



## FERNWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Re: 2009 Fernwood Road

On August 23, 2016 Fernwood Community Association Land Use Committee held a special meeting where the owners of the Fernwood Inn discussed their plans to repurpose the former M'akola Housing Society headquarters at 2009 Fernwood Road.

The meeting was publicized through flyers delivered to immediate neighbours and through the Land Use Committee's distribution list.

On a pleasant summer night we were pleased that a few interested people attended the meeting. The proponents presented detailed plans that described the changes they would like to make to the building. These included the following:

- Create a 20-seat pizzeria on the main level fronting Fernwood Road
- Develop a commercial office space on the main level, located at the rear of the building; and
- Develop two one-bedroom rental apartments on the upper level.

To achieve the above they will require a parking variance and a development permit for minor exterior upgrades (e.g., a takeout window for the pizzeria, add an adjoining patio space and an exterior entry door for the laundry room). It is our understanding their plans do not require the property to be rezoned.

With the exception of the perennial problem of parking in this area, no concerns about these changes were expressed at the meeting. The proponents discussed in detail how they plan to try and reduce the need for parking by staff and tenants. The resulting consensus at the meeting seemed to be that the requested parking variance will not make things any more challenging than they already are.

In summary the proposal was received favourably by those attending the meeting.

Sincerely,

David Maxwell  
Chair - Land Use Committee  
Fernwood Community Association

Mayor & Council  
City of Victoria  
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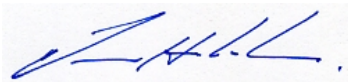
November 16, 2016

Dear Mayor and Councilors

On behalf of the Belfry Theatre I am writing in support of the Fernwood Inn's plans for the renovation and development of the building at 2009 Fernwood Road. As part of the small urban village area of Fernwood, we are encouraged to see a project that will bring both economic activity and additional housing into the neighborhood.

We encourage the full council to support this project which will add to the vibrancy, and livability of our neighborhood and all city residents who come to this special corner of the city.

Sincerely



Ivan Habel  
Executive Director  
Belfry Theatre