



September 12, 2022

**Re: July 19<sup>th</sup> CALUC Meeting Summary**

Dear Mayor Helps and Members of Council,

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Milliken Real Estate Corporation/Amica hosted a Public Information Meeting/CALUC with the North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association (NJNA). The meeting began at 7pm and was hosted by Sheena Bellingham, Jean Johnson, and Patrick May of the NJNA to discuss Milliken/Amica's proposal to expand their current senior's development at 1900 Richmond Road. The proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase located at 1921, 1929, 1931, 1933 and 1935 Ashgrove Street would add Independent Living units to the Assisted Living/Memory Care residence currently under construction.

Meeting notices were sent to 1220 residences within 200m of the proposed development site and 22 people attended the Zoom meeting. We heard concerns from immediate neighbours regarding how the proposal would change the residential character of the neighbourhood, but we disagree given its immediate proximity to the North Jubilee Hospital and being located along Fort Street, which is a major transit hub.

While anti-development comments are typical in these settings, we do feel it's necessary to highlight the conduct of Sheena Bellingham, who is a NJNA executive. During the meeting Sheena expressed her opposition to private pay seniors care given personal experiences with a family member. We made best efforts to address Sheena's concerns, but she persisted in providing personal statistics that are incorrect. This was then followed up by Jean Johnston stating in her closing remarks that "this is very emotional and it's hard to stay professional." The reason we feel it's necessary to address these remarks/sentiments, is because Sheena and Jean are responsible for writing the CALUC letter summarizing the meeting. The Large Urban Village OCP designation, proximity to the Jubilee Hospital and being on a major transit hub make this a logical site for densification given the incredible demand for seniors rental housing.

Despite this we expect the letter written by the NJNA executives will focus on the views of a small group of Ashgrove Street residents who prefer to see nothing change. We hope the overall community, Mayor and Council will see that we are trying to provide for the overall community by replacing 5 homes with 88 independent living suites for seniors. Not only will this provide much needed rental housing, but it will also create jobs for the local community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Milliken', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

James Milliken  
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