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From: Mayor and Council Correspondence
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 1:03 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Proposed rezoning 371 West 2nd Avenue

From: Genni Gunn s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Mayor and Council Correspondence
Cc: Genni Gunn
Subject: Proposed rezoning 371 West 2nd Avenue

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council Members,

Re 371 West 2nd Avenue Re-zoning application

I am deeply concerned about the re-zoning application to allow a 12-storey residential building with a 6-storey podium at the location above. My understanding has always been that the city's plan has included for taller buildings to be further back to allow for viewing corridors, so that all people may enjoy some of Vancouver's water features. This proposal would severely block view corridors of existing buildings, including our 9-storey building across the street on 2nd Avenue.

In addition, beside the proposed building is a block with heritage buildings – the old Maynard location. The proposed building would loom over the heritage site, effectively cancelling out the heritage features.

At the very least, the new building design should follow the natural contour of buildings beside and behind it, by switching the higher and lower areas. In other words, by moving the 12-storey section of the building next to the 12-storey existing building, and keeping the 6-storey section of the building across from the existing 6-storey building. This would allow for a viewing corridor from buildings on the other side of 2nd Avenue.

I do hope that this can be resolved to everyone's satisfaction, and I look forward to hearing the results of the hearing.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Genni Gunn

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From: Mayor and Council Correspondence
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 2:20 PM
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From: Frank Hook s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 1:11 PM
To: Mayor and Council Correspondence
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To Mayor Robertson and Council Members:

Regarding 371 West 2nd Avenue

I have lived in Vancouver all my life and have watched the city landscape change over the many decades.

One of the admired ways of the city's development has been the city's planning of lower buildings near the water and then increasing their height as development moves inland.

Our building on 2nd Avenue is nine storeys high and the proposed building- closer to the water - is 12 stories.

I urge you to lower its height to preserve some of the vital view that the residences of our building currently have.

As you move back further from these two locations, the land slopes up which assists the city in providing higher buildings with less loss of view and continuing to give Vancouver its first class design of scaling upward as development moves back.

One option could be to reverse the 12- and 6-storey sections, so that the larger part is on the right, and the 6-storey on the left. This would minimize the obstruction of the view corridor from our building.

If asked specifically and keeping with lower buildings in the front – I would say 7 floors as a limit. Would allowing smaller units assist the developer?

Thank you and I await your decision.

Respectfully,
Frank Hook

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