

January 26, 2018

Mayor and Council City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Re: Zoning Bylaw2017 Review

Mayor and Council -

UDI Capital Region once again would like commend staff on their diligence of engaging with the community on the Zoning Bylaw2017. This has been an onerous process for staff. They have done an outstanding job listening to all stakeholders concerns and addressing them where possible.

We are aware that rescinding 2nd reading in December was necessary to address further concerns. However, we are hopeful that this bylaw will be passed at the proposed March 8 public hearing. Staff presented UDI with all the latest revisions on January 15, 2018. We are grateful for the Staff's attention to detail and their diligence in ensuring all voices are heard. This draft bylaw shows forward thinking and aligns well with Councils objectives.

As noted in a previous letter, we have UDI members that are holding back their permitting process on projects awaiting this new bylaw. In light of the active development market, UDI feels that it would be in the City's best interest to pass this bylaw and allow the projects that are on hold to proceed.

UDI is encouraged by the level of engagement to which the City Staff have shown in this process. The draft is thorough, specific and, simultaneously, adaptable to change. We look forward to future collaboration and engagement on other issues.

Kind Regards,

Kathy Hogan – Executive Director (on behalf of the UDI Capital Region Board of Directors)