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Date: Sept 22, 2022

**Subject: – Proposed Changes to Cedar Hill Road for Public Hearing
Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022 at 6:30pm**

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

In the most recent correspondence (Dated: there is no date) but received Tuesday Sept 20th, 2022, from City Hall Real Estate this is our letter to oppose the changes to bylaw and cemetery expansion.

The process of amending the Bylaw Road Closure (First notice June 23, 2022) has been confusing to say the least. The signage and letter requested feedback from the public on this proposal. This proposal is driven by Congregation Emanu-El for the expansion of the cemetery for burial of non-Jewish partners.

In reviewing the documents the public submitted and on the City of Victoria agenda Thursday Sept. 8, 2022, 6:30 meeting (COTW) H. Bylaws, H.3. This is very clear that most people were opposed to the idea. And especially the residence living directly opposite that would be most affected.

As of today at 12:00 noon, no signage has been placed on the site. We the direct residence across from the cemetery are strongly opposed to the bylaw change and the purchase by Congregation Emanu-El for the sum of \$70,000.00. **This area is priceless.**

This area is used by many people and should remain Green Space for all to enjoy. Just below the grass layer of this area is solid rock which will require blasting for burial sites. 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 letter also explains moving the current fence to the area near the road. My wife and I and some of the neighbours have lived opposite the proposed changes for 35 years. When purchasing years ago we would not envisioned looking out our front windows to a cemetery that close to the existing road.

The letter also states protection of the Gary Oak trees! I can assure you that the roots of these majestic trees will be damaged and could easily fall.

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.

. **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?

In closing, the city apparently has no records of the road work to change the Cedar Hill Rd Fernwood Rd intersection that may have happened 1983. The cost cannot be found! The people expressed their opinions about the proposed changes directed to City Engagement and majority said **NO**.

When reading the latest letter to residence, it sounds like a done deal. The people have spoken and are **not in favour of Bylaw** change or the cemetery expansion.

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

Sincerely,

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View from Our Front Window



View looking north Fernwood Rd

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 11:37 AM
To: Legislative Services email
Subject: Disposition of Property Adjacent to Jewish Cemetery

I am a property owner at 1234 Acton Street which is a few houses down from the Jewish Cemetery. I fully support the Jewish Cemetery acquiring the road right of way in order to expand their space. It is a small unused parcel of land which will now get used in a very low impact way to the surrounding area and the City will receive much needed funds in exchange.

Alyson Culbert