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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 3:48 PM
To: Legislative Services email
Subject: 1450 & 1452 Elford Street Youth Cold Shelter Application No. 00024
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To the City of Victoria

As the owner of Chateau Rembrandt at 1475 Pandora Avenue we are opposed to the application to allow the continuation of a seasonal youth cold weather shelter at 1450 and 1452 Elford Street.

Many trespassers have set up their tents illegally on the grounds of the Stadacona Park at 1490 Pandora Avenue across the street, as per picture attached

4 of these campers assaulted one of our long term tenant earlier this summer while he was walking his pet at the park.

These campers have drug addiction and mental health challenges.

The Victoria police attends Stadacona Park regularly to handle complaints of fights, drug use and vandalism and theft to neighbouring properties.

In 2020 we have had to install a closed circuit camera system inside our apartment building to protect our tenants from break-ins and theft on our property.

The neighbourhood is not safe enough for a youth shelter given the current crime rate and illegal trespassers living in Stadacona Park.

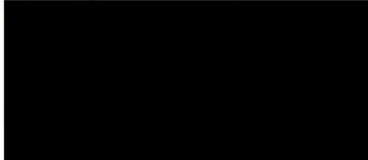
Sincerely,

François Denux

President



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From: Cecily Pike [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 2:33 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Re: Temporary Use Application for 1450 & 1452 Elford Street (Temporary Use Permit # 00024)

To whom it may concern,

My name is Cecily Pike and I live at 1442 Elford Street next door to Beacon Community Services and Out of the Rain Youth Shelter. I would like to share my support for granting the Temporary Use Permit for 1450 and 1452 Elford Street so that it may continue to run the shelter that is so greatly needed.

I live on the ground floor of the building with windows facing the back of the property as well as air vents that open to the outside that are open, even during winter, so I can hear if the neighbours to the back or sides are having a loud conversation. Since moving into this building in December, I have never been bothered by any excessive noise or incidents from any of the neighbours. I work from home and do a lot of work outside around the house, so I am in a good position to notice any disturbances throughout the day and night.

The tenants in the other units that I manage have also voiced their support for the shelter. I have had several interactions with some of the youths using the shelter's services which have all been perfectly pleasant. I have never felt unsafe or had anything stolen or defaced on this property and I do not feel as though having the shelter next door has any negative effect on my living experience or welfare.

Everyone has the right to a warm bed to sleep in and I sincerely hope that Out of the Rain is able to continue providing that and many other important resources to at-risk youth. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best wishes,

Cecily Pike

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Georgia Pike
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Re: 1450 Elford Street, Victoria BC

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Georgia Pike and I am the owner of 1442 Elford Street. Beacon Community Services is located next door and as the property in the closest proximity, I notice no noise in the evenings or during the day. People accessing the property are respectful and keep to themselves. I have also not had any issues with parking availability on the street,

As a former counselor at a youth shelter, I understand the importance of providing safe accommodation and services to people of all ages. I support the programs that Beacon Community Services provides our community and appreciate the professionalism of the staff working at the Elford location.

Please feel free to share this letter with all relevant parties at the City of Victoria.

Sincerely,

Georgia Pike

Maddy Stefani

1-1442 Elford St
Victoria, BC



October 4, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Maddy Stefani and I am a tenant at 1442 Elford Street. I was aware of the services and operations of 'Out of the Rain Youth Shelter' prior to moving into my residence.

I have lived directly next door to Out of the Rain Youth Shelter since November 2021 and I have encountered no issues. Due to the layout of my building, I would be the first to know if there was any vandalism, unsafe behavior, or concerning circumstances. Beacon Community Services runs the program within its designated operating hours and has skilled staff accommodating the demographic it serves. Not once have I felt uncomfortable or unsafe living where I do.

Out of the Rain Youth Shelter is an essential service. It operates to provide resources, food security, and accommodation to vulnerable youth populations in the Greater Victoria area. It is a human right to have access to these services. Professionally, I am trained and have a bachelor's degree in Child and Youth Care. I have worked directly with vulnerable and at risk youth for years and understand the complexities that can arise. We are in a housing crisis and opioid epidemic. The operations of community services such as Out of the Rain are pertinent to the survival, wellness and safety of our citizens.

Through lived experience and residing directly next door, I can say with confidence that I support the continued operation of Out of the Rain Youth Shelter and Beacon Community Services at 1450 Elford St, Victoria BC.

Sincerely,

Maddy Stefani

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From: Galina Alpatoff [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 8:12 PM
To: Legislative Services email
Cc: Dimitri Alpatoff
Subject: Re. 1450 Elford St. - PID: 004-390-563

Victoria City Council

#1 Centennial Square

Victoria, BC

Re. 1450 Elford St. - PID: 004-390-563

Dear Members of the Council!

Your Times Colonist advertisement last Monday (Oct.1/22) was a pleasant surprise to someone who is trying to find a suitable location for our Christian Orthodox Mission Church here in Victoria.

Presently, our priest (who works to support the family) can conduct services in the Roman Catholic Church where he is limited in time, and where parishioners can't have a cup of tea afterwards to share their life difficulties, and concerns, what is vital for a healthy society.

The 1450 Elford St. property could be a good place for such Church – the main building could be transformed to look more as a church, and the nearby building could be used for Sunday school, library, a meeting and discussion place, and it could also house a priest, perhaps a watchman too...

Presently, the whole place looks somehow neglected, and adding a youth shelter there will certainly not make this part of Victoria City look better. A more suitable place for youth shelter would be outside the City, where youth would be surrounded by nature, trees... and not by all these apartment buildings, and cars everywhere. It certainly will not act well on youth's psychology too – and expose them to a more serious thinking, like about the meaning of life, why we are here, or what is our mission...

For now, please just consider a possibility of having a church there one day – perhaps this property could be not only leased, but purchased too, and perhaps the price value would be less astronomical than listed.

If possible, I certainly would like to hear from you.

With kind Regards,

Galina Alpatoff

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