

From: Joan Athey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: July 12, 2023 3:10 PM
To: Laura Saretsky
Subject: Comment on Lewis Street HCA

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Hello Laura:

As the owner and resident at 44 Lewis Street, I am grateful for the initiative to designate our unique street a Heritage Conservation Area.

With James Bay rapidly changing and the bland approach developers are taking to larger projects, having a small oasis where collective thought is put into how a renovation or a new build will reflect the rest of the street is important.

Let the street tell a story of warmth, cohesion and charm. No sidewalks, the two collector paths and the personal efforts of current residents to beautify the walkways enhances communication between everyone who chooses to slow down their momentum and smell the roses. It's is an opportunity that doesn't come along very often.

The HCA idea is something to be proud of. In future the peace of Lewis Street will be even more attractive to tourists, residents on neighbouring streets and citizens just passing through on their way to the beach or Ogden Point.

Thank you for working on the file.

Sincerely,
Joan E. Athey
44 Lewis Street
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: L H <[REDACTED]>
Sent: July 15, 2023 10:58 PM
To: Laura Saretsky
Subject: Feedback for HCA for Lewis Street

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July 15,th 2023
Lara Hurrell and Chuck Adams
Owners of 53 Lewis Street

Re: Feedback for Heritage Conservation Area Nomination for Lewis Street

Dear Laura Saretsky,

I am so pleased that the City is considering designating Lewis Street as a Heritage Conservation Area (HCA). I urge City Council to approve of this HCA nomination.

In the rapidly changing and developing City of Victoria, Lewis Street provides what's becoming a rare chance to experience a street featuring mostly original homes reflecting Victoria's past.

While in my front garden and on the street I have had many conversations with locals and tourists who express that it is a gem of a street and it is fascinating to see the old homes. Many people have said it's their favourite street in Victoria. The street is even used by local cruise ship tour guides as a regular walk to highlight our city's historic homes to visitors from around the world.

In addition to providing a window to the past when it comes to historic homes, Lewis Street also provides much needed affordable housing. Most of the houses on Lewis have either basement suites, garden studio units and some of the big houses are divided into multiple units. There is one house that provides seven rooms with affordable rent with some long-term tenants residing in the home for over ten years.

Thank-you to the City of Victoria for considering the HCA nomination for Lewis Street. Please approve of a Heritage Conservation Area for Lewis Street!

Sincerely,

Lara Hurrell and Chuck Adams

From: Admin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: July 18, 2023 1:59 PM
To: Laura Saretsky
Subject: Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) for Lewis Street

I am writing to confirm my support for this conservation project on Lewis St.
A friend who is an architect once said 'even the telephone poles look good on Lewis.'

I'm sorry to hear the HCA program is being put on hold. I believe the mix of housing styles on Lewis may be what the planners feel is missing from many of the current applications.

Is it possible that blocks in other neighbourhoods have never felt the need to apply for these designations because they have not suffered from the densification and overdevelopment of James Bay?

We anticipate development of the planning process with great interest.

Sincerely,

Don Lindsay
50 Lewis St

From: L H <[REDACTED]>
Sent: July 30, 2023 2:34 PM
To: Laura Saretsky
Subject: Re: HCA Letter

Thanks again Laura.

Please pass along my thoughts for the bylaw for the Lewis Street Heritage Conservation Zone:

To Victoria City and City Council,

As homeowners of 53 Lewis Street, we fully support all aspects of the bylaw for the Lewis Street Heritage Conservation Zone. One addition that was added that is important and that we fully support is including the land across from 53 and 67 and next to 50 Lewis Street, the Albion Court Apartment building parking lot (portion of it) as part of the HCA. Thanks for including this and please retain it as part of the bylaw.

Sincerely,

Lara Hurrell and Chuck Adams
53 Lewis Street, Victoria

On Mon, 24 Jul 2023 at 09:31, Laura Saretsky <lsaretsky@victoria.ca> wrote:

Hi Lara,

I saw that you sent some comments in, thanks for that! Positive comments are always great, and I've already gotten a couple others. We have ample evidence of the street's support for the HCA, but if anyone asks you if they should write in feel free to tell them it is appreciated, and of course we want to hear any comments about the bylaw.

Thanks!

Laura

From: L H <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 9:29 PM
To: Laura Saretsky <lsaretsky@victoria.ca>
Subject: HCA Letter

Hi Laura,

I was happy to receive the letter yesterday outlining a request for input for the HCA. Should I be encouraging my neighbours to write in positive comments? Would this have a positive impact?

Lara

From: Alan Campbell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August 2, 2023 7:13 PM
To: Laura Saretsky
Subject: Heritage Conservation Area Proposal for Lewis Street

Importance: High

Laura Saretsky
Heritage Planner
City of Victoria

Dear Laura,

This email is in response to the request received by mail for feedback on the proposal for a portion of Lewis Street to be designated as a Heritage Conservation Area (HCA).

We have lived directly across from Lewis Park for 41 years and continue to keep our old house in good condition. We like it this way.

However, we do not support the designation of Lewis Street as an HCA .

We choose to maintain our home in its heritage style, but do not wish to have either ourselves or any future owner of our home required to do so by the municipality.

We believe that all homeowners should be free to preserve their heritage homes, but also free to change/replace them with non-heritage elements/structures, subject only to Victoria's normal municipal building regulations.

Sincerely,

Alan and Catriona Campbell

35 Lewis Street
Victoria, BC
V8V 2E9

From: Bud L <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August 2, 2023 8:06 PM
To: Laura Saretsky
Subject: Heritage Conservation Area 39 Lewis Street

To: Laura Saretsky
Heritage Planner

I'm in favour of our street being designated as Heritage. I'm looking forward to the results of council.

Bud Lafaut
39 Lewis Street

From: Linda Carlson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August 2, 2023 3:09 PM
To: Laura Saretsky
Subject: Lewis St HCA

Hello Laura,

This email is to express my support for the proposal to make Lewis Street (with 2 houses exempt) a Heritage Conservation Area.

Lewis Street is a narrow street that is pedestrian friendly. Although it gives the appearance of only single family homes, many of the 15 residences on the street accommodate more than one family. It is an invisible missing middle:

- A home divided up/down with a woman and her husband upstairs and her sister living on the main floor.
- A home divided into 3 suites. There is a long term tenant and several students who live there.
- A home divided into 3 suites. The owner lives in one.
- A multi generational home with one suite.
- A new home with one secondary suite.
- A small suite for a sister-in-law to stay when she works in Victoria.
- A large home with 2 suites. The owner lives in one. A long term tenant lives in another. The main floor is shared by a small group of people.
- A basement suite where a son assists his parents to age in place.

These are affordable living spaces in well maintained homes, a short distance to public transportation and minutes away a bike lane, and from stores and services.

The architecture of Lewis Street is diverse and ranges from the early days of development on the colonial Beckley Farm, through the 1920s and 40s, and one new build in 2023. It is an excellent example of the growth and development of the City of Victoria.

I remain hopeful that Council will approve the bylaw.

Thank you for your assistance,

Regards
Linda Carlson
43 Lewis Street

From: Davyd McMinn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August 4, 2023 3:08 PM
To: Laura Saretsky
Subject: Lewis Street Heritage Conservation Area

Dear Ms. Saretsky

This is a brief note to indicate that I am fully in favour of part of Lewis Street receiving approval to become a Heritage Conservation Area.

For over 20 years I have been researching and promoting Lewis Street as a unique time capsule, enclave and microcosm of the variety of early 20th century residential architecture styles in the city.

Awarding Lewis Street this status will go some way toward helping to preserve this jewel of the neighborhood for James Bay and for the city as a whole.

I urge Victoria Council to endorse this proposed bylaw.

Regards

Davyd McMinn (Lewis Street Heritage Sign Plaque coordinator)

43 Lewis Street
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