

February 11, 2022

Mayor Helps & Council  
#1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor Helps and Council:

### **BGLUC Feedback for Rezoning Application for 722 and 732 Discovery Street**

On February 7, 2022 the Burnside Gorge Land Use Committee (BGLUC) hosted a BGGGA CALUC community meeting where a proposal to rezone 722 and 732 Discovery Street from C-1 limited commercial to a Site Specific Zoning. A portion of this proposal is a joint venture with BC Housing to provide affordable rental accommodation.

Byron Chard of Chard Development, presented. Representatives from BC Housing were also on hand to answer questions.

As there was a total of 29 seconds of presentation in reference to this proposal there were a minimal number of comments.

Comments and questions from the approximately 42 attendees and 1 online response focused on the following:

- Frustration of the attendees with BC Housing ignoring the commitment to a moratorium on additional supportive housing in Burnside Gorge and reaffirmed in the Dec. 1, 2018 community commitment agreement.
- Preference for 2 or 3 bedroom family sized units as opposed to single resident occupancy as currently proposed.

The comments of the BGLUC review are as follows:

- The lack of on site parking for staff, support workers is unacceptable.
- There must be some landscaped exterior gathering amenity space other than a storage area for carts, etc. With +/- 90 residents this will only cause issues with gatherings on adjacent properties.

The BGLUC cannot support this proposal with the current lack of information on the final scope of development. In addition there is a requirement to address the disregard for the moratorium committed to in writing by BC Housing.

Respectfully,



Avery Stetski

Land Use Committee Chair  
Burnside Gorge Community Association

cc: Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department  
Byron Chard – Chard Development  
Sean Rorison – BC Housing