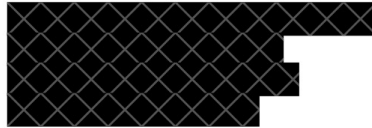


Appendix C

Historical Correspondence submitted as part of Public Feedback July 2022

**Legislative Services & City of Victoria Engagement
Mayor and Council
1 Centennial Square,
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6**



Date: July 4th, 2022

Subject: Have Your Say – Proposed Changes to Cedar Hill Road

Attention: **Legislative Services & City of Victoria Engagement,
Mayor and Council**

We recently received a letter Dated June23, 2022 from City of Victoria Engagement regarding consideration of potential sale of land adjacent to the Jewish Cemetery. As one of the neighbours most affected by this proposal, my wife and I are strongly opposed to the sale of this land or any other development of this green space.

This is not the first time we have been approached by the Congregation Emanu-El. March 2016, May 2020 and now June 2022. Each time the neighbours collectively have been opposed to the plans of installing a grave site for non-Jewish partners for burial at this location. We have seen the drawings with fencing up to the existing sidewalk, and samples of what the head stones might possibly look like.

When my wife and I purchased our home, we knew the boundaries of the existing cemetery and have been comfortable living here. We did not envision the possibility of the cemetery expanding to the sidewalk on the other side of Fernwood Rd., directly across from our house, or we would never have purchased the house!

Many people in the community use this green space on a daily basis. Walk their dogs, children play on the rocks and even people picnic there from apartments down the road. Besides the green space, there are Gary Oak

trees, deer graze there, and certain times of the year migrating ducks appear.

In one correspondence previously from [REDACTED] Congregation Emanu-El Cemetery) he stated living next to a cemetery does not devalue the property in the surrounding area. His information was from an American source. I contacted the BC Assessment Authority with his information and they stated that this would devalue the property values! [REDACTED] information is not what we use here in British Columbia.

The area in question is mostly all rock. It would be necessary to blast for a suitable burial site. Our house sits on top of this ledge of rock and even during blasting in the existing cemetery we have cracks in our plaster.

The drawing provided in the letter by the department of Engagement does not depict the Satellite image of Cedar Hill Rd. and Fernwood Rd. It has not been like this the 38 years we have lived here. If this sale did go ahead, the value of this property to the community is priceless. The burial sites do have a value and sold according to Congregation Emanu-El web site.

There could be other options like the north part of Acton St currently used for parking, or across from Oakland's Chapel on Cedar Hill Rd. Maybe, closing Cedar Hill Rd. to Fernwood Rd could create room... of course for discussion.

We are attaching all the correspondence over the years for you to digest before making a decision. I would also encourage you and other decision makers to visit the site. See for yourselves the close proximity to our homes and ask yourself would you accept the changes they are proposing?

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss this further.

Please see attached all the Correspondence from 2016 to the current date.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Attached:

March 6, 2016 – Congregation Emanu-El Letter to Resident

March 18, 2016 – Email [REDACTED]

March 30, 2016 – Email [REDACTED]

April 5, 2016 - Email from City of Victoria Engagement

April 27, 2020 - Congregation Emanu-El Letter to Resident

May 3-4, 2020 - Email Oakland's Land use Committee

May 6, 2016 - Letter to Congregation Emanu-El

Reply to letter dated April 27, 2020

May 6, 2020 - Letter to Mayor and Council

May 6, 2020 - Letter to Oakland's Land use Committee

May 14, 2020 - Email reply from [REDACTED]

May 25, 2020 - Email to [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Cemetery issue

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email reply. Like we told you in 2016, If when we had moved here so many years ago, we would not have even considered living here with what you are proposing. The green space was the selling feature of our property. Yes, we understood the cemetery was there, but hidden with a cedar hedge and most people would not have known your cemetery was even there.

Appraisals are done by the BC Assessment Authority. After lengthy discussions with them, they assured me that if your proposal was accepted by the city of Victoria our values would decline. Furthermore, the Victoria Real-Estate board confirmed these findings.

As we told you in the last meeting 4 years ago, no person of Asian descent would purchase this home or others that close to a cemetery. They are also a large group of people who are interested in the real-estate market.

We are sorry you have taken this approach being that you are acting for your "Community". If the city agreed to disposal of this property there would be a requirement for a public hearing on the proposed bylaw to formally remove this portion of land. The public hearing is to invite public consultation which would be considered by the city council as part of its decision process. The public hearing allows for the public to provide their input either in person at the hearing, in writing or both.

Other considerations are Blasting required for burial. The topographical map from the city shows ledge in this entire area. Blasting would be required and has tremendous effects on the surrounding homes, which could result in damage to homes and/or property, which would increase your liability.

I can assure you and the congregation, we will strongly oppose any development of this parcel of land. Also, there is a great value to the neighbourhood who enjoy this area daily.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:49 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Cemetery issue

[REDACTED]

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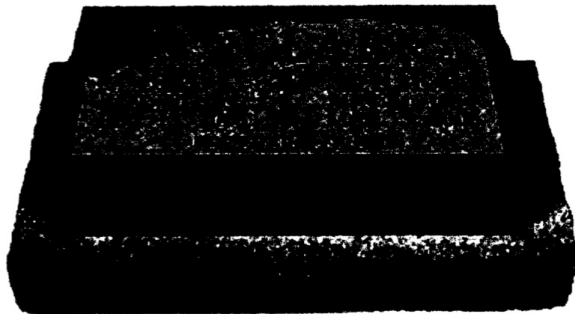
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As noted in my letter, the pillow-style stones will be used... (I hope the photo attached will be here when you get the email)



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[Redacted sender information]

Thu, May 14, 2020 at 4:22 PM

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Mon, May 25, 2020 at 1:40 PM

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May 6, 2020

SUBJECT: CONGREGATION EMANU-EL PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE CITY OWNED PROPERTY 2700 BLOCK FERNWOOD RD.

GOOD AFTERNOON

I was recently in touch with email about this proposal from Congregation Emanu-El on expansion of the current cemetery to include the area noted as the triangle.

From your email, you noted you do not approve or disapprove of developments in the area and respect your position with these matters. Attached is the proposal dated April 27, 2020 and also the March 6 2016 letter stated they had the full support from Oaklands Community association and that committee. I assume they are talking about the land use committee?

The intent of this letter by my wife and I, we are formally opposed to any development of this area by the cemetery called the triangle. This area is currently owned by the city, and is used by many people in the area. We do not want to be looking at a fenced area with head stone mixed with shrubs!

The question for all who are reviewing this proposal, you need to put yourselves in our position. Would you want a view out your front window of head stones that close to your home?

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

cc: letter to Mayor and Council

Attached documents

Letter to congregation Emanu-El [REDACTED] MAY 6, 2020

New proposal dated April 27, 2020

Old proposal dated March 6, 2016



Mayor and City Council,
City Hall
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W-1P6

May 6, 2020

SUBJECT: CONGREGATION EMANU-EL PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE CITY OWNED PROPERTY 2700 BLOCK FERNWOOD RD.

Good Afternoon: Mayor and Council

Last Friday, mail was received from [REDACTED], Congregation Emanu-El) a proposal regarding the City Owned property known as "The Triangle of Land" next to the Jewish Cemetery and opposite our house and property. (See attached copy of PDF dated April 27, 2020 signed by [REDACTED]) My wife and I would again, greatly oppose any changes to this green space. For the residence, it provides us with a buffer zone between the cemetery and the busy road way.

During the last visit from 2016 a site to the "Triangle" was arranged and attended by the local residents. [REDACTED] assistant outlined the area and the proposal. The residents all agreed that this would **not be supported** for such a proposal.

We have lived at our address for more than 35 years, although a busy place with traffic and other functions, we enjoy having this green space looking out our front windows and the separation from the cemetery. Many people use this area for walking their dogs and enjoying the rest area. Frequently the wildlife are also attracted to this location with deer, raccoons and migratory ducks.

There is no doubt that the property values of our homes will decrease and being so close to the road it will attract more vandalism and homeless hangouts. This is a residential neighbourhood, and the preservation of the green space is essential.

As long term residence and owners, again from the previous proposal from March 6, 2016 and this new version [REDACTED] is proposing, we would never ever think of living that close to a cemetery. Mayor and Council, put yourself in our position, would you accept the changes he is proposing if you were a resident? The view from your front window would be head stones, way too close!

Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Attached:

Letter to Congregation Emanu-El [REDACTED] May 6, 2020
New proposal dated April 27, 2020
Old proposal dated March 6, 2016

CC: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].
[REDACTED]

Congregation Emanu-El
1461 Blandshard St.
Victoria, BC V8W2J3
Attention: [REDACTED]

May 6, 2020

SUBJECT: REPLY TO LETTER DATED APRIL 27 2020

We received your letter on Friday, explaining your intentions again of approaching the City of Victoria to acquire the land known by you as the "triangle". This is the same proposal we reviewed March 2016.

The input from the group of adjacent residents might have been helpful to you, but the unanimous decision was absolutely NO! We explained to you this was because of our reasoning, that it would decrease property values, loss of green space, and use of the land by other people of the Oakland's Area.

After this meeting, no further communications occurred and we assumed the issue was finished and completed.

As good neighbours for the past 35 years, we have provided firsthand view of things that might be of a suspicious nature (campers, drug dealing and attempted break in to your shed), and many times reported it to the authority's.

Again, we have to state, your intentions of acquiring the land for your proposed development will be strongly opposed. We have no intention to stand idly by to have our property values drop and limiting potential buyers.

You and the Congregation need to put yourselves in our position, would you want a view out your front window of head stones that close to your home? Even with shrubs planted, it would make no difference, as the area is a public space for all to enjoy.

Also, this is an untimely time to bring this forward when a severe Virus Pandemic is going around and restrictions have been put in place.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CC: City of Victoria, Mayor and Council
Oakland's Community Association & Land Use Committee

Stay at Home, Stop the Spread, Save Lives!

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 12:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Congregation Emanu-El proposal Triangle of land

Hello [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On Friday I received a letter from [REDACTED] outlining their desire to obtain the land from the City and develop this green space area for burial of non Jewish people.

Last time this happened was March 6 2016, the local residence most effected by this change were not in favor of their proposal. [REDACTED] stated in this letter he had full approval from Oaklands Community Association, and the committee saw no problems with their proposal.

I could not find this approval in any minutes of the land use committee meetings!

Are you aware of the current proposal and changes they wish to do. We have the same neighbours and none have changed their minds on having head stones across the street from our properties and view.

Not sure how you are conducting business these days with the Stay at home Corona Virus issues but we would want to stay on top of this proposal.

Sincerely

Stay Safe

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Executive Director
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 10:49 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Jewish Cemetary Expansion

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated: May 3rd concerning the proposed Jewish Cemetary expansion.

You indicate in the letter that [REDACTED] indicates the expansion has the full approval of the Oaklands Community Association. This appears not to be the case. I do not recall writing any letters of support nor does our land use committee chair. We have reviewed our Board Meeting minutes and have yet to find any motion of support or approvals. That isn't to say with 100% certainty, given the unprecedented times, but we don't have any recollection of such support.

If you could ask [REDACTED] for a copy of the support letter that might be useful.

But at this point and for all land use decision we defer to the will of the neighbourhood residents and provide only the means by which public discussion can be held through our Land Use Committee meetings.

Thank you for bringing this to a our attention.

[REDACTED]
Executive Director
Oakland's Community Association
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 6:25 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Jewish Cemetary Expansion



The Oakland's Community Association and its Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) have not approved anything with respect to the Emanu-el Congregation proposal. The OCA and it's CALUC do not approve (or disapprove) of developments in the community as this is not within our mandate. Please see the City's Terms of Reference for CALUCs for more information on the role of the CALUC in the City's development process:
<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/planning-development/development-services/community-association-land-use-committees.html>).

Having read the letters you provided, it is my understanding that the April 27, 2020 is the initial step that the Emanu-el Congregation is taking (at their discretion) in terms of bringing this proposal forward to the City. The Oakland's CALUC would become involved if a "community meeting" (see CALUC TOR for definition) for the proposal is required by the City. If a community meeting is required the Oakland's CALUC would host one between the Congregation representatives and the neighbours of the cemetery and Oaklands community members at large and send a summary of the meeting to the City as required. I have cc'd the City Planner formerly responsible for the Oakland's Neighbourhood who should be able to forward this on to the current planner for Oaklands. My hope is that the City may provide more clarity on whether the CALUC process applies for this type of land use application and if not the City should be able to outline what process may apply in this instance.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

On Mon, May 4, 2020 at 12:20 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for getting back to me so soon. The two attachments one from 2016 and the most recent proposal for you information. When the residence met with [REDACTED] March 2016 on the site, he was told that we did not like the idea of having the cemetery expand ever closer to our homes. Nothing has changed, same neighbors and we are against the most recent proposal as we did the first time.

The most recent letter is miss leading and does not explain the area noted as the Triangle would be for the non Jewish relatives that can not be buried inside the gates. And they expected the city to give



Congregation Emanu-El

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In March 2016, I wrote to you on behalf of Congregation Emanu-El, owner of the historic Jewish cemetery, about our interest in the small 'triangle' of City-owned land between the cemetery and Cedar Hill Road.

Shortly thereafter we had very helpful discussions with some of our neighbours and appreciated hearing their ideas. At that time we decided we would not be going forward to acquire the property. We value our relationship with you and have always tried to be good neighbours, as you have been for us.

Circumstances have changed over the past four years and I am writing to advise you that the Board of Congregation Emanu-El has submitted a proposal to acquire the triangle of land from the City to meet the present and future needs of the Jewish community and its cemetery.

Our proposal is intended to enhance the neighbourhood while tying this small piece of land to the historic cemetery, already one of the largest 'green' features in the neighbourhood.

We are pleased that the Oaklands community has benefited from our maintaining the cemetery as green space for all to share as an amenity, and the triangle would continue to be publicly accessible in the same way; as you know, the cemetery is never locked.

If our proposal is approved by the City and we acquire the land, we will beautify the site with ecologically-appropriate landscaping. We have retained Cemetery designer [REDACTED] to ensure we will have an aesthetically pleasing result. He created the design provided below so that you can have a good idea of our plans. [REDACTED]



Area of interest - Present condition



Area of interest – Proposed Improvements



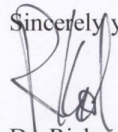
You will note that any gravestones in this area will be kept low so that the street view is one of enhanced plantings. In keeping with the historic fencing of the cemetery, any proposed fencing will be transparent, much like the existing fence.

As this project develops, we will proceed in cooperation with the Oaklands Community Association and the Oakland Rise Woonerf. We will do our best to ensure that what we do not only fits in but also enhances the livability of the neighbourhood and its evolving plan.

We have been given permission by the City of Victoria to proceed with the first step; to assess the geology of the site using non-intrusive ground penetrating radar. Subsequently, we will report back to the City of Victoria as part of our discussion about acquiring the triangle of land. Should we be able to acquire the land, our next step will be beautification of the site.

While I continue to serve as Cemetery Director I would like to introduce you to my friends, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who are taking the lead on this specific proposal. I'm sure they will do their best to answer any questions or concerns that you might have. And, of course please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish, at [REDACTED]

Sincerely yours,



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 10:03 AM
Subject: Re: Email to Mayor and Council re: Proposal for Green space
Attachments: Proposal Jewish Cemetery.pdf

Thank you for your email regarding the letter you received from the Congregation Emanu-El expressing their interest in the City-owned right-of-way property adjacent to the Jewish cemetery and Cedar Hill Road. Your email has been shared with Mayor and Council. I apologize for the delay in providing a response.

At this time, the City of Victoria has not yet received a formal proposal from the owners of the property. If the City was to consider disposing of this land there would be a requirement for a public hearing on the proposed bylaw to formally remove the portion of land from the City's road right-of-way to enable it to be disposed of.

In addition to sharing your email with Mayor and Council today, should the matter proceed to a public hearing this would be another opportunity for members of the public to address Council, either in writing or in person, to inform the decision process. If the matter proceeds to public hearing, it would be advertised in the local newspapers as well as posted on the City of Victoria's website [here](#).

Sincerely,

Bridget Frewer
Correspondence Coordinator
Citizen Engagement and Strategic Planning
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square, Victoria BC V8W 1P6



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2016 12:21 PM

To: Lisa Helps (Mayor) <mayor@victoria.ca>; Marianne Alto (Councillor) <MAlto@victoria.ca>; Chris Coleman (Councillor) <ccoleman@victoria.ca>; Ben Isitt (Councillor) <BIsitt@victoria.ca>; Jeremy Loveday (Councillor) <jloveday@victoria.ca>; Margaret Lucas (Councillor) <mlucas@victoria.ca>; Pam Madoff (Councillor) <pmadoff@victoria.ca>; Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor) <cthorne-joe@victoria.ca>; Geoff Young (Councillor) <gyoung@victoria.ca>
Subject: Proposal for Green space

Good Afternoon: Mayor and Council

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Sincerely

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



From: Marianne Alto (Councillor) <MAlto@victoria.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 2:57 PM
To:
Subject: RE: Proposal for Green space

thanks for the follow-up. I'll check in with to see what, if any, thoughts the cemetery Board is contemplating. Will keep you posted on anything I learn, and appreciate if you continue to do so, too.

Take care,

Marianne

Marianne Alto
Victoria City Councillor
CRD Director
www.facebook.com/Marianne.Alto

From:
Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2016 11:46 AM
To: Marianne Alto (Councillor)
Subject: RE: Proposal for Green space

Hello Marianne

Just a follow up. We the neighbours (four) meet with about their proposal for the cemetery. It was a great discussion but we the neighbours are not in favour of changes to our green space and believe understood this completely. The purpose for the triangle area they wanted, it for burial of non-Jewish partners close to love ones that are Jewish buried inside the fenced cemetery... interestingly, they direct bury their family in a simple coffin with no containment.

Hope you have a nice Easter



-----Original Message-----

From: Marianne Alto (Councillor) [mailto:MAlto@victoria.ca]
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 5:29 PM
To: Lisa Helps (Mayor) <mayor@victoria.ca>; Chris Coleman (Councillor) <ccoleman@victoria.ca>; Ben Isitt (Councillor) <BIsitt@victoria.ca>; Jeremy Loveday (Councillor) <jloveday@victoria.ca>; Margaret Lucas (Councillor) <mlucas@victoria.ca>; Pam Madoff (Councillor) <pmadoff@victoria.ca>; Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor) <cth Thornton-joe@victoria.ca>; Geoff Young (Councillor) <gyoung@victoria.ca>
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Good afternoon thank you for your email.

The cemetery Board has had on-again-off-again conversations with the city for some years about the possibility of adding to their land base, but in those years no decisions have been made. I believe that the cemetery Board is currently canvassing all the adjacent neighbours to seek nearby opinion on this idea, and the information gathered through that effort will be important to any future decisions affecting the cemetery, its lands and uses.

I appreciate you taking the time to write with your concerns, please keep me apprised of any conversations you have with any cemetery representatives.

Take care,

Marianne

Marianne Alto
Victoria City Councillor
CRD Director
www.facebook.com/Marianne.Alto

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2016 12:21 PM

To: Lisa Helps (Mayor); Marianne Alto (Councillor); Chris Coleman (Councillor); Ben Isitt (Councillor); Jeremy Loveday (Councillor); Margaret Lucas (Councillor); Pam Madoff (Councillor); Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor); Geoff Young (Councillor)

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Sincerely ,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Marianne Alto (Councillor) <MAlto@victoria.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 12:53 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Proposal for Green space

Hello [REDACTED] thanks for that update.

The City won't take any action until the cemetery Board reports back on community feedback, and with some sort of proposal for how to move forward, if it wishes to do so at all.

I've suggested to the Board that they ask the Oaklands Community Association to facilitate an informal land use committee meeting to allow for a neighbourhood conversation on the idea, before returning to the City again.

If the cemetery Board eventually wishes to proceed with a request to the city for an expanded use, there would be some land use processes that would unfold, not the least of which involves both public comment and financial consideration.

I'll keep this on my radar, and will let you know if anything further arises from the city side, and would appreciate you doing the same for me from the neighbourhood side.

Thanks again, keep in touch and have a good weekend.

Marianne

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 8:44 AM
To: Marianne Alto (Councillor); Lisa Helps (Mayor); Chris Coleman (Councillor); Ben Isitt (Councillor); Jeremy Loveday (Councillor); Margaret Lucas (Councillor); Pam Madoff (Councillor); Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor); Geoff Young (Councillor)
Subject: RE: Proposal for Green space

Hello Marianne

Thank you for your reply in this matter. We have heard from [REDACTED] he wrote, " Thanks for your note of concern about our proposal for the 'triangle' in front of the Jewish cemetery. We have heard from other neighbours and will take your feedback and see if we can find a way to make what we'd like to do more acceptable. We promise to come back to you with something, and will not take it further until we can find a way so that we will not damage the good relationships that have existed in the neighbourhood between the cemetery and residents."

For now, looks like they will rethink the proposal. Although we do not know the feedback from the neighbours with the exception of a few, would it be prudent to canvass the neighbourhood with a petition? If this was entertained by the

city, would there be public meetings signage etc.... and if the city did donate the land, the proposed plots do have a monetary value as the cemetery would be selling these areas....

Sincerely

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-----Original Message-----

From: Marianne Alto (Councillor) [mailto:MAalto@victoria.ca]

Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 5:29 PM

To: ██████████; Lisa Helps (Mayor) <mayor@victoria.ca>; Chris Coleman (Councillor) <ccoleman@victoria.ca>; Ben Isitt (Councillor) <BIsitt@victoria.ca>; Jeremy Loveday (Councillor) <jloveday@victoria.ca>; Margaret Lucas (Councillor) <mlucas@victoria.ca>; Pam Madoff (Councillor) <pmadoff@victoria.ca>; Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor) <cthornton-joe@victoria.ca>; Geoff Young (Councillor) <gyoung@victoria.ca>

Subject: RE: Proposal for Green space

Good afternoon ██████████ thank you for your email.

The cemetery Board has had on-again-off-again conversations with the city for some years about the possibility of adding to their land base, but in those years no decisions have been made. I believe that the cemetery Board is currently canvassing all the adjacent neighbours to seek nearby opinion on this idea, and the information gathered through that effort will be important to any future decisions affecting the cemetery, its lands and uses.

I appreciate you taking the time to write with your concerns, please keep me apprised of any conversations you have with any cemetery representatives.

Take care,

Marianne

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From: ██████████
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2016 12:21 PM

To: Lisa Helps (Mayor); Marianne Alto (Councillor); Chris Coleman (Councillor); Ben Isitt (Councillor); Jeremy Loveday (Councillor); Margaret Lucas (Councillor); Pam Madoff (Councillor); Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor); Geoff Young (Councillor)

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6 March 2016



Congregation Emanu-El, owner of the historic Jewish Cemetery on Cedar Hill Road, a part of the Oaklands community since 1859, would like to ask the City of Victoria for the 'triangle' of property between the cemetery and Cedar Hill Road to be given to us for cemetery use. We believe that the property has no commercial value, and there appears to be no problems in terms of underground services (see plan on page 2).

Our intent would be to initially maintain the land through grass cutting before we can raise funds to craft a fence in keeping with the historic fence that runs around our present property. We anticipate some blasting will have to be done at some time in the future as it is clear that bedrock is close to the surface in parts of the area. Overall landscaping will be in accordance with the way our cemetery has developed

We recognise that this little island of greenery is a 'park-let' in your neighbourhood. The fencing we would provide



will allow for easy viewing into the cemetery, and most of the property in this addition to the cemetery would actually return to a green and grassy state, with only vertical headstones on it and no concrete coverings of grave plots.

We have presented our plan to the Land Use Committee of the Oaklands Community Association, and that committee saw no problems with our proposal. We would like to ask for your support as part of our presentation to the City.

If you are willing to send a note of support for this proposal, would you please send a brief message to me at [REDACTED] or write me c/o Congregation Emanu-El (address on first page).

If you have questions or concerns about the proposal, please email me as well. I will do my best to answer any questions or concerns that you might have.

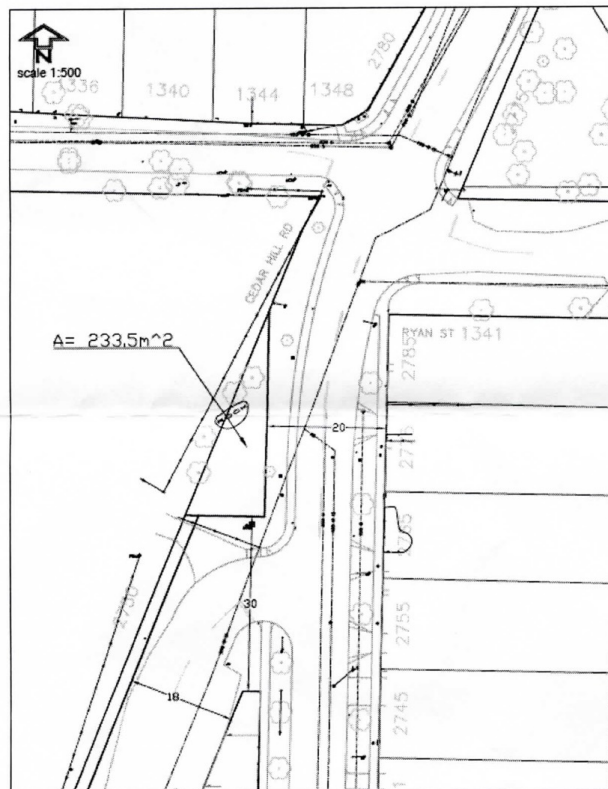
Many thanks for this consideration.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Congregation Emanu-El





From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2016 11:36 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: City of Victoria Property Fernwood Rd

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