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January 26, 2016

City of Victoria  
No 1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, B.C. V8W 1P6

Attn.: Mayor and Council  
Re: 1001 Blanshard Street Development Permit Application

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am writing to support the development permit application of 1001 Blanshard. This site is located downtown across from the Royal Theatre, but we understand that from a zoning standpoint, it is considered part of Fairfield and thus is subject to suburban parking requirements. In our opinion, this site should conform to the norms of other downtown zones rather than those of Fairfield, and in this spirit we support the applicant's request for a parking variance. Unlike many suburban neighborhoods, our downtown is well serviced by buses, parkades, street parking and soon, by bike lanes. Visitors to downtown Victoria will increasingly have many transportation options, and urban centres do not thrive when planned around stringent parking requirements.

**The Royal Theatre and its surroundings are such a superb opportunity for developing vitality and engagement with the City of Victoria and its excellent performing arts organizations. We at Pacific Opera Victoria feel that these plans would be beneficial to this endeavor.**

We also feel strongly that this significant downtown corner has been vacant for long enough, and we look forward to seeing it occupied by vibrant local businesses capable of making a dynamic contribution to the downtown residential community and the Royal Theatre District. We also welcome the upgrades to the existing building in terms of façade treatment, landscaping, increased bike parking, piazza-like patio areas, and a new pedestrian walkway into the Fort Common Courtyard. This type of development is positioned to improve urban walkability, vibrancy and the potential for "20 minutes living" valued by so many people today.

The variance requested in this DP Application will bring the use of this prominent corner location in line with the City of Victoria's strategic vision for an urban core characterized by urban villages, enlivened spaces, citizen-led place making initiatives, and excellence in home grown entrepreneurship.

Sincerely,



Patrick Corrigan  
Executive Director

## Christine Havelka

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**From:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** FW: Attn.: Mayor and Council - Re 1001 Blanshard Street Development Permit Application

**From:** Ned Boniface [mailto:n]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 05, 2016 8:55 PM  
**To:** Leanne Taylor  
**Subject:** Attn.: Mayor and Council - Re 1001 Blanshard Street Development Permit Application

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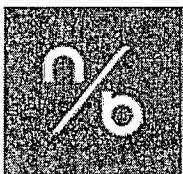
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I have been a proud supporter of Graham Meckling and his efforts at Stage Wine Bar and know that he will bring a well run, high level, and positive business to the community.

Sincerely,

Ned Boniface



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