## ROCKLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Mayor and Council Victoria, BC caluc@victoria.ca

Re: 1745 Rockland, REZ000536

Dear Mayor and Council:

The Rockland Neighbourhood Association would like to acknowledge and congratulate the neighbours, council, and the project proponent for bringing the rezoning of 1745 Rockland to a successful conclusion. In this case, the CALUC process did work as we believe it was originally envisaged.

Conrad Nyren and Hillel Architecture ultimately responded to the concerns of the neighbours – including loss of privacy, density, traffic, etc. – by reconfiguring the project significantly when compared to the original proposal. Conrad's approach will now result in three architecturally responsive homes, reflecting the height restriction in panhandle lots and complementing the surrounding houses.

Sue Wynne-Hughes and her neighbours organized to present a thoughtful analysis of the issues regarding the original plan that would have negatively impacted the neighbourhood. Equally importantly, however, they provided a well-reasoned alternative development option that made sense of the potential of the property and also provided the neighbours with stability in terms of the existing zoning.

Mayor and Council conducted the rigorous analysis of the original proposal expected by neighbours and suggested some of the criteria for a supportable development to move forward. In asking for reconsideration of the project rather than allowing for a win-lose outcome by green lighting the first idea to come forward to Public Hearing, Mayor and Council have created a positive outcome.

In this case, all groups worked toward a mutually acceptable goal, and the outcome reflects the possibility of both sensitive development and density increase within the CALUC process.

Janet Simpson, President Rockland Neighbourhood Association

## **Pamela Martin**

 From:
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 Sent:
 Friday, July 21, 2017 11:40 AM

**To:** Public Hearings

**Subject:** July 27th Public Hearing - 1745 Rockland Avenue

I am writing in support of the current proposal for 1745 Rockland. I am one of the immediate neighbours who was opposed to the original and subsequent development proposals for this piece of property. Through the rezoning and development process, where the neighbours have had the opportunity to voice their concerns and council has had the opportunity to hear and respond to those concerns, I am gratified to see that a development that is acceptable to both the developer and the neighbours is finally being put forward.

I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for listening to the neighbours concerns and defeating the development proposal last December. As a result, we now have a proposal that is more in keeping with the character of the Rockland neighbourhood yet allows for sensitive densification by allowing three separate homes on one large panhandle lot. I think this is a win-win situation for all.

Jennifer Bennett 1740 Lyman Duff Lane

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