

# Planning and Land Use Committee Report For the Meeting of November 26, 2015

To:

Planning and Land Use Committee

Date:

November 12, 2015

From:

Jonathan Tinney, Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development

Subject:

Rezoning Application No. 00495 for 863 and 865 Villance Street

#### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that Committee forward this report to Council and that Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment that would authorize the proposed development outlined in Rezoning Application No. 00495 for 863 and 865 Villance Street, that first and second reading of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendment be considered by Council and a Public Hearing date be set.

#### LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

In accordance with Section 903(c) of the *Local Government Act*, Council may regulate within a zone the use of land, buildings and other structures, the density of the use of the land, building and other structures, the siting, size and dimensions of buildings and other structures as well as the uses that are permitted on the land and the location of uses on the land and within buildings and other structures.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present Council with information, analysis and recommendations for a Rezoning Application for the property located at 863 and 865 Villance Street. The proposal is to rezone from the R1-B Zone, Single Family Dwelling District to the R-2 Zone, Two Family Dwelling District in order to permit the existing legal non-conforming duplex to be strata titled and to alter and construct an addition to the building.

The following points were considered in assessing this Application:

- the proposal is consistent with the Traditional Residential Urban Place Designation in the Official Community Plan (OCP) 2012
- · the property has an existing duplex on it that is considered a legal non-conforming use

#### BACKGROUND

# **Description of Proposal**

The proposal is to rezone the property from the R1-B Zone, Single Family Dwelling District to the R-2 Zone, Two Family Dwelling District in order to permit the existing legal non-conforming duplex to be strata titled and to alter and construct an addition to the building. Two variances would be required to facilitate this development and will be discussed in relation to the concurrent Development Permit with Variances Application.

# Sustainability Features

The applicant has not identified any sustainability features associated with this proposal.

# **Active Transportation Impacts**

The applicant has not identified any active transportation impacts associated with this Application.

## Public Realm Improvements

No public realm improvements are proposed in association with this Rezoning Application.

#### Land Use Context

The area is characterized by single family dwellings with some attached housing and commercial uses.

#### Existing Site Development and Development Potential

The site is presently a legal non-conforming duplex. Under the current R1-B Zone, the property could be developed as a single family house with secondary suite.

## Relevant History

The existing duplex was built in 1946 preceding the adoption of the R1-B Zone. The duplex is therefore considered to be a legal non-conforming use.

# **Community Consultation**

Consistent with the Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) Procedures for Processing Rezoning and Variances Applications, the applicant has consulted the Hillside Quadra CALUC at a Community Meeting held on October 13, 2015. A letter from the CALUC dated October 19, 2015 is attached to this report.

#### **ANALYSIS**

# Official Community Plan

The OCP Urban Place Designation for the subject property is Traditional Residential. The proposal is consistent with objectives of this Urban Place Designation by providing ground-oriented residential in the form of a duplex.

# **Regulatory Considerations**

# Strata Conversion of Existing Buildings

A strata conversion of the duplex would require approval of the Approving Officer as per Section 242 of the "Strata Property Act".

#### CONCLUSIONS

This proposal to rezone the property to allow the legal non-conforming duplex to be strata titled is consistent with OCP policy. The existing duplex use would continue however a strata conversion would allow the tenure to change from one owner to strata ownership for each of the two-dwelling units.

#### ALTERNATE MOTION

That Council decline Application No. 00495 for the property located at 863 and 865 Villance Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Bateman, Planner

Development Services Division

Jonathan Tinney, Director

Sustainable Planning and Community

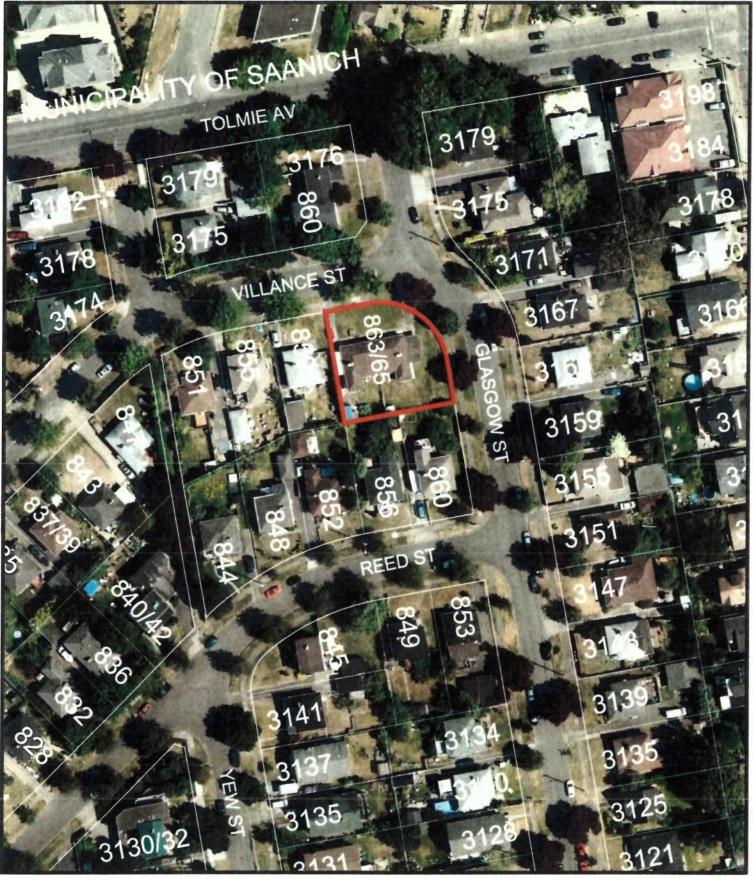
**Development Department** 

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Date: November 17, 2015

## List of Attachments

- Air photo
- Zoning map
- Applicant's letter to Council dated October 20, 2015.
- Minutes of Community Meeting Hillside Quadra Community Association dated October 19, 2015
- Submission drawings dated October 20, 2015.





863-865 Villance Street Rezoning No. 00495 Bylaw No. ?

Rezone from R1-B Zone, Single Family Dwelling District to R-2 Zone, Two Family Dwelling District





we are proposing to rezone the property to strata title the existing property

Thank you

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#### **Rob Bateman**

From:

Jenny Fraser <jenfraser@islandnet.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 10:11 PM

To:

caluc@victoria.ca

Cc:

Dan Potvin; Hillside Quadra Neighbourhood Action Group

Subject:

863-865 Villance Street Rezoning

19 October 2015

To Whom it May Concern:

Re: 863-865 Villance Street

This is to confirm that Jack Chen, the owner of the above property, met with community members on October 13<sup>th</sup> to present his proposal to rezone the property from single family to R-2. The current land use is a non-conforming duplex built in the 1970s.

Community members who attended this meeting indicated that they had no concerns about the proposed rezoning of the property.

This meeting illustrates the need for the Development Proposal Community Meeting Notice sent out by the City of Victoria to be written in plain language and to include more background. CALUC Chairs included this as a recommendation in their October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with Mayor and Council.

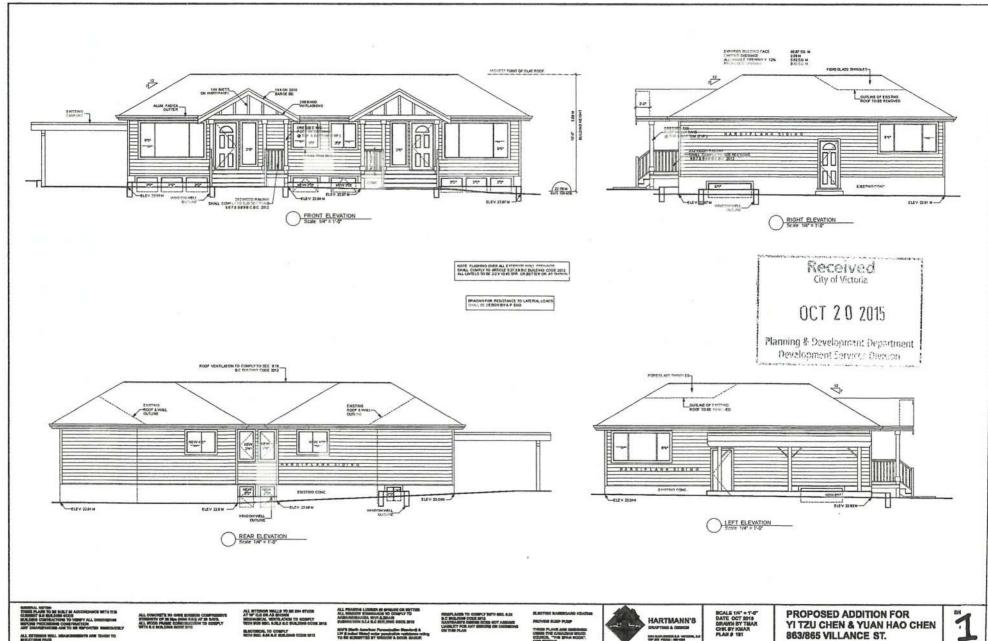
Community members who came to this meeting indicated that once they understand the proposal they had no concerns, and that they would not have come to the meeting had they understood beforehand the intent of the rezoning. This is an example of the CALUC process unnecessarily taking up the time of community volunteers – including the CALUC Chair, a note-taker, and at least eight members of the community.

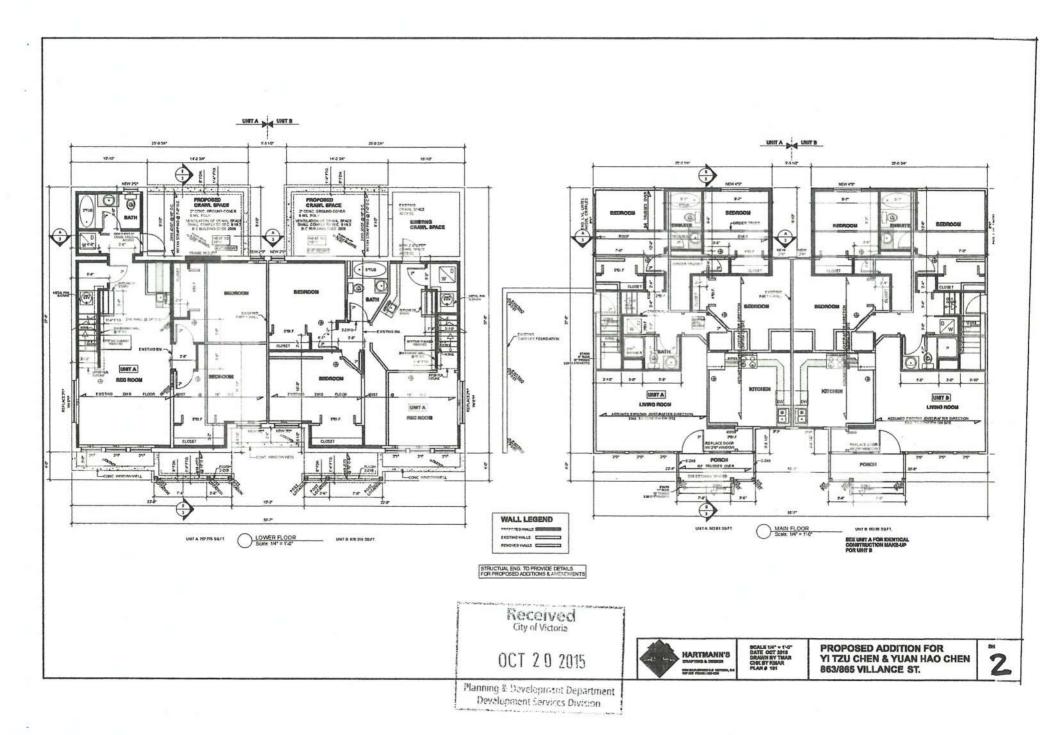
Sincerely,

Jenny Fraser

CALUC Co-Chair, Hillside Quadra

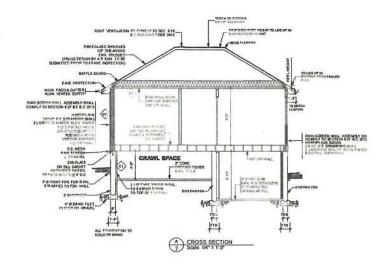
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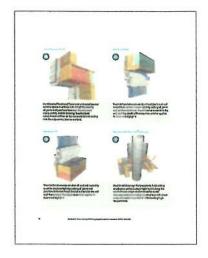


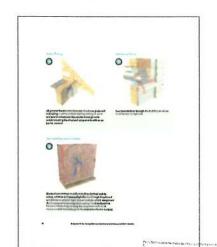


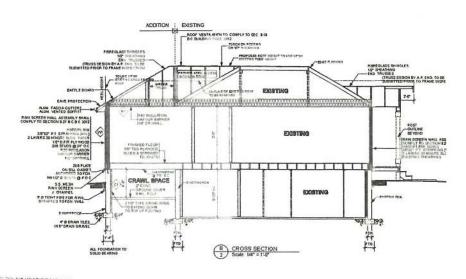












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PROPOSED ADDITION FOR YI TZU CHEN & YUAN HAO CHEN 863/865 VILLANCE ST.



