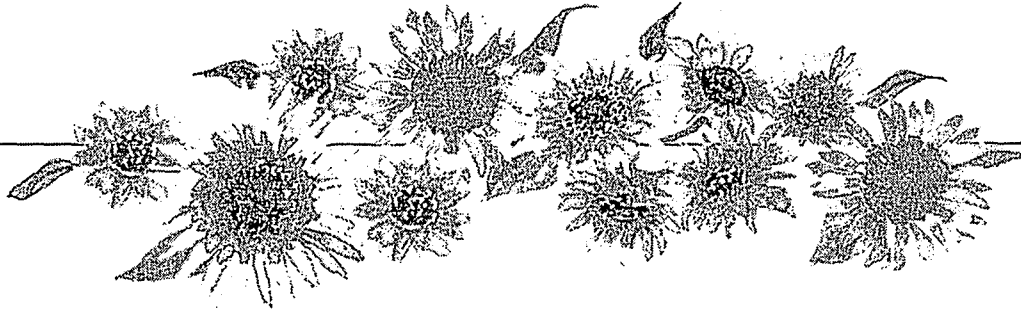


From: Gerald Tevaarwerk [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Latest news
Date: September 12, 2017 at 12:53 PM
To: Wendy MacNeil [REDACTED]



To Mayor & Council

Dear Matt and Wendy,


Just a note to let you know how disappointed we were to see the article in the newspaper about the "heritage" challenge of your home. We wish you luck in pursuing your efforts to explain that the old home is getting a renewal of its best features!!! Don't give up hope!!! We are not!!! We faxed a copy of the news article to the Schack family as well so they are informed.

Just let us know when demolition will begin as we will move our beehive.

The bees don't like loud noises and left temporarily when our new roof was installed!!!! So our son-in-law will take them during the construction. See how positive we are that the temporary block of your plans will all get sorted out????

Warmest regards, Marsha and Gerald

1523 SHASTA PLACE

Colin Gareau and Sue Scotnicki
1545 Shasta Place
Victoria BC V8S 1Y1


August 18, 2017

To: Victoria Variance Board

Dear Sir/Madam

To Mayor & Council

We are writing this letter to express our full support for Matt and Wendy MacNeil's plan to build their new house on Shasta. They were kind enough to invite all interested parties (including neighbours) to their house this past week to view the plans and speak to the builders and designer. Matt spoke for a few minutes and outlined the changes to the property and project timeline. He then opened the floor for questions. Most people's issues were about traffic, noise and general mess. He addressed everybody's concerns and assured us that the crew were professional and the overall impact to the street would be minimal. We are one house removed from their property and I am convinced that this will be the case. Furthermore the changes that he outlined will actually be an improvement to traffic flow and safety on the street as the cul-de-sac currently has 5 driveways all exiting in close proximity.

We would be happy to discuss our support in person if required but in the meantime we wish them well in their project and hope they remain as neighbours for many years to come

Respectfully

Colin Gareau and Sue Scotnicki

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Re: 1525 Shasta Place Update

Mon, Oct 30, 2017 07:51 PM

Dear Sir or Madam,

To Mayor + Council

As part of the Shasta Place community, we address this letter to the City of Victoria and the Victoria Heritage Foundation regarding the changes proposed for 1525 Shasta Place.

We have personally been in the property that was originally built as carriage house and stables, and reckoned that the property requires many updates.

Also, we have participated in the presentation of the new construction proposal and believe it will add value and beauty to the entire neighbourhood.

Please accept this letter as a petition to approve the proposal put forward by Matt and Wendy McNeil.

Yours faithfully,

Eliza Livingston
1524 Shasta Place

449 Victoria Ave.
Victoria, BC
V8S-4M7
31 Oct.17

Dear Mayor Helps and Council Members,

This letter is to support the application of our good friends and former neighbours Matt and Wendy MacNeil, of 1525 Shasta Place. Their application is to revitalize their property. Revitalize their property by replacing their current home, a former unrepairable stable and later garage, with a new single family dwelling. A dwelling that besides being conscious of its neighbourhood setting will be a dramatic improvement in terms of the environment and especially energy consumption.

Matt and Wendy began their research into this project at least a dozen years ago. They have explored every imaginable option with their current structure. However, the reality is that the existing structure has long outlived its original purpose. As a former property appraiser I know from experience that dry rot exists in some of Victoria's older structures. Dry rot simply cannot be ignored and often cannot be repaired in which case the structure need replacement. This is the situation that the MacNeil's face. The only realistic option for them is to take it down the existing structure because of the dry rot.

Having known Matt and Wendy for many years we know how environmentally conscious they are. We cannot imagine them undertaking a revitalization of their property that would cause an affront to their current neighbours or neighbourhood. We trust that you Mayor Helps and Council members now that Council has completed its due diligence on the MacNeil application will approve their project. Needless to say such a decision would be welcomed by their family and legends of friends in Victoria and Greater Victoria too.

Yours truly,

Joseph and Christine Gollner

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