

## Amanda Ferguson

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**Subject:** FW: Mayor and Council email

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Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 6:35 PM

To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>

Subject: Mayor and Council email

From: concerned in Victoria

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<http://www.timescolonist.com/business/tourists-face-tight-market-for-victoria-hotel-rooms-1.6612263>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/victoria-hotel-rooms-1.3928590>

Victoria lost about 1,000 hotel rooms over last 4 years, realtor says [www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca) "There's no question [tourists] are going to pay more than they ever have here.

We've seen room rates increase over the last four years by more than a third."

Hi,

I have lived and worked in Victoria for over 30 years and am concerned with these current developments. There are several other Hotels and apartments being built that have already been approved to provide housing. my concern is that we as a city are being too quick to approve them I know we need more affordable housing but a lot of these projects don't provide that. They provide housing yes but add a lot of cars to the areas that are developed without improving the surrounding infrastructure to support the rise in residents and there corresponding cars. They are also more luxury apartments then they are affordable. I worry that we are being too quick to approve these projects without looking at what we are losing. Victoria is a tourist city that has been increasingly popular over these last few years with no end in site and by losing so many rooms recently we will soon be driving people out of the city seeking affordable rooms. I am also aware that the Harbour towers has a lot of convention space and am worried on the impact of losing that. If the city wants to prove the conversion I ask that they look to maybe trying too keep the convention space and have the apartments above or some other variation of such. If we lose too many rooms in the city to apartment conversion we will drive tourists to places like Langford and Nanaimo( which is currently building more hotels to support this trend).

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

sincerely

concerned in Victoria

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## Pamela Martin

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**Subject:** Harbour Towers - rezoning from transient use to long term rental

**From:** Laura Neil [REDACTED]  
**Date:** October 24, 2016 at 9:45:11 PM PDT  
**To:** <[mwilson@victoria.ca](mailto:mwilson@victoria.ca)>  
**Cc:** <[ccoates@victoria.ca](mailto:ccoates@victoria.ca)>  
**Subject:** Harbour Towers - rezoning from transient use to long term rental

Hello

I am writing to you today to express my support of the proposal to convert the Harbour Towers into long term rental units from the current, transient hotel use.

I believe this will be a positive asset to the community providing much necessary rental units to a challenged rental stock in the city.

I also believe that as the building is in close proximity of the city that the need for personal vehicles will be significantly reduced (residents will walk/bus/bike, etc) and neighbours will realize a positive reduction of the current vehicle traffic (service vehicles, buses, and passenger cars) at Oswego and Quebec streets.

Sincerely,  
Laura Neil  
21 Pilot St  
Victoria

Mayor City of Victoria,  
Dear Mayor and Council:

Saskatoon Sask,  
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My wife and I have been living in a suite at Harbour Towers. We are visiting from Saskatoon and are enjoying the harbour view from the hotel. I hope you and the Council do not approve Harbour Towers application to change the hotel to rental suites.

Harbour Towers has wonderful conference facilities. I have attended successful conferences there. If the hotel is converted the City of Victoria will lose this capability of holding large conferences. Travelling to Nanaimo for a conference is not convenient.

Yours truly  
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