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Subject: letter from Cook Street Village Residents Network (re: Fairfield Plan)
Attachments: CSVRN Letter to Council_Feb 19 2018.pdf; ATT00001.htm

From: Nicole Chaland

Date: February 20, 2018 at 10:36:31 AM PST

To: "Pam Madoff (Councillor)" <pmadoff@victoria.ca>

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Thank you for considering our concerns and requests.

Nicole Chaland, Richard McGuigan, Diana Smith, Sylvia McMechan, Forrest Smith, Karen Dellert, Ken Roueche, Lorne Daniel, Gene Miller
on behalf of the Cook Street Village Residents Network

Rob Gordon

Subject: FW: Final Input to LAP

From: surroundings [[mailto:Personal info](#)]
Sent: Thursday, February 15
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Cc: Kristina Bouris <KBouris@victoria.ca>
Subject: Final Input to LAP

Cook Street Village

Dear Council,

The Cook Street Village Business Association (CSVBA) has been recently engaged with local community organizations and further to our recent letter(s) to council we would like to go on record regarding the following items:

1. We support a vibrant village that includes all modes of transportation. Our preference is for speed dampening and a multimodal roadway.
2. There be no net loss of parking on Cook St. within the Village.
3. Have minimal disruption to the street, boulevards and transport routes during whatever construction phase is decided upon.
4. A transparant vetting process of any design that is up for consideration to be received by stakeholders of the village, well in advance of a final decision prior to the start of construction.

The CSVBA motto is "Bike to it Not Through It" and feel a AAA bike lane is inappropriate for a vibrant village. We question, "why is tantamount to building an expressway when a country road would suffice". In our view the majority of cyclists access the village through other routes and there is very little traffic to support this level of infrastructure.

A sizeable disruption will not only impact the survivability of the business's we represent, but severely decrease public safety in an already congested destination village. As a restaurateur, I am mindful of the impact the Pandora construction process had on Relish which subsequently went out of business as a result.

We value the input of all parties involved and appreciate the councils time in considering our views.

Sincerely,

Calen McNeil
Director CSVBA

Founder BigWheel Burger Inc.
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