

**From:** [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)  
**To:** §.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Subject:** RE: willow St. entrance to children's and women's hosp. and height of new building  
**Date:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 5:27:37 PM

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Thank you.

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**From:** Terry Berezowski §.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 4:58 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Cc:** francis onlay  
**Subject:** willow st. entrance to children's and women's hosp. and height of new building

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council:

I am a resident of the 800 blk of W32nd. The residence of the 800 and 900 block of West 32nd Ave. are very upset and disappointed with the Mayor and his Council for even entertaining the idea of putting 2 entrances off Willow St. One entrance to Children's and Women's Hospital. The second entrance is into the John Paul 11 Pastoral Centre off Willow St.

Mr. Paul Storer ( Senior Transportation Engineer) and Ms. Yardley McNeil (Current Planning) and City engineers find it perfectly acceptable to go forward with this life threatening and expensive plan to put the entrances off Willow St. They all feel they have the knowledge of all traffic and circumstances of our neighbourhood. We, the residences of Willow St., West 32 st and West 33rd St. have the experience and knowledge. We see this traffic congestion everyday. City personal come by once or twice and make decisions. Which is not acceptable to our neighbourhood. It's time the Mayor and his councillors take notice of the traffic problems which we endure and take the residents of the neighbourhood into consideration for what they are going through.

Heather Street:

Heather St. is a perfectly wide street which will accommodate both car traffic and bicycle routes which won't cost the City a penny. It's already there, it could also accommodate bike lanes. Initially Heather street had three entrances to Childrens and Women's hospital, now they only have one entrance, and now they want to close the one and last entrance forcing all the traffic to Willow Street. The city of Vancouver always complains they are short of funds, to put two entrances off Willow Street, one to go into the Children's and women's hospital site, second entrance to go into John Paul 11 Pastoral

Centre does not make sense, forcing more traffic to the residence of Willow st. West 32nd and West 33rd Ave. Also endangering students from Eric Hamber School and students from Ecole Secondaire Jules-Verne which is down the street from Eric Hamber School on Willow Street.

Eric Hamber School and local citizens, dog walkers etc.

I thought that the Mayor of Vancouver and his council's objective is SAFETY FIRST. What kind of safety is it when you decide to put 1300 students from Eric Hamber School and almost 600 students from Ecole Secondaire Jules-Verne putting students lives in great jeopardy. Eric Hamber students use Willow Street as a short cut to go to school and going home from school. With all this additional traffic on Willow Street you are putting the students in a very unsafe environment and threatening accidents and lives. The dog walkers take their dogs for walks along this route also. Mr. Storer believes that putting another sidewalk on the west side of Willow St. will solve the problem. It will not. Students like to talk, run, and walk in groups. A second sidewalk would be useless, and another expense. What will happen to our area when the RCMP move from their premises then again more traffic moves to make room for townhouse, houses and apartments go on the RCMP property.

Then a three stage senior citizens building will be built where the old St. Vincent Hospital was standing, more pedestrians and more traffic. We do not want an entrance to the Children's Hospital or entrance to John Paul 11 Pastoral Center off Willow Street which will make Willow St. a truck route. The best solution is to leave everything alone and have Heather Street entrance to Children's and Woman's as is. Heather St. is wide enough to accommodate cars and cyclist in a safe and orderly manner.

Twelve story tower Children's Hospital site:

A twelve story tower would be too high for residential area facing West 28th Ave or West 32nd Ave. Alan Grosset tells the residence that the tower will be eight stories high, a eight story hospital tower will be an equivalent to a twelve story apartment building. I don't think Mr. Mayor or his council or anyone else would appreciate looking at a twelve story tower through their living room window. The twelve story building also will block our views. The city personal tells us views are not an issue. I and the neighbours find views are a big issue. People buy their homes because of the views. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Terry Berezowski

## Hildebrandt, Tina

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 05, 2012 9:39 AM  
**To:** Robert Lin  
**Subject:** RE: 4500 Oak Street Rezoning Application (Children's and Women's Health Centre )

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**From:** Robert Lin [s.22(1) Personal and Confidential]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 11:48 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** 4500 Oak Street Rezoning Application (Children's and Women's Health Centre )

### **To The Mayor and City Council regarding 4500 Oak Street rezoning application (Children's and Women's Health Center)**

A petition of close to 80 residents who strongly oppose to the opening entrance on W 32<sup>nd</sup> and Willow St. and the installation of the traffic light on W 33<sup>rd</sup> and Willow St. Any new development in the neighbourhood should not add further impact to the already severe traffic congestion on Willow St. and along W 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Traffic due to Eric Hamber Secondary School (1300 students) and École Rose-Des-Vents Elementary and Secondary School (600 students) is a long time safety concern for residents and school parents. W 37<sup>th</sup> and Willow St. is also a bikeway and W 35<sup>th</sup> and Willow St. has a children's playground.

The Eric Hamber Secondary school main entrance is located on W 35<sup>th</sup> and Willow street. The French immersion school, Ecole Rose-Des-Vents, which offers day care, preschool, elementary and secondary classes has its commonly used entrance on W 39<sup>th</sup> and Willow street. During school drop off and pick up hours, a large amount of cars enter and exit Willow street using W 33<sup>rd</sup>. W 33<sup>rd</sup> is very congested during these times. As many as 50 cars travelling west line up in front of the Oak and W 33<sup>rd</sup> intersection waiting to cross. The same or more number of cars travelling east on W 33<sup>rd</sup> line up to cross the intersection of Cambie and Heather street. Adding another traffic light on Willow street and W 33<sup>rd</sup> will cause further long line ups of cars. It is the amount of cars that has to be reduced on W33<sup>rd</sup> to ease

the congestion. The residents in the neighborhood want the City to work with the school and the residents so a better traffic plan can be in placed to reduce the traffic congestion.

**Proposed 32<sup>nd</sup> and Willow street entrance will endanger students and cyclists**

32<sup>nd</sup> and Willow St. is a section that students and cyclists frequently use as a short cut to go through the hospital and access to the north side towards the King Edward Street area. Over a hundred students pass through this section between 8:15-8:35 am and after school. These students walk, cycle, skateboard, rollerblade, and often travel in small groups. These teenagers spread out on the streets and do not stay on the sidewalks. Building a new entrance for vehicles to go in and out and to share the same road with these students and other cyclists poses a very high risk and creates a very unsafe environment.