

Janet Hawkins

From: Alison Smith
Sent: Tuesday, Sep 8, 2015 3:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Janice Appleby; Janet Hawkins
Subject: RE: General - City of Victoria Feedback Form

Hi Gail,

I'm forwarding your input to Legislative Services. Thanks so much for your feedback.

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From: webforms@victoria.ca [mailto:webforms@victoria.ca]

Sent: September 7, 2015 6:58 PM

To: Public Service Centre - Internet email

Subject: General - City of Victoria Feedback Form

You have received an email from Gail Nagley via the City of Victoria website feedback form

Name: Gail Nagley

Topic: General

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: 188 Douglas, apt.310 Victoria V8V 2P1

Message: Re. Design for building to replace current 1956 building at the corner of Government & Warf streets with a structure that is not in sync with its surroundings. We're I able to attend and vote at the council meeting of Septmber 10th, I would vote against this design.

Date: Monday, September 7, 2015 6:57:39 PM

Janet Hawkins

From: Annemieke Holthuis [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, Sep 6, 2015 12:58 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Application for public hearing Sept 10 2015

Dear Mayor Helps and City Councillors:

I write further to the application to rezone 816 Government Street and 811-813 Wharf Street from the CA-3C Zone, Old Town District, to the CA-CH Zone, Central Area Customs House District and particularly to allow for an increase in the height of buildings in this zone.

As a city of Victoria resident, I am eager to see this area developed in a manner consistent with protecting the Inner Harbour landscape and other attempts to revitalize the harbour areas. Increasing the permissible height of buildings at the entrance of the harbour and adjacent to the Johnson Street bridge at the entrance to the Inner Harbour will not, in my view, fit well. The application for increased height also seems at odds with the expressed intention to designate the exterior of the building known as the Post Office and Customs House Extensions as protected heritage property.

I am not able to attend Thursday's Council meeting but hope that this letter will be considered in the discussions of the application.

Thanks in advance,

Annemieke Holthuis

Janet Hawkins

From: Timothy Crawford [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, Sep 7, 2015 12:00 PM
To: Public Hearings
Cc: Pam Madoff (Councillor)
Subject: 816 Government and 811-813 Wharf Street

Dear Council,

I would urge you not to allow the proposed variance for height at 816 Government and 811-813 Wharf Street. In the introduction to the design guidelines for Old Town, Victoria, the very first sentence reads, "There are many ways to design a new building, or an addition to an existing one, that are, (in harmony with their surroundings)". I would argue this proposal is not in harmony with its surroundings, its mass will draw the eye away from the importance of the legislature and Empress Hotel from the harbour, and it will make the important waterfront building that houses tourism Victoria and Milestones disappear from the south side of the harbour. The Steamship Bar and Grill and the Robert Bateman Centre is a terrific example of what can be done with the harbour front buildings. The development as proposed will block many views from the north and east of it, into the harbour. The guidelines ask the developers to "understand how the design could affect the privacy of neighbours" and I contend that at 7 stories it would affect the privacy of many hotels and condominiums in the area. In the section titled Respond to Old Town Character the commentary reads "It is not looking for monumental buildings and spaces", I would argue that this building proposal is exactly that. This area is the largest heritage conservation area in the Province and the designs should be "sensitive to their context", and in my opinion this proposed development is taking away from the important buildings around it and affecting the other "small scale, small lot character" of the conservation area. Requests for variation in height and mass are very important and I would urge council to consider this very carefully, this is a very important address in the conservation area. The city council has done a great job in allowing taller, larger and denser developments to occur in the Harris Green area which not only improves the whole downtown vitality but it helps to bring more business's into the downtown core. We do not need to use the important sites in the Old Town to substantially increase density at the detriment to the beauty and history of our harbour and Old Town.

Ken Johnson the president of the Hallmark Heritage Society stated very articulately that he believes, as I do, that this proposal if it were to proceed would be a huge mistake.

"Today, we see before city council a proposal to demolish the 1956 building at the corner of Government and Wharf streets and replace it with a seven-storey modern structure designed with no respect for the context and history of our Inner Harbour. The developer has stated that the buildings that line the Inner Harbour are the walls of a room with classical geometry. Each facet of the walls, the Steamship Building, the legislative buildings, the Empress, the Belmont Building, the remains of the 1914 post office, right up to the 1872 Malahat Building, are all forming part of a set piece of classical architectural geometry.

The proposed new building does nothing to enhance the setting. It will have the effect of introducing a jarring note at the entrance to our city. If this is allowed to proceed, the citizens of Victoria will spend the next 65 years regretting its construction.

Your thoughtful consideration and hard work are much appreciated.

Best regards,

Tim Crawford
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Janet Hawkins

From: Gwen Topfer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, Sep 7, 2015 2:12 PM
To: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca
Subject: Fw: Proposed development Government & Wharf Sts

To Mayor Helps and Council:

----- Original Message -----

From: [Gwen Topfer](#)
To: lhelps@victoria.ca
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2015 11:32 AM
Subject: Proposed development Government & Wharf Sts

Dear Mayor Helps...

...I read in the *Times Colonist* of Saturday, September 5 that a proposal is before the Council for a seven storey modern-type building on this site.

...I strongly disagree with such an out-of-character building right in the centre of what is the hub of our city. We are so lucky with the gift we have of the Parliament Buildings, the Fairmont Empress Hotel, the Steamship building etc. and the wonderful and generous green spaces in our downtown area.....can you think of any city with such beautiful attractions? It seems to me that "developers" have no respect for history and character when they want to build something. As a resident of the "Laurel Point" condominiums we know a thing or two about "developers". We fought tooth and nail to block a proposed development right beside us at the "Admiral Inn" several years ago. Luckily for us the recession hit that particular developer at just the right time (for us!) and that project has been shelvedmaybe only for the time being, but we hope for ever. The developer in that case - when asked about his high-rise ultra modern eyesore not being "in character" of the James Bay area....merely shrugged and mumbled..."Whatever **that** is!!"

From what I have read about you you really care for our city and we appreciate that. Please help to preserve the character and atmospherethe very things which draw so many of our tourists every year.

Yours truly

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Janet Hawkins

From: webforms@victoria.ca
Sent: Sunday, Sep 6, 2015 10:39 AM
To: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca
Subject: Mayor and Council email

From: John Perry

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Reference :

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The proposed redevelopment of 816 Government needs careful reconsideration. The location is very prominent, and the general appearance of the building must match its surroundings. The height of the building is particularly important, and seven storeys is too high.

Please give this proposal close scrutiny.

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