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**From:** John Myhill [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, Oct 9, 2015 5:34 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** DP With Variances, App No. 000419, 330 Irving Road

**Notice of Hearing, Development Permit with Variances Application No. 000419 for the property known as 330 Irving Road.**

***Letter to Mayor and Council, to be read during Victoria City Council Meeting Hearing, Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 7 p.m.***

My mother, owner of 328 Irving Road, is the next door neighbour to the south of the residents of 330 Irving Road.

As she is very elderly, I represent her interests, for example, in this kind of matter. I could not, however, attend this meeting, as I am out of the country on business at that time.

While we are agreeable to the construction of the single family home on the new panhandle lot, we are still in the final stages of completing my mother's residence, and this affects what we are doing here.

Although we have a sizable landscape deposit being held by the municipality, our landscape plan on our north property line did not include any substantive changes there, and any modifications to that plan are not in our budget.

We share a common 73.15 meter (240') property line between 328 and 330 Irving Road. The boundary is made up of attractive heritage greenery, consisting of cedars, holly, laurel, and a very tall, old and unique Douglas fir. This beautiful, natural, and private boundary has existed between the two properties perhaps longer than seventy years, and we look forward to it remaining intact.

This is especially important, as the variances requested in the Development Permit call for reduced setbacks.

It would seem most practical to leave this well established growth as it is, in which case an arborist's assessment and report, called for by the applicant, would be required to ensure that the development would not affect this important green space.

Should, however, the ongoing viability and health of the existing greenery not be guaranteed, the only other reasonable alternative would be for the applicant (DP No. 000419) to provide, at their expense, a solid five or

six foot high fence for the entirety of the 328/330 Irving Road property line, to provide adequate privacy for my mother.

Although leaving the existing green space entirely intact is by far the preferred alternative, the fence, as described above, will be acceptable.

Acting on behalf of my mother, Dorothy Myhill, owner of 328 Irving Road,

I am yours sincerely,

John Myhill