

Dear Mayor and Council,

I see that staff are recommending against supporting this development, and, after looking at the plans, I can't help but think that this is a perfect example of not seeing the forest for the trees. The proposal would provide twenty homes, and would transform that section of Richardson from a bunch of parking lots and boring three story boxes into something a lot more interesting.

Seriously, here is a Google Maps image of the area:



I'm not going to argue with staff's points. I'm sure they are technically correct. But building 20 homes on a small lot on a hub of the AAA bicycle network is not going to do anything but good for this neighbourhood, for the city, and for all the people here who are desperately trying to find a place to live.

Sincerely,

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

Dear mayor and council,

I am writing to voice my strong support for the proposed rezoning at this address. Victoria desperately needs more rental housing, and this proposal fits the existing neighbourhood while gently increasing the density in a very walkable, bikeable neighbourhood. The green features of the proposal are especially impressive to me and would provide for a welcome addition to Fairfield.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Gisborne
302-860 Queens Avenue
Victoria, V8T 1M5

Dear Mayor and Council,

I was shocked to read the staff report for 1042 Richardson which recommend against approving the rezoning for this beautiful building. Here we have someone trying to build 20 rental units, with 5 being below market which are desperately needed in Victoria. The building is hitting all the priorities in Victoria for rentals, affordable rentals, energy efficiency, and density in walkable neighbourhoods, and yet is being recommended against for what amounts to aesthetic reasons about an extra two floors. The building is located in a sea of apartments and 6 floors should be the absolute minimum for new construction today.

With today's 1% increase in interest rates, the viability of rental projects all over the city is being threatened and many have already been shelved or focus will move back towards condos. The City of Victoria should be pulling out all the stops to approve existing rental projects and fast-track applications, not put up additional barriers at this point. Please move this project along to public hearing and approve it as fast as possible. Please also examine and revise the process which is causing a recommendation to reject some of our most badly needed housing during a housing crisis.

Thank you,
Leo Spalteholz
1751 San Juan Ave, Victoria, BC

Good Morning,

I am writing to you to urge you to pass the proposed rezoning at 1042-1044 Richardson. Staff have noted that it should be rejected, due to being 5 storeys plus a rooftop patio.

This would provide some desperately needed purpose built rental, especially five units and affordable rental rates, which are even more desperately needed. We should not be saying no just because it is a couple storeys higher than the neighbouring properties. The building looks fantastic, is right on a bike route, provides a plethora of bike parking, has access to car share, and walking distance from downtown.

This is exactly what we need in this area, and we need to start building more like this, rather than conforming new builds to those that were built 60 years ago. In the grand scheme of things, an extra two floors of homes for people will be a huge benefit to our community. Please do not vote this down, solely on those reasons.

Kind regards,

Mark Stephenson

#303-1500 Elford Street, Victoria BC