



December 5, 2017

Mayor and Council
City of Victoria

Re: Zoning Bylaw 2017

Dear Mayor and Council,

In the proposed Zoning Bylaw 2017, we are seeing a shift in the City's redevelopment approval process. This makes the neighbourhood planning process even more important – the OCP (which includes DP guidelines) and the neighbourhood plans have to be kept current in this approach.

This new process lacks transparency, removes neighborhood engagement and oversight, and paves the way for unintended consequences. Discussion of this proposal and its ramifications has been inadequate; it requires a reset, moving on to a full and comprehensive discussion with your civic partners.

The new bylaw would leave the role of CALUC in question. The process of checks and balances would be unclear and possibly open to departmental override.

If there is greater dependency on the OCP to provide overarching development vision, there must also be a clearly outlined process to have Local Area Plans updated in a timely fashion, perhaps every 5 years.

Sincerely,

Janet Simpson, President