

To Whom this may concern,

Our goal is to age in place gracefully in the home we have lived in since 1997. My husband's health is deteriorating, especially his short term memory and his balance. Currently I am his sole support and caregiver but already the stress and worry is starting to affect me as well. For my continued good health I need to be able to get away now and then and pursue my own interests without worrying about my husband.

My younger sister gets along well with both of us and is willing to retire early and move in with us to help with my husband's care (and possibly my own in the future).

I still drive but my husband cannot drive any longer. The Vic West neighbourhood is very walkable with easy access to bike routes and public transit. We do not want to move. In addition, my husband is still able to walk to the local grocery store and pharmacy and likes his walk in the neighbourhood he knows well. I fear that moving would be detrimental and stressful for him.

In order to live in our home we need help and an addition to make space for a caregiver (a family member) is the best solution. The addition would allow my sister to have her own private space while having meals with us and providing help with my husband's care. The new sitting room will have a "Murphy" bed which may become necessary for my husband if he cannot navigate stairs in the future.

We approached all of our surrounding neighbors and they all support it, and have signed a letter stating so. This will not impact any of the neighboring schools, there is suitable parking for both us as well as my sister in the driveway. No trees will be altered or coming down as well as the OCP supports our plans.

We sincerely hope that you approve the addition and look forward to the next phase.

Yours truly,

Maria and Vernon Roxborough