

## Alicia Ferguson

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**Subject:** RE: Please support Councillor Pam Madoff's motion re 1525 Shasta Place

**From:** Bill Birney [REDACTED]

**Date:** August 31, 2017 at 12:10:30 PM PDT

**To:** <[Councillors@victoria.ca](mailto:Councillors@victoria.ca)>

**Subject:** Please support Councillor Pam Madoff's motion re 1525 Shasta Place

Please support Councillor Pam Madoff's motion re 1525 Shasta Place requesting "That staff prepare a resolution directing staff to prepare a 60 day temporary protection order, without consent of the owner, to allow Council to give detailed consideration for further long-term protection options for the property at 1525 Shasta Place and to negotiate an appropriate resolution with the property owner."

Such an important issue can surely withstand 60 days' consideration.

Thank you.

William Birney

1215 Rockland Avenue

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**To:** Chris Coates  
**Subject:** RE: 1525 Shasta Place

**From:** Paula Kully  
**Date:** September 1, 2017 at 2:16:56 PM PDT  
**To:** <[councillors@victoria.ca](mailto:councillors@victoria.ca)>  
**Subject:** 1525 Shasta Place

Dear Mayor Helps and Victoria City Councillors,

As a resident of Victoria, I find it disheartening to hear that the owners of the beautiful, heritage home at 1525 Shasta Place known as Westover have applied for a demolition permit. Personally, I can't understand why someone would purchase such a lovely home only to tear it down. These historic landmarks are what make Victoria so special. In fact the intention to preserve "heritage" is an ongoing major theme within our Official Community Plan and this house is even on the Heritage Registry.

Westover is not dilapidated or run down. It is not just an "old house" with no historic or architectural value. On the contrary, it has great history as one of the properties owned by our famous Dunsmuir family. As well, the heritage registry states that "Westover is fashioned out of a former stable or coachhouse, the only remaining structure of one of Victoria's great estates, The Leasowes."

I implore each member of Council to support City Councillor Pam Madoff's motion at the September 7th Council meeting: "That staff prepare a resolution directing staff to prepare a 60 day temporary protection order, without consent of the owner, to allow Council to give detailed consideration for further long-term protection options for the property at 1525 Shasta Place and to negotiate an appropriate resolution with the property owner."

I look forward to hearing your response and trust that our City Council will find a way to preserve Westover.

Thank you

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Paula Kully  
60 Dallas Road  
Victoria, BC V8V 1A2

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**To:** Chris Coates  
**Subject:** RE: Motion re: Westover coach house.

**From:** Luranah Polson  
**Date:** September 1, 2017 at 3:47:54 PM PDT  
**To:** <[councillors@victoria.ca](mailto:councillors@victoria.ca)>  
**Subject:** Motion re: Westover coach house.

I support Councillor Madoff's motion regarding the Westover coach house: "That staff prepare a resolution directing staff to prepare a 60 day temporary protection order, without consent of the owner, to allow Council to give detailed consideration for further long-term protection options for the property at 1525 Shasta Place and to negotiate an appropriate resolution with the property owner."

Luranah Polson  
Victoria, BC

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**Subject:** RE: 1525 Shasta Place

**From:** Tori

**Date:** September 1, 2017 at 8:21:29 PM PDT

**To:** <[councillors@victoria.ca](mailto:councillors@victoria.ca)>

**Subject:** 1525 Shasta Place

Hello,

I am emailing today to express my concern and to encourage you to support Councillor Madoff's motion in regards to 1525 Shasta Place. Further long-term protection options for the property must be considered. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Victoria Isaak

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**Subject:** RE: In regards to the property at 1525 Shasta Place

**From:** Chelsea Bigalky

**Date:** September 1, 2017 at 10:03:49 PM PDT

**To:** <[councillors@victoria.ca](mailto:councillors@victoria.ca)>

**Subject:** In regards to the property at 1525 Shasta Place

Thank you for taking the time to address my concerns regarding the potential demolition of the home located at 1525 Shasta Place in Victoria, BC.

In my thirty years in this city, I have seen far too much change occur due to the greed and lack of thought by home owners and investors. My childhood neighborhood of James Bay has become unrecognizable, and the homes in Oak Bay that I grew up in with friends and family are too rapidly being torn down.

While I understand the challenges in dealing with outdated electrical, plumbing, etc, it is these homes that stand for what makes Victoria so special and give it such heritage. Because the owners are not willing or able to maintain the home in the necessary ways, that does not mean that the city deserves to lose another valuable piece of history.

I ask you as a lifelong citizen of Victoria to please reconsider this decision and take the opinions of other Victorians into account, before we are reduced to a situation similar to that occurring in heritage areas of Vancouver.

Many thanks for your consideration,

**Alicia Ferguson**

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**Subject:** RE: Westover, 1525 Shasta Place, Rockland

**From:** Catherine Ellis

**Date:** September 5, 2017 at 7:43:53 AM PDT

**To:** <[Councillors@victoria.ca](mailto:Councillors@victoria.ca)>

**Subject:** Westover, 1525 Shasta Place, Rockland

Dear Ms. Pam Madoff,

I am writing with regards to Westover, located at 1525 Shasta Place in Rockland and its potential demolition.

I am a resident of Rockland. The heritage homes and the large trees that surround them and line the streets make Rockland a uniquely beautiful and historically significant neighbourhood in Greater Victoria. I believe that it is important to maintain the heritage properties in this neighbourhood. Westover is a "living" reminder of the original estate, The Leasowes, as well as, an example of the type of architecture that existed in the early 1900's in Victoria. Although the Coachhouse has been modified over the years, many architectural features of the original structure have been maintained. I believe that this Heritage Property is worthy of remaining as part of Rockland's heritage landscape.

I thank you for giving consideration to this property before a demolition permit is granted.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Ellis  
1566 Despard Avenue

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**Subject:** RE: 1525 Shasta Pl.

**From:** DOREEN MUELLER

**Date:** September 4, 2017 at 4:19:55 PM PDT

**To:** <[Councillors@victoria.ca](mailto:Councillors@victoria.ca)>

**Subject:** 1525 Shasta Pl.

Dear Mayor and Councillors. My name is Doreen Mueller, I reside at 1301 Rockland Ave. I have just been informed that the owner of 1525 Shasta Pl. has applied for a demolition permit. I am writing in support of Councillor Madoff's Application for a sixty day temporary protection order, without consent of the owner, to allow Council to give detailed consideration to further longterm protection options for the property.

I believe in Rockland we are at crossroads. We are either going to preserve some of the historical background of Rockland for future generations or we are not. I am not somebody who would like to preserve every old house. However, if we want to restore, maintain or preserve some of the significant old mansions for future generations, now is the time to step back and evaluate where we want to go and what we want to do. Otherwise it will be too late to save anything. Let's stop this piece-meal destruction of this historical neighbourhood. I have listened, for the last 30 years, how your approach is constrained by legislation, by-laws, etc., etc. Yet you do not seem to have any difficulties overriding R1-A and R1-B by-laws, with site-specific by-laws, when it suits you. Your approach in the last 30 years has not brought affordable housing to the city of Victoria. It has not developed green spaces for neighbourhoods including the Rockland Neighbourhood. It has not promoted architecturally significant buildings.

As 1525 Shasta Pl. comes before you for protection give it a second look. Grant Councillor Madoff's request.

In the future, show all the citizens of the Rockland neighbourhood, not just those within 200 meters, that you are concerned when significant properties, that alter the historical, cultural or environmental values of the neighbourhood, are proposed for demolition, subdivision or redevelopment. Give us reason to believe that you as councillors are worth keeping when you evaluate properties such as the Truth Center, 1322 Rockland Ave. and Pemberton Meadows 750 Pemberton Road, etc., again.

I will look for your decision on September 7, 2017.

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**To:** Amanda Ferguson  
**Subject:** RE: 1525 Shasta Place

**From**

**Date:** September 3, 2017 at 10:17:15 AM PDT

**To:** <[councillors@victoria.ca](mailto:councillors@victoria.ca)>

**Subject:** 1525 Shasta Place

I support Councillor Madoff's motion to prevent demolition of 1525 Shasta Place.

This is a much bigger issue than the "1%ers" that posters on Facebook complain about.

First, Victoria's attraction as a tourist destination is based in part on our heritage buildings. Lose them and tourists can go to other BC cities and get the Rest of the BC experience at a lower price.

Second character contributes to the economy because movie producers are breaking the ever decreasing location as suitable for movie sets.

Third it's a climate issue. Demolishing homes that are usually MORE sound than the new construction that replaces them creates more waste and uses up more raw materials: wood, metal etc. If character homes need insulation etc it's perfectly doable. This home is probably constructed with old growth Douglas fir that will last another 100 years -it's hard as a rock.

But why wasn't this heritage property protected in the first place? It may be too late if a new purchaser bought it and it's within their rights to do what they want with their property.

Thanks  
Cynthia Callahan-Maureen

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.



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**Subject:** RE: I support Councillor Madoff's proposal

**From:** Lisa Marshall

**Date:** September 2, 2017 at 11:34:58 PM PDT

**To:** <[councillors@victoria.ca](mailto:councillors@victoria.ca)>

**Subject:** I support Councillor Madoff's proposal

I support counsellor Madoff's proposal to protect 1525 Shasta Place. We are in the missing too many of our heritage properties in Victoria, and I believe it is our duty to protect that heritage for our city as a whole.

Until recently we lived in Victoria city, and it's heritage homes and vibrant history I want of the things we love the best about the city. Although we are enjoying our new home in Colwood, we plan to move back again very soon.

Sincerely

Elizabeth Marshall

3489 Aloha Ave

Colwood BC

Thanks,

Lisa Marshall

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**Subject:** RE: Shasta house

**From:** Sherry

**Date:** September 3, 2017 at 11:14:04 AM PDT

**To:** <[councillors@victoria.ca](mailto:councillors@victoria.ca)>

**Subject:** Shasta house

Please support Councillors Madoff and Thorton Joe.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** RE: Pam Madoff's motion

**From:**

**Date:** September 3, 2017 at 8:49:15 AM PDT

**To:** <[Councillors@victoria.ca](mailto:Councillors@victoria.ca)>

**Subject:** Pam Madoff's motion

Please consider and support her motion against Shasta Place heritage demolition  
Ethelyn Rankin

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**Subject:** RE: Shasta Demolition

**From:** Ken Turpin

**Date:** September 2, 2017 at 7:27:37 PM PDT

**To:** <[councillors@victoria.ca](mailto:councillors@victoria.ca)>

**Subject:** Shasta Demolition

Dear councillors

Please support Pam Madoffs protection order proposal. This is an important property in ththe Dunsmuir story and too much of this cities history is being allowed to be demolished.

Ken Turpin