



ROCKLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

**Mayor and Council
Victoria, B.C.
November 25, 2015**

Dear Mayor Helps and Councillors,

With regard to the “Delegated Authority and Exemptions for Development Permits” item on the agenda for the PLUC meeting tomorrow, the RNA asks that you level the playing field with regard to the “Staff Decision” part of the process (Proposed Delegation Process 3.f).

As currently presented by Planning, only applications that are not supported by staff are to be referred to Council for a decision.

We believe that this benefits the proponent, who has a second opportunity to have his proposal accepted. But what of an application that is acceptable to staff but unacceptable to the neighbourhood?

For this process to be at all fair, there must be an avenue of appeal for Land Use Committees of the Neighbourhood Associations when decisions such as these are delegated to people who are not publicly accountable.

Sincerely,

Janet Simpson, President