## **Janice Appleby**

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From: Helen Cain Sent: Thursday, Nov 6, 2014 3:18 PM To: Janice Schmidt Subject: FW: Craigdarroch Castle & 1070 Joan Crescent Rezoning

From: Sent: Thursday, Nov 6, 2014 3:17 PM To: Councillors; Helen Cain Subject: Craigdarroch Castle & 1070 Joan Crescent Rezoning

Mayor, Councilors & Helen Cain:

I attended the community meeting last night regarding the above rezoning proposal. I would like to offer the following comments.

1. I support the use of 1070 Joan Crescent as the Visitor Centre and admin office for the castle.

2. I understand the castle's desire to preserve the original garage, but I'm not sure the identified location and use is best for the neighbourhood. As Marc, the neighbour across the street said "It could make sitting on his veranda on a summer's evening less inviting because he will be looking directly across the street at the patio where many people will be located."

3. I would hope that no blasting will be allowed on this site. We had an issue with blasting on Carberry Gardens when 1000 was converted to strata units.

4. With regards to the tree removal, I have no problem with the removal of the apple tree. The Cypress tree is another matter. During the presentation, it was mentioned the tree needed to be removed for wheel chair access. This doesn't make sense. The castle is not wheel chair friendly, so why would the connecting walkways to the castle need to be wheel chair friendly? The tree is on the Castle property not 1070 Joan, so it doesn't need to be removed to accommodate the new addition to the house. Since the castle itself in not wheel chair friendly, why does the connecting walkway have to be wheel chair friendly? I would suggest a set of stairs, similar to what is used between the castle & Craigdarroch Rd. would work perfectly & would save the cypress tree. We are losing so many of our trees in Rockland to developers, the wind and old age. Any way to save a tree should be looked at very closely.

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Sincerely, Sandie Menzies 1008 Carberry Gardens