



January 27, 2015

William Ross
Linda Ross Property Management Inc.
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Victoria, BC V9A 6N2

RE: Support for Siem Lelum

We understand that plans are moving ahead for Siem Lelum at 120 Gorge Road East.

As co-owner of two buildings nearby (21 and 35 Gorge Road) I am writing to offer Greater Victoria Housing Society's support for this project.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Kaye Melliship', is positioned below the 'Yours truly,' text. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kaye Melliship
Executive Director



City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Support for Victoria Native Friendship Centre's Siem Lelum Project

Dear Mayor and Council,

Victoria Cool Aid Society is pleased to offer our support for the proposed development at 120 Gorge Road East.

We understand that Development Permit #000399 has been submitted by the Victoria Native Friendship Centre to the City of Victoria for approval by Council. City staff have noted that the application contains three zoning by-law variances which VNFC, the applicant, is requesting be relaxed.

Victoria Cool Aid Society owns and operates a supported housing program in the same neighbourhood, Cedar Grove, located at 210 Gorge Road East. Cool Aid supports VNFC's request that the three zoning by-law variances be relaxed.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Together we will end homelessness.

Victoria Cool Aid Society acknowledges the Lekwungen and WSÁNEĆ peoples of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, on whose traditional territories we build homes, lives, and community. HÍSW̱KE.



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February 2, 2015

Re: Letter of Reference - Siem Lelum House

To Whom it May Concern;

Please accept this letter of support from Pacifica Housing for the Victoria Native Friendship Centre's (VNFC) Siem Lelum House Project. We are pleased to provide VNFC with this reference as we have known and collaborated with this organization for many years on a number of projects focused on affordable housing.

Pacifica Housing works with various community partners including VNFC to provide housing and support solutions. The need for affordable housing in Greater Victoria is particularly high for urban Aboriginal families and individuals. As a housing provider, we strongly support the growth of supportive housing in Greater Victoria, as we have seen first hand how this type of housing provides a critical need for many individuals at risk of, or currently experiencing, homelessness. Siem Lelum House will help to fill this gap.

Pacifica Housing also owns a housing complex, Georgian Apartments at 2821 Irma Street, which is in close proximity to the proposed Siem Lelum site. We are confident it will enrich our community and the lives of those who will eventually call it home.

We look forward to our continued partnership with VNFC and welcoming Siem Lelum to our neighbourhood.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Karyn French
Executive Director
Pacifica Housing Advisory Association

February 13, 2015

City Of Victoria

To whom it may concern:

Re: **Siem Lelum House**, 120 Gorge Road East
Victoria Native Friendship Centre Project
Linda E. Ross Property Management Inc.

I work in the Victoria School District in the Aboriginal Nations Education Division. I am a District First Nations Counsellor. I have been in this position since 1977. In my zone I work with four schools on a regular basis e.g. Craigflower Elementary, Colquitz Middle, Spectrum Community and Mount Douglas Senior Secondary Schools. I also have a number of additional schools I cover on an "on call basis."

During my work career, I have worked closely with the Victoria Native Friendship Centre and Linda E. Ross Property Management Inc. for many years. I have high respect for their work with our Aboriginal community members, families, agencies, First Nations and our schools.

I agree with their advocating for the development of the Siem Lelum House. I strongly encourage the City Of Victoria representatives to support the Victoria Native Friendship Centre and Linda E. Ross Property Management Inc. with this Project application.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me immediately.

Hay-ch-qa Siem,

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District First Nations Counsellor

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Doug Baxter
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May 26, 2015

Mike Washington
Tenant Support Worker
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RE: 120 Gorge Road East redevelopment.

Hi Mike,

Please accept this letter as my testimonial that Linda E Ross Property Management has made substantial improvements to the Gorge and Albany neighborhood. It has been my experience that the property is often so quiet that you would never know anybody's around. It's nice to hear kids and families laughing and having a good time. I just wanted to let you know that it's good to have you guys there. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Doug Baxter