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Re: Rezoning Application No. 00860 and Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00249 for 1276/1278 Gladstone Avenue

Dear Mayor and Council,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to you today to support the proposed development at 1276 Gladstone Ave. I live about a block away from this property, which is steps from one of our city's most cherished urban villages. The proposal is consistent with the OCP and the Fernwood Neighbourhood Plan, which lay out the vision for an expanded commercial village centred on Fernwood Square. In order to expand the village, this is the exact type of development we need: more commercial space, and more family-sized rental units. Fernwood is easily accessible by transit, bike and car share, and is the perfect location for this zero-parking development.

I am excited for the future of Fernwood knowing that a gradual expansion of the urban village will bring more vibrancy and activity to the neighbourhood. With gentle densification will come more corner stores, cafes, shops and services. The reopening of Vic High has already brought a tangible increase in neighbourhood life. Alongside the CRD's Caledonia complex opening next year, it really is the right time and place for this beautiful development.

Sincerely

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