From: <u>Correspondence Group, City Clerk"s Office</u>

To: s.22(1)

Subject: FW: Children"s and Women"s Health Centre Rezoning

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 9:49:49 AM

Attachments: Willow Street.pdf

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Thank you.

From: Dianne Good s.22(1) Personal and Sent: Monday, December 10, 2012 6:56 PM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: Children's and Women's Health Centre Rezoning

Attached is a letter in response to the Notice of Public Hearing regarding Children's and Women's Health Centre Rezoning.

Dianne Good

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2012 December 10

Mayor and Council City of Vancouver 453 West 12th Avenue Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council:

RE: <u>Children's and Women's Health Centre Rezoning</u>

Thank you for the opportunity to review and respond to the proposed changes to Children's and Women's Health Centre. As outlined in previous correspondence to the City, the only concern with the plan for the community of Eric Hamber Secondary School is the potential increase in traffic as a result of the addition of an entrance off Willow Street.

Although the change in entrance from Heather Street to Willow Street will likely have minimal impact on the traffic directly in front of the school, it may impact the access to the school from 33rd Avenue. Twice a day we have significant traffic congestion near the school at the start and end of the school day. We will continue our efforts to encourage students to walk, use public transportation, or cycle to school to reduce traffic.

Our priority is the safety of our students and staff coming to and from school, whether it is by walking, cycling, or driving. The maps included in the materials related to this project show a light at 33rd and Willow with left-hand turning lanes and bicycle lanes along 33rd. These are features that I believe will improve traffic safety in the area of the school.

Knowing that there are future plans for development in the vicinity of Eric Hamber Secondary School, I urge you to carefully consider the future traffic flow in this area for the safety of our staff and students.

Sincerely, s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Dianne Good Principal

Cc T. Berezowski, Resident

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From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Subject: FW: Public Hearing, December 12, 2012, 4500 Oak Street, Children and Women Health Centre

Date: Monday, December 10, 2012 4:16:39 PM

Attachments: Children"s and Women Rezoning Application, Public Hearing, Dec 11, 2012.pdf

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From: Peter Hammer s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Monday, December 10, 2012 4:02 PM **To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: Public Hearing, December 12, 2012, 4500 Oak Street, Children and Women Health Centre

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

The attached petition has been submitted to the Planning Department and the City Clerk's office on several occasions since 2008. I was informed last week by Nicole Ludwig that the petition would not be distributed to council as the planning department felt that the neighbourhood resident's concerns have been addressed. I respectfully submit that there are many fundamental issues outlined in the petition that have not been appropriately addresses and council members need to be aware what the unresolved issues are.

I will be addressing council at the hearing and will reference the attached petition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peter Hammer s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Note from City Clerk's Department: the attached petition was originally distributed to Mayor and Council on May 11, 2011.

Michael Naylor Current Planning City of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave. Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

Dear Mr. Naylor:

We are residents living adjacent to B.C. Children's and Women's Hospital (C&W). We are proud of the services that C&W provides and are in support of its redevelopment to meet the changing needs of the public. We wish to express our concerns about the C&W new proposed Master Plan (18.06.08) as follows:

1. Building Mass and Height

We are concerned that the Master Plan proposes a building density (FSR) of 1.5 with a height of up to seven stories. This density and height is markedly out of character with the existing hospital, and with the Master Plan from 1999 in which council established a maximum FSR of 0.85. In our view, the proposed density and height would have a negative impact on the residential neighbourhood in terms of quality of life, parking and traffic.

2. Site Location

Another concern is that the Master Plan shifts the building mass from its current Oak Street frontage to the north-east quadrant of the site. In our view, it does not make sense to have green space and parking along Oak Street and to move the building mass closer to the neighbourhood. Such a shift is contrary to what council and the residents agreed to in the 1999 plan. We suggest that the existing buildings be renovated as was the case with the Jean Matheson building.

3. Infringement on Open Space

Another concern is that the Master Plan proposes a Family Stay and Respite in the green space buffer along Heather Street. There are other locations on the site where this facility can be accommodated. The green space along Heather Street should not be compromised as it affords a buffer between hospital buildings and residences.

4. HVAC Noise From Buildings

Another concern is that the level of noise emanating from the new Research Institute's HVAC is excessive for a building close to residences. There is a constant, low-level hum that is audible from as far as Heather and 27th Ave, and from 26th Ave at Breamar Park. We would like this noise to be tested and corrected. We would also request that any new buildings be designed to minimize noise.

5. Vehicular Access to the Hospital and On-Street Employee Parking

Vehicular access to the hospital at Gates #2 (West 28th Ave.) and #3 (Heather Street) remains a concern. A traffic study, conducted at the request of neighbourhood residents, in conjunction with the 1999 Master Plan, resulted in Gate #1 (Oak Street) being designated the main entrance with Gates #2 and #3 as supplemental entrances for employee vehicular access. In addition, other

traffic calming measures were undertaken along Heather Street, and at Gate #2 a traffic diversion was installed. The traffic calming measures have not proven very effective as employee and visitor traffic still filters through residential streets to get to Gates #2 and #3. Actually, construction on Cambie Street has been the most effective barrier to traffic penetrating the neighbourhood.

In the latest site planning proposal, the suggestion of an entrance off 33rd Ave. along Willow Street makes good sense because it would restrict hospital bound traffic to arterial roads. Gates #2 and #3 should be closed. This would alleviate hospital-related traffic in the neighbourhood.

We recommend the elimination of nonresidential on-street parking on Heather Street and West 28th Avenue. It causes undue traffic movement as drivers compete for free parking. As a planning principle, parking should be accommodated within the hospital. These two streets should be used as buffers and have a landscaped boulevard similar to the one on West 37th Ave. along the RCMP facility. Heather Street is a major north-south bike route and West 28th Ave has been proposed as a bike route. The elimination of nonresidential parking would reduce bike/vehicle conflicts.

Thank you for giving consideration to our concerns.

Sincerely,

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From: <u>Correspondence Group, City Clerk"s Office</u>

To: s.22(1) Personal and

Subject: FW: 4500 0ak St rezoning safety concern for proposed 32 & Willow Entrance

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 9:57:04 AM

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----Original Message-----

From: Robert Lin [s.22(1) Personal and Confidential Sent: Monday, December 10, 2012 11:39 PM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: 4500 0ak st rezonig safety concern for proposed 32 & Willow Entrance

To Mayor and council,

Attached are photos to show the 29 & Heather street entrance. Heather is a wide street with traffic calming circles and "Residents Parking Only" signs around the neighborhood. It also has road blocks on one side of King Edward Ave to disallow cars from turning onto Heather street. Heather st entrance does not poses any danger to anyone as a bikeway.

32 & Willow st is a path where students and cyclists like to use as short cuts to go through the hospital and get to the north side of King Edward street area. Building a new entrance poses great danger for the students and cyclists.

You have been sent 8 pictures.

DSC_0410.JPG 29 & Heather st entrance (proposed to close entrance and replace by 32 & Willow st new entrance) DSC_0415.JPG Heather st DSC_0419.JPG Heather st DSC_0416.JPG Heather st DSC_0491.JPG 32 & Willow st (proposed new entrance site) DSC_0454.JPG 32 & Willow st DSC_0447.JPG 32 & Willow st DSC_0445.JPG 32 & Willow st

These pictures were sent with Picasa, from Google.

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