

Dragnea, Irina

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 3:17 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Online Feedback - Rezoning Application - 777 Pacific Boulevard

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From: Schultz, Caitlin
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 2:47 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: FW: Online Feedback - Rezoning Application - 777 Pacific Boulevard

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From: mailpost@vancouver.ca [mailto:mailpost@vancouver.ca]
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 2:45 PM
To: Schultz, Caitlin
Subject: Online Feedback - Rezoning Application - 777 Pacific Boulevard

Name: David Southwell

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Comments:

Allowing 42 storey towers along False Creek is absolutely shameful! This height will block all views of the mountains and turns this neighbourhood into a concrete jungle. It will destroy the character of this family friendly community. This is currently a popular tourist and film destination and this will also be jeopardized both of which help sustain the revenues needed to keep this city vibrant.
Please reconsider the impact to our community and reduce the height of these towers substantially. As it stands, it appears the developers are dictating how this city will be developed .

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From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 10:55 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Online Feedback - Rezoning Application - 777 Pacific Boulevard

Categories: Green Category

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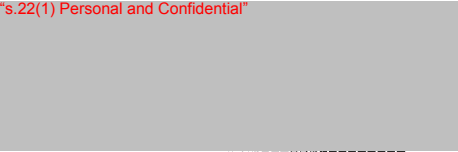
From: Schultz, Caitlin
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 9:05 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
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From: mailpost@vancouver.ca [mailto:mailpost@vancouver.ca]
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 7:15 PM
To: Schultz, Caitlin
Subject: Online Feedback - Rezoning Application - 777 Pacific Boulevard

Name: Maria Bailon

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Comments:

I am not in favor of allowing developers to build higher than the protected view cones. The mountain views are what makes Vancouver uniquely beautiful.

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From: T Gingras s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 5:50 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 777 Pacific Blvd (Northeast False Creek Sub-area 10C)

So much information is provided yet no one ever talks about whether we really need 400 ft towers to make this project viable. I would fully support it if the developers stuck to 300 ft and left our one of a kind view corridors in tact. Will the developers not build if the towers were restricted to not destroy the city's mountain views? I wonder. I think they still would. They'd have to give up a handful of "market" condos only the rich can afford and we'd have to go without a new public sculpture or two, or maybe we'd have to go back to regular playgrounds and not beautiful timber play structures that nobody would buy if they were spending their own money anyway. I'm okay with that. What the City is trying to do is sell our view corridors to the highest bidder. If we give you an extra 100 feet, how much will you give us? Sad. Once we do this, there's no turning back. We will have destroyed one of the few parts of Vancouver that makes it distinct. If you can't see the mountains, you might as well live in Saskatoon.

Sincerely,
Travis Gingras

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From: Tom Sinclair [s.22(1) Personal and Confidential]
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 5:45 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 777 Pacific Blvd (Northeast False Creek Sub-area 10C)

Hello

I live at [s.22(1) Personal and Confidential] and I am very concerned about the plan for the proposed towers. One of them is much too close to our building and I think it causes a privacy issue. I would like to remind council that the casino is essentially a wall of windows across from us. I think the two towers of the new development can be closer to each other, and therefore further away from the neighbour [s.22(1) Personal and Confidential]. I talked to the architect who was perhaps more interested in preserving views for people living on the other side of False Creek, at Olympic Village. This should not factor as importantly as preserving open space between our tower and the proposed one.

Thank you

Tom Sinclair

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

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From: Adrian Fischer s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 4:16 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 777 Pacific Blvd. (NEFC Sub-Area 10C)

I urge Council to reject the proposed Zoning and Development By-law for this development. The relatively small plot of land, as currently used, provides a visual softening to the surrounding concrete and glass structures. The coniferous trees there are tall and not commonly found in this part of downtown. The role they play in creating a comfortable ambiance will be even more critical when other developments are built across Pacific Blvd.

Thank you for your consideration.

Adrian Fischer
Area resident

Sent from my iPad



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Mayor and Council Feedback

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Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

1. Describe details (who, what, where, when, why):

Strongly oppose and am against building more high rises on area and blocking the views more!!

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Additional Details

Map and Photo

- no picture -

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From: James Dobko - "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 8:23 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 777 Pacific Boulevard proposed development - comments

Categories: Green Category

I am opposed to the proposed 40 storey tower at 777 Pacific Boulevard. This area will be too dense with this and other proposed developments. This space was intended to be a grand view corridor towards False Creek, on Georgia Street facing Pacific Blvd.

Stop trying to squeeze a new condo tower on every postage-stamp sized parcel of land in this area, such as Aquilini Centre.

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From: E L <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 3:14 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 777 Pacific Boulevard - Sub-area 10C

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I strongly oppose the permission of taller building height at the subject site.

- The existing view cones / view corridors must be protected at all costs. Once encroached, there is no turning back.
- The new buildings at the future Georgia and Pacific intersection must be similar to the height of the existing building located at one corner of the intersection. That building was approved and constructed not too long ago. The four buildings at the intersection should be at similar height to mark the gateway to downtown at the south end of Georgia street.
- Larger floor plate for the shorter building at this location would not create a negative impact in terms of massing. It will be located right next to massive/expansive BC Place, so a fatter building is not an issue; however, a taller building would be - as the scales of the short + wide BC Place and the scale of a skinny + taller building do not match.
- Building height should be lower as it gets closer to the waterfront, the allow people on the other side of the water to appreciate the mountains as well as the skyline created by all the wonderful buildings in downtown Vancouver.
- It is not a must to have taller building to make a gateway to the city; outstanding architecture is more important. We can get an iconic building at a lower height.

PLEASE DO NOT allow a taller building at this located, please ensure the maximum building height allowed at this site be the same as the neighbouring newly constructed building (i.e., at 300 ft. max?!).

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Ed Lee

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From: MCH <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, July 01, 2018 11:03 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: REZONING: 777 Pacific Boulevard – Sub-area 10C (1 Robson Street)

To City Council,

I want to oppose to the application to build tall building at 777 Pacific Boulevard – Sub-area 10C (1 Robson Street). Please protect the view corridor. By allowing the developer to build taller building, it will only benefit the developer as the higher level units could be sold for a lot more money; but this will be at the cost of the public because the view corridor will be blocked forever. I understand we need the developer to work with the city on the new road network and everything else, but I think they will be getting higher residential density on their land, and that is enough compensation. We should not allow a building that is taller than the neighbouring buildings to be built when it doesn't even comply with the city policy on view corridor. Please do not allow any building to block the view corridor. Thank you.

Ester Brown

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From: Jayce Salloum "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2018 12:46 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Development: 777 Pacific Boulevard

Dear City of Vancouver,

I would like to formally state my objection to the proposed zone changing and new building proposed for 777 Pacific Blvd. This monstrosity of a building is far too high, out of scale, and of a poor design. It will be a blight on our waterfront and destroy the ambience around that part of False Creek that is already in the dark shadows of BC Place etc.

Sincerely,
Jayce Salloum

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Jayce Salloum

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From: Karine Ng s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2018 11:36 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 777 Pacific Boulevard

City of Vancouver,

My comments for the proposed development are that it is completely out of scale compared to existing adjacent buildings, and that a building that height will only bring increased motor traffic and deter foot traffic on the ground level. The acceptable maximum height, in my opinion, should be capped at 25 stories, with a portion of the units (minimum 25%) designated as some form of social housing.

Thank you,
Karine Ng

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From: Bernadette Hirtle s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2018 5:18 AM
To: Public Hearing; premier@gov.bc.ca; Cretney, Ken (PAVCO); TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca; Lisa.Beare.mla@leg.bc.ca; TAC.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Save our public views! Reject view cone penetrating Pavco tower

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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To Mayor and Council, Premier of BC, Minister responsible for PavCo, and PavCo CEO

Please stop this development!

When Gregor Robertson was last elected you promised to listen more to the people of Vancouver.

I am a born and raised Vancouverite and through every elected civic administration in the past the view corridors have always been considered sacrosanct. The following is from the City of Vancouver's own website!

"The City protects Vancouver's spectacular ocean and mountain views while promoting density in the downtown area.

The backdrop of the mountains behind Vancouver's skyline signifies the city's connection to nature and aligns with its goals around sustainability.

The downtown peninsula has limited land available for development because of its geographic boundaries. In order to reduce urban sprawl, the City considers higher buildings that don't impact the protected view corridors."

DO NOT DO IRREPARABLE AND IRREVOCABLE DAMAGE TO OUR CITY IN THIS WAY!

Sincerely,
B. Hirtle

Dragnea, Irina

From: Stephen Harrison <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2018 5:07 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Public hearing July 10:

Public hearing July 10:

As a downtown Vancouver resident I oppose the PavCo tower proposal that will destroys the public's access to mountain views. All citizens should share equally in the beauty of Vancouver not just a chosen few in multi-million dollar condos.

I favour the approval of a lower tower alternative (26 storeys, 300ft) that does not penetrate the view cone.

Regards.

Stephen Harrison
Vancouver, BC

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From: Carol Herter "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2018 6:39 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Stop the tower: Public hearing July 10

As a downtown Vancouver resident, I oppose the PavCo tower proposal that will destroy the public's access to mountain views. All citizens should share equally in the beauty of Vancouver, not just a chosen few in multimillion-dollar condos.

I favour the approval of a lower tower alternative (26 storeys, 300 ft) that doesn't penetrate the view cone.

Regards,

Carol Herter
Vancouver, BC

Dragnea, Irina

From: Lowry, Cameron <s.22(1) Personal and Confidential>
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2018 8:26 PM
To: Public Hearing; premier@gov.bc.ca; TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca; Lisa.Beare.mla@leg.bc.ca; TAC.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca
Subject: PAVCO Development at NEFC and View Corridors / Traffic Issues with the NEFC Development

Hi,

I have been a resident of s.22(1) Personal and Confidential for 20 years. I have been patiently waiting for the developer and the city to move forward with the NEFC development, and community amenities promised when BOSA first built our buildings. Its been a long wait.

I reviewed the plans for the plaza of nations development, and I am quite distressed at the plans to build a 40 story tower on the south side of BC place, blocking our view of the north shore mountains. I understand there are three towers at 400 feet planned, all of which will detract from the view corridors that the city has preserved.

Please, do not permit this development to proceed with buildings this tall in this location. I suggest that you permit the 26 story towers, that PAVCO have as an option.

I remain very concerned about the changes to our community. The traffic noise and congestion is increasing every year. My home faces Quebec Street, and it is very difficult to sleep at night with the traffic noise. I cant open my windows at night to cool my home, as the noise is overwhelming. If I do open the windows, my floors become covered in a fine black soot from the vehicle exhaust. Quebec Street is a truck route, so there are large trucks coming down the road at all hours of the day and night. The rumble of these trucks keeps everyone awake at night. I requested the NEFC planning group to consider removing Quebec Street as a truck route but my suggestion was declined. I also asked the NEFC planning group to make some efforts to divert traffic away from Quebec street in the new street plans. These concerns were dismissed as well. With the removal of the viaducts, all the traffic that currently bypasses Pacific Ave and Quebec Street and drops to Main street will now be routed into our community along Pacific and Quebec Streets. The thousands of people added to the community in these new buildings at NEFC will also have vehicles. Based on the discussions I had with the planning group, there appears to be very little effort to divert this extra traffic away from Quebec Street and our community. When I asked what was being done, I was told that "we studied it and there is no net increase in traffic forecast for Quebec Street". With all the extra towers in the NEFC and the West Georgia traffic added to Pacific Ave, this reply simply cannot be true. There doesn't appear to be any significant effort being made to address this issue. Rather than using the NEFC redevelopment as an opportunity to quiet Quebec street, more traffic from West Georgia street is being diverted into our community and thousands of new residents and their cars added. I made five or six very specific recommendations on traffic routing to the planning group. Having lived in the community and dealt with the traffic for 20 years, I offered some very reasonable suggestions. All of my concerns were discounted and my suggestions dismissed.

Putting another three towers at 40 stories into our community is overwhelming. Taking away the views of the current and future residents is adding to the injury. Leaving the current residents on Quebec Street to live with the added traffic noise and congestion is terrible. I would expect that the goal of this development would be to increase the liveability of our city. It appears the opposite is happening.

Sincerely

Cameron Lowry, P.Eng.

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From: Joseph Jones "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 10:20 AM
To: Public Hearing; Campbell, Gordon; Cretney, Ken (PAVCO); TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca; Lisa.Beare.mla@leg.bc.ca; TAC.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca; Robertson, Gregor; Affleck, George; Ball, Elizabeth; Carr, Adriane; De Genova, Melissa; Deal, Heather; Jang, Kerry; Louie, Raymond; Reimer, Andrea; Stevenson, Tim; Bremner, Hector
Subject: 5. REZONING: 777 Pacific Boulevard – Sub-area 10C (1 Robson Street)

Regarding the following item at public hearing before Vancouver City Council on 10 July 2018:

5. REZONING: 777 Pacific Boulevard – Sub-area 10C (1 Robson Street)

I oppose this project because it would set precedent by encroaching on a long-established City of Vancouver view cone. Lower the tower to a height that respects policy and does not encroach.

Do you really want to say that developers are free to take out whatever they wish of Vancouver's skyline? In spite of carefully crafted policy? Why would you do that?

Do not paste this nasty encroachment precedent on top of Vancouver's sleazy image of rampant corruption.

Sincerely,

Joseph Jones

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From: Devon Knight
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 11:14 AM
To: Public Hearing; premier@gov.bc.ca; Cretney, Ken (PAVCO); TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca; Lisa.Beare.mla@leg.bc.ca; TAC.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca
Cc: Carr, Adriane; Reimer, Andrea; Louie, Raymond; Deal, Heather; Robertson, Gregor; Council
Subject: Protect Our View Cooridors

Dear representatives of BC PavCo, the province and Mayor and City Councillors,

At the public hearing on July 10 for the proposed PavCo tower, please vote no. I am supportive of densification and would support a shorter tower that does not violate the view corridor. I have been aware of the view corridor protections since I began to consider the importance of views from Olympic Village in conjunction with my active participation in the development of the NEFC plan. The view from Cambie and 10th is also stunning and should not be sacrificed. These views are an important and cherished public amenity for present day residents and future residents. The mountain backdrop defines our city and makes us far more spectacular than other cities like Seattle and Portland just to name a few close ones. They should not be set aside for the sake of one building or one developer. I have lived at [REDACTED] for 14 years and care deeply about how we shape development in the city.

Please vote NO.

Best Regards,
Devon

Devon Knight

[REDACTED]

Dragnea, Irina

From: Qara Clemente s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 11:50 AM
To: Public Hearing; premier@gov.bc.ca; Cretney, Ken (PAVCO); TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca; Lisa.Beare.mla@leg.bc.ca
Subject: Why we need to save the YVR skyline

To the Mayor and Council, Province of BC, and PavCo:

I am one of the many Vancouverites to are opposed to the PavCo tower proposal, and I am writing in support of the lower tower alternative that does not penetrate the view cone.

Before moving to Vancouver, I lived in Toronto, a city without a gorgeous mountain view. What we had there instead was the CN Tower, and even though it's an iconic building, it's no mountain. I believe that the mountain view is something we all take for granted living in this city, but to replace it with something artificial like a condo tower is a step down the wrong path. It's a perennial mistake to think that the symbols and imagery that a city should celebrate is a tower, rather than the beauty of mother nature herself. A lot of people feel this way, because they identify with the view cone. And the identity of Vancouver that I wish to preserve is one that values the voices of its citizens, and its natural bounty.

If we push through with the PavCo tower proposal, it's like telling the world that selling multimillion dollar condos is how we do things in this City, over prioritizing the natural landscape that has always stood the test of time. I'd rather be known for our beautiful mountains, than our expensive condos and unlivable city. Isn't being "green" what Vancouver wants to be known for?

Unless PavCo paints its building green (or settles for building a lower tower at 26 storeys/300ft), I can't think of any better view than the mountains.

Qara Clemente

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From: carole nash s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 2:17 PM
To: Public Hearing; premier@gov.bc.ca; Cretney, Ken (PAVCO); TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca; Lisa.Beare.mla@leg.bc.ca; TAC.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Save our public views! Reject view cone penetrating Pavco tower

To Mayor and Council, Premier of BC, Minister responsible for PavCo, and PavCo CEO

Please preserve our iconic view corridors. Do Not approve Pavco's tower application.

Our beautiful north shore mountain scene is for All Vancouverites and visitors pleasure and enjoyment.

I do not own a car and use public transit. The view from Broadway and Cambie always stimulates gratefulness for the privilege of residing in this beautiful city.

Let us not become another city of sky reaching towers obliterating our natural gift of wondrous beauty.

respectfully,

Carole Nash

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential



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Mayor and Council Feedback

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Contact Details

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Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

1. Describe details (who, what, where, when, why):

I am writing to express my anger at the possible approval of skyscrapers that will impact the view cone corridors. The beauty of the views in Vancouver is one of the very important aspects that make life so wonderful here. Seeing the mountains as I drive into town each day is like meditation; it relieves stress and contributes to a peaceful beginning and ending of the day. It is a gift that should be vigorously defended by those elected to work for the betterment of the city and of citizens. Keep in mind the trust we have in your commitment to us rather than to developers. I am sure there are OTHER ways to build a profitable tower.

Joanne Melville

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From: John Shayler s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 3:10 PM
To: Public Hearing; premier@gov.bc.ca; Cretney, Ken (PAVCO); TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca; Lisa.Beare.mla@leg.bc.ca; TAC.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Save our public views! Reject view cone penetrating Pavco tower
Attachments: Dear Mayor and Council.docx

To Mayor and Council, Premier of BC, Minister responsible for PavCo, and PavCo CEO:

Back in February of this year, I sent a letter to the Mayor and Council of Vancouver to express my concern about the proposal to build several more towers on the Northeast Side of False Creek. It is clear from the letter (slightly revised version that is attached below) that I oppose the PAVCO-Concord proposal. However, I do offer an alternative proposal. In my work over many years as a community activist and educator, I have felt that simply opposing something that you disagreed with only quickly got you labelled as a NIMBY or naysayer.

However, even though I worked with organizations that had few resources, I and those I worked with always tried to bring forward alternatives. I hope you will take the time to read the one that I have for what is the last large piece of land on the Northeast Side of False Creek.

I am sorry that the Public Hearing for this important issue is in the middle of summer and I do believe that most residents of Vancouver are not aware of the meeting or its importance. In fact, I would ask City Council to delay any decision this development proposals and others for this site until a wider discussion can take place.

I look forward to seeing the Mayor and Council at the Public Hearing this Tuesday, July 10th

I hope that there is a full and open discussion.

Sincerely,

John Shayler

Dear Mayor and Council:

MORE HIGH RISES TO BLOCK OUR VIEWS, OR A PLACE FOR RECONCILIATION THAT CAN OPEN OUR VIEWS AND HEARTS?

This email is about the three towers (Pavco & Concord) proposed in Northeast Falsecreek Neighbourhood Plan that is penetrating the Vancouver view cone. The skyline with mountain backdrop is a key Vancouver's beauty and livability. The beautiful views of our mountain backdrop skyline is a free public amenity and asset we need to cherish. These public views of the mountains in our skyline makes Vancouver livable and most importantly gives it a unique sense of place. The North Shore Mountains belong to all of us to view.

I am concerned about the proposal for the reasons below.

- Vancouver's public views are an irreplaceable free public asset and should not be blocked by private multimillion dollar condos.
- The government should not allow public views of Vancouver be sold off to developers to build unaffordable condos.
- It is very important that we safe guard this public asset for current and future generations.
- Sets a bad precedence for other real estate developers to pressure the City of Vancouver to let them penetrate protected view corridors.

Back in the 1980's when I was working with the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association (DERA), I used to take groups of walking tours of the area. Quite often I would take them down to the waterfront where they could clearly see the mountains and the view toward Stanley Park and the Salish Sea. Once there, I would ask them to close there eyes and try to imagine what things looked like hundreds and even thousands of years ago when the area was populated by First Nation peoples. I would ask the groups to imagine the areas environmental and ecological richness, its life, mystery and beauty - its power of place. I would remind the people who made up groups (politicians, social workers, teachers, etc.) that all the current

building form and development had only transpired in the short decades since "contact".

That is when those with power simply took the place. Since the arrival of Europeans, we have managed in a short time to soil the nest that had sustained indigenous people for millennia. We, especially those with the most power and most greed polluted the air, despoiled the waters, and blocked the mountains with taller and taller buildings. Now other developers, such as PAVCO and Concord want to erect more massive towers to block the views of the many, so a few can live in their high priced boxes in the sky. I ask: why are we allowing this? Why are we allowing the same greed to destroy even more of what came before us?

Why not an alternative to the same developer driven building form? You know, once the City Planning spoke of "view corridors", then they called them "view cones" (I could never figure that one out), and what we have ended up with are what I refer to as "view cracks".

A Modest Proposal

Well I have a modest proposal for Northeast False Creek. It is not more towers blocking our views, but an alternative that could open both our view and our hearts. It is a Place for Reconciliation. This shared centre would have the park that the developer promised but never delivered on. The large site would also acknowledge the First Peoples for their place taken, the blacks of Hogan Alley for their community broken, and the Chinese and Japanese for their rights stolen. Perhaps I do not explain my proposal well. It needs both work and time. It also needs the cooperation of the federal, provincial and municipal governments. All of these talk the talk about reconciliation and healing, especially with indigenous people. With this Centre for Reconciliation I am saying to government here is an opportunity to actually walk the walk. This would mean that government would need to purchase the land.

What about PAVCO? I don't believe that we owe the Crown Corporation anything; in face, they owe us for the years of mounting public debt that it has created through the operation of BC Place Stadium, its overpriced and over-budget roof and more. Why would

we wish to reward PAVCO for its apparent incompetence, especially when it comes to public funds.

And what of Concord? Well, we all know that Li Ka-shing bought the public land on the North Side of False Creek for a bargain basement price, and, in turn, made a massive profit on its development. It is also true that Li-Ka-shing announced his retirement back in March of this year. Perhaps given his profitable activities in Vancouver and his ties to the Chinese community, he and his son Victor may be interested in donating their land to a Place of Reconciliation. It may seem like a wild idea. However, has anyone asked?

With all levels of government involved in the Reconciliation Plan and a large developer willing to be involved in the project who knows what could be possible in creating a place that would greatly enhance the views in and about Vancouver.

What would be on the site should be open to broad discussion. Overall, it would be a place of acknowledgement and healing. As for building form, that too would be part of the discussion. I envision a village setting (of course with density) with low- rise buildings that open up the view to the North Shore Mountains. How about starting with 50% non-market housing, some of which would be for First Nations and Chinese seniors – to name a few. How about a First Nation's Historical Centre? An elder's circle? An open air market? The sky is actually the limit.

Perhaps some may think this idea is pie in the sky and will never happen. I have taken on issues before that seemed to be hopeless, and it was always worth the effort. The other day I was reading that according to chaos theory, "a single beat of a butterfly's wings can result in a tornado on the other side of the world". In my many years of community activism, I always felt that one small idea at the right time can build something much larger. As always, it is worth a try.

Sincerely yours,
John Shayler