

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [Danielle Carrie](#)
Subject: RE: Beach Towers Rezoning
Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 2:13:06 PM

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Thank you.

From: Danielle Carrie s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 1:28 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Beach Towers Rezoning

Hello Mayor Robertson and Council,

I write in regards to the rezoning of the Beach Towers property in the West End. I would appreciate the council holding off on making a decision until the Comprehensive Plan for the West End is completed. This neighbourhood continues to get busier. I called the dentist at English Bay Dental last week and was told I would have to wait a month to see a dentist. Some mornings I have to drive along Denman to get to Georgia to get to North Van - the traffic is truly heinous sometimes. Adding more people to the neighbourhood seems likely to further overcrowd our grocery stores, services, and roads. Please wait for the West End Comprehensive Plan to be completed before deciding.

Thank you,
Danielle Carrie

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: citizenyvr@gmail.com
Subject: FW: About Beach Towers, public hearing, Night #2, 19-Feb-2013
Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 2:05:43 PM

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From: CityHallWatch (MetroVanWatch) §. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 9:58 AM
To: Public Hearing; Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: About Beach Towers, public hearing, Night #2, 19-Feb-2013

Dear City Clerk, City of Vancouver,

This is correspondence for the public record of this public hearing.

Many citizens, ourselves included, were hoping to view the proceedings of this public hearing online the evening of February 19, 2013, second night of the Public Hearing for 1600 Beach Ave and 1651 Harwood Street, but were disappointed to learn indirectly that the meeting would be moved to another room, due to technical problems with the sound system. Many were also probably disappointed to learn that the other room had no live web video feed.

During the next couple hours after the scheduled start of the meeting, the web video continued to show the live feed of the Council Chambers, the Chair's empty seat while technicians moved in and out of view.

Below are three recommendations and a question.

1. In future, I encourage you to suggest that a statement be made to the web audience in a situation like this one, as a public courtesy. I believe there was no statement made by the Chair to the web audience.
2. I recommend that you place a stationary sign in front of the camera in a situation like this, indicating what the situation is -- so that online viewers can at least know what is going on.

3. I encourage the City to install the required sound/video wiring so that events in the alternate room can easily be broadcast by web video, for future instances of technical problems.

Finally, for the public record, a world-class city like Vancouver should have contingency plans in place so that at least audio and video can be taken if there are problems with the main system.

We would appreciate a response to these questions:

- Did City staff take a video and/or audio recording of the meeting in the alternate room on February 19? If not, why not? If you did record audio and/or video, will it be made available online, and if so, when?

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Randy Helten
Coordinator, CityHallWatch

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [s.22\(1\) Personal and Confidential](#)
Subject: RE: Beach Towers.
Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 11:04:21 AM

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From: david.lister@[s.22\(1\) Personal and Confidential](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 7:39 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Beach Towers.

Hi, Beach Towers is not like the Coastguard Station.

The wrong decision can not be made as it will take years to recover.... David.

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: FW: Beach Towers - input
Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 11:03:56 AM

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From: Arne Mooers s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 9:06 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Cc: Hoese, Karen
Subject: Beach Towers - input

Dear Mayor and Council and Ms. Hoese,

I signed up to speak last week to the rezoning motion for Beach Towers and came to hear the presentations by the developers and architect, and some of the counter-arguments. I have also read the final application as posted on the City website. Unfortunately, I could not make it tonight due to prior commitments. I am a resident of the West End who would not be immediately impacted by the redevelopment (i.e. I live nowhere near the towers).

I write to say that (i) I am not against the general of some limited redevelopment of this property for rental housing, and found much in it that made sense (particularly the redevelopment of the lane, and the low housing on Beach), but (ii) I am concerned with the current proposal as it stands, particularly the large new block on Harwood and Cardero. Given the testimony of the neighbours and my own experience here with the 1245 Legg Property development, staff have not convinced me that this will not have an undue impact on these neighbours. I am particularly concerned with the shadowing study. We have been told explicitly in council chambers that shadowing studies are not cumulative - i.e. they consider the impact of a new development _without_ taking into consideration the current shadowing on properties. If a building is currently shadowed 90% and a new development removes the last 10% of light, there is no argument I can think of that would make this impact equal to a case where a new development takes 10% of 100% light. Depending on the express goal of shadowing studies, it may even be formally illogical. I urge the council to ask staff to report back on how this can be changed

before this and other new developments are presented to council.

I would also beg council to be instruct the senior planner to not force his junior members stand up in public and refer to "more focussed views" when detailing a project where views are impacted. It is patently unfair to the junior staff to be put in a position to have to say such ridiculous things, and it is an insult to the public to have to hear it. If views are impacted by 15%, write that, and say that. It was, frankly, a real affront to hear this and made it difficult for me to keep an open mind for the rest of the proceedings.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my opinion on this important rezoning application.

Arne Mooers

Dr. Arne Mooers
Biology, Simon Fraser University

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