

**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** Kathleen Burr [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 6:56 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Re: Council's deliberations of permitting garden suites on April 13

Dear Mayor Lisa Helps and City Council:

We write to you as homeowners wanting to build a garden suite amid Victoria's housing crisis.

Permitting garden suites would enable progress toward a sustainable housing strategy for the city since developers are focused on high-end condos not affordable apartments.

Victoria is a fantastic city and continuing to thrive requires meeting market demand for housing. We know many amazing people who are either leaving Victoria or considering it due to the cost and competition for housing. This represents a younger generation forced to migrate even though they were happy to make a life and contribute here.

Our property is a plus-size panhandle lot located next to Jackson Park with space to accommodate a garden suite and ample parking. Building here would actually beautify the park since we would demolish a rundown garage built by previous owners.

We ask the City of Victoria to vote yes and help to meet the urgent needs of renters.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Burr and Patrick Burley

3163 Jackson Street, Victoria, BC

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**From:** "Nicole Chaland" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** After 2 yrs, it's time to move forward on garden suites

Dear Mayor and Council,

Thank you for your leadership on affordable housing. My name is Nicole Chaland and I live in the City of Victoria.

I live in a lane-way house (barn converted to living space) which is considered a secondary suite by the City of Victoria. This living arrangement allowed my husband and I to care for my mother-in-law for 7 years as she advanced from early to late stage dementia. Our house is 900 square feet. Living in a backyard house was critical to being able to provide the hands-on daily care that was needed.

I have thought thousands of times that I wish everyone in my peer network could live in a backyard house. It is an affordable entry to home-ownership. It keeps families together. It is an arrangement that can provide essential critical care for children or elders.

I urge you not only to make it easier for people to build garden suites, but also to review the size of garden suites so that two families can live in harmony on one single family lot.

When other municipalities remove red tape around building garden suites, way more tend to get built. In the April 13 city council meeting, please vote to permit garden suites in zoning. It's time to finally move forward recommendations from the Victoria Housing Strategy.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Chaland

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**From:** "Nathan Grills" <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** After 2 yrs, it's time to move forward on garden suites

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Nathan Grills and I live in the City of Victoria.

The city desperately needs more affordable housing and garden suites are a good way to do so while also opening up more spots at shelters and transitional housing, and providing financial security to seniors and homeowners.

Just like my neighbours and peers, I believe housing affordability & security is one of the most critical issues facing our city. I support permitting garden suites in residential zoning for the following reasons:

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Nathan Grills  
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**From:** "Laura Granger" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** After 2 yrs, it's time to move forward on garden suites

Dear Mayor and Council,

I was forced to move back to Victoria to receive medical services I wouldn't have been able to receive in the rural town I moved from. While I was lucky to find a reasonably priced community home through friends, I was forced out of my home and required to find a new place a mere three months later due to the house selling. I had to move twice more after this (all within about a two month time span) due to the lack of steady, affordable housing. This caused a lot of stress for me and I know I'm not alone. Please approve garden suites in residential zoning for to avoid this stress for others as well as for the following reasons:

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**From:** "Katherine Muncaster" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 4:40 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** After 2 yrs, it's time to move forward on garden suites

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to voice my support for permitting garden suites in residential zoning, which I understand you are voting on this week.

By way of background--I am a homeowner in the lovely neighbourhood of Oaklands, a mother of two young children, a volunteer with my community association, and a policy analyst with the provincial government. I moved here from Vancouver where I lived in the dense mixed neighbourhood of Kitsilano. I successfully convinced my mom to buy a house a block away, and my brother rents and works nearby as well. The first thing my husband and I did when we bought our 2000 ft<sup>2</sup> house 8 years ago was put in a legal secondary suite, which was a prerequisite for being able to afford our mortgage. We sometimes also rent out a room in our home to visiting guests, which has further helps pay the bills as well as offer a great chance for our kids to meet international travellers. Several of our guests have gone on to living in Victoria permanently, and we've had a chance to witness their astonishingly difficult search for rental housing.

I feel incredibly lucky to have been able to buy a house (any house!) when I did. I have watched with some discomfort as the prices of homes have climbed well past the cost I could have afforded had I been a first-time homebuyer today. I doubt that my kids will ever be able to buy a home. While I am enough of a realist to know that increasing land prices is the way of the world, I am concerned that this trend is exacerbated by existing policies that hinder densification. Like any market, housing prices are determined by supply and demand. If we are serious about tackling affordability, we cannot keep our pristine single-family-dwelling neighbourhoods the way they are. We must make every effort to support density--through secondary suites, coach houses, infill, rezoning. We need apartment buildings and other multi-family dwellings wherever and whenever we can squeeze them in. Density certainly changes the character of a neighbourhood, but I firmly believe that this can be done in a way that enriches rather than detracts from our communities. More residents in my neighbourhood would mean more opportunities for local businesses to thrive, more viable transit, better amenities. Greater diversity in the housing stock would mean people of varying income levels could get access to a wonderful neighbourhood that middle- and higher-income households now get to enjoy exclusively. It would mean that more people could live in Victoria and walk or bike to work, instead of having to move out the west shore where one or two cars is practically a prerequisite.

I feel that too often priority is given to existing homeowners that are interested in freezing the character of their neighbourhood, and protecting the value of their investment. While I can sympathize with their concerns, you as elected decisionmakers need to look beyond these interests to the greater good. I will list my specific suggestions for this week's vote below, but my general advice to you is this: wherever possible, err on the side of density. No less than the vitality of our communities is at stake.

Regarding this week's vote, I urge you to consider these points (which have been kindly provided to me by Generation Squeeze, which I find to be passionate and well-informed on this topic):

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Sincerely,  
Katherine Muncaster

cc Generation Squeeze

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**From:** "Jaclynn Sirkia" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** After 2 yrs, it's time to move forward on garden suites

Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm a working professional in Victoria, BC. Even as a health care worker, it's a struggle to find affordable housing in Victoria. I'm currently living in a basement suite, and my landlord plans to sell the house in the next few years. I can only hope the new owners will agree to keep me on as a tenant, otherwise I will be stuck in the same difficult position as many other Victorians.

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**From:** "Peter Gibbs" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Can't keep dragging our heels on garden suites

Dear Mayor and Council,

I rent. Last week my upstairs neighbours told us they were moving. I had a friend looking for a place and so I texted my landlord, and the place had already been rented in just a matter of hours. The idea of moving is slightly terrifying to me, because prices are so high and places go so quickly.

I've been to a couple of council meetings where garden suites are being considered on a case by case basis. When I realized this was the process I remember thinking how mind-blowingly inefficient this is, and how much of a barrier this process is to building garden suites.

On April 13, please vote to allow garden suites in zoning.

Sincerely,

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Peter Gibbs  
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**From:** "Paul Fisher" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Can't keep dragging our heels on garden suites

Dear Mayor and Council,

Everyone is feeling the pinch and i think that this is a part of the solution. Not the whole solution mind you but definitely a start. As my wife and I will not be able to buy a home in the foreseeable future we rely on renting as our accommodation solution. We apply regularly for co-op housing as a solution for our needs and we know that due to the current market no one will be planning to leave a co-op anytime soon.

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**From:** "Michael Pritchard" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Can't keep dragging our heels on garden suites

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Michael Pritchard and I live in the City of Victoria.

Langford is booming, look at west hills. They have built a lot of properties that come with carriage suites. It works so well as they're just above the garages. Easy and allows a lot more diversity in such a small place.

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**From:** "Levi Bucsis" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** We need more rentals. We need more garden suites.

Dear Mayor and Council,

I moved here from Saskatchewan in 2012 and since that time housing prices have risen substantially. Many of the people who bring character to the community are being priced out of the market all of us are bereft in their absence. Also, as a business owner in town it makes it harder to recruit people from outside of the city because of the high cost of living, high barrier of entry into the housing market, and difficulty finding suitable rental housing here.

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**From:** "Michelle Meier" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** We need more rentals. We need more garden suites.

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Michelle Meier and I have lived in Victoria for 24 years. I moved to Victoria in 1993 to get an education and I clearly remember the struggle it was to find safe, secure and affordable housing.

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Michelle Meier  
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**From:** "Stephanie Meier" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 8:48 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Garden suites are a housing crisis no-brainer

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Stephanie and I own a house in fernwood in a plus size lot and my husband and I have long considered building a garden suit the the process e have heard from others is long and hard. Anything to make this easier would help us move forward and provide a great space for someone to rent and help us move forward in our finances. We really hope you move forward with this. Thank you.

I live in the City of Victoria and just like many of my neighbours and peers, I believe housing affordability & security is one of the most critical issues facing our city. I support permitting garden suites in residential zoning for the following reasons:

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**From:** "Nichole Chamberlin" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Garden suites are a housing crisis no-brainer

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is nichole chamberlin and I live in the City of Victoria.

I am a 30 year old professional and I cannot afford to buy a house. With the rental market I can't afford to save for a home. We need more rental suits to increase affordability and variety to improve our great city.

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**From:** "Kane Adams" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Garden suites are a housing crisis no-brainer

Dear Mayor and Council,

This place is becoming unaffordable for people like myself, the only reason I have a decent home is because I've lived in the same spot for 10 years. This city seems like it's trying to push out the lower class and cater only to the people who make over \$60,000 a year....the zoning laws in this city are ridiculously caught up in beaurecratic red tape and it seems like a homeowner can not only not build a carriage house to help pay their skyrocketing home prices but it's like they need a permit to take a piss in their yard. Quit shoving out the working class and realize that this is a city built on tourism and the service industry. If somebody who works at any fine restaurant in this city can't afford to live in this town how do you expect the yuppies to survive? They aren't going to feed themselves...

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**From:** "Alisha Brown" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Garden suites are a housing crisis no-brainer

Dear Mayor and Council,

I've lived in Victoria for almost 5 years now, and have found a tremendous challenge with finding a place that I can live affordably and have access to growing my own food.

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**From:** "Gillian Calder" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Can't keep dragging our heels on garden suites

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Gillian Calder and I live in the City of Victoria. I don't ordinarily sign petitions written in other people's words, but I do respect and support the work being done by Generation Squeeze (GenSqueeze) on this issue.

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Sincerely,

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Gillian Calder  
V8R 1M3  
[REDACTED]

**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Ben Wilson" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 10:04 AM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Garden suites are a housing crisis no-brainer

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Ben Wilson, a 2016 UVic grad, who has recently entered the job market. I'd really like to continue living in Victoria, but the current cost of living in this city is making it incredibly difficult. I support permitting garden suites in residential zoning for the following reasons:

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Sincerely,

Ben Wilson

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Ben Wilson  
V8R 1L4  
[REDACTED]

**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Andrew Lemieux" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Garden suites are a housing crisis no-brainer

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Andrew Lemieux and I live in the City of Victoria.

I have lived in Victoria since 2013 and have studied here and contributed to the local economy.

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Sincerely,

Andrew Lemieux

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V8T 3W2  
[REDACTED]

**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Lloyd Rushton" <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Can't keep dragging our heels on garden suites

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Lloyd Rushton and I live in the City of Victoria.

Given that many of the current generation of young adults in Victoria cannot find nor afford a place to live, Just like my neighbours and peers I believe housing affordability & security is one of the most critical issues facing our city. I support permitting garden suites in residential zoning for the following reasons:

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**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Yvonne Lawson" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** After 2 yrs, it's time to move forward on garden suites

Dear Mayor and Council,

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V8v 2Y2  
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**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Xavier Walker" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
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Xavier Walker  
V8V 3Z8  
[REDACTED]

**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Telisha Kuny" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** After 2 yrs, it's time to move forward on garden suites

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Telisha Kuny  
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**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Sutton Eaves" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 4:40 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** We need more rentals. We need more garden suites.

Dear Mayor and Council,

Permitting garden suites in residential zones is an easy choice for improving affordability and access to secure housing in this city. As renters, my husband, daughter and I want to see decision-makers take steps to ensure that everyone who is unable to buy in an increasingly overpriced housing market has alternative housing options that do not increase consumer debt and undermine community cohesion and equity. As such, I support permitting garden suites in residential zoning for the following reasons:

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Sutton Eaves  
V8S 3H9  
[REDACTED]



**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Shawn McNicoll" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Can't keep dragging our heels on garden suites

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Shawn McNicoll  
V8V 0B6  
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**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Soren Henrich" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 8:07 AM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** After 2 yrs, it's time to move forward on garden suites

Dear Mayor and Council,

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V8R 2L1  
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**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Rose Neary" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
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Rose Neary

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Rose Neary  
V8T 3J3  
[REDACTED]

**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Pat Kinrade" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** We need more rentals. We need more garden suites.

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Pat Kinrade and I live in the City of Victoria.

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Pat Kinrade

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Pat Kinrade  
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**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Michael Fraser" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Can't keep dragging our heels on garden suites

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Michael Fraser  
V9A 2W5  
[REDACTED]

**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Maggie Barrett" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** After 2 yrs, it's time to move forward on garden suites

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Sincerely,

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Maggie Barrett  
V8V 1A3  
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**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Linda Watkin" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Garden suites are a housing crisis no-brainer

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Sincerely,  
Linda

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Linda Watkin  
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**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Lareina Kostenchuk" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** After 2 yrs, it's time to move forward on garden suites

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Lareina Kostenchuk  
V8V 3R4  
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**Pamela Martin**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
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**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Jenn Neilson" [REDACTED]  
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**Pamela Martin**

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V8T 2G4  
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**From:** "Eric Mueller" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 4:40 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
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**From:** "Danielle Dardengo" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Garden suites are a housing crisis no-brainer

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**From:** "Domenico Paterna" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
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**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Carly Davis" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 6:56 AM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Garden suites are a housing crisis no-brainer

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Carly Davis  
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**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** "Cherish Dorrington" <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
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**From:** "Clare Lannan" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** After 2 yrs, it's time to move forward on garden suites

Dear Mayor and Council,

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**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Can't keep dragging our heels on garden suites

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**From:** "Ericka Amador" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 11:25 AM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
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**From:** "Andrea Walker" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 11:02 AM  
**To:** Lisa Helps (Mayor)  
**Subject:** We need more rentals. We need more garden suites.

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