

Lacey Maxwell

From: Ana MariaTB [REDACTED]
Sent: March 17, 2018 11:30 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Development Proposal

March , 17/2018

City of Victoria
Dear Mayor and Council

Re: Development Proposal - 2566, 2570, 2580 Fifth Street, Victoria, BC

I'm a resident of 1025 Kings Road, Victoria, BC. located beside the proposed development. The proposal is for 56 rental units, in two buildings, on three residential city lots in our residential area. The proposal is requesting multiple variances including increased height, site coverage and setbacks including lowering the number of parking spaces required. The two buildings which will be located right next to us will cause shadowing and privacy issues. We already get a limited amount of sunlight into our unit and having two buildings, one being over 4 stories, will make matters worse. Fifth Street is a narrow back lane residential street. There is very limited parking on it. There is already little existing parking for residents in the area. Parking is difficult as there are staffs of Quadra Village and the surrounding businesses, as well as customers visiting these businesses that use the street parking. There will be traffic and parking congestion with two buildings and the construction process. I do not support the noted proposal for 2566, 2570, 2580 Fifth Street as it is presented.

Thank you for your attention.
Ana Maria Toledo
Resident at -1025 Kings Rd, Victoria BC

Lucas De Amaral

From: Courtney Wendland <noreply@123formbuilder.io>
Sent: June 28, 2018 3:44 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: I want to support the project on 2566 / 2570 / 2580 Fifth Street
Categories: Planning

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing you to show my support for the development proposal at 2566 / 2570 / 2580 Fifth Street.

Sincerely,

Courtney Wendland

4-1340 Pandora Avenue

Sent from TalktoAryze.ca, talk@talktoaryze.ca

Lucas De Amaral

From: Jacob Watson <noreply@123formbuilder.io>
Sent: June 28, 2018 3:44 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: I want to support the project on 2566 / 2570 / 2580 Fifth Street

Categories: Planning

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing you to show my support for the development proposal at 2566 / 2570 / 2580 Fifth Street.

Sincerely,

Jacob Watson

2969 Cedar Hill Rd

Sent from TalktoAryze.ca, talk@talktoaryze.ca

Lucas De Amaral

From: Molly Vermeulen <noreply@123formbuilder.io>
Sent: September 4, 2018 1:07 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: I want to support the project on 2566 / 2570 / 2580 Fifth Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing you to show my support for the development proposal at 2566 / 2570 / 2580 Fifth Street.

Sincerely,

Molly Vermeulen

1510 Edgemont Rd

Sent from TalktoAryze.ca, talk@talktoaryze.ca

Monica Dhawan

From: Roy Jenkins <noreply@123formbuilder.io>
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2018 2:21 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: I want to support the project on 2566 / 2570 / 2580 Fifth Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing you to show my support for the development proposal at 2566 / 2570 / 2580 Fifth Street.

Sincerely,

Roy Jenkins

3010 Fifth St

Sent from TalktoAryze.ca, talk@talktoaryze.ca

From: Ruby <noreply@123formbuilder.io>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 3:55 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: I want to support the project on 2566 / 2570 / 2580 Fifth Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing you to show my support for the development proposal at 2566 / 2570 / 2580 Fifth Street.

Sincerely,

Ruby

1112 Balmoral Rd Victoria BC

Sent from TalktoAryze.ca, talk@talktoaryze.ca

Lauren Martin

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 2:40 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Fifth St & Kings Rd Development

Hi,

My wife Balvir Sekha and myself Raj Sekha are the owners of 2552 Vancouver St. We couldn't make it to the meeting but are concerned about one particular item. From my experience in construction, we know that the road will be heavily used by big trucks. The parking lot at the back of my building has been newly paved and I have spent a lot of money on it. I do not want trucks of any kind making a turnaround on my lot. Madison Paving who did the paving said heavy trucks will damage it. Please bring this concern to the developer. Madison Paving said trucks can go up King, down Fifth and out on Bay to turn around. Thank you.

Raj & Balvir Sekha
Sekha Holdings Ltd

From: Conster <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 9:39 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Proposed development for the property at 2566, 2570 and 2580 Fifth Street

Hello

I understand that Luke Mari of the Purdey Group would like to build 64 rental units and 6600 square feet for the Vancouver Island School of Art (VISA).

It is mentioned that there will be 25 underground parking spots.

I assume the 25 parking spots are for the rental units and there will be other parking spots for VISA.

I think that there needs to be more than 25 parking spots for the 64 rental units.

If it is not possible to build more parking spots, then I think there should only be 35 rental units.

Yours truly, Connie Low
(Resident at 2615 Fifth Street)

From: Don McCarron <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 4:46 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: nag@quadravillagecc.com; [REDACTED]
Subject: proposed development 2566,2570,2580 Fifth Street

Hello,

I live within the 200 metre designation of this proposed development. I have two main concerns and two wishes.

I think the proposed density 64 units combined with a private school will require more parking stalls. I understand the units are designed for people who do not rely on cars, but the fact is off street parking is very limited by overflow parking from the existing apartment developments and business in this area that provide a much higher ratio of parking spaces. (Prior Street between Kings & Hillside is a good example of how tight parking is in this area)

My other concern is the limited access to the proposed development east bound only off Kings and Bay being a very busy feeder, making west bound the only safe access off Bay.

The building looks very functional and cleverly designed, I hope there are stations for charging cars, mobility scooters and bikes. I hope Fifth street will have sidewalks and curb on both sides between Kings and Bay.

Thank you for allowing my input

Don McCarron

Monica Dhawan

From: Jordan Royer <noreply@123formbuilder.io>
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2019 3:27 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: I want to support the project on 2566 / 2570 / 2580 Fifth Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing you to show my support for the development proposal at 2566 / 2570 / 2580 Fifth Street.

Sincerely,

Jordan Royer

401-540 pandora avenue

Sent from TalktoAryze.ca, talk@talktoaryze.ca

From: Andrew chapman <noreply@123formbuilder.io>
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2019 5:45 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: I want to support the project on 2566 / 2570 / 2580 Fifth Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing you to show my support for the development proposal at 2566 / 2570 / 2580 Fifth Street.

Sincerely,

Andrew chapman

1716 Denman st

Sent from TalktoAryze.ca, talk@talktoaryze.ca



November 21, 2018

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

I write to you on behalf of the Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace (2245 Fifth St) Development Proposal.

The Vancouver Island School of Art (VISA) is an independent community-based art school offering art courses and workshops to adults of all ages. The unique aspect of the school is that a typical class will have students aged 18-90 years, with a range of experience from being a complete beginner, to having a completed a previous art degree. The school also offers a range of community programming such as drop-in drawing, artist talks, exhibitions (through its Slide Room Gallery space), as well as studio space for artists to rent.

Since 2004, there have been over 4,000 individual students enrolled in courses and workshops and 90 graduates with a Certificate of Visual Arts, and 37 graduates with a Diploma of Fine Arts. Students come from the local community as well as from up island, the mainland and other parts of Canada. We also have international students from the United States, Mexico, India, Belgium and Russia. VISA is the only independent art school in British Columbia that offers university transfer credits; we have articulation agreements with Vancouver Island University, Emily Carr University of Art + Design and the University of Gloucestershire in the UK.

VISA leased a building from School District 61 for the last 13 years. The District needed to take back this space due to increased enrolment and decreased class size. While we appreciated having the opportunity to rent from the school district for all these years, we have always known that VISA needed a permanent home to secure long-term sustainability. Upon hearing of our eviction from 2549 Quadra, Luke Mari from the Purdey Group approached us to ask if we would be interested in being part of a new development on 5th Street.

We immediately expressed enthusiasm at the prospect of working with a developer on a build-to-suit location. This project is an unprecedented collaboration between a private developer and cultural organization in Victoria. A project like this will not only give vitality to the local Quadra Village neighbourhood, it will also provide an example for other developers to work with cultural organizations. One of the biggest needs of the art community is that of space -space for arts organizations and space for artists to work and exhibit. The Ross Terrace project will allow VISA to create space for an art school, studio spaces for artists in the community, as well as an exhibition space (The Slide Room Gallery) for artists to exhibit their work.

We urge you to support this project as it is the cultural organizations that make Victoria a vibrant and exciting place to live. We also ask the City of Victoria to support this project as it fits in exactly to the number one strategic direction of *Create Victoria, Arts & Culture Master Plan*: **"invest in and advance real solutions for cultural spaces"** (page 22 of the Create Victoria document). The Ross Terrance project will offer the City of Victoria a concrete way to implement their newly developed Arts & Culture Master Plan.

VISA is excited about remaining part of Quadra Village as it is a great urban area with a variety of amenities such as retail shops and restaurants, but more importantly it is also the home of the Blue Bridge Theatre and Dance Victoria. The addition of the Vancouver Island School of Art as a permanent part of this area, will allow us to continue our contribution to this dynamic art village.

We look forward to your support in moving this project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Welch', with a stylized, flowing script.

Wendy Welch
Executive Director
Vancouver Island School of Art
2nd Floor
950 Kings Rd
Victoria BC V8T 1W6
250-380-3500

Lucas De Amaral

From: Adrienne Aikins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 15, 2019 8:24 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for the Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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I would like to state my support for the Vancouver Island School of Art in the Ross Terrace Development Project. They are an import part of our community's creative life. Having a permanent home would help its activities be able to grow and thrive and continue to contribute to our dynamic cities life.

Sincerely,
Adrienne Aikins

Lucas De Amaral

From: Andrew Chalmers <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 14, 2019 3:36 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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I support this project since it provides a great opportunity for community involvement in arts at all levels of expertise. It represents a public private partnership. It also includes rental units much needed in the city and low income units among these.

Yours,
Andrew Chalmers MD

Lucas De Amaral

From: Ava P Christl <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 14, 2019 3:59 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I support the proposed project for the development of a multi use building that would house the Vancouver School of Art on the lower level as well as rental units on the upper levels and ask that you do the same.

Victoria needs this school as evidenced by the 4000 plus students who have attended over the years. The school is an important part of our community for students intending certification and those who come for a leisure course well as for the instructors who gain employment and the opportunity to learn themselves while sharing their skills and knowledge.

I like the idea of a collaboration between a cultural institution and a developer, which could be precedent setting for future projects. Both have plenty to learn from one another. I love the idea of people living in a working studio/educational centre and near an exhibiting gallery.

Please support this unique and inspiring project.

Sincerely,
Ava P Christl

Lucas De Amaral

From: ali mackinnon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 14, 2019 6:11 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Dear Ms Helps, and Council,

I am writing to encourage your favourable vote for the proposal to build and house a new art school. Creativity and innovation are important components for any capital city. Victoria is striving to build a tech industry, and this school would build creative skills. This school brings a history of inclusiveness to the community, where all are welcome without jurying your work. This proposal also includes space for low income housing which is also a priority for the city.

I know how difficult it is to make responsible decisions about limited resources. In a world class city, art is an important component of our community. I look forward to your favourable decision on this plan.

Best Regards,
Alison MacKinnon
James Bay

Lucas De Amaral

From: Amalia Schelhorn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 14, 2019 5:48 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: in support of Purdey Group project on Fifth St.

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I want to add my voice in support of the Purdey development which will include a purpose-built home for the Vancouver Island School of Art. I have been privileged to take some art classes at VISA, and recognize its value in Victoria's cultural landscape. To have it located in Quadra Village is a big asset to that neighbourhood, and a nice alternative to going downtown for lessons. Also, the progressive concept of pairing public cultural institutions with housing projects is a trend which could enhance and distinguish our city.

I hope you will support this unique project.

Amalia Schelhorn

Lucas De Amaral

From: alexander walker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 14, 2019 9:03 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for the Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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I wish to indicate my support for VISA's proposed new building.

Alexander C Walker

Lucas De Amaral

From: Cope, Brad AG:EX <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 14, 2019 7:14 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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To Victoria City Council,

I would like to voice my support for Vancouver Island School of Art, and their quest to develop a permanent home in the Quadra Village community. I have taken a number of courses at VISA in recent years, and hope to take more. The quality of instruction and the educational philosophy of this institution is very strong, and the work of their students and resident studio artists is equally impressive. While VISA has existed on a minimal budget and borrowed buildings, I believe it has become one of the more interesting and dynamic institutions in Victoria's art community. It is also an important part of the increasingly vibrant Quadra Village neighbourhood. The proposed multi-purpose development would allow VISA to remain an integral part of this community and a stable component in Victoria's arts and culture scene.

Thank you for considering their proposal,
Brad Cope
3042 Orillia St.

Lucas De Amaral

From: Becky Cory <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 14, 2019 11:07 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for the Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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I would like to express my support for the VISA art school's proposed work with the Purdey Group to be part of their new development on Fifth Street (between Bay and Kings). The proposed plan is to have VISA on the lower floor at street level and rental units above.

I support this plan for the following reasons:

- over 4,323 individuals have taken courses or workshops at VISA in the last 14 years and is an important part of the Greater Victoria community whose survival depends on obtaining a permanent location
- VISA has been in the Quadra Village for the last 13 years and should remain in this location
- the project is an unprecedented (in Victoria) collaboration between a private developer and a cultural organization and should be encouraged as it could set a precedent for future projects
- the project provides much needed rental housing, including affordable housing units
- the project is beautifully designed as two modest four-storey structures to be surrounded by trees and with a garden terrace between the buildings and will add to the aesthetic quality of the architecture of the Quadra Village.

Sincerely,
Becky Cory

Lucas De Amaral

From: BRENDA HANCOCK <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 14, 2019 3:59 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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This is a NO BRAINER!
Beautiful Buildings low profile
Arts,Culture,Education
PLUS SOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING
Wonderful Concept and the idea of the gardens in between the buildings is such an attractive way to bring people together.. Also they can go to the first floor and create some beautiful art for their walls in their condo Perfect!
Great Idea

Sent from my iPad

Lucas De Amaral

From: Beverley Rock <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 15, 2019 9:29 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Dear Victoria Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to express my hearty support for the proposed Ross Terrace project in Quadra Village. It includes a permanent home for VISA which has been an important part of this neighbourhood for many years.

I believe the project is a prime example of what this city is aiming for. In Victoria it is an unprecedented collaboration between a private developer and a cultural organization, and could also set a precedent for future projects.

It is going to provide much-needed rental housing, including affordable housing units. The design is wonderful and adds to the aesthetic quality of Quadra Village, encourages walking, transit use and cycling, is culturally vibrant, and will truly promote the neighbourly village. Thank you

Beverley Rock

819 Yates St.

Lucas De Amaral

From: Cathy Bannink <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 15, 2019 8:00 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Mayor and Council,

I am writing in support of the Ross Terrace development. This is a beautifully designed project that will add to the aesthetic quality of Quadra Village.

I have attended workshops and classes at the Vancouver Island School of Art. It's a wonderful asset to the community, making high quality art classes accessible to the public. I would like to see it remain near its previous location and its continued survival depends on obtaining a permanent location. Having a cultural organization collaborate with a private developer is an important step in this city and I hope it will pave the way for further projects of this nature. The planned space for the school sounds wonderful and I hope to see those plans realized.

In addition to the school, the projects provides much needed rental housing, including affordable housing units. I feel that the current council was elected with a mandate to provide rental housing and so I hope that you will choose to approve this unique development.

Sincerely, Cathy Bannink
410 Government Street, Victoria V8V 2L5

Lucas De Amaral

From: Cathy Chamberlin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 15, 2019 8:23 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Hello,

I understand that the Vancouver Island School of Art project is to be reviewed by Council on May 23, 2019. I would like to say this is a wonderful project, beautifully designed and will add so much to this location at Quadra and Kings.

Besides the above mentioned, VISA is a real gift to the people of Victoria. I have attended many classes there over the years and the benefits of this art school are endless. This school is about art yes, however so much more than art it is about culture and most important about community, everyone is welcome. The project plan is to add affordable housing also, I am sure that the Mayor and Council are very aware of how badly this is needed in our city.

As Victoria continues to grow and change, updating our city to 21st century standards, I hope that the Mayor and Council recognize the importance of this development and the importance of maintaining art and culture as part of this growth and change.

Sincerely,
Cathy Chamberlin

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Lucas De Amaral

From: Crystal Derry <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 14, 2019 5:28 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Supporting Ross Terrace project in Quadra Village

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Lisa Helps and City Council

I am writing you in support of the Ross Terrace project in Quadra Village that would provide the Vancouver Island School of Art permanent location for the following reasons:

- over 4,323 individuals have taken courses or workshops at VISA in the last 14 years and is an important part of the Greater Victoria community whose survival depends on obtaining a permanent location
- VISA has been in the Quadra Village for the last 13 years and should remain in this location
- the project is an unprecedented (in Victoria) collaboration between a private developer and a cultural organization and should be encouraged as it could set a precedent for future projects
- the project provides much needed rental housing, including affordable housing units
- the project is beautifully designed as two modest four-story structures to be surrounded by trees and with a garden terrace between the buildings and will add to the aesthetic quality of the architecture of the Quadra Village.

Please support the arts and affordable housing in Victoria by approving this project.

Regards,

Crystal Derry
508 Niagara St
Victoria, BC

Lucas De Amaral

From: Chenelle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 14, 2019 10:17 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Greetings - I am writing to share my support for VISA and the Ross Terrace Development Project. As a resident of the Hillside-Quadra community (I live at 1140 Hillside, Sansar Apartments), I strongly support this initiative.

These are some of the reasons for my support:

- over 4,323 individuals have taken courses or workshops at VISA in the last 14 years and is an important part of the Greater Victoria community whose survival depends on obtaining a permanent location
- VISA has been in the Quadra Village for the last 13 years and should remain in this location
- the project is an unprecedented (in Victoria) collaboration between a private developer and a cultural organization and should be encouraged as it could set a precedent for future projects
- the project provides much needed rental housing, including affordable housing units
- the project is beautifully designed as two modest four-storey structures to be surrounded by trees and with a garden terrace between the buildings and will add to the aesthetic quality of the architecture of the Quadra Village.

Sincerely,
Chenelle Falconer
1140 Hillside Ave
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Lucas De Amaral

From: Colleen Lumb <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 15, 2019 9:42 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for the Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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I would like to express my support for this project. The project is an unprecedented (in Victoria) collaboration between a private developer and a cultural organization and should be encouraged as it could set a precedent for future projects.

Colleen Lumb, Artist
White Rock, British Columbia

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Sent from my iPhone

Lucas De Amaral

From: cassandra varcoe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 14, 2019 7:05 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Good Day,
I support the VISA and RTD project wholeheartedly.
Here are a few reason why:

- over 4,323 individuals have taken courses or workshops at VISA in the last 14 years and is an important part of the Greater Victoria community whose survival depends on obtaining a permanent location -VISA has been in the Quadra Village for the last 13 years and should remain in this location -the project is an unprecedented (in Victoria) collaboration between a private developer and a cultural organization and should be encouraged as it could set a precedent for future projects -the project provides much needed rental housing, including affordable housing units -the project is beautifully designed as two modest four-storey structures to be surrounded by trees and with a garden terrace between the buildings and will add to the aesthetic quality of the architecture of the Quadra Village.
- art and the creation of art have therapeutic value for those struggling with mental health

I ask that Mayor and Council put their support behind this project for the benefit of the community.
Thank you,

Cassandra Hadley
Former VISA student and Victoria taxpayer

Lucas De Amaral

From: Debra Gloeckler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 15, 2019 9:05 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Ross Terrace Development, Fifth St. - Purdey Group

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to encourage Council to approve the proposed Ross Terrace housing/school development on Fifth St. by Purdey Group scheduled for completion Sep 2020.

I have seen the plans for this housing development and feel it is beautifully designed and well-suited for the Quadra Village neighbourhood. Its design encourages interaction between neighbours and discourages car ownership. The project provides much needed affordable housing units and provides a permanent location for the not-for-profit Vancouver Island School of Art that has operated in the area for the past 13 years.

As a thriving community art school and cultural arts centre in the heart of the City of Victoria, VISA is a place that welcomes the public to listen to art talks, visit the gallery, take drop-in drawing classes, enroll in individual courses or a Certificate/Diploma Programs. VISA's door is always open for community members to participate or to simply view art or use the surrounding green space. This amazing art school and its central location are important to so many students, community members, faculty and artists. Recently displaced from their Quadra St. location, VISA's survival depends on obtaining a permanent location.

The Purdey Group has proposed a unique housing project that adds to the community by increasing rental units in Quadra Village and supporting VISA as an integral cultural centre and quality education provider in the City of Victoria. I hope that you will approve this project and others like it in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Debra Gloeckler

Lucas De Amaral

From: David Good <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 14, 2019 4:11 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Mayor Helps and Victoria City Council:

I am writing in support of the Vancouver Island School of Art (VISA) and the proposal for the Ross Terrace Development Project which is being considered by Council. This is a very solid and worthwhile community project and one that will provide a permanent home for the VISA in close proximity to other important and supportive cultural institutions in the City of Victoria. VISA is critical to the arts community in Greater Victoria offering top quality art classes, programs, and community events not just for artists but also for the broader Victoria community. I strongly urge you to support this project which will pay great dividends to the City, the community, and the people of Victoria.

Regards,

David Good
[REDACTED]

Lucas De Amaral

From: Diedra Goodwin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 15, 2019 8:45 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: Wendy Welch
Subject: Support for the Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Annually I spend several weeks in Victoria from my home on the Sunshine Coast. I'm joined for 2 of these weeks with folks from Washington state. We are there for one reason: the Vancouver Island School of Art (VISA). We hope you will facilitate its new home in the proposed mixed use development, Ross Terrace. Thank you for considering the enormous value that VISA continues to provide to Victoria in so many ways. VISA needs a sustainable home. This development could provide it with leadership from Mayor and Council.

Sincerely,
Diedra Goodwin
1191 Largo Road
Roberts Creek, BC

Lucas De Amaral

From: David Lewall <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 14, 2019 7:34 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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To the Mayor and Council:

The Vancouver Island School of Art should remain in the community where it has always been. It is a rich cultural gem that has added to Victoria's attraction. I have benefited from the courses that they offer. The new site and plan are ideal.

Sincerely, Joan Lewall

Lucas De Amaral

From: Dave Skilling <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 14, 2019 4:03 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for the Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Mayor Helps and Victoria City Council,

I am writing to support the Ross Terrace project proposed for Fifth Street. The plan for the building to house the Vancouver Island School of Art on the ground level with rental housing units on the floors above is an unprecedented (in Victoria) collaboration between a private developer and a cultural organization. This type of partnering should be encouraged as it will set a precedent for future collaborative projects in the region. Ross Terrace will also provide much needed rental housing, including designated affordable housing units and will add to the aesthetic quality of the architecture of the Quadra Village.

The Vancouver Island School of Art (VISA) has been a very important contributor to the arts and culture scene in the region for the past thirteen years. It is crucial for VISA to have a purpose-built permanent home in the central location of the Quadra Village. VISA serves as a vibrant a neighbourhood cultural arts centre for the city and the Capital Region. The school is a local gem and provides classes for students of all levels, from part-time artists and hobbyists to those wishing to pursue a university degree in fine arts. VISA's Slide Room Gallery presents high quality contemporary art exhibitions. This exhibition program allows the school to offer curatorial courses as well – something that is not commonly available to art students.

The Vancouver School of Art offers much-needed affordable options for art students to pursue further studies in the arts. VISA is the only independent art school in British Columbia which offers university transfer credits.

As of 2011, VISA's Certificate of Visual Arts = 1st year of a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Media Arts or Bachelor of Design degree at EMILY CARR UNIVERSITY OF ART + DESIGN. Once accepted into ECUAD, VISA Certificate graduates can complete an undergraduate degree in three years.

As of 2013, VISA's Diploma of Fine Arts is transferable to the Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art degree program at the University of Gloucestershire in the UK. Once accepted into the university, VISA Diploma graduates can complete an undergraduate degree in eight months.

As of 2015, Certificate of Visual Arts = 1st year of Bachelor in Arts, Major in Fine Arts Degree at the Vancouver Island University.

VISA is a Designated Learning Institution registered with the Government of Canada and is accredited with the BC Private Training Institutions Branch.

I thank you for your serious consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
Dave Skilling

1814 Belmont Avenue
Victoria, BC V8R 3Z2

mobile: [REDACTED]

Lucas De Amaral

From: frances hunter <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 15, 2019 4:52 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Dear Mayor and Council, I heartily support the inclusion of VISA in the Ross Terrace building. 1. Space for artists is scarce in Victoria. 2. VISA has an established reputation which deserves support with this permanent location. 3. VISA's presence in the Quadra Street Village area is a community benefit in itself. 4. Mixed use buildings of this type should be encouraged wherever possible.

Frances Hunter
203 Goward Road
Victoria, BC, V9E 2H8

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Lucas De Amaral

From: Frank Mitchell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 14, 2019 6:45 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for the Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Dear Mayor and Council

I urge that council approve this development.

For more than a decade, the Vancouver Island School of Art has been a critical component of regional cultural life — (I live in Metchosin). By approving this project, you can help ensure that VISA continues for the foreseeable future.

The project is also unique in providing an interesting model for commercial/cutural facilities, and, not least, providing a valuable amenity in a low income neighbourhood.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Mitchell
530 Witty Beach Road
Metchosin (Victoria) BC V9C4H8
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Lucas De Amaral

From: Florian Schwab <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 16, 2019 1:39 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Visa finding a new permanent location

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To whom it may concern...

I'd like to support VISA that they can find a permanent location.

My name is Florian Schwab, and I have attended visa for 3 years they're doing great things for the Art community in Victoria and world Winde by giving international students a place to learn and grow. I hope to see them find a new location soon.

-over 4,323 individuals have taken courses or workshops at VISA in the last 14 years and is an important part of the Greater Victoria community whose survival depends on obtaining a permanent location

-VISA has been in the Quadra Village for the last 13 years and should remain in this location

Warmly,

FLORIAN S.

Lucas De Amaral

From: Gary Parker [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 3:17 PM
To: Ben Isitt (Councillor); Lisa Helps (Mayor); Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Re: Vancouver Island School of Art Fifth St. development.

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Getting my viewpoint in as we are speaking:

Vancouver Island School of Art, Fifth Street development: YES, absolutely, Do It!!!!!!

- over 4,323 individuals have taken courses or workshops at VISA in the last 14 years and is an important part of the Greater Victoria community whose survival depends on obtaining a permanent location
- VISA has been in the Quadra Village for the last 13 years and should remain in this location
- the project is an unprecedented (in Victoria) collaboration between a private developer and a cultural organization and should be encouraged as it could set a precedent for future projects
- the project provides much needed rental housing, including affordable housing units
- The project is beautifully designed as two modest four-storey structures to be surrounded by trees and with a garden terrace between the buildings and will add to the aesthetic quality of the architecture of the Quadra Village.

Sincerely, GJ Parker

On Tue, May 14, 2019 at 3:01 PM Gary Parker [REDACTED] wrote:
thank you Ben, it is appreciated.

On Tue, May 14, 2019 at 2:08 PM Ben Isitt (Councillor) <BIsitt@victoria.ca> wrote:
Thanks for providing this suggestion, Gary,

Worth considering!

As I mentioned previously, I am working hard with the neighbourhood association to protect greenspace and community services at the school side, and prevent development of the parcel for regional housing and health purposes.

Ben

Ben Isitt
Victoria City Councillor and CRD Director
Email. bisitt@victoria.ca | Tel. 250.882.9302

From: Gary Parker [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 10:12:38 AM
To: Lisa Helps (Mayor); Ben Isitt (Councillor)
Subject: Re: CRD plans for Blanshard School playing field

I was walking to the bus this morning and I had an idea as I was passing the property concerned. How about put the POOL there? You're looking for a good place for a pool, and as above, the LAST thing that block needs is more facilities for the damaged, so how about, in the context of placing something POSITIVE for the community there, how about a pool and fitness centre be considered? The elderly folks at the Long term assisted living facility would benefit, the residents of the neighbourhood and Blanshard Courts would benefit, and there would not be a disproportionate concentration of poverty and dysfunction in one place.

GREENSPACE

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POOL

Not: Mental health facility

Not: Social Housing

Again, all things in PROPORTION. The fact that the pool is about to be a loss to the community, with no firm plan to replace it, indicates that this neighbourhood, to her residents, never gets anything nice. Needle exchanges aren't NICE. Social housing is simply a concentration of poverty. Mental health centres, while obviously necessary, are not "Nice" additions to a community, they are bandaids, required when there are problems.

Quadra/Hillside would love NICE, Positive, inspiring and enlightening things, not just the triage centres, the emergency facilities, the shelters for the damaged and dysfunctional.

I wrote a letter this am to the TC reflecting these genuine concerns.

Write this off as NIMBYism at your peril. It isn't NIMBYism when the neighbourhood is so obviously a dumping ground.

On Fri, May 3, 2019 at 3:06 AM Gary Parker [REDACTED] wrote:

I wrote THIS.

It's obvious and transparent what is going on here.

"Concentration. Density. The brand new extended healthcare facility isn't even finished, its demands on the local infrastructure, especially with regard to already scarce parking, for example, are formidable, the Blanshard courts complex is a high density low income residential townhouse area, and now the CRD is attempting to not only insert a large mental health facility, but also a considerable amount of social housing into the mix, all of it, every bit, contained within ONE city block. Seriously, they're going to cram all of this into a plot the size of a playing field.

Thousands of people, many of whom have issues of myriad and diverse natures, from mental disorders, ailments related to old age and infirmity, substance abuse and related issues, and the poor and disenfranchised, all crammed into one block. Sounds almost deliberate on the part of the CRD and the wonks who dreamed this absurdity up, to keep it all in one tidy, easily managed area.

...kinda like a GHETTO or something like that.

and this:

"the concentration of poverty in that one location, with the additional mental health beds, would exacerbate an already problematically crowded situation, with the new extended healthcare building as well. It's too much. "

Do they really think people can't see the forest for the trees? How stupid do these people think we are?

yrs, a concerned citizen and resident of Quadra Hillside.

ENOUGH!!!

GJ Parker.

Devon Cownden

From: webforms@victoria.ca
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:10 PM
To: Development Services email inquiries
Subject: Development Services - City of Victoria Feedback Form

You have received an email from Isabelle Grenon via the City of Victoria website feedback form

Name: Isabelle Grenon

Email: [REDACTED]

Topic: Development Services

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: 4327 Ridewood Crescent Victoria V8Z 4Z6

Message: I support the including of the Vancouver Island School of Art in the Quadra Village Purdey housing development project and here are some reasons i agree with: over 4,323 individuals have taken courses or workshops at VISA in the last 14 years and is an important part of the Greater Victoria community whose survival depends on obtaining a permanent location

- VISA has been in the Quadra Village for the last 13 years and should remain in this location
- the project is an unprecedented (in Victoria) collaboration between a private developer and a cultural organization and should be encouraged as it could set a precedent for future projects
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Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:10:16 PM

Lucas De Amaral

From: JOY CROLL [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 8:32 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Mayor and Council,

Please support the VISA- Ross Terrace Development.

VISA has stood as an important contributor to the arts in Victoria, and to the community at large. They have been a positive presence in the Quadra Street Village, and the new building will be an enhancement and asset to the area, as well as offer much needed rental units.

Thank you.

Joy Croll

Lucas De Amaral

From: Jennifer Luckay [REDACTED]
Sent: May 15, 2019 10:46 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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I think more importantly, a school of this magnitude could be another pivotal opportunity to put Victoria on the map. Just think of the guest artists that would come far and beyond to teach classes and give lectures and those that fly in from around the globe to participate. And just think as well, the historical aspect that this building and opportunity will be around far beyond our lifetime. That legacy alone is tremendous.

Also,

Inspiring and evoking minds to put down their electronic STUFF and get hands on again with organic and raw methods and materials.

I also support that it endeavors to recognize:

-the project provides much needed rental housing, including affordable housing units and all of the other points.

Please consider.

Kind regards,
Jennifer Luckay
VISA workshop student

Lucas De Amaral

From: Jane Mackenzie [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 3:56 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for the Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Mayor,

I fully support the proposed development for a new Vancouver Island School of Art. An art school is a vital hub in a city and the part time workshops available at VISA are accessible to all.

I hope to see this proposal be built.

Many thanks
Jane MacKenzie

Lucas De Amaral

From: Jan Saunders [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 4:23 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Vancouver Island School of Art

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Dear Mayor Helps,

May I add my voice to others' who request that you please consider the development of VISA as part of the new building project in the Quadra Village. The opportunity to participate in the VISA experience has been paramount for me in terms of personal growth and development, and I have no doubt that given the opportunity to locate in this area, VISA will continue to flourish as a cultural hub for many others in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jan Saunders

Lucas De Amaral

From: Kate Cowood [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 4:12 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I was delighted to hear that the Vancouver Island School of Art is working with a developer to create a much needed artistic venue. How extraordinary an opportunity this is, creating the space for the school and also housing. Creativity is one of the best antidotes to depression, and in this day and age, stress is rampant. Such a venue offers anyone AND everyone in the community and Greater Victoria, access to a vibrant, and positive experience.

Lucas De Amaral

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: May 15, 2019 1:19 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Dear Mayor Lisa Helps & Victoria City Council members,

I am writing in support of the Vancouver Island School of Art moving into the space on the main floor of the new Ross Terrace development on Fifth Street, projected opening date of September 2020. I have lived in Victoria for most of my life, and just retired from my long-term job as a Registered Nurse at Mount St. Mary Hospital on January 2nd of this year. I often admired the VISA building on Quadra Street and thought of taking classes there, but never had the time to do so and unfortunately they have moved so in a sense I missed my chance. Now that I am retired I did sign up for an Art History course at VISA that would have started this week but had to be cancelled due to low registration. When I registered for this course I did so at the new location on Kings Street, and was somewhat disappointed that this current (temporary) location seemed rather dismal and depressing to me in such an old and dated building. I met the Executive Director of VISA and she told me the location had some benefits over the old site and they were all looking on the bright side and making the best of it, and I felt so welcome that I quickly got past my initial reservations and registered anyway. Regardless of all this I really do not feel that the current location is suitable for an Art School, and I have to wonder if it has been off-putting for potential students and may be affecting registration or at least impeding growth for the school. The Ross Terrace location sounds ideal. I will go ahead and sign up for the Art History course again in the Fall as I have been assured that the Fall courses are generally a go with improved registration at that time of year, but I would love to see the school move to a more esthetically pleasing environment as I do plan to become a regular student at VISA in my retirement years and truly want to see the school thrive for the betterment of our community.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lorelei Poole
1634 Chambers Street
Victoria

Lucas De Amaral

From: Lee Richardson [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 5:03 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Dear Mayor & Council;

I wholeheartedly support the Vancouver Island School of Art (VISA) in their efforts to find a home at Ross Terrace.

I have taken several painting and drawing courses at VISA and have found their instructors to be of high quality and dedicated to development of artistic ability. VISA offers a valuable service to emerging artists in by providing studio spaces for them to work in. VISA has done and continues to do an excellent job in promoting artistic talent in Victoria.

I strongly believe that Victoria will be well served by its Mayor and Council supporting this project.

Sincerely.

Lee Richardson

Lucas De Amaral

From: Mary-Lynn Ogilvie [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 3:49 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Attention,

Please consider approval for a permanent home for VISA. This school and gallery are an integral part of Victoria's cultural community and as such need your support for this to continue in its important role in our city. The school and gallery create an increasingly meaningful interaction with art for artists, both professional and novices, as well as raising awareness for the general public at through classes and exhibitions.

VISA is worthy institution supporting an important community for art related activities.

Mary-Lynn Ogilvie
artist
[REDACTED]

Lucas De Amaral

From: Michael Stebbings [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 3:49 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Mayor and Council

I would like to add my support to the proposal for the Vancouver Island School of Art joint development project. This is an excellent location, building on past relationships between the school and Quadra Village. It will set a valuable precedent for combining cultural activities with private developments of lasting benefit for the city as a whole, not to mention the much-needed housing which is so desperately needed. I hope you will endorse this exciting and far reaching project which undoubtedly enhance the urban fabric. I have enjoyed the shows and the work of VISA students for many years and feel that the case for a permanent home for them in this area has been well established.
Sincerely

Michael Stebbings

Lucas De Amaral

From: Marilyn Welch [REDACTED]
Sent: May 15, 2019 7:36 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: Wendy Welch
Subject: ARYZE development for new art school

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The Aryze development plan for Vancouver Island School of Art is an excellent project and I hope the city will support it. Vancouver Island School of Art is in rental accommodation in the former Blanchard Elementary school at present. This successful school needs a permanent home of its own and Aryze Developments is offering that.

Vancouver Island School of Art is a valuable part of the Quadra Village community and the City of Victoria. It has been a a thriving art school for 14 years after 4,323 students have taken courses there.

I hope that the Mayor and City Council will see the wisdom of approving this project for the City of Victoria.

Marilyn Welch
Victoria BC Canada

Lucas De Amaral

From: Nancy Issenman [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 6:11 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: vancouver school of art proposed new building

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Hello there,
I'm writing to offer my support for the proposed permanent location of VISA. VISA has been a very important resource in our community of Quadra Village and should remain in this area. The project is a stunning and practical collaboration between a private developer and a cultural institution which should be encouraged and provides rental housing above, some of it-gasp-affordable!!
I urge you to support this project.
Thank you,
Nancy Issenman

Lucas De Amaral

From: Nicholas Wemyss [REDACTED]
Sent: May 15, 2019 5:46 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for the Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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I am a user and supporter of VISA and recommend the City of Victoria's backing of this development. As a community we are internationally known for high-tech, marine and environmental strengths, but we also punch above our weight in live theatre, music and the arts. We need and deserve a facility such as this to continue our strong STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Music) culture, and diversify from tourism and government. STEAM ahead with VISA!

thanks, Nick Wemyss

1-2201 Vancouver St.
Victoria, BC V8T 4A1
May 15, 2019



Mayor and Council
1 Centennial Square
Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor Helps and Councillors,

Re: Development proposal DPV00100

I am writing in support of the mixed use development proposal for Ross Terrace, at 2566, 2570 and 2580 Fifth Street, which would include rental housing and a purpose-built permanent home for the Vancouver Island School of Art (VISA). This proposal would be a fresh approach in its collaboration between a residential development and a cultural organization.

The appearance of the proposed development appears to be compatible, with its modest height, with the surrounding low-rise neighbours, both apartment buildings and individual houses. There is landscaping, both trees and a garden, which would add benefit to both the tenants and the immediate neighbours. The residential portion of the building would add to Victoria's needed stock of rental accommodation.

The innovative approach of collaborating with VISA is very welcome. Hillside/Quadra, like its adjacent neighbourhoods of North Park and Burnside/Gorge, has long been a moderate- to low-income community which has had a high proportion of social burdens, and a relatively small amount of benefits compared to many other neighbourhoods. The presence of arts organizations such as Blue Bridge Theatre and VISA in Hillside/Quadra provides cultural stimulation that goes a considerable way towards redressing the balance between responsibilities and benefits.

As a student at VISA, I really appreciate the range of its offerings, both in its credit and non-credit programs, and in its welcoming atmosphere to students with varying degrees of skills and within a large age range, from 18 to 80. This school is a great asset to Victoria. It is well known as a part of Hillside/Quadra, after 13 years in its former Quadra Street location, and deserves to be able to remain in that neighbourhood. VISA's accommodation until recently in an old schoolhouse had a wonderful atmosphere of historic character. However, because of the building's age, it presented some challenges, including non-accessibility to anyone with mobility issues. The prospect of a new, ground level, permanent home, designed to the school's needs, is like a dream come true.

I believe that it is important to have cultural organizations shared in an equitable way throughout all of Victoria's diverse communities and that VISA should be able to remain in Hillside/Quadra. The forward-thinking attitude of the developer of Ross Terrace in collaborating with a cultural organization deserves praise. I hope that you will be strongly supportive of this precedent setting development proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Penny Bond

Penny Bond

cc: Wendy Welch
Director, VISA

Lucas De Amaral

From: Peter Gorrie [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 8:32 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for the Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Mayor Helps and councillors,

I am writing to urge you to approve the project proposed by the Purdey Group and the Vancouver Island School of Art that would give VISA an ideal permanent home in the neighbourhood it has enhanced for 13 years and also provide badly needed rental housing, including some affordable units, in the Quadra community.

This kind of project, in which the developer works with a non-profit group, is an excellent way to create vibrant communities, strengthening strives while providing the sort of homes that are most urgently needed.

VISA. in its current temporary home, is growing in energy and having an important impact in the Quadra/Hillside area, from supporting local businesses to creating a lively cultural scene.

And, from what I have seen, the proposed building is a pleasing design that will fit the character of the neighbourhood.

In short, there are many solid reasons to support the project, and, again, I urge you to do so.

Peter Gorrie
4 - 2638 Shelbourne St.
V8R 4L9
[REDACTED]

Lucas De Amaral

From: P Weldon [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 3:27 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: new home for Vancouver Island School of the Arts (VISA)

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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To the Mayor and Council

I have recently learned that Victoria city council will soon review a proposal to build a Quadra Village complex which would include rental housing, green space and a permanent home for the Vancouver Island School of Art (VISA). The project is a partnership between a non-profit cultural organization and a private developer – a direction we should encourage as a way of building residential capacity and cultural infrastructure. Urban planners have long known that arts + residential = safe, vibrant downtown neighbourhoods and sustained economic activity.

I am a resident of Greater Victoria who has taken several courses at VISA. People come from all over Southern Van Isle and the Gulf Islands to attend classes there. I have watched over the years as this area of Quadra Street transformed itself: from a route to downtown with nothing much to offer on the way, to a vibrant destination neighbourhood and a generator of economic activity. The school is part of what gives Quadra Village its special vibe, and that vibe is responsible for attracting many small businesses, restaurants, services and long term residents to the area. While attending classes there, I have shopped, patronized restaurants and linked up with commercial services in Quadra Village. It's becoming a very cool place to hang out, and much of that coolness stems from having an art college in the neighbourhood.

I am so very pleased that the proposed project would also provide new residential tenancy capacity, which means that local businesses become even more sustainable.

I hope that Council will say yes to this WIN WIN WIN proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Patricia Weldon

[REDACTED]
Victoria BC.



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Lucas De Amaral

From: Rodney Ashton Crutcher [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 6:10 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: Vancouver Island School of Art
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Friends, colleagues and supporters of the arts in our community:

I support support the current proposal of the Vancouver Island School of Art (VISA). I understand this proposal goes to council on May 23rd. Your support and endorsement is needed and encouraged.

I have lived in Greater Victoria area for 10 years. I am becoming increasingly engaged in the visual arts community here. What a delight ! VISA is an important resource to me and to many of my friends and colleagues. It's a community oriented resource that offers something for everyone in the way of support, guidance, encouragement, formal instruction and of course robust arty challenge. I believe VISA contributes beyond its weight to the high quality of life in our community. Personally, I continue to benefit from this organization. I am well aware it needs a permanent location that is fitting given this organizations history, connectivity, vision, mandate and hopes.

I am aware that many individuals have taken courses or workshops at VISA in the past 14 years. I have interacted with VISA instructors and artists and remain inspired. I feel VISA somehow 'stretches me' artistically, as I explore - as an amateur artist - a domaine that is somewhat new to me.

I support the Quadra Village location for a permanent home. While the exact location issue is not a hill to die on for me, I understand and support the rationale that VISA has proposed, and I encourage you to do the same. From what I understand of the current proposal, there are many win wins. Does anyone lose ? I think not. While I recognize there are always complexities, nuances and details in these proposals and subtexts that matter, from what I understand of the current situation, the proposal is solid and and does perhaps set the stage for a newer way of doing business, engaging both the private sector and a cultural organization to help achieve some shared goals that benefit a large and diverse community.

I support other rationales for this project, including

- the project provides much needed rental housing, including affordable housing units


- the project is elegantly designed as two modest four-storey structures to be surrounded by trees and with a garden terrace between the buildings and will add to the aesthetic quality of the architecture of the Quadra Village

Thanks for your thoughtful consideration.

Yours truly,

Rod

Rod Crutcher
835 Linkleas Ave
Victoria, BC
V8S 5C4



Rodney A. Crutcher MD MMedEd CCFP(EM) FCFP
Professor Emeritus of Family Medicine
University of Calgary

Lucas De Amaral

From: Susann Allnutt [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 10:13 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for the Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Mayor Phelps and Council members,

I am writing in support of the Ross Terrace development on Fifth Street. This innovative approach to development, by incorporating a cultural institution - the Vancouver Island School of Art - in its design, helps embed and enhance the idea of art as being accessible to everyone. Imagine living in an apartment building with an art school on the main floor. Fantastic. It keeps art in the neighbourhood.

I have taken several courses at VISA. It is an important learning place, with experienced and enthusiastic teachers. It is also an important member of the Quadra Village community, both in its old location on Quadra and its current temporary location on King's Road. It has contributed a great deal to the current health of Quadra Village. This new development would allow it to stay near home.

The housing part of the development brings new rental spaces in a modest, neighbourhood appropriate size building. It's a win win proposal. I hope you will support it.

Susann Allnutt
203-1125 Oscar St
Victoria, BC

Lucas De Amaral

From: Shirley Barrett [REDACTED]
Sent: May 15, 2019 2:35 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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I hope this project will be supported by the whole Victoria Council. A new art school will create an exciting vitality to the whole neighbourhood.

Shirley Barrett

Lucas De Amaral

From: Shirley Grosser [REDACTED]
Sent: May 15, 2019 11:24 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I have been a student at the Vancouver Island School of Art for several years. I hope to never graduate. Over several years I've watched a truly enlightened, collaborative, and community-minded Art organization bring a certain level of outreach and neighbourliness to the exciting Quadra community, which seems to me to be in the early stages of re-emergence and redevelopment. In addition to the educational service provided to thousands of our community's adult students, and to international students as well, VISA's presence provides a direct economic input into the daily life of neighbourhood businesses. And the potential for a collaboration with the developers for the sharing of space for affordable housing offers another unique and innovative example of the mutuality of multifunctional buildings in our city. It is with a full and hopeful heart that I would ask you, as enlightened leadership of our city, to support this innovative and forward-looking opportunity. Give Vancouver Island School of Art a permanent home, finally. Give the organization the opportunity to continue to provide its community-minded service in a space which honours its contribution over these many years. Give the Quadra neighbourhood a neighbour it deserves.

Shirley Grosser

Lucas De Amaral

From: Susan Kennedy [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 7:17 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Mayor Helps and Council:

I am writing in support of the Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace development. I have been an adult student there over the years and feel this school, and its education programs, is deserving of community support. The combination of this arts organization and housing development will contribute to two important needs in our community-- culture and homes. The School has been and will continue to be an important asset in the Quadra Village neighbourhood.

Sincerely,
Susan Kennedy
1610 Pinewood Ave
Victoria BC V8S [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Lucas De Amaral

From: Shirlee Lewis [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 3:33 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: V.I.S.A. permanent location in Quadra Village

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I am one of over 4,000 students who have taken classes at visa over many years.
visa nourishes a growing community of creative people who enrich all of southern Vancouver Island.
The thriving Quadra Village is such a great, easy to get to central location ideal for the permanent location of an Art School.
Hope this project can be approved
Thanks, Shirlee Lewis
235 Michigan Ave. Unit 402
Victoria BC

Lucas De Amaral

From: Stephanie Ustina [REDACTED]
Sent: May 15, 2019 6:46 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for the Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm writing with unreserved support for the Vancouver Island School of Art to be housed in the Ross Terrace Development Project. The design sounds lovely, and it appears the developer and school have worked creatively together, in a rare collaboration of the private and creative sectors--something Victoria should take pride in.

Quadra Village is one of Victoria's most inclusive areas and, dare I say, neighbourhoods. The presence of the arts in any community humanizes the space, and the inclusion of an art school will bring not only the arts, but artists to the area. Artists, and those who study the arts as hobbyists, are traditionally liberal minded people who value inclusivity, peaceful co-existence with those who are different from themselves, and take interest in the world around them. They also tend to be generous-spirited. VISA has already proven itself to be a good neighbour, and that it now wishes to remain in the neighbourhood should be taken as an immense gift to the surrounding community.

Past accomplishments of the art school have been to teach thousands of students, develop partnerships with Emily Carr College of Art and a UK university, open its doors wide to the public for gallery openings and Lectures. It has consistently made the most of the spaces it has occupied, and while on Quadra St., created visual interest in the neighbourhood, with its upbeat, contemporary paint job.

In my view, Quadra Village will be enriched many times over should VISA be part of the Ross Terrace Development. Not only those who study there and will later make works of art, but the general public who study and visit, and the neighbourhood lucky enough to have a beautiful school of this caliber, will benefit, but, and perhaps especially, the children in the area, our future generations.

I ask that you please support Vancouver Island School of Art in the Ross Terrace Development.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Regards,
Stephanie Ustina

Lucas De Amaral

From: Sylvia Bews-Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: May 15, 2019 9:17 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: wwelch@vancouverislandschoolart.com
Subject: New home for VISA

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I wish to express my delight at the projected permanent new home for the visual arts education and exhibition space at Vancouver Island School of Arts I have been involved as a visual artist since before the inception of VISA as it currently exists and have been privileged to have experienced wonderful mentor ship from a number of the faculty. Their focus has always been to encourage greater explorations well beyond the scope of a particular course . As a long time painter I find the challenge of further developing my ideas invaluable.

The school offers enormous, proven opportunities to both beginners and established artists and fills a niche in Victoria for adults yearning for further means of self realization .

As it grows, the city is being quite well served by a range of cultural opportunities in theatre, dance, music, opera, but the visual arts have been at a lower profile. I hope the proposal currently before council is enthusiastically endorsed.

Sylvia Bews-Wright

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Lucas De Amaral

From: Torrey Archer [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 3:07 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Letter of Support for Vancouver School of Art application

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to offer support for the securement of a permanent location for the Vancouver Island School of Art (VISA) in the new development planned on Fifth St.

VISA is an incredible place that offers wonderful programs. They deserve the peace of mind that one gets knowing their home is secure. Art is an important part of our society and requires that inhibitions be lowered. How can you do this while worrying about if you will have studio space in the future?

Reasons this application should be approved include:

-over 4,323 individuals have taken courses or workshops at VISA in the last 14 years, thus it is an important part of the Greater Victoria community -VISA has been in the Quadra Village for the last 13 years and should remain in this region to ensure that people who have brought it into their lives can keep it there -the project is an unprecedented (in Victoria) collaboration between a private developer and a cultural organization and should be encouraged as it could set a precedent for future projects -the project provides much needed rental housing, including affordable housing units -the project is well designed as two modest four-storey structures to be surrounded by trees, with a garden terrace between the buildings and will add to the aesthetic quality of the architecture of Quadra Village

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you get to enjoy classes at VISA and they are able to find a permanent home!

All the best,
Torrey Archer
1615 Belmont Ave, Victoria BC

Lucas De Amaral

From: Tessa Jamieson [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 3:09 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: VISA new home

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I would like to say that VISA is a crucial part of Quadra village. It is more than an Art School - it brings like-minded people together and strengthens the community. It is community aware and tries to include possibilities for all tastes and opinions. This valued asset should remain in the area and continue its good works. Sincerely, Tessa Jamieson

Lucas De Amaral

From: Virginia Bennett [REDACTED]
Sent: May 15, 2019 9:00 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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Dear Mayor Helps and Council

I am asking for your support for the proposed Ross Terrace project on Fifth Street.

The Vancouver Island School of Art (VISA) has been in the Quadra Village for 13 years and should remain in this location. This project is a lovely design surrounded by trees with a garden terrace, that provides much needed rental housing, including affordable housing units. It is a unique collaboration between a private developer and a cultural organization. This type of collaboration should be encouraged.

I hope you will show your support and vote in favour of this project on May 23.

All the best
Virginia Bennett

Monica Dhawan

From: Georgina Montgomery <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 10:03 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

Dear Mayor Helps and Victoria City Council,

I'm writing to express my hope that council will show support for the unique Ross Terrace project on Fifth Street and in so doing give the Vancouver Island School of Art a permanent location.

VISA, now so well recognized in art education circles, has contributed hugely to the revitalization of the Quadra Village community since the school's opening well over a decade ago. Providing VISA with a solid home base will only benefit the community--and the greater Victoria region--further and for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Georgina Montgomery

Monica Dhawan

From: Lia Versaevel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 7:22 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Vancouver Island School of Art

Mayor and Council, please stand in support of the arts and encourage all processes to move this school to a new and permanent facility. It is a jewel in the Crown of this City. I employs many people, educates thousands, and reminds us of how beautiful life can be.

Lia Versaevel ><(((°>
[REDACTED]
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Monica Dhawan

From: Susan Geddes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 9:17 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for the Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

Good morning

I think it is important that a permanent location is secured for the Vancouver Island School of Art. They have contributed a huge amount to the community and to people who want to connect with their creative spirits.

Sincerely

Susan Geddes

Susan Joan Geddes

Artist

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Monica Dhawan

From: Engagement
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 8:40 AM
To: Bridget Frewer; Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: new home for Vancouver Island School of the Arts (VISA)

From: P Weldon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 14, 2019 3:23 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: new home for Vancouver Island School of the Arts (VISA)

To the Mayor and Council

I have recently learned that Victoria city council will soon review a proposal to build a Quadra Village complex which would include rental housing, green space and a permanent home for the Vancouver Island School of Art (VISA). The project is a partnership between a non-profit cultural organization and a private developer – a direction we should encourage as a way of building residential capacity and cultural infrastructure. Urban planners have long known that arts + residential = safe, vibrant downtown neighbourhoods and sustained economic activity.

I am a resident of Greater Victoria who has taken several courses at VISA. People come from all over Southern Van Isle and the Gulf Islands to attend classes there. I have watched over the years as this area of Quadra Street transformed itself: from a route to downtown with nothing much to offer on the way, to a vibrant destination neighbourhood and a generator of economic activity. The school is part of what gives Quadra Village its special vibe, and that vibe is responsible for attracting many small businesses, restaurants, services and long term residents to the area. While attending classes there, I have shopped, patronized restaurants and linked up with commercial services in Quadra Village. It's becoming a very cool place to hang out, and much of that coolness stems from having an art college in the neighbourhood.

I am so very pleased that the proposed project would also provide new residential tenancy capacity, which means that local businesses become even more sustainable.

I hope that Council will say yes to this WIN WIN WIN proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Patricia Weldon
[REDACTED]
Victoria BC.



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Monica Dhawan

From: Patricia Conway <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:52 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for the Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing in support of the Vancouver Island School of Art proposal for the Ross Terrace Development Project. What an innovative and exciting idea for Victoria!

Not only will it keep a treasured institution alive, this project will provide continued art education and opportunities for residents in the inclusive housing as well as people from all over Victoria and area. It will set a high standard of thoughtful city planning.

Maintaining VISA in the neighbourhood also helps sustain and encourage growth in a vibrant community.

I commend you for overseeing this project.

Sincerely,

Patricia Conway

Lucas De Amaral

From: wendy wardle [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2019 5:36 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Vancouver Island School of Art and the Ross Terrace Development Project

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I support the project that will allow for the school to remain in the area it has been for 13 years.
Wendy Wardle
VISA student

Sent from my iPad

Monica Dhawan

From: Peter Walter Stelzer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:42 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: VISA

To whom it may concern...

I'd like to support VISA that they can find a permanent location.

-over 4,323 individuals have taken courses or workshops at VISA in the last 14 years and is an important part of the Greater Victoria community whose survival depends on obtaining a permanent location

-VISA has been in the Quadra Village for the last 13 years and should remain in this location

-the project is an unprecedented (in Victoria) collaboration between a private developer and a cultural organization and should be encouraged as it could set a precedent for future projects

-the project provides much needed rental housing, including affordable housing units

-the project is beautifully designed as two modest four-storey structures to be surrounded by trees and with a garden terrace between the buildings and will add to the aesthetic quality of the architecture of the Quadra Village.

Sincerely
Peter Stelzer

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