

Lacey Maxwell

From: Aaron Webster [REDACTED] >
Sent: August 15, 2017 8:56 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Hudson Place One at 29 stories

Hello Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that I am in support of Townline's Hudson Place One going ahead at 29 stories. I currently live at 827 North Park St and will be able to see this tower from my condo. I applaud Townline for investing in the north end of downtown and have full trust in their capabilities in developing this land as being proposed.

It is my understanding that Townline is not requesting additional density, but is requesting to re-organize it in such a way that the tower has a nice aesthetic form. I will tell you I would much rather see a slim 29 story tower than a wide tower at 24 stories. Wide towers block views, and are not as pleasing to the eye as slim towers. Please approve this as is!

Thanks,

Aaron Webster
[REDACTED]

Lacey Maxwell

From: Christel Gebauer [REDACTED] >
Sent: August 15, 2017 5:33 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Height of New Building - 29 Feet

Dear Mayor and Council,

The new building at a height of 29 feet, would not only detract from Victoria's beauty and uniqueness, it would be dangerous as well. Victoria is on a fault line! Also, after seeing the high death toll from recent high rise fires, such a high building should not even be considered!

Sincerely,

Christel Gebauer

Sent from Outlook

Lacey Maxwell

From: Martha [REDACTED] >
Sent: August 15, 2017 9:16 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Reject Townline's request for variance

I encourage the City to DENY Townline's request for variance on the development of the former Bay site.

There is a city plan which states the allowable height of buildings. It had City and public approval and should be followed. Every few years the City should review the plan to allow it to evolve in an appropriate, controlled manner. Allowing 'one-off' variances means that there is NO overall plan. We have seen this before: an area plan sets the height at 4 floors, and a developer gets a variance to build 6 floors. If you give variance for one developer, it is almost an automatic approval for the next request – which will probably be for 8 floors.

The developer may offer many things in trade for variance approval. It is a type of development blackmail. Again, stick to the city plan.

And approving a variance in trade for public art is NOT the way to get public art – such as the mattress 'art' at the condo at Douglas and Southgate.

Martha Burd
2412A Wark Street

Lacey Maxwell

From: webforms@victoria.ca
Sent: August 16, 2017 8:19 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Mayor and Council email

From: Brett Hinch

Email : [REDACTED]

Reference : <http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/city/mayor-council-committees/councillors/pamela-madoff.html>

Daytime Phone : [REDACTED]

I am concerned about another variance coming to council.

I heard the building under construction at "the Hudson" has applied for a buliding variance to take the tower from 24 stories to 29!

I urge you to vote against this request. 24 stories is more than enough.

I am a true Victorian born and raised and I am very concerned with the rapid, and sometimes reckless, developement of our ciry.

I thought the highrise destruction of our city's skyline had ended with the View Towers. How terribly wrong I was.

Vote "No!" to this request for 5 more stories. Please.

Sincerely, Brett Hinch

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IP Address: [REDACTED]

Lacey Maxwell

From: webforms@victoria.ca
Sent: August 17, 2017 4:23 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Mayor and Council email

From: Genevieve Stainton

Email : [REDACTED]

Reference : <http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/city/mayor-council-committees/contact-mayor-council.html>

Daytime Phone : Not provided

Good afternoon,

I am writing to request Mayor and Council to approve the plans for the increase in floors to 29, at the new high rise tower on the old Hudsons Bay parking lot site downtown. I live and work downtown and have for the past seven years. I don't feel this would negatively impact the city and would in fact enhance the livability of downtown residents.

As we all know, we desperately need more rental and affordable condo units to purchase downtown. I am fortunate to have found my place seven years ago and while I make a decent income and have savings, I have been completely unable to find a condo to purchase in my price range anywhere near the city. The market needs more units.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Stainton

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IP Address: [REDACTED]

Lauren Martin

From: webforms@victoria.ca
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 8:22 AM
To: Community Planning email inquiries
Subject: Community Planning

From: patti grey

Email : [REDACTED]

Reference : <http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/planning-development/community-planning.html>

Daytime Phone : [REDACTED]

I have very serious concerns about stripping Victoria of what makes it 'authentic' and 'unique', and that would be allowing a 29 story 'Townline' (?) building to be approved. It is only tax dollars that would make one decision to approve over the allowance and I believe we need to stand up for what is the minimum allowance.

New developers will always come along, with Victoria now being discovered...which is even more of a reason to apply even more strict bylaws about height.

These decisions are forever.....Is there an on-line place for public to 'vote' or express concerns. I am not someone who has ever stepped up to push my thoughts about something in my community and I have lived here since 1967.

I really feel that in these sensitive times, it is important to really consider what makes us so unique and aesthetically beautiful and a good place to live overall....stand our ground for generations to come. about where our values are....allowing this 29 stories is about money, not in best interest of city and not in best interest for generations to come.....sorry for repeated ramble !!

Thank you so much for your time.

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IP Address: [REDACTED]

Lacey Maxwell

From: DAVE AMOSS [REDACTED]
Sent: August 25, 2017 4:15 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Hudson 1

I would like to put my support behind the 29 story Hudson building Victoria needs more buildings like this it's a beautiful design and it is outside of old town you need to pass this David Amoss

Sent from my iPhone

Lucas De Amaral

From: Malcolm & Donna Blyth [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 11:14 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: tall buildings

To Mayor and Council of Victoria

I do not feel that I am a dinosaur and am against progress but I strongly disagree with buildings in Victoria over twenty stories. Sometimes progress is keeping the status quo. It is not only the height I am concerned about but unless we have a better transportation system in place downtown it cannot cope with the added traffic. I think it is wishful thinking that all who live downtown, work downtown and won't need a vehicle.

No 29 storied buildings please.

Donna Blyth
Victoria

Lucas De Amaral

From: DAVID SCHELL [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 11:31 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for 777 Herald Street

Hello,

As a long time resident of Victoria. It has been very exciting to watch the Hudson district be redeveloped into a exciting vibrant area of the city.

I encourage you to approval the requested increase in height to 29 stories.

Besides the obvious benefits that higher density brings to the area, it will also be a landmark feature to the Victoria Skyline, which up and until remains me a of the crew cuts I got as a child.

I look forward to the day when I can downsize out of my house, freeing it up for the next generation to raise their family in while I enjoy the more relaxed lifestyle of condo living and am speaking out now to help ensure their will be something of my liking available for me to choose from.

Regards,
David Schell

Lucas De Amaral

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 10:28 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Hudson Place
Importance: High

To the Mayor and Council:

I understand that Townline, the developer who has single-handedly revitalized a formerly lifeless portion of downtown Victoria, is seeking a variance to increase the height of their latest project known as Hudson Place (777 Herald Street). As someone who lives just 2 blocks from this development, I want to voice my very strong support for Townline's request. Here are just a few of the reasons why I think this project merit's Council's support.

- I like the varying cladding on the corners, giving it a pillared look
- I like the tapering and altering mass at different heights
- I like the way the architect has included exterior trees and sky gardens on the levels where the tower steps back
- I like the more slender appearance, while still maintaining a large number of units (a creative use of density)
 - I like that it will stand out, rather than blend in
 - I like that it has an interesting roof line
 - I like that it will breakaway from Victoria's "tabletop" skyline, since it will be substantially taller than anything around it
 - I like that it looks like nothing else we currently have in Victoria
- I like that it won't be another "wide-scraper" slab like View Towers
- I like that it will contrast with the short & wide Jack Davis Building
 - I like that it pushes boundaries and nudges people out of their comfort zones
- I like the way the proposal speaks to a form and materials that are highly complementary to the nearby built environment
- I like that it will take elements from the historical Hudson's Bay building and re-interpret them in a contemporary way
- I like that I will be able to look out my window and see Victoria's newest landmark building so close
- I like that I will be able to brag about this building to my friends and family in other places and encourage them to come and see it for themselves
 - I like that it will dispel the "height equals bad" myth that seems to prevail in our city
- I like that it proves Victoria is a real, living city and not a museum or theme park frozen in time and never allowed to change
- I like that by building up rather than out, urban sprawl is reduced and our greenbelt is protected
 - I like that it will bring much needed additional housing stock to downtown Victoria
 - I like that several hundred people will have a more livable environment by allowing this project to be built taller and slimmer

I trust that my municipal government will allow this project to proceed unhindered and create a lasting legacy for future generations to enjoy.

John Longhurst

307 - 930 North Park Street

Victoria BC V8T 1C6

Lucas De Amaral

From: Mike Winqvist [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 10:20 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Townline project Hudson

To Mayor Helps and city council.

I fully support the current proposal by townline to built the 29 story project. I believe it is very important for the city of Victoria to start getting more dense in the downtown core rather than losing more and more of our Forrest land example West hills.

I'd like to see more projects like this in the near future as long as the projects are done tastefully, not ugly rectangular boxes.

If anyone reads this thank you for your time,
Mike Winqvist (Downtown resident)

Sent from my iPhone

Lacey Maxwell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: August 27, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Support for Hudson Place 1 increase in height to 84m (29 storeys)

Hello.

I am writing in support of this project and hope the City of Victoria makes the appropriate decision in the upcoming months to allow for the height alteration.

I have lived in Victoria all my life - 37 years - and have witnessed it's great densification in the last ten-to-fifteen years and believe it has been a great for the city and region. Victoria should have a distinguishable city centre and slowly it has emerged. But Victoria's skyline, with all of the recent additions, is still a flat line and is almost boring (my recent arrival via the MV Coho was an eye opener of just how flat the skyline is). It needs something, and a slightly taller condo may be the answer. It would be a break in the flat skyline all of the recent 12 - 17 storey structures has created.

As long as a high rise is aesthetically pleasing the height shouldn't matter. We will never be that miniature replica of Vancouver when it comes to densification so I don't think we need to worry about drawing lines in the concrete regarding building heights and what's appropriate. And whether we like it or not Victoria is not small anymore.

Victoria needs a signature tower that stands out. If Hudson Place 1 is not it then we need to attract and welcome some new designs to the skyline. It does not have to be "sky-high". Nor does it have to be the tallest. But every great city centre has an iconic signature tower. We are on the right track so let's keep it moving in the right direction.

Thanks for your time and I wish everyone the very best! I know it's not an easy decision, as we all have our beliefs and views and a direction we wish to follow. Good luck with it!

Ryan Kennett

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Lacey Maxwell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: September 1, 2017 11:07 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Fwd: comments on development in Victoria

Categories: Awaiting Staff Response

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From: [REDACTED]
To: "mayor&council" <mayor&council@victoria.ca>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 4:12:23 PM
Subject: comments on development in Victoria

To the mayor & council of Victoria, BC
I wish to extend to you my opinion on two matters re:development in Victoria.

Do NOT grant approval to add more stories to the last building to be put on the old Hudson's Bay property - or any other proposed developments - once one developer gets approval it will be "onto the slippery slope" for higher and higher buildings,

Do not allow the "public lands/park" area near the Johnson St building to become part of a development - I hope that you would never consider allowing this horrendous "toe in the door" situation to be approved - let alone even given any serious consideration!!

Please maintain any green spaces that we have - they add so much to the quality of our city.

with hope - Mary Brownscombe

Lacey Maxwell

From: Valma Lanceley [REDACTED] >
Sent: September 11, 2017 3:15 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Development in the City of Victoria

Mayor and Council:

Today I wrote to Mayor Helps with regard to development in the City of Victoria. In the automatic reply from Mayor Helps, it was suggested that I send my email to you, which is below. A copy of the automatic reply is also below.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Thank you. Valma Lanceley

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Victoria

Dear Mayor Helps and Victoria Council Members:

I have lived in Victoria for 46 years and have seen enormous changes to the Downtown core – not all to my liking. I am totally against high-rise buildings in general and particularly in Victoria as I feel that Victoria has always been extremely attractive and unique because of the minimal amount of such high buildings. Until recently, that is. I was dismayed to learn that Townline have requested permission for a variance to enable a 29-storey building to be erected on the former Bay parkade location. This is unbelievable!

I am also disappointed that enormous high-rises have been approved on the site bordered by Fisgard, Herald and Blanshard Streets and now the Developers are wanting to increase their height!

The City is beginning to resemble the cities of Vancouver and New York – where it's difficult to find any sunshine on the streets!

I do realize that all such projects and decisions by the City are based on finances. I believe that it's always about money where development is concerned. But, I humbly request that you and the other members of Council in the City of Victoria reflect greatly on this decision and do not give permission for either of the buildings to be erected so ridiculously high. They will alter the skyline enormously and will destroy the ambiance of our beautiful city.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Valma Lanceley
Saanich

Automatic response from Mayor Helps:

I appreciate hearing from you. It's important to me that you know that I read each and every email that comes into this inbox personally.

With the high volume of ideas and emails that come my way, I'm not always able to respond directly in a timely way. But, I don't want your email to go without action, so here are all the ways we can make sure you get the response and service you need:

- If you'd like to request a meeting, email Danielle St. Jacques at dstjacques@victoria.ca<<mailto:dstjacques@victoria.ca>>
- If you'd like to come to my Community Drop In, please visit www.victoria.ca/dropin<<http://www.victoria.ca/dropin>> to see the schedule or call 250.361.0200
- If you'd like to invite me to speak at an event, email Danielle St. Jacques at dstjacques@victoria.ca<<mailto:dstjacques@victoria.ca>>
- If you're sending us feedback on a proposed development in your neighbourhood please write to mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca<<mailto:mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>>
- If you have an issue with Parking, email parkingservices@victoria.ca<<mailto:parkingservices@victoria.ca>> or call 250.361.0260
- If you need attention from our Engineering department, including Transportation, email eng@victoria.ca<<mailto:eng@victoria.ca>> or call 250.361.0300
- If you need attention from our Public Works department, email pw@victoria.ca<<mailto:pw@victoria.ca>> or call 250.361.0400
- If you need attention from our Parks department, email parks@victoria.ca<<mailto:parks@victoria.ca>> or call 250.361.0600

If your email was regarding any of the above, I will assume you have emailed the appropriate department and will let our wonderful staff reply and help you out. If you don't get what you need and/or still need a reply from me personally, please write again! For a full list of City departments, visit our Department Directory here: <http://www.victoria.ca/EN/meta/contact/department-directory.html>

Thanks for all you do to help make Victoria great,

Lisa

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Lisa Helps, Victoria Mayor
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"Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody only because, and only when, they are created by everybody."

- Jane Jacobs