

Christine Havelka

From: Public Hearings
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From: Peter Leitz [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2016 8:12 PM
To: Public Hearings
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I wish to express my support for the above-noted application. The variances are proposed to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the building and allow construction to be more in keeping with the historical and cultural values of the neighbourhood. They will also enable the developer to construct the building in manner that provides for a brighter and more open common garden space important to residents at 601 Herald Street.

Peter Leitz
Owner 408 - 601 Herald Street, Victoria

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The Residents
601 Herald St.,
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17 February, 2016

Development Permit for 613 Herald Street.

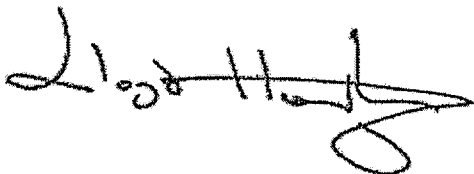
Following our letter of 17 August 2015 to the developer and Development Services expressing our concerns with the latest proposed development, we were invited to meet with the developer and his project architect, along with DRA representatives. Both parties, as discussed at the end of the meeting, were going into the meeting thinking that it was likely going to be a hard arm wrestle. Notwithstanding this, the development team were polite and listened willingly to the suggestions proposed by ourselves and the DRA.

Once the development team grasped the opportunity our suggestions enabled, their design response was quick and enthusiastic. They fully understood the logic of our concerns and presented us with a preliminary new design that fully embraced our suggestions within a few days. This design was more than a token gesture. We found it to respond to all of the concerns expressed in our letter. The design received nothing but positive response from us at 601.

The setback of the rear upper floors adjacent to 601 Herald St is now architecturally sensitive to our courtyard Zen garden and significantly reduces the negative impact on sunlight and airflow of the 11 suites that face the garden.

The amended design presents us with a more appealing streetscape, one that is now much more in keeping with the Heritage Conservation Area and would be worthy of preservation by and for future generations.

We fully support the current application for a Development Permit with Variances in order for the construction of this new building at 613 Herald Street.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lloyd Houghton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lloyd Houghton, on behalf of residents and owners at 601 Herald St.,
President, Strata Council