property owners report that they choose to leave their investment properties empty, or are putting their suites on AirBnB (which only further decreases the number of available rentals).

Delays in approving desperately needed affordable housing perpetuate the wealth inequity in our city. As NIMBYism postpones development, homeowners gain property value. All that renters gain are the rapidly increasing housing costs. SHELTER IS A HUMAN RIGHT, AND IF HOUSING CONTINUES TO BE AN INVESTMENT INSTEAD OF AN ACCESSIBLE RESOURCE, OUR CITY WILL COLLAPSE.

MANY jobs in our city pay minimum wage, despite our living wage requirement of more than \$25/hr. How can one expect a single adult to afford >\$1700 a month on rent alone? Who will serve and welcome our tourists when those in the service industry cannot afford to keep a roof over their head? How does a single parent afford rent and childcare? HOW DO OUR SENIORS AND VETERANS SURVIVE IF THEY ARE FORCED TO MOVE?

The population in our city is growing. We simply cannot house more people without building more housing. We cannot afford to delay and deny projects to cater to landowners now. Those fighting affordable housing are the already-housed. When we say no to affordable housing, we are saying no

to single parents, saying no to the disabled, saying no to seniors and veterans....and leaving hundreds unhoused and in deepening debt.

Pease, please approve the Rapid Deployment of Affordable Housing. Represent the huge portion of your constituents who are being priced out of their city. Represent diversity. Represent inclusion. Represent what you know is best for your community. Approve rapid access affordable housing developments NOW.

The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members. Council can make a huge impact in supporting the most vulnerable our community. The time to streamline affordable housing is now - before more of the precariously-housed lose access to shelter.

Sincerely,

Julia MacDuff

(Disabled James Bay resident struggling to make ends meet)