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From: Public Hearings
Subject: RE: PA No. 00196 1126 Rockland

From: Annie Fisher
Sent: January 20, 2018 3:04 PM
To: Public Hearings <PublicHearings@victoria.ca>
Subject: PA No. 00196 1126 Rockland

Dear Sirs,

Please be advised that this variance for Rockland Avenue is not a good fit for our neighbourhood. Rockland is the gateway to Government House. It is travelled by all manner of dignitaries including the Royal Family. This unit is tasteful now with mature trees, setback from the street and a boulevard. Our neighbourhood including Cook Street has delightful setbacks and beautiful mature flowering trees, a perfect gateway for royal visitors.

If variances are always granted there is no need for a community plan. When will the community plan be the community plan?

Our community leaders are elected to preserve our quality of life, not give in to every plan a developer will come up with. If you want people to cycle then why are you allowing more parking spots in new buildings or redevelopments? City dwellers don't need vehicles. Visitors to the city have vehicles that just become caught up in our traffic jams. Some people don't have seven years for everything to work itself out, which is a pipe dream anyway. Remember "End Homelessness"? The problem is worse than ever, so the solutions we had are not working.

Our bureaucrats have bad ideas and need to be replaced by people with better ideas. Victoria is on the tip of an island with ONLY TWO ESCAPE ROUTES, perpetually plugged up. We are building an anthill. This is not how the majority of Victorians want to live. Politically, council is unwilling to close streets. Part of Government Street should be closed to traffic each day after morning deliveries, or perhaps a single lane open to electric cars only, for small deliveries and people unable to access the street under their own steam.

Perhaps developers can be convinced to give all the parking spaces in new condo buildings for public parking since parking spots can't be found for love nor money in the downtown. People are driving from Nanaimo to work in town, so they need a place to park. Parkades are a joke because the lower spots are taken by day parkers.

The solutions of our local governments are not green. There is more pollution today than ever from idling traffic. If you want to cycle then you are sucking up all this carbon dioxide. If you outlawed drive thrus you might get more people out of their cars and onto buses or bikes. There has to be a ton of ideas better than mine.

For what we are paying our bureaucrats, we are not getting good value. City dwellers need fresh air, the serenity of earth, grass, trees, the horizon and the sky and to meet happy people on the street. The failure to have these pleasures in life is evidenced by construction noise to the superlative, constant honking of horns and poverty in the streets. And this is what tourists experience as well. We are losing the golden egg.

Frankly, we had high hopes for this council, but we are disappointed.

Sincerely,

Annie Fisher

Sent from my iPad.

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Lacey Maxwell

From: ac [REDACTED]
Sent: January 23, 2018 3:27 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: renovation request by EY Properties for renovation at 1126 Rockland Ave.

Hello,

I am writing about EY Property Management Company's request to add 6 new units to the apartment building

at 1126 Rockland Ave., where I live. They will not be providing off street parking for the new occupants. Developers

and property owners should be required to provide parking or not build new units. There is already a shortage of street parking spaces and drivers have to move their vehicles every 2 hours.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Anita Colman