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To: Councillors; Public Hearings
Subject: Development Proposal at 1539 Pearl Street
Attachments: Attachment_G_DPV 00544_1539 Pearl Street_September 14, 2017 COTW Report.pdf

I would like to address the development proposal at 1539 Pearl Street. I live in Oaklands, a few streets away.

I assume that since Attachment G (attached) is the only material accompanying the publicly available development application relating to the Arborist, that it is the full Arborist report and likewise the basis on which the application is being evaluated. If that is so, I suggest that it does not give a complete and accurate representation of the tree inventory on the lot proposed for development. Specifically, the Tree Resource table on the last page shows detail of only one tree, a Dogwood. It is missing several significant trees that are on or near the property, including a large Garry Oak that is subject to protection under the City of Victoria Tree Preservation Bylaw.

Further, the Tree Resource table which includes only the one tree contradicts the first page of the report where 10 trees are noted in summary form.

I measured the Garry Oak on the municipal frontage today, November 23, and it is over 1.1 meters in diameter at breast height. I believe before this application can be properly examined, complete and fully documented information about the trees is necessary and must be presented as part of the development package in order for Council and the public to properly evaluate and consider it. Without this, the values of the Oaklands neighbourhood will not be properly weighted and community assets not appropriately considered.

This shortcoming also begs the question of who is looking at the valuable community resources of trees from the City of Victoria's point of view. Has the Tree Preservation department of the City of Victoria been informed? I feel this input should be regularly considered and documented as part of such applications, and would like clarification as to if this is policy and if not, the reasoning?

Regards,
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