

The following social media posts were received in response to a City of Victoria Facebook post regarding the Victoria Housing Strategy Implementation of Garden Suites, with names and profile pictures redacted.

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City of Victoria - Local Government

▪ March 27 at 5:55pm ▪

With a rental vacancy rate of 0.5% the City is looking for ways to increase much needed rental housing. Adding more garden suites is one way to make that happen. Since 2011, only 18 garden suites have been built. We are hoping to change that by removing the requirement to rezone. The rezoning process, which involves consultation with the neighbourhood and going before Council, is costly and takes a long time. Tell us what you think: <http://ow.ly/8uqq30ackTn>



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 wonderful idea

Like · 1 · March 27 at 6:15pm

[REDACTED]

Like · 1 · March 27 at 6:24pm

[REDACTED] Good move, should have happened a couple of years ago though

Like · 1 · March 27 at 7:53pm

[REDACTED] Depends on the situation - neighbourhood consultation is valuable.

Like · 3 · March 27 at 8:15pm

[REDACTED] Perhaps this could be based on land size. There are alot of gigantic lots in this city with space going to waste... there are also some tiny sections that should never have garden suites squeezed onto them.

Like · 3 · March 27 at 8:21pm

[REDACTED] I am curious why? If we don't densify with garden suites, won't we just eventually end up with condos which tend to take up the entire lot? Have two tiny houses squished together is way more tolerable and inviting than having a condo building.

Like · 1 · March 27 at 10:01pm

[REDACTED] I'm referring to massive 6000sqft+ lots with a single house. We should definitely put garden suites on the back of them... shoehorning suites onto smaller back yards will lead to some annoyed neighbours. We gotta figure something out... this city needs help!

Like · March 27 at 10:08pm

[REDACTED] Neighbourhood consultation is very important.. Will garden suites be allowed for homes with existing suites? Will bylaw actually enforce their own bylaws - that has not been our experience so if there are issues you have no recourse or protection.

Like · 1 · March 27 at 9:48pm · Edited

[REDACTED] Garden suites are not permitted in addition to a secondary suite.

Like · 1 · March 27 at 10:38pm

[REDACTED] I think that's problematic too. Why not? If a large house has two suites and a carriage house? There's just wasted space that could be used for someone to have a nice home. They should be considered in places with secondary suites. I fear if we don't densify our neighbourhoods, our neighbourhoods will either become bastions of the rich or will end up being forever altered by the intrusion of lots of condo buildings..

Like · March 28 at 1:33pm

[REDACTED] We have ongoing issues and no one will address them which is why I feel strongly neighbour /neighbourhood consultation is a must.

Like · March 28 at 4:22pm

██████████ Yes please

Like · March 27 at 8:51pm

██████████ Parking turns into a nightmare once you add a bunch of those

Like · 2 · March 27 at 8:55pm

██████████ My neighbor converted a 1.5 storey garage into a garden suite, and it is right on the property line. They put a window on the second floor, and it stares right into my back yard (and master bedroom). I lost a LOT of privacy from my back yard. And yet...I can only build a 6 ft fence with a foot of lattice on top! Consultation is absolutely necessary!

Like · 2 · March 27 at 9:19pm

██████████ My brother experienced something similar in Vancouver. A huge laneway house was built behind the house next door, it now peers into all of their back windows. Also cuts out light.

Like · March 28 at 7:08pm

██████████ How about approving less condo towers or placing a caveat that approval is based upon either a specific pro rated investment in a city managed fund for affordable housing or inclusion of a percentage of guaranteed low income/affordable housing units in the building.

Seriously, less condos though.

Like · March 27 at 10:01pm

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Like · March 27 at 10:33pm

██████████ Get off your ██████████ and make it happen all you do is talk...and do bike lanes.

Like · 2 · March 28 at 12:14am

██████████ I would love this! More should be done in Vancouver. It's quite expensive, I hear. Permits, power, sewer, plans, etc. and if not allowed, all the money you invested goes into city's pockets.

Like · March 28 at 1:01am · Edited

██████████ Address parking for those garden suits at the same time.

Like · 1 · March 28 at 7:51am

██████████ how about a foreign buyers sales tax like in Vancouver? In just over a year so many of us have been priced out of the rental market. Can't have much of a city if only wealthy people live here, while the rest of us live in crummy basements or on the peripheries of the city.

Like · 1 · March 28 at 7:57am

██████████ Yes and the city NEEDS better inclusionary zoning

Like · March 28 at 8:47am

██████████ Yes!!!!

Like · March 28 at 10:54am

██████████ Maybe less "refugees"... LOL

Like · March 28 at 11:28am

██████████ I am totally for this. I would like to see the city densify while still preserving the integrity of our heritage neighbourhoods and keeping land ownership in the hands of working families. New Condos and new builds don't seem to be adding enough to the affordable housing market since they are built for profit. A beautiful old home on Southgate was knocked down (probably valued at about a 1.5 million or more in this runaway market) and six or seven new suites are being built and for sale for just over \$700k each!!! Not exactly what I would call affordable...

Like · 2 · March 28 at 1:36pm

██████████ Hooray!!!

Like · March 28 at 7:10pm