

Lacey Maxwell

From: Lucy Edwards [REDACTED]
Sent: July 25, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Lisa Helps (Mayor)
Cc: Marianne Alto (Councillor); Chris Coleman (Councillor); Ben Isitt (Councillor); Jeremy Loveday (Councillor); Margaret Lucas (Councillor); Pam Madoff (Councillor); Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor); Geoff Young (Councillor)
Subject: Mt. Edward Court

Dear Ms. Helps,

We are parents of children in Christ Church Cathedral School, located adjacent to Mt. Edward Court. We understand important decisions on Mt. Edward Court are being considered currently and write to you today to ask you and Council to ensure the children of Christ Church Cathedral School and the community remain safe.

Please consider carefully both the resident profile and the number of residents/units at Mt. Edward Court. Most importantly, please ensure Cool Aid is held accountable so that the resident profile remains appropriate for the community and that there is actionable recourse in the form of an agreement if Cool Aid fails to deliver on its business model.

It is comforting to know that outdoor security will continue at Mt. Edward Court. We believe this has worked well over the past year.

We have an opportunity to showcase our community as world class on the topic of affordable housing and homelessness. At the same time, we must be proactive by protecting children in the community. This can be done by appropriately setting the stage at the establishment of the future of Mt. Edward Court. Resident profile, accountability and security are paramount in the decision making process.

Sincerely,

Lucy Edwards & Jordan Fairlie

Copied to:

Councillor Marianne Alto
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From: Debbie [REDACTED]
Sent: July 25, 2017 5:38 PM
To: Lisa Helps (Mayor); Marianne Alto (Councillor); Chris Coleman (Councillor); Ben Isitt (Councillor); Jeremy Loveday (Councillor); Margaret Lucas (Councillor); Pam Madoff (Councillor); Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor); Geoff Young (Councillor)
Subject: Re: Christ Church Cathedral School and Mount Edward Court

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 25, 2017, at 5:01 PM, Debbie [REDACTED] wrote:
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> Dear Sirs and Madame's,
> I am a parent of two children who attended and greatly benefitted from
> their attendance at Christ Church Cathedral School. Having had
> children that spent the last 6 years at Christ Church Cathedral School
> I have noticed a marked decline in the safety of the neighbourhood
> since tent city, and now that Mount Edward Court has come into being.
> This is a dangerous and unreasonable social experiment to be held 16
> feet away from an elementary school. In the last year I and my 12 year
> old child have witnessed prostitution (including acts of fallatio and
> sexual intercourse), drug deals and drug use beside the school, in the
> church parking lot and in the surrounding area. This is highly
> inappropriate and quite frightening for the children, parents and
> neighbours. We are an independent school, and the last elementary
> school in the down town area. Enrolment is suffering due to this
> increased criminal and obscene activity and I really do not see how
> this precious gem of a school can continue to exist with such
> activities going on regularly next door and in the surrounding area.
> Fire alarms, fires and police visits aside, having a low barrier
> shelter with a population of people hard to house such as people
> struggling with multiple addictions and severe mental health issues
> beside an elementary school is a bad idea that lacks common sense and
> any kind of urban planning. The building is unfit and unsafe for its
> occupants. Perhaps it could be sold and purpose built for seniors or
> low income families. We very happily lived with the Seniors home there
> and were both good neighbours for many years. The children interacted
> on a regular basis with the elderly population and both benefited
> greatly from their time together. Now we require a security detail
> during school hours to protect our children from the current
> population next door. I am disappointed and alarmed that the city has
> allowed Cool Aid to house a population of this nature next to an
> Elementary School and that Cool Aid now wants to increase the number
> of occupants with no previous experience to base the safety of the
> neighbourhood on. It is obvious that Cool Aid cares only for it's
> clients and not the well being or safety of the neighbourhood, as is
> seen at Rock Bay Landing and other Cool Aid facilities around
> Victoria. I am very sorry that I will be unable to attend the meeting
> on Thursday, July 27 as I will be out of town. I, along with my family
> and friends, will be waiting to hear the outcome of this meeting and
> we will all be considering all of our options when it comes time to
> vote for our city counsellors. Sincerely, Debbie Stevens-Reznick Sent
> from my iPhone