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From: Heather Ross s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
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To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
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Hello
I am writing in regards to the proposed zoning development change at 1600 west 6th.
I am sorry I could not attend the meeting yesterday.
It concerns me greatly that the usage and height restrictions in this area are being allowed to change beyond the existing zoning.

I had a business on 6th between Granville and Fir and moved my business because development of the west 6th tower (by Westbank) was allowed to increase from the 5 story zoning to a 12 story tower.
It caused over 2 years of noise, debris, and traffic problems and changed the feeling of the neighbourhood. My business traffic plummeted and sales reduced substantially.
Now I am on the corner of 6th and Fir directly across from another proposed by law amendment.

I have witnessed the tower be built at 7th and fir, the development at 4th and Fir and the 360 large condo site at 6th and Burrard, all in the last few years.
There were days where I literally could not access my workplace via car as the sewer mains were being changed at Pine, while 4th and fir was blocked to the new development, 6th and Burrard was blocked due to 360 and 6th blocked between Granville and Fir for Westbank all at the same time!!!
When I was located on 6th, the developer broke the rules time and time again in regards to the illegal parking and cleaning of cement trucks and using up metered parking for construction workers.
My sales plummeted as no one could park or access the local businesses.

But, my main concern is not traffic disruption.
After attending all the meetings and witnessing the development of a 'green space' park on the corner of 6th and Fir, I was dismayed to see the building directly across it apply to suddenly change to a massive tower with underground parking just after the park was finally completed!
If they are to tear this building down, explode a huge hole in the ground and build up it will both literally and metaphorically cast a shadow on the park!
Children are at play. An orchard has been planted and community gardens are placed there as well (the one's that were not bulldozed today by CPR, another city planning disaster!!!)
From my vantage point the winter sun still passes through our windows, yet is blocked by neighbouring buildings that are higher.
The new building proposed would cause disruption, pollution, noise and safety hazards for at least two years and then it will be a permanent block of light to the park and gardens and neighbouring buildings such as mine.
Also, I have witnessed numerous accidents on the corner at 6th and Fir. Look up your files.
One involving a bicycle, one a taxi, and 3 other car incidents in just the past few months.
People use Fir as a foot, bike and car thoroughfare to Granville island, the Burrard street Bridge, 4th Ave and South Granville businesses such as myself.
Construction crews, roadblocks, distractions and more density will only cause further problems.

A development is also slated to begin on the corner between 7th and 8th on the west side of Fir.

So between the W. 6th tower, the sprawling 360 dev. the Radius on 4th and Fir, the special housing tower at 7th and the one I just referred to that is already 5 new changes to existing buildings/usage within the last few years. I am aware and pleased the Mayor wants some affordable housing in Vancouver. But they just built the tower at 7th and Fir to accommodate those with social issues and special housing needs.

To have two towers within one block of 'secured' housing in a well established area of high end businesses and residences seems excessive.

There is supposed to be a green space corridor in city planning associated with the now maligned rail road tracks. My understanding is we are in a light industrial/commercial/residential zone that 5 stories is supposed to be the max. Soon this area will look like all the other towers in false Creek if these changes are allowed to continue.

Please please please do not approve a large tower with underground parking to be constructed a 1600 west 6th ave.

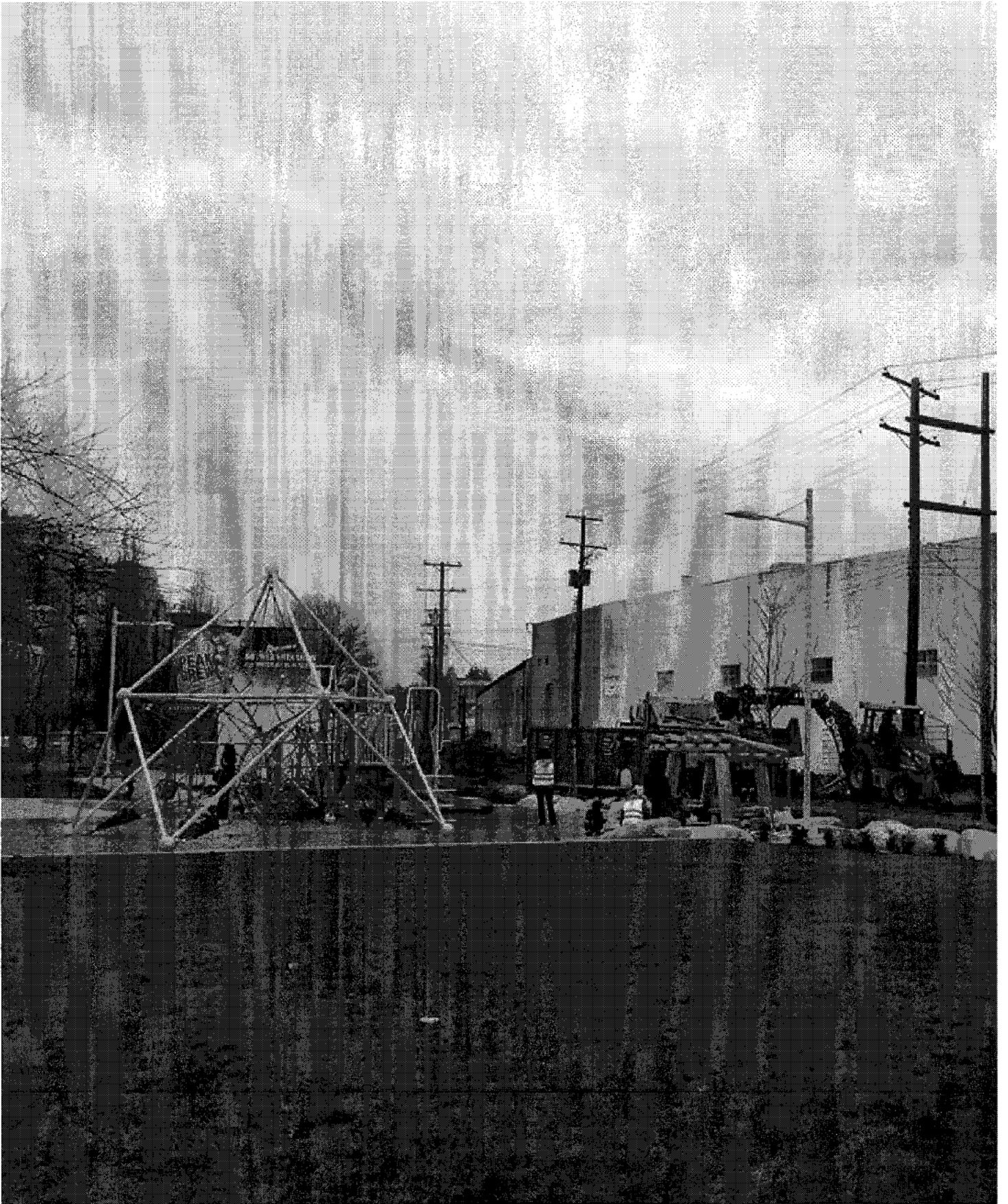
If the city allows this, they will be destroying the enjoyment and usage of the park they just created, and the little bit of open space that remains.

regards

Heather Ross

This is the park that sits at the foot of the proposed new tower, and that is CP Railway bulldozing the green space. Such a shame!!!

I fault CPR for being heavy handed bullies in this case, but please protect our city!



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