

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 11:03 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Re: Development 4575 Granville St.

To the Mayor & Councillors of Vancouver:

We are strongly opposed to the construction of this development next door to the Vancouver Hospice. During the construction period it will create substantial noise and disruption that will disturb residents of the Hospice during the last days of their lives. Once built it will increase the density of the lot immediately adjacent to the Hospice and, quite likely, will lead to similar increases in density on other nearby lots. This increased density, in turn, will permanently alter the noise level of the block and make the Hospice a much less quiet and peaceful place than it should be for those at the end of life.

Patricia & Peter Ward

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[Redacted]

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Sandra Cohen s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 10:32 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: rezoning of 4575 Granville Steet

e. I am gravely concerned about the impact that the rezoning of 4575 would have on our ability to operate and serve our community. . It would loom over our hospice and cause ongoing and undue hardship, stress, and anxiety to more than 150 people facing death who seek the carefully balanced serenity of our hospice each year.

With sincerity,
Sandra Cohen

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Sarah Armstrong s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 10:04 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Hospice and rezoning application

I add my voice to the loud chorus of those protesting this inappropriate development next to the hospice. The fact that city hall has allowed this project to proceed this far is unconscionable. Imagine your loved one or yourself, only wishing for peace and quiet to be bombarded with incessant noise, truck traffic, congestion I am a dedicated volunteer at our peaceful hospice. And I want the hospice to remain. so. Councils decision to rezone this single family property for expensive density housing is misguided. Please think very carefully and give your heads a shake so decency will prevail. I trust this council will not want to be remembered for damaging a much needed community service. Best wishes, Sarah Armstrong

Sent from my iPad

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Jane Wong s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 9:43 AM
To: Maggie Ip
Cc: Public Hearing
Subject: Re: Rezoning of 4575 Granville Street

Thank you Maggie and Kelly! Maggie, it would be wonderful if you were still sitting on Council. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you again soon!

Warm Regards

Jane

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 10, 2019, at 9:16 AM, Maggie Ip s.22(1) Personal and Confidential wrote:

"Townhouse shadow looms over hospice" - Vancouver Sun, June 10th, 2019

We certainly agree that the proposed three-storey development next door may mar residents' last days. We find it unacceptable to build such a townhouse right next to the Hospice and echo what the Chairman of the Board of the Hospice Society said that *"a proposed 3-story 21 unit townhome development wedged onto a single lot next to their Granville Street facility could permanently harm the organization's ability to provide tranquil care for the dying"*

We should give those who spend their last days there in peace and quiet.

Please do not approve this rezoning application.

Maggie & Kelly Ip

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Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Sarah Lusk s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 9:43 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Stop Townhouse Development Next Door to Hospice

Dear Vancouver City Council,

For over a decade, my family has worked tirelessly to support the Vancouver Hospice Society and the important work they do to provide care to the dying.

It is time for City Council to start listening to the residents of this city especially to those in palliative care and to those who object to rezoning applications and developments. This is something the previous Council never did, and you all came in on campaign promises to do things differently. Start listening and show us you are indeed different.

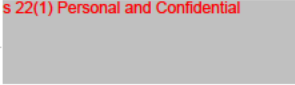
While I support the City of Vancouver's initiatives to increase affordable housing, this project does not fit that criteria. The townhouse units are to be offered at market rates - well above what the average family or individual in Vancouver can afford. Rent starting at \$3,600 is not affordable - this is a high-end development so let's all be clear about that.

This proposed townhouse development is also located way too close to the hospice, not in keeping with the neighbourhood and will ruin the hospice's tranquility. Would you want to listen to construction and traffic during your dying days? See your loved one taken away to a funeral parlor while being overlooked by people on their balcony bbq'ing? No privacy screen is going to take away the indignity.

I encourage you to go and visit the hospice in person and see the great work that they do. Please do not pass this rezoning application.

Thank you,
Sarah Adams

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From: John Berezowskyj s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 9:41 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Development 4575 Granville St

We are appalled that our city is even thinking of approving a significant development adjacent to a hospice. Have you no conscience ? These 22 units will ensure that there will be a very significant increase in noise and commotion 24/7 next to people in their terminal days.

John and Judy Berezowskyj

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Sent from my iPad

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Maggie Ip s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 9:17 AM
To: Public Hearing
Cc: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: Rezoning of 4575 Granville Street

"Townhouse shadow looms over hospice" - Vancouver Sun, June 10th, 2019

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Maggie & Kelly Ip

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Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Paula s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 9:12 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Redevelopment at 4675 Granville Street

I would like to add my voice to those who object to the building of a 21 townhouse development next door to the Vancouver Hospice. Having volunteered with the Hospice for the past 13 years in order to raise funds to first build and then support the Hospice, I am very concerned about the effect that such a development would have on the operation of the this facility. Hundreds of us volunteers have worked thousands of hours so this city might benefit from this much-needed hospice home. A major disruption would surely put the operation at risk.

The single family neighbourhood was chosen specifically because of its quiet, central location and is vital to creating an atmosphere of caring for dying patients and their grieving families.

Thankyou for your consideration.

Paula Coughlan

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Maggie Caunter s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 9:09 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Hospice and proposed development, South Granville, Vancouver

I am writing to express my concern regarding the effect of a proposed development on The Hospice on South Granville St.

From my experience regarding my sisters recent death I know the how important it was for her and her family to have a peaceful environment during those difficult last few days.

People in pain and facing the end of their life deserve to have a sanctuary rather than the noise of a building site and resulting noise and lack of privacy when the building is occupied.

Volunteers have worked extremely hard to provide this service for those in need., it is disheartening to think that this peaceful and valued hospice will be disrupted by this proposed development.

Maggie Caunter

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Judith Forst s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 8:51 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Development 4575 Granville

To Mayor Kennedy Stewart and Council, The proposed development next to Vancouver Hospice puts at risk one of the few hospices in the Vancouver area. Please reconsider this development and allow the residents of the hospice to have a peaceful conclusion to the end of life.
Judith Forst OC,OBC.
Sent from my iPhone

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Pat or Jim Johnston s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 8:29 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Proposed Rezoning 4575 Granville St.

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I urge you not to approve this rezoning. There is insufficient public benefit from these expensive rental units to justify the extreme negative impacts on the adjacent Vancouver Hospice. Vancouverites have donated and continue to donate countless hours fundraising to support this much needed hospice and it is unfathomable to think the peace and tranquility of this lovely facility where people come to spend the final few weeks of their lives could be spoiled by spot rezoning for a 21 unit development out of scale with its surroundings.

Your truly,

Pat Johnston

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From: teresa clark s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 8:13 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Attachments: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

I vehemently oppose the construction of a townhouse development beside the vancouver Hospice on Granville St. Developers in this city do not seem to be interested in vulnerable citizens but in making more money. Meanwhile the city continues to support this attitude by granting permits to said developers.

Please, please consider denying this particular permit for it is not just a neighbour who dislikes construction and the noise it creates. It is being constructed beside a 'home' of people wanting peace and quiet during the last days of life. Are we not a compassionate society anymore? Are we just going to permit the disruption to a very important service in this city? I just wish developers would consider building hospice homes for instead of lining their pockets.

Thank you for considering my letter.

Teresa Clark
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Kerry Bjarnason s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 8:02 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Hospice June 11 hearing

Hello and good morning,

I am writing to oppose the town home development being built next door to the Hospice on Granville. Both are single lots and not well suited to be side-by-side. The Hospice is such an important service to the entire community. The 21-unit town home development will not assist the affordable rental market at the prices set forth.

Kerry Bjarnason
Fairview in Vancouver

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Vercammen, James s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 2:21 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Development at 4575 Granville Street

Hi

I am strongly opposed to the proposed rezoning that would result in the building of a condominium tower at 4575 Granville Street. My opposition stems from the strong negative impact this building would have on the Hospice in the neighboring property. I understand that increasing density is important for Vancouver but losing (or strongly negatively impacting) the Hospice would come at a very high cost to those who would benefit from compassionate end-of-life care.

Please reconsider.

James Vercammen

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Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Harvey Lau s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 12:14 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning of 4575 Granville Street

The Honourable Mayor of Vancouver and Councillors,

I write in relation to the application to rezone 4575 Granville Street, from a single family to 21 multi-storey townhouses and 32 underground parking spaces.

I live in the proximity of the subject lot, and as a neighbouring resident, I object to the application, for a number of reasons.

First, the rezoning would ruin the single family home neighbourhood. The development would no doubt increase the traffic, and create congestion and noise in the neighbourhood, as a result of the substantial increase in the number of residents on the lot by 21-fold, their visitors, the garbage and recycling collection, service vehicles, and activities related to constant moving in and out of the tenants of these 21 rental units.

Secondly, I understand that the application to rezone is made pursuant to the "Affordable Housing Choices Interim Re-zoning Policy", which allows each neighbourhood every ten blocks to be develop a single high density project like this. I submit that I found this policy unjust, and is liable to benefit the owner of one lot at the expense of the other owners and many residents of the neighbouring lots.

Thirdly, I beg to disagree that this development could qualify as affordable housing, as I understand that the majority of the units costs around or more than \$3,700 per month to rent. Frankly, how much income one needs to make a month in order to afford such level of rent?

Finally, I would urge the Council to reconsider more appropriate, alternative locations for such high density developments, which already adequately provide for the necessary infrastructure and public transportation services for its future residents.

Kind regards,
Harvey Lau

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Marilyn Davis s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 10:37 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Proposed development at 4575 Granville Street

I am a personal friend of one of the two ladies who originally conceived the idea of a free standing Hospice on Vancouver's Westside. They realized the urgent need for a non hospital, peaceful, personal place to die and with this in mind set about the enormous task of fundraising enough to build the Hospice, one small step at a time. This first step as most now know, was to open a shop selling high quality stylish ladies clothing. A second shop was opened, donations and grants were sought and eventually land was purchased and the Hospice was built with a huge amount of liaising with City Hall Planning Department.

That City Hall would now put aside all that hard effort by hundreds of volunteers to place the peace of the Hospice in jeopardy is incomprehensible to me and to all of us volunteers who have been involved for 10 years or more.

I desperately ask that all the those making decisions in regard to this proposed townhouse development, read all the written statements and the full Petition from the Hospice administration thoroughly to understand the enormity of the effect of a large development on a regular city lot with very limited access.

Thank you. Marilyn Davis

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Carol May Mahony s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 10:33 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Public Hearing about the Hospice

I would like to register my great concern about the proposed development next to the Hospice on Granville Street, and will be attending the Public Hearing on Tuesday June 11. I also attended the original information session put forward by the developers about their project, when the concerns of the Hospice were supposedly being taken into consideration.

The re-zoning as proposed will be damaging to the peaceful care for the patients.....how very tragic, and contradictory to the setup that was carefully designed for their benefit, and completed before the new development was ever thought of.

It is hard to believe that the sensitive care of dying patients and their families is not being given high priority in the new use of the land beside it.

I sincerely hope that the City of Vancouver will see sense in prioritizing compassion and common sense over development for profit only. Surely the needs of the Hospice will be consulted and protected.

Sincerely,

Carol May Mahony

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Hildebrandt, Tina

From: John & Denise Carr - s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 10:30 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Hospice on Granville street

I am totally opposed to the construction of Town homes next to our only West side Hospice on Granville Street

I cannot imagine City Council wanting to turn Granville Street into another cambia corridor, especially next to a Hospice where people want to spend the last days of their lives in peace and quietness.

I am sure when review the application you will come to your senses and reject this proposal

Respectfully submitted John Carr

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Lynda and Doug Macdonald s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 9:28 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Hospice

Definitely do not allow these condos to be built and spoil the special sanctuary that has been built by hundreds and hundreds of Vancouver voters and volunteers raising funds to accomplish.

It is not the place for it!!!

Noise, confused traffic, dust and dirt ,all for another developers in pocket profits. While citizens lay dying and loved ones try to visit. 🙄🙄🙄🙄🙄 Lynda Macdonald s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent from Lynda's iPhone

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Maurice Wong
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 8:52 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: RE: Development 4575 Granville St.

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RE: Development 4575 Granville St.

I am writing to voice **my opposition** to the 21 unit housing development proposed at 4575 Granville **directly adjacent** to the Vancouver Hospice. I read with great interest the excellent article by Elizabeth Murphy on "**Growth Targets Don't Add Up**" in The Vancouver Sun on Saturday, June 8th. As this letter is distributed to the Mayor and all the Councillors I am providing the following summary in case they do not have an opportunity to read it.

- It is clear there is a sense of uneasiness by some members of the Council about Vancouver's current housing strategy.
- The Interim Affordable Housing Policy was developed in response to what was seen as a housing crisis.
- The Interim Affordable Housing Policy was developed with good intentions, however the City included a provision that allowed developers to forgo the amenities offered by the City and allowed units to be rented at market rates. This has resulted in some rental units being proposed that are too expensive for young families which defeats the purpose of the policy. The proposed units on Granville are **not** affordable housing.
- Councillor Hardwick has raised questions with the staff about "the disconnect between unit targets and projected population growth" according to the census. Census projections are that 26,000 more units are required in the next 10 years and the City's targets are for 72,000 units.
- As Councillor Hardwick says we need to press **PAUSE** to re-evaluate the policies.
- In the opinion of the author of the article, "staff have been pushing through their agenda by guiding a mostly inexperienced Council with advice that tends to be blindly followed."

I believe this Council **will recognize there is a problem** with the current strategy. **My worry is they may not realize it before Tuesday evening** and will approve a project that will result in closure of a critical resource for terminally ill patients and their families in Vancouver. Vancouver Hospice is a unique circumstance and the Council should recognize these two projects are not compatible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Maurice Wong
Vancouver, B.C.

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Valerie Dunsterville s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 8:24 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Proposed Condos 4575 Granville Street, Vancouver

Dear Mr. Kelly,

I am writing to appeal to you that the proposal for condos at 4575 Granville Street in Vancouver not be approved. As a resident of Vancouver all my life and as a volunteer at the Hospice for many years now, I have seen at close hand the work that is being done there and am greatly concerned that such a proposal might go forward at the above address. The hospice is a hugely important part of our city and a place of comfort for so many members of the community during the final days of their lives and for their families. I honestly believe that to have such a huge development next door will have a very negative effect on the hospice which is doing so much for our community. Please do not permit such a development at that address.

Sincerely,
Valerie Dunsterville

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: M.Christy s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 7:27 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: opposition to this project

We live very near to this planned project. I have visited the Hospice when it opened and I am a member of the Vancouver Garden Club who have donated and spent time working in the garden at the Hospice.

We certainly can't think of anything more soul destroying that what the developer proposes for next door. They obviously don't have the heart or thought in what they propose beyond themselves in their development which is very sad and selfish indeed.

It does not belong on the site or in the area. There are plenty of places elsewhere in Vancouver for their proposal. If they put themselves in the shoes of a Hospice patient or their Families I am sure they would think differently.....it goes beyond the \$\$\$\$ that they are only thinking of in their development...shame on them.....please give respect to those who deserve it at this time in their lives.

MY HUSBAND AND I STRONGLY DISAPPROVE !!!

Mia and Martin Christy

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent from my iPad

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Hilde Colenbrander s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 6:23 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Proposed development at 4575 Granville Street

I have been a hospice volunteer and have also volunteered at a facility for people with life threatening illnesses for 15 years and have experienced many times over how people at the end of their lives (and also their families) need and value a calm, peaceful, caring environment. Please do not take that away from the people who live out their lives at Vancouver Hospice. My hope for all of us is that, when the time comes, we may be fortunate enough to die in a place like Vancouver Hospice.

The kind of development proposed for 4575 Granville Street may be appropriate and welcome in certain circumstances, but definitely not next door to Vancouver Hospice. Please do not approve this development.

Thank you,
Hilde Colenbrander.

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Rene Li s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 6:16 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: The proposed 4-storey, 21-unit townhouse development at 4575 Granville St.

Manager
Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability
City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Avenue,
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to object to the proposed 4-storey, 21-unit townhouse development at 4575 Granville Street (the Development).

The Development, if approved, would severely disrupt peace, privacy and access for residents going to the Vancouver Hospice for the final days of their life.

I understand there is already a shortage of hospice facilities in Vancouver, and it is also getting increasingly difficult to either build a new hospice or to relocate the existing hospice given the not-in-my-backyard mentality expressed in many neighbourhood, not to mention the cost, time and disruption associated therewith, which might ultimately deprive residents from spending the final days of their life with dignity.

Respectfully submitted.

Rene Li

Volunteer at Vancouver Hospice

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Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Sarah Goodman s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 4:49 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: condo development beside HOB hospice

Council members

I am asking you leave this beautiful Hospice in the peace and tranquility for which it was conceived and by which, through extreme dedication and hard work have made possible.

Facing the ends of their lives, clients and their families, surely deserve respect and have the right to a quiet supportive environment.

The impact of a development next door will defeat what has been achieved with so much dedication and love.

These people and their loved ones are not separate from our community because of their suffering. They are people very much cared about, people who have a place created for them by so many.

Do not take this away from the vulnerable.

thank you, please weigh this carefully

Sarah Goodman

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Marie Brooks s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 1:45 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Condo development

Dear city hall,

I know how important it is for a hospice to be quiet and peaceful so I am very concerned by the proposal to build a condo development next to the Vancouver Hospice. The noise from the construction would be a very intrusive sound for those in the hospice. Please reconsider this decision.

Yours truly,
Marie Brooks

Sent from my iPad



Mayor and Council Feedback

Case number: 101012985877

Case created: 2019-06-09, 12:23:00 PM

Incident Location

Address:

Address2:

Location name:

Original Address:

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Contact Details

Name: Arthur A Perret

Address:

Address2:

Phone:

Alt. Phone:

Email:

Preferred contact method: Either

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Request Details

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

I am sending another email directly to City Councilors I know and those recommended by others I have past Civic political experince with.

My concern is the council decision on the proposed rezoning of the single family property at 4575 Granville Street This is the location of Vancouver Hospice providing 25% of hospice beds in the city.

This hospice is the result of the sucessfull efforts of mostly women to shepherd all phases of the hospice throuth the many hurdles facing it.

A needed hospice is often not wanted in any neighborhood.

These women, supported by enlighten men, persisted and the Hospice has been operational for few years.

Many women continue to support the Hospice throuth their daily volunteer activity in operating 2 high quality stores that

provide thousands of dollars in support. At little or minimum cost.

How is it possible that a Mayor(who says he is a womens advocate, and a council where 8 of the 10 are women) even consider approving this rezoning proposal that the hospice Society states " if approved this could result in HOSPICE CLOSURE"

Look at the more then 80 letters received to date supporting the Hospice Society. Over 90% from women. Today women often lead the way!

The Hospice volunteers are the sucessful and motivated women I have seen in my poltical actitivies. They have many contacts. They vote.

So do their friends.

Yours truly

Arthur(Art) Perret

Mayor and Council

2.	Department:	Mayor and Council
3.	Neighbourhood:	Downtown
4.	Were any other cases or service requests created as a result of this feedback?	No
6.	(Don't ask, just record - did caller indicate they want a call back?):	Unknown
7.	Council Item:	Opposed
8.	Select category:	Planning, Zoning, and Development
10.	Specific area of concern:	4575 Granville St
11.	Author Type:	Individual
12.	Correspondence Type:	Original Feedback
13.	Original Client:	Arthur A Perret
14.	Original Email address:	s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
15.	Original address:	

Additional Details

Forwarded to Public Hearing

Map and Photo

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Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Joan Hancheroff <[REDACTED] s.22(1) Personal and Confidential >
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 12:04 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Hospice

I am unable to attend the hearing about the hospice but want to register my disappointment that you would consider building a condo building next to it. It has taken many people working very hard for several years to make the hospice happen. Now, you are making it impossible for people to die a peaceful death there. Once the building is complete, it will be noisy and the privacy will be all gone but during construction, it will be hell on earth to be there.

Aren't there enough condos up and down the major routes in Vancouver? Why not buy this property and turn the land into a park for all to enjoy instead?

Please put people above profits!!
Joan Hancheroff

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Debbie King s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 9:29 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Vancouver Hospice Society proposal to rezone

To Everyone Concerned,

RE: Public Hearing scheduled for **TUESDAY, JUNE 11** for a proposal to rezone a single-family property & build a 4-storey, 21-unit townhouse development at **4575 Granville Street** directly adjacent to Vancouver Hospice.

I and my family are strongly imposed to this proposed disturbance to one of the best care facilities around. When my husband was dying I considered and went to all the hospices in Vancouver. Even though the others were good, **Vancouver Hospice** was the **ONLY** one I would even consider. They are a cut above. My husband who did not want to leave home said it was the best thing I could have done for him considering the dire situation. The nurses and volunteers really care and do their best job to make patients as comfortable as possible along with good food and a pleasing environment (read: not hospital-like).

PLEASE NO NOT do this! It is in the best interest of everyone. It is the best place to to go for end of life if one cannot manage in their own home. Because they make it like a home. Thank you for this,

Debbie King

Please do not

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Terry Wilkinson § 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 9:10 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Hospice

To ever think about allowing a development of a four story 21 unit townhouse next to a hospice where people are there to die in peace and quiet,plus it is in a residential area. I am totally opposed to this development Sincerely terry Wilkinson

Sent from Terry's iPad

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Debra Loveng
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 8:53 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application - 4575 Granville Street

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Dear City of Vancouver, City Clerk's Office,
To Whom This May Concern,

I am compelled to write to you today to voice my opposition to the rezoning application for a 21 unit townhouse complex at 4575 Granville Street. The proposed multi-building, multi-storey complex is entirely inappropriate for this neighbourhood. Multiple-family residences should be constructed near other dense land uses, such as commercial and office buildings, rather than sandwiched between single family residences and a community hospice. I would hope it is the goal of our city planners to preserve existing neighborhoods and ensure their character is retained.

I am very concerned with the probable negative effects to the nearby Vancouver Hospice which is much needed in the community. It would be a tragedy to force this essential healthcare facility to close by disrupting its peaceful existence and blocking lane access to the building. In addition to the loss of neighborhood and community character, increased traffic congestion will add to noise and chaos in the surrounding area, along with the destruction of green space and trees. The character of the neighbourhood would be lost, as this type of multi-level, multi-family complex will be sorely out of place. Single family construction fits within this neighborhood and it would not be appropriate to use the term affordable housing as a means of destroying the character of another Vancouver neighbourhood.

I ask you not to approve the rezoning of 4575 Granville Street.

Sincerely,

Debra Loveng

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Hildebrandt, Tina

From: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 8:33 AM
To: Public Hearing
Cc: Elly Martin; Michele Merler; lilliana merler; Luca Merler; Carla Bury
Subject: Vancouver Hospice Society Hearing

To the members of Vancouver City Council .

As a resident of Vancouver, I am very concerned to learn of the proposal to rezone single family properties on Granville Street to allow the building of a 21 unit townhouse development. I have been a resident for 57 years and raised my family in the Connaught Drive neighbourhood and I have always appreciated the qualities of its single family residential character.

As Vancouverites , we are well aware of the reputation of our City as one of the BEST IN THE WORLD for QUALITY OF LIVING .

With considerable changes happening in the growth of the population of our city, life in Vancouver is quickly becoming frenetic and hectic. Areas of peaceful quiet are slowly disappearing.

I urge you to not loose sight of the importance of SAVING AND CREATING AREAS OF REPOSE AND TRANQUILITY to mitigate the health altering effects of our congested city living.

As a retired registered nurse. I worked for twenty years in a very busy Greater Vancouver Hospital, I recall the many times I was faced with the difficulty of finding a quiet, peaceful area on a unit for a patient in his or her last hours (drawn drapes do not provide much quiet, restful space).

I was priviledged two years ago to become acquainted with the VANCOUVER HOSPICE Granville Street facility where a member of my family was admitted in the last month of his life. The peaceful, serene atmosphere of the facility, the gentle timely appropriate care witnessed by me, were exemplary, reassuring and comforting to our loved one and the whole family.

Being in my eighties, I expressed my wish to my family that Vancouver Hospice is where I want to be living the end of my life.

With the increase of our aging population , the need for facilities with END OF LIFE mandate demonstrated by the VANCOUVER HOSPICE SOCIETY , I urge you to consider the HUMAN NEEDS of our population ABOVE MONNETARY GAINS in your decision .

This facility's quiet , welcoming environment and surroundings MUST NOT BE SACRIFICED to the disturbing continuous noises of a new and busy neighbourhood for the sake of monetary gains.

Thank you for taking my thoughts in consideration .

Yours truly,

Louise Merler

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential



Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Jesse Read s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 1:45 AM
To: Vancouver Hospice Society
Cc: Public Hearing
Subject: Re: We Need Your Help at June 11 Public Hearing!

To Whom It May Concern:

We who have been touched by death recognize that there is an unspeakably huge missing piece in our society to deal with it, and we have come to regard the hospice movement as an essential in our society. We must see clearly and act now, to support any effort to establish centres that can contribute to the easing and comfort to the dying and those surrounding in the last days and hours.

Our complex society does not have the luxury of social mechanisms that the previous generations of intact families provided naturally. We, who will be the aged, sick and dying need this facility. The Vancouver Hospice has served quietly and consistently this need, and it is only a small example of what could, should, must be in the future.

Please reconsider the rezoning of this area. It will destroy the Hospice's culture, eliminate its value and service to the community, and send a general message that the hospice movement is less than important. Cancelling the rezoning initiative will send another message:

That we all must look at death and how to deal with it the last stages as a challenge that faces our "civil" society, and this, too, is a responsibility that must be accepted by the living, those who can make decisions and serve all of the community.

Please cancel this rezoning.

Thank you,
Jesse Read

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Vlad Shapiro § 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 11:41 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Protest to rezone at 4575 Granville St

Dear people of City Hall and Clerk's Office,

The Vancouver Community Hospice at 4575 Granville St is a thing admirable in its kind for those who come to the hospice to die and their families and the nearest and dearest.

It is the best community hospice in Vancouver.

The city must guard and preserve this hospice!

I protest vigorously the rezoning at 4575 Granville St in Vancouver.

Dr V.E. Shapiro

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Ria M. s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 8:17 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: AGAINST Re-zoning 4575 Granville Street

I am against rezoning 4575 Granville Street. Our community and families will be negatively impacted if this is passed . I am opposed .

Thank you

Ria Giatsios

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Thomas [REDACTED] s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 5:18 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 4575 Granville Street Proposed Re-zoning

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express in unequivocal terms my opposition to the proposal to re-zone 4575 Granville Street from single-family housing to allow a multi-storey, multi-family townhouse complex. The reasons for my opposition are related to the horrific impact such a project would have on the adjacent hospice which provides essential care to those at the end of their lives and their families.

The proposal would have a deleterious impact on hospice patients and their families due to the noise and inconvenience caused by the construction and the change in the character of the neighbourhood upon its completion. From the demolition of the present structure to the digging of the foundation to the noises from equipment, tools and machines as construction advanced, such a project would be an attack on the senses of hospice patients precisely when they needed the calmest, most peaceful environment possible as their days came to an end. Moreover, the likely diversions caused by the construction and the increase in congestion caused by an increase in population in the area would add further stress to the families of the patients, already living through very trying circumstances. Simply put, those in the last months and days of their lives, and the families that love them, would be put under undue stress.

Having recently gone through the very difficult experience of accompanying my father during the last days of his life, I can attest that the quality of care at the Vancouver Hospice Society is second to none. I cannot imagine the additional nightmare that we would have had to live through if this experience had been made worse by construction noise and additional attendant stressors.

While I sympathize with the City's desire to increase the housing supply, I strongly urge you to reject this particular application due to the egregious effects it would have on the lives of the patients of the Vancouver Hospice Society and their families.

Thank you for your attention to my perspective.

Thomas Irwin

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Jocelyn MacNiel s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 5:01 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Vancouver Hospice Society, 4615 Granville St

As a supporter of the Vancouver Hospice Society since its inception in
As a supporter and donor to the Vancouver Hospice Society since its inception, I am dismayed the City has issued a permit to replace a single family house with a twenty-one unit building so close to the hospice which has been developed and nurtured by the Hospice Building Campaign, private donations, volunteer projects such as the Hospice Opportunity Boutique (Hob 1) and Hob 2 and by Hospice volunteers.

How disappointing for those who have worked so hard to provide end-of-life care, one of only two such facilities on the west side of Vancouver, to have a structure built beside it which will take away the privacy and quiet atmosphere of the hospice and increase immensely the amount of traffic in the surrounding area.

If the Planning Department is trying to maintain Shaughnessy's "heritage" character, I don't think this is the way to proceed.

Please reconsider and revoke the building application to allow the Vancouver Hospice to continue to operate in its present environment, providing much needed end-of-life services.

With thanks,

Jocelyn MacNiel

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

"To live in this world you must be able to do 3 things: To love what is mortal.
To hold it against your bones knowing your own life depends on it.
And when the times comes; to let it go. To let it go."
Mary Oliver

About

We are a team of healthcare professionals, staff and volunteers who are dedicated to providing compassionate end-of-life and bereavement care for individuals and their families in Vancouver.

In addition to offering quality end-of-life and bereavement care at our 8-bed residential hospice, we provide a range of support services to individuals with a life-limiting illness during the last year of life, and their families within the Vancouver community. We embrace a patient-centred approach to care, with a focus on dignity, comfort and respect for all.

History

The Vancouver Hospice Society was formed by a group of volunteers, nurses and physicians within the palliative care community. Their goal was to build freestanding hospices where individuals with life-limiting conditions could live with dignity during their final days, and where families and friends could feel welcomed and supported. VHS was incorporated as a non-profit charitable organization in December, 2003. Since then, a large group of dedicated volunteers have worked tirelessly to raise funds to build the hospice, and support its operations since it opened in April, 2014.

Along with donations raised through fundraising campaigns and events, Vancouver Hospice Society has received significant revenues derived from two local, volunteer-run thrift shops: Hospice Opportunity Boutique (HOB) in Kerrisdale, and HOB Too in Kitsilano.

In May, 2017, we secured a commitment from Vancouver Coastal Health to provide ongoing funding for clinical operations at the hospice. We are also grateful to receive an annual Community Gaming Grant from the Government of BC (since 2013) to support our Bereavement Program.

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: martini.janet s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 3:26 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 4575 Granville St

I have been a volunteer with the Vancouver Hospice since 2013. Before that I took sustenance In the Grief walks provided by this organisation Fter my husband died at age 63 from cancer.

A building of this magnitude will significantly disrupt the tranquility of the hospice. It will likely require at least 2 and more likely 3 years to build.

Furthermore although it purports to be "Affordable Housing" the 3 bedroom units will be rented for \$3,700/mo and the very small 1 bedroom units for just over \$2,000. That is out of range for a couple both working for minimum wage.

This hasn't been well thought through. It is just a chance for the owner to make more money than if he sold it as a one house property meanwhile severely adversely affecting one of the few Hospices in the city.

Not worth it!

Janet Martini

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Natalia Gilpin s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 3:15 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 4575 Granville

> Hello,

> This email will serve to register our opposition to the rezoning of 4575 Granville St. The proposed development is not in keeping with the neighbourhood and would be extremely disruptive to Vancouver Hospice. Vancouver cannot afford to lose this most valuable facility.

> Sincerely,

> ~ Barry and Natalia Gilpin

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Wes and Kathleen Knapp and MacKinnon
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 3:07 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Proposed Development at 4575 Granville Street

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

To Mayor Kennedy Stewart and Vancouver Council Members,

We are strongly opposed to the proposed development adjacent to the Community Hospice on Granville Street.

We do so on the basis of the following:

- a) The residents of the community hospice are in the final days of their lives and deserve as much peace and quiet as possible. A 21-unit apartment next door will result in much disturbance during its construction stage as well as during its existence.
- b) The proposed development is hardly affordable housing. Only the rich will be able to live there.
- c) The lack of understanding amongst developers around this proposal astounds us. As a City, how can we possibly allow such greed and meanness to succeed.

Sincerely,

Wes Knapp and Kathleen MacKinnon

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Jane Dermer s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 3:00 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Proposed development at 4575 Granville Street, Vancouver.

I volunteer at the Vancouver Hospice, and am fiercely opposed to the proposed 21 apartment development next door at 4575 Granville Street.

The Hospice operates as a quiet and peaceful final home for so many Vancouver residents in their last days. Friends and relatives come to spend time with their loved ones in a tranquil setting, and many others are served through the bereavement support that the Hospice also supplies.

If this proposal goes ahead the noisy development stages, followed by the numerous comings and goings, not to mention vehicle noise, will make the operation of the Hospice impossible.

Please consider how inappropriate the proximity of this project is to the Hospice, which was supported by City Hall only 6 years ago.

Also, the homes that are planned will be far too expensive to supply the affordable accommodation that Vancouver desperately needs.

Jane Dermer

Sent from my iPad

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Jessica Larson s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 2:50 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Re: Proposed development at 4575 Granville St

Dear City Clerk's Office,

My feeling when we elected a new Mayor and Council was that they wanted to make Vancouver a more livable city for everyone. It is extremely disappointing there is a possibility that Vancouver Hospice which provides excellent compassionate care to our most vulnerable citizens may have to close. This facility has no options — they can't move. This project can be built on another site! This policy was developed by the last Council- this one does not have to allow this!

Sincerely,
Jessica Larson

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Nancy Huntington s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 2:21 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Hospice

Dear City Councillors,

I have been a volunteer with the Vancouver Hospice Society since their second thrift store opened. The good work that is done at the hospice cannot be measured. Patients and their families have a warm,compassionate environment in which to spend their last days and the comfort that comes from this is invaluable. Until one has experienced the hospice environment it is hard to convey the way that it helps not only the patient but their entire network of family and friends. All of this will be undone if an apartment block is built beside the hospice. This is a dedicated space that was built with love and compassion for the citizens of Vancouver. There are very few hospice facilities in Vancouver but there are lots of condos and apartments. The proposed apartment block could be built in many different locations.....beside a house of love, compassion and quiet contemplation is not one of them.

Please do not change the bylaw and allow this to happen.

Sincerely,

Nancy Huntington

Hildebrandt, Tina

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: Matthias Gustavsson
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 12:58 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: proposed development 4575 Granville street

I am writing in support of Vancouver Hospice Society.

The development at 4575 Granville street is inappropriate. The argument that it will provide affordable housing is untrue, \$3700/month in rent is not affordable housing. Why not let the hospice purchase the property and expand their current operations? The city need more hospice beds, it does not need more expensive condos.

Sincerely,

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Matthias

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Omega Ricafuente s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 12:52 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Opposition for the Development of 4575 Granville St
Attachments: Opposition.docx

Please see attached document.

I am writing as a registered nurse (RN) who is currently employed at Vancouver Hospice Society (VHS). I helped to open this hospice along with my fellow colleagues, many of which are still employed here. This hospice has a special place in my heart. Countless families have come through these doors hoping to find comfort for their loved ones. Each one has expressed their gratitude for having a quiet space while spending time with their family member. I would like to bring forth 3 issues that I believe will be detrimental to this community if this proposed development is approved.

NOISE:

The proposal for the development next door has concerned the community here at VHS. We pride ourselves on having this quiet place for patients and families. Building these townhouse units will not only disrupt the neighbourhood with constant loud construction, it will also cause undue stress to the patients and families that were hoping for a peaceful setting during the last few days of a loved one's life. Imagine having to hear power tools instead of your loved one's last breath. Imagine that the last conversation that you have with your loved one is being swallowed up by the sound of an electric saw in the background. Would you really want that noise to be the last memory you have with your loved one?

PARKING:

Many of our patients come here by a hospital transfer in a stretcher. The main way that an ambulance brings patients in is by the back alley as it is private and an easier place to unload a stretcher. It is also the main route for funeral homes to come when they pick up the body of a patient once they have passed. Families also have a designated place to park when they come and visit their loved one. With this proposed development, that alley way would become completely impassable. No vehicles would be able to pass through there due to the building of the underground parking area. Now I understand that there is street parking on Granville St. but there are limitations. Imagine having your family member come out of an ambulance in a stretcher on Granville St., a very busy road. Imagine having your loved one being loaded into a hearse on Granville St. after they had died for all the world to see. Imagine having to waste your time finding parking instead of being beside your loved one. These are very vulnerable times for families and to have it displayed on such a busy street would only cause more stress and heartbreak.

LIMITED HOSPICE BEDS:

There are a limited number of hospice beds in Vancouver; only 36 are funded by Vancouver Coastal Health. More beds are needed than we can accommodate. VHS is one of the most conveniently located hospices in Vancouver since it is centralized and within a neighbourhood, so there is no shortage of free parking. Rarely will we have an empty bed and if we do, it is usually filled within the next couple of days. Building these townhouse units could lead to the complete closure of the hospice because of the items mentioned above. Two years of uninterrupted commotion from the north side of our hospice would make this place unlivable for patients that are in their last days. That would mean that we are left with only 28 hospice beds for all of Vancouver. A multitude of patients and families would have to relocate to emergency rooms, having to watch their family member die in the midst of the commotion of an ER. Having patients around you being revived while your loved one hangs on to their last breath. It would take away a patient's ability to "die with dignity" which is an important part of a philosophy that we have as palliative care workers.

Please consider all of the items I have mentioned above. It not only affects the VHS community but Vancouver as a whole. More and more people need a place to die with dignity. Taking away one of the most accessible hospices in Vancouver will have a great impact on our community.

[Omega Ricafuente]

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Betty Canning s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 12:43 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Re Proposed Development at 4575 Granville St. next door to Vancouver Hospice Society

To Mayor Kennedy and Council,

I am writing, as a long time Vancouver resident and devotee of the Vancouver Hospice, to strongly oppose, the Proposed Development above.

Vancouver Hospice offers much more than quiet, comfort care to many patients admitted from hospital & home, but also peace & counselling to families & friends.

A 4-storey ,21 unit, of the kind proposed, would not only impact accessibility, but the noise & activity would have a profound affect

on Hospice Care.

I urge Council to stop development of this kind until a new city wide development plan is made.

Sincerely,

Betty Canning

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Graham Heal s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 12:10 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 4575 Granville St - Re-Zoning: OPPOSED

I wish to voice my opposition to the proposed re-zoning. I am not against re-zoning for densification generally, but there must be exceptions!

My family, after having our beloved matriarch pass away at Vancouver Hospice 18 months ago, consider hospice facilities and services to be an "essential service". Without Vancouver Hospice, what was already a very tough situation would have been so much more devastating. Anything that disrupts or interrupts it's good work is not acceptable. Save this neighbourhood and ensure this crucial facility is allowed to continue its humane operations! This City should nurture and be proud of it!

Sincerely,

Graham (Vancouver resident & voter)

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Wendy Webber s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 12:01 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Development Application 4575 Granville St.

Two Whom this needs to concern,

As introduction: I am a senior citizen, wife, mother and grandmother, Vancouver resident since 1967, and a retired nurse who completed the hospice palliative training in April, 2002. I worked for Coastal Health in the community from then until the Vancouver Hospice Society Hospice-Home opened 5 years ago.

I am strongly opposed to the development of a 21 unit, multi-family, 3 story building directly North of our Hospice, at 4575 Granville St.

As it stands, we have 6 car parking on the lane to cover family parking for 8 rooms, with one spot being set aside for deliveries, emergency vehicles, hearses, visitors, doctors, staff, and volunteers. All these people need to approach the back of the Hospice by the lane, the very lane that would, should this development be approved, be shared with vehicles from a 32 spot parking lot, plus bicycles. As it is, volunteers and everyone else other than family, park on Connaught Dr. and walk up the lane to access the hospice as parking on Granville Street is not tenable.

Our hospice is all on one floor, with the offices and a large meeting room in the basement. It is our aim to have this facility quiet, peaceful, welcoming, and like a home for those coming to spend their last days with us. Only the most mobile of patients even get to the basement space although we do have an elevator. The space they get to relax with family members, and other patients, is the lovely North-facing living and dining rooms, on the main floor, which have high windows to let in the sunlight. It is a relaxed place for families to visit together in front of the fireplace. Patients really enjoy eating one or two meals daily at the dining room table with each other and family members.....just like at home. This would all be completely blocked out by a 3 story building, and the new neighbours able to look in at them. I wouldn't want that!

Our outdoor space is very inviting, with great thanks to our gardening committee, and maintenance staff, who keep it clean and inviting. One of our past patients even donated a pagoda in the front garden(which gets lots of sun and has a bird bath), and another quiet space at the back, nestled in the garden, for patients who like to stroll outside.

This is a peaceful, respectful place, built to fit in with the elegant homes in the quiet neighbourhood of Shaughnessy. Just the kind of place anyone would want their loved one to be supported in their last days. We have blended in well with the neighbourhood as it has been for 5 years. There is ABSOLUTELY NO WAY A HIGH DENSITY UNIT SHOULD BE JAMMED IN, OR EVEN CONSIDERED FOR AN IDENTICALLY SIZED DOMESTIC LOT IN THIS NEIGHBOURHOOD.

WE ARE LOOKING TOWARDS OUR CITY COUNSELLORS TO SUPPORT US BY NOT ALLOWING A DEVELOPER TO DEGRADE THIS PEACEFUL NEIGHBOURHOOD, AND PUSHING US OUT. As running a hospice would be totally unrealistic and DANGEROUS next to an overbuilt 3 story building..... and WHERE WOULD WE FIND A CLEAN, PEACEFUL PLACE DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF 21 "HOMES" RIGHT NEXT DOOR!

Sincerely,
Wendy Webber



Mayor and Council Feedback

Case number: 101012983635

Case created: 2019-06-08, 11:58:00 AM

Incident Location

Address:

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Address2:

Location name:

Original Address:

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Contact Details

Name: Robert Fortier

Address:

Address2:

Phone:

Alt. Phone:

Email:

Preferred contact method: Either

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Request Details

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

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the townhouse development next to the Vancouver Hospice on Granville St.

If this development is approved it will cause the possible closure of this critically necessary hospice. Points to consider when making your decision should include:

1)The cost of keeping an individual in the hospice is about one quarter of the cost of keeping someone in hospital.

2)The noise factor resulting from construction noise could likely result in the closure of this hospice which would reduce hospice beds in Vancouver by 25 percent.

3)Lets be honest, this development is not affordable housing and will do little to help the people who need affordable housing.

I hope that you will consider these points when making your final decision. This

development could be asked to move to a more appropriate location.

Sincerely, Robert Fortier

2.	Department:	Mayor and Council
3.	Neighbourhood:	Kensington-Cedar Cottage
4.	Were any other cases or service requests created as a result of this feedback?	No
6.	(Don't ask, just record - did caller indicate they want a call back?):	Unknown
7.	Council Item:	Opposed
8.	Select category:	Planning, Zoning, and Development
10.	Specific area of concern:	4575 Granville St
11.	Author Type:	Individual
12.	Correspondence Type:	Original Feedback
13.	Original Client:	Robert Fortier
14.	Original Email address:	s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
15.	Original address:	

Additional Details

Forwarded to Public Hearing

Map and Photo

- no picture -

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Susan Wright s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 10:56 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning of 4575 Granville Street

Mayor Kennedy Stewart and Council:

I am writing to **strongly oppose** the proposal to rezone a single-family property and build a 4-story, 21-unit townhouse development at 4575 Granville Street, directly adjacent to Vancouver Hospice.

As a person who works with the dying and their families, I have visited the Vancouver Hospice and understand the importance of the peace and tranquility the many volunteers provide in the last days and weeks of life. The setting in a quiet garden has been carefully planned to support dying and needs to be maintained. The townhouses will not only bring noise and disruption during construction but ongoing, with increased neighbourhood density. In addition, the buildings will block the light into the hospice that is such a critical factor in the hospice ambiance.

This proposal speaks to the worst of Vancouver's development agenda. Please don't destroy one of the very few hospice locations in the city.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Susan Wright

s 22(1) Personal and Confidential



Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Howard and Barbara Pendleton s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 10:39 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Granville street hospice

Dear Council


This is a young City and has already suffered from aggressive construction which has blocked all views of the mountains, caused enormous traffic problems and places continuous stress on water, schools and particularly medical care where waiting times are third world.

This is not affordable housing and will damage the last days of the lives of the most vulnerable.

Please do not change this zoning.

Dr. Howard and Mrs Barbara Pendleton

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential



Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Corinna Lusk s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 10:29 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Proposed development at 4575 Granville Street

Dear Sirs,

As a volunteer with the Vancouver Hospice Society since 2006, I am writing to express my concern with the proposed development of townhouses at 4575 Granville Street, adjacent to the hospice that I have supported for many years. Our hospice has provided a peaceful environment for those in the final days of their lives, and their family members and loved ones. The construction of a four storey building beside the hospice will deprive patients and families of the privacy they are entitled to at such a difficult time. Access to the hospice and parking will also be compromised.

I sincerely hope you will reject this application for development, and allow our hospice to continue its essential services to dying patients and their families, and the important bereavement programmes that we provide.

Yours truly,
Corinna Lusk

Sent from my iPhone

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Martha Miller s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 10:10 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Vancouver Hospice Society's facility

Dear Sir/Madame:

I am writing in protest to the proposing rezoning of 4575 Granville Street to permit 4 story 21 unit development adjacent to the Hospice Society's facility. This scale of development in a single-family zoned neighbourhood will effectively destroy the peace and privacy of the facility, rendering almost 25% of this city's hospice beds useless.

Vancouver promotes itself as a green city, sensitive to its residents. This rezoning proposal seems lacking any merit save massive profits for its developers, and will sadly effect residents at their most vulnerable, both those at end-of-life and their friends and families, I urge you to reconsider rezoning this property.

Sincerely,
Martha Miller

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: wendyandorin s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 10:07 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Development Permit 4575 Granville Street Vancouver

Hello,

I have a background in Health and Palliative Care for over 50 years.

In retirement I came to be involved with the Vancouver Hospice Society during their journey to create a neighbourhood adult hospice facility at 4615 Granville Street, designed to fit into a single family neighbourhood. After much hard work, the Hospice opened 5 years ago. I became an active volunteer supporting the Hospice Clients and administration. I was dismayed to find that a 21 unit 4 storey development is proposed next door. With my regular work at the Hospice and my professional background, it is obvious that a quiet, private setting is necessary for the care of people at the end of life, as well as their families. The proposed development would be very intrusive, with construction disruptions, heavy traffic in the primitive lane shared with the development, as well as windows and/or balconies overhanging our one storey building.

I am strongly opposed to this development plan and want it to be rejected.

Thank you,
Dr. Orrin Webber
Vancouver

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 9:46 AM
To: Public Hearing
Cc: s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: Tuesday, June 11 Hearing on Vancouver Hospice and proposed building at 4575 Granville

Greetings: I am involved with the Vancouver Hospice Society and feel proud to be part of such a necessary and caring community.

I am opposed to the proposed project next door.

Having looked at Walkscore it seems to me to show poor results for a townhouse development.

It has a score of 36 out of 100, and suggests it is a car-dependent neighbourhood so most errands require a vehicle.

Dining and drinking, groceries, shopping and errands have about a 25% average.

Parks and Schools has a 100% average ... some of the schools are private. Parks are around, but Quilchena is many blocks away (I wouldn't let children go there alone, and it is quite a walk), Van Dusen Gardens (with entrance fees), and Devonshire Park are east of Granville Street, which means walking along a very busy street to 25th or 33rd to cross.

Transit is given a score of 59, and bikeable 60, which, in each category, is in the lower to middle range.

Thank you,
Anthea Hewett

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Arlene Gladstone s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 8:14 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: re 4575 Granville Street

Dear Mayor Kennedy and members of City Council

I am writing to object to the proposed development planned adjacent to a peaceful hospice (4575 Granville Street) which was valiantly established for our citizens who are in the last weeks of life and for their families. Surely there must be other more appropriate locations to proceed with this plan and I hope you will vote against it this coming week .

Sincerely

Arlene Gladstone
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Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Judy s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 12:48 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application - 4575 Granville Street

Dear City of Vancouver, City Clerk's Office,
To Whom This May Concern,

I am compelled to write to you today to voice my opposition to the rezoning application for a 21 unit townhouse complex at 4575 Granville Street. The proposed multi-building, multi-storey complex is entirely inappropriate for this neighbourhood. Multiple-family residences should be constructed near other dense land uses, such as commercial and office buildings, rather than sandwiched between single family residences and a community hospice. I would hope it is the goal of our city planners to preserve existing neighborhoods and ensure their character is retained.

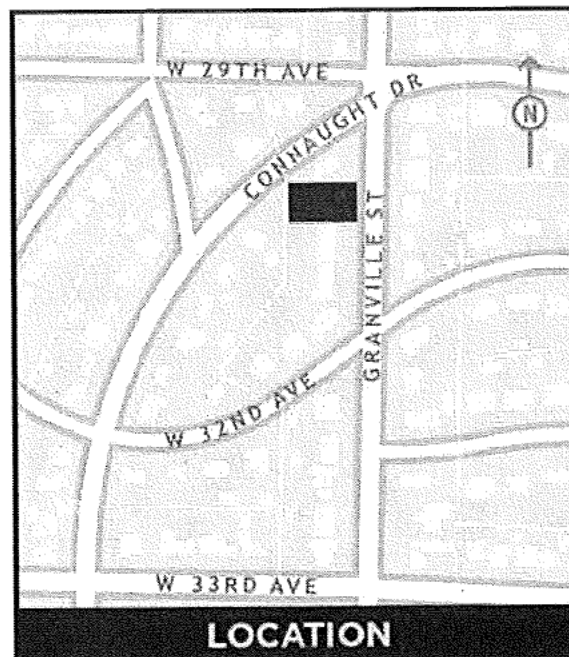
I am very concerned with the probable negative effects to the nearby Vancouver Hospice which is much needed in the community. It would be a tragedy to force this essential healthcare facility to close by disrupting its peaceful existence and blocking lane access to the building. In addition to the loss of neighborhood and community character, increased traffic congestion will add to noise and chaos in the surrounding area, along with the destruction of green space and trees. The character of the neighbourhood would be lost, as this type of multi-level, multi-family complex will be sorely out of place. Single family construction fits within this neighborhood and it would not be appropriate to use the term affordable housing as a means of destroying the character of another Vancouver neighbourhood.

For these reasons I ask you not to approve the rezoning of 4575 Granville Street.

Respectfully,

Judy Nakashima
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Rezoning Application - 4575 Granville Street



Hildebrandt, Tina

From: VILLA FONTANA s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2019 8:02 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Vancouver Hospice

I am opposed to the building of a 4-storey, 21 unit townhouse development, adjacent to Vancouver Hospice. As a taxpayer and Vancouver resident, who recently lost her mother, I know first hand how important hospice care is. My mother's wish was to have hospice support in her final weeks of life. We could not only be losing a compassionate closure for patients, but also an important supply of hospice beds, in a peaceful, quiet setting.
Mary OFlaherty

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Mary Hungerford
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2019 5:45 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Please save the Vancouver Hospice

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Please do not allow the development at 4575 Granville Street to go forward. The Vancouver Hospice is right next door and will be severely impacted by this townhouse development - surely there is a more suitable location somewhere else in Vancouver - I hope this council will listen and support the community rather than the developer. Please consider a different location - this is NOT affordable housing and will disrupt an amazing facility so important to our city.

Mary Hungerford

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Hildebrandt, Tina

From: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2019 5:33 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Proposal to rezone a single-family property & build a 4 storey, 21-unit townhouse development at 4575 Granville Street

I am one of the many volunteers who have worked tirelessly to initially buy the land, build the home and now support the ongoing operation of our 8 bedded hospice .A community of volunteers working in our community for our community.

The impact this proposed development on this peaceful and special place distresses me greatly. **I am utterly opposed to this proposed development.**

The goal has always been to provide a home-like atmosphere. A place of peace, privacy and serenity for those at the end of life, their family and friends .Each spacious room has French doors leading out to a patio. Here patients and family can enjoy the gardens in peace and quiet.

The construction phase will cause immeasurable distress to patients, families and staff and potentially cause closure and loss of 8 much needed hospice beds.

The long term implications of a 4 storey development are of major concern .What was once an oasis of calm and peace will be forever disturbed by the ongoing traffic to and from ,the opening and closing of the gate to the underground parking .Our privacy will be completely eroded .

All admissions to the hospice are via the lane. I would ask you all to put yourself in place of a family or friend accompanying their loved one on what is to be their final journey. What was once a very private moment may now be subject to voyeurism from the balconies overlooking the hospice, noise, constant traffic etc. Is this what you would want for your loved one?

Has this city lost its moral compass? My hope with this change in council is for a more reasonable approach to development .When do the rights of developers supersede those of the dying?

I implore each and every one of you to please revisit this proposal and reject it

Respectfully,

Carole Shaw

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Hildebrandt, Tina

From: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2019 5:11 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Vancouver Hospice

Dear Vancouver Mayor and Council;

We are writing to strongly oppose the proposal to build a four storey 21 unit development including underground parking for 32 cars at 4575 Granville Street adjacent to the Vancouver Hospice. In our wildest dreams we cannot imagine city hall even considering a proposal to place a huge multifamily dwelling in a single family residential neighbourhood with no such developments within five blocks. How would you ever consider spoiling the peace and tranquillity of the Vancouver Hospice that allows dozens of sick people in the last days of their lives to die in dignity in the arms of family and friends. We have supported the Vancouver Hospice since its inception as a much needed hospice in the city of Vancouver that has only 36 hospice beds including the 8 adjacent to the proposed 21 unit development. We know city hall is promoting west side densification but please do not allow this development in a single home area of the city adjacent to the Vancouver Hospice.

Respectfully submitted Dr and Mrs Donald Newman

Letter Submission to City Hall – June 7, 2019
In Protest of a Bylaw Change Allowing the Proposed Development Next Door to the VHS Hospice

To the Members of Council, City Hall

The VHS Hospice home is located at 4615 Granville Street, nestled under a canopy of second growth conifers in the heart of Shaughnessy. Much like the hospice at Canuck Place, on Matthews Avenue, our hospice location was chosen especially for its' peaceful neighbourhood setting.

The vision of a free-standing hospice home was borne early in 2002 when our two Founders, healing touch therapists Sue Hurd and Sue Wong, decided that their palliative patients deserved better options for their final days. As a palliative nurse, I too was struggling to provide quality care for my patients within a health system rife with budget cuts and evolving demographics. In those days, palliative and end of life care was typically the recipient of compromise and the provision of wholesome compassionate care was a challenging task.

The VHS vision was to raise community funds to build a free -standing hospice. Different from most in the provision of a home away from home for families wishing to care for their loved ones at home but finding the caregiving too difficult to endure. The Vancouver Hospice Society was incorporated as a non-profit charitable organization in 2003 and that is when the fundraising began in earnest!

In 2012 after 10 years of hard work and fundraising, the Society purchased our property on Granville Street, built a hospice, designed a serenity garden, and opened our doors in April 2014. The majority of funds raised to build this hospice have come from private donors from local communities throughout the city and from two Hospice Opportunity Boutiques, the HOB and the HOB TOO. Time, vision, and hard work has built this hospice and now, as we finally attain our goal of compassionate care, the very heart of our existence is threatened by the authorization of a proposed four-story housing development next door.

Indeed, our care team of physicians, nurses, counsellors, care aides and volunteers provide the compassionate care we espouse in our mission statement, and we strive to ensure that this care is rooted in the peaceful setting of a home away from home. However, the provision of peaceful, compassionate care is not possible if a 21-unit housing development is built next door to our patient's bedrooms.

As an officer of the Board of Directors of the Vancouver Hospice Society, as a palliative nurse, and as an advocate for patients seeking peace and dignity at the end of their life, I appeal to the members of city council to seriously and sensitively consider your decision regarding this particular proposed development. Can you honestly, morally and ethically, justify the authorization of re-zoning to allow the speculative, lucrative, four-story enterprise next door to the bedrooms of our patients seeking a peaceful death?

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Tuyp BScN

Ludwig, Nicole

From: Janey L Cole-Morgan s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2019 10:24 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: The proposed rezoning of 4575 Granville Street

To whom it may concern,

I would like to register my objection of the rezoning for 4575 Granville St from single family property to a multiple family property which would have a 4 storey, 21unit townhouse development directly adjacent to the Vancouver Hospice.

Hospice is compassionate offering to those who are dying. The hope is for a tranquil peaceful time for the client and their family in this final phase of life. Perhaps the most important elements are quiet and the opportunity to enjoy nature. In my opinion a 21 storey multiple family complex directly adjacent to Vancouver Hospice will rob the dying of these simple needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

Janey L Cole-Morgan

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Ludwig, Nicole

From: Roger Flowerdew s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2019 10:29 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Public Hearing - Opposition to the Proposed 4575 Granville, Market Rent Development Inbox
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I wish to register my opposition to the proposed development. There are many reasons but I my opposition is based on two fundamental issues.

1. The land value and constructions costs will not produce affordable rental capacity to alleviate the shortage of affordable rental suites in Vancouver. The monthly rent that the new landlords will have to charge will be well beyond the means of the 'middle or lower income' where the civic problem resides.
2. The City needs palliative hospice care facilities for its residents and to present the substantive threat to the existence of the existing hospice is an affront to the remaining dignity of those in need - both the people that are dying and their families and friends. To risk the closure of 25% of the City's hospice capacity would be a despicable and hypocritical act of cowardice representing support for greed over compassion for the City's residents.

I have lost a number of friends to cancers and have been with those friends in their final days at hospices and know the invaluable spiritual and physical comfort that is provide by the hospice environment. If the civic bodies and the Mayor and Council approve the proposed development and destroy the existing hospice environment you should all be ashamed of their lack of compassion for those in need.

Sincerely yours,

Roger L. Flowerdew, CPA, CA
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Ludwig, Nicole

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From: Cynthia Penner
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2019 9:15 AM
To: Public Hearing
Cc: Jay Brooks
Subject: 4575 Granville St development and Vancouver Hospice

My husband Jay Brooks and I are dismayed by the City's consideration of rezoning 4575 Granville St—the property immediately to the north of Vancouver Hospice—from single family, to 21 multi-storey townhouses and 32 underground parking spaces all accessed from the same back alley that patients use to enter and leave the Hospice.

While we personally believe in densification and support high-occupancy buildings coming into neighbourhoods such as where we live (13th and Fir) or the Broadway Corridor, the proposed building is out of place in this single family home neighbourhood—there are no similar developments for 15 blocks either direction. The application has grave implications for the Hospice, which may even have to close during the construction period. The increase in traffic, noise, and loss of privacy and serenity will be tremendous. Families gathering with staff to send off a deceased resident may now have bbq'ing residents on 3rd floor patios overlooking their most intimate moments of grief. You will no longer be able to see the sky from interior dining and living room spaces given the 3-storey blocks filling the property to the north. Imagine the ongoing noise and congestion from the 21 new homes, their visitors, the garbage and recycling collection, service vehicles, and moving trucks given this is all rentals!

Despite this falling under the “affordable housing” designation, this housing is not affordable. With the majority of the units to rent for \$3700/month or more - it would take an income of \$130k under current guidelines for housing affordability, to be able to afford this – a rate that even we, as leading creative professionals in the city, could not afford.

In this case, one developer benefits, but the community suffers. Having experienced hospice care via the passing of our own parents, we implore the City to reconsider this application and find an alternate path.
With thanks,

CYNTHIA PENNER
Principal

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There is no good way to die. It is painful. It is emotional. It is hard to watch your loved one deteriorate before your eyes and suffer until they breathe no more.

After seeing my mother struggle and pass away at home, my father knew he did not want to put us through the same thing. Despite fiercely battling cancer for a year, he went to the hospital, knowing he would not come home again. He spent two months at VGH in the Acute Care Unit amongst the chaos, noise, and confusion that comes with being in an institution. Finally, we were fortunate to get him a spot in the Vancouver Hospice Society – it was a true gift. For my brother, sister and I, having a place where we knew our father was being well cared for and where we could share his last few days in a calm, loving and personal environment made a world of difference. It allowed my father to live his last days in a peaceful, dignified way that is not possible in a hospital. It also helped us get through that very difficult time.

In addition to the wonderful staff, volunteers and doctors at Vancouver Hospice Society, the environment is a true blessing. It is calm. It is quiet. It is beautiful. There are no pagers or announcements blaring in the background; no people coming into the room unexpectedly. You wouldn't even know the hospice was on a busy street – we didn't hear the noise from Granville Street at all. While in his room, we were able to have our last conversations with our dad with the only noise in the background being birds singing. He loved birds. Those last moments were so precious. I will never forget them. Moments like that would not have been possible if there was construction going on next door. Nor would it be if there was a three storey residence with people living their lives next door and possibly even looking down into the hospice rooms. Being on public display in your last hours is not a dignified way to leave this world. I wouldn't want that for my dad or for anyone.

There are only 36 hospice beds in all of Vancouver. Our population is aging. There are not enough hospice beds today and the need will only increase in the future. While I recognize the need for housing in Vancouver, we cannot afford to lose this wonderful place during construction or have the peace of it destroyed with a multi-residence building beside it. There are many other locations in the city that could be used to build rental housing. There are only three hospices in all of Vancouver and only one in this residential neighbourhood.

Please think about your loved ones and how you would like them to spend their last days. If the hospice is forced to close during the construction period, so many families will suffer during that time. Worse still, if it has to close permanently, people of Vancouver will suffer and there already is a huge shortage of hospice beds.

Please do not allow this proposed development to be approved.

Thank you.

Karey Irwin

Public Hearing, June 11, 2019
City of Vancouver



Re: Application to Rezone a single family property and build a 4-storey, 21-unit townhouse development at 4575 Granville St.

I request that this letter be provided to the Mayor and all Members of Council in advance of the Hearing. As a member of the non-profit Vancouver Hospice Society since 2008, I wish to express my deep concern about this rezoning proposal in this location and my opposition to it.

I participated, as a volunteer Board member and member of the Vancouver Hospice Society's Building Committee, in the identification and purchase of the current Vancouver Hospice location at 4615 Granville St. in 2009. This site was selected specifically because it was within a RS-5 Zoning District which specified the intent to maintain the existing single family residential character and which also permitted Approved Uses of Community Care Facilities.

After the purchase of the land, we made a Development Application and hosted an information meeting with the neighbourhood, which welcomed us. Our plans adhered to the City's Design, Technical, Landscape, and Engineering Conditions. For example, we designed to maintain the existing residential character of the RS-5 District, as required. This included meeting Regulations for Height, Front Yard, Side Yard, Floor Space Ratio of 0.60, Site Coverage of 40% and Building Depth Maximum. Add this to the payment of Development Cost Levies to the City in excess of \$100,000.

Throughout this period, the Hospice Society conducted a grass-roots community fund-raising campaign to cover the bulk of the total development cost, which exceeded \$4,000,000 and opened the Hospice for the City and all of its residents in 2014.

It is noteworthy that the proposed development of 4575 Granville does not satisfy or complement any of the development Regulations that were so vigorously applied to the hospice just a few years ago. In fact, the comparative density of this proposed 4-storey development is massive and oppressive and looms over the immediate next-door neighbours. This can not possibly be held up as an example of good planning. Clearly, this is an example of the serious concerns that many neighbourhoods throughout the City of Vancouver had when they went to the polls in the last civic election.

Now, all of this community investment is in danger of being wasted, unnecessarily. In my opinion, the Vancouver Hospice Society may suffer irreparable damage.

After all, there are hundreds of sites in the City that are zoned or designated for, and could accommodate, this type of multi-unit residential development. Not only that, most alternative sites would be better suited for multiple-unit buildings by being located in

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areas that are walkable to services. The proposed site is several kilometers from even a convenience store.

I am opposed to the application and I trust that the Mayor and Members of Council can also see there are serious legitimate concerns in the greater community about this spot-zoning for a 21-unit development in this location, and that you will act accordingly.

Regards,

Doug Hunter

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June 7, 2019

Ludwig, Nicole

From: s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2019 12:21 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: VANCOUVER HOSPICE SOCIETY

Hello,

I am writing to you to express my shock and disappointment that the city is planning to build a multi-family residential facility immediately next door to a hospice. There are not enough hospice beds in our city and if this project becomes a reality, there is possibility that this particular hospice will have to close because of the noisy two-year construction process followed by the interruption of the peaceful and quiet environment on a daily basis due to increased traffic in the area, both human and vehicular.

This hospice houses people nearing the ends of their lives. Why can't an alternate location for this residential development be found elsewhere?

I hope you and the Vancouver City Council will consider these issues before it is too late.

Thank you very much.

With best wishes from Martha Lou Henley

Ludwig, Nicole

From: Jack & Lolita Aaron s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2019 2:31 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: The Vancouver Hospice

A proposed 21-unit townhouse development is threatening the future of Vancouver Hospice Society

Please find in this e.mail my heartfelt objections to the council allowing this proposed 21 UNIT townhouse develop

The consequences will affect many people. This is an appeal to the better nature of ourselves and to our conscien

When visitors and families enter the hospice they are greeted at the entrance with a

An inviting garden bench, flanked by two Maples with underplantings of seasonally

suitable plants. The image is welcoming and pleasing. Families and residents at the hospice have often sat on that bench and enjoyed the garden and the sun.

The hospice is surrounded by a garden which is groomed and cared for by volunteers. The garden has been a great source of solace to the people who have lived until their last days at the hospice.. Those who were able to enjoy it spent time in it with deep appreciation. Families of the dying have also enjoyed the garden.

The people who have come to spend their last weeks or days at the hospice are treated with the utmost care. The Hospice is a home rather than an institution,

It is a place where one is greeted at the door by a welcoming volunteer, who will address your needs and questions. A volunteer who will offer a cup of tea or coffee.

A visitor would be encouraged to have a seat in a comfortable and cosy sitting room while waiting to see their family. While sitting there they may encounter some of the residents sitting at the dining room table having their lunch . The aromas coming from the kitchen are always appetising.

As a bedside volunteer, it is my experience that when meals are served to residents, they have the option to eat when it suits them, if they are too tired, or

have no appetite, they are free to ask for something which they choose.

The time-table is not rigid, it is designed to suit the needs of those in care.

Vases of flowers are on display, often harvested from the garden.

The staff in attendance always willing to help, or offer comfort. They move about quietly and efficiently taking their duties very seriously.

Healing touch volunteers offer the soothing balm of healing touch to

residents as well their family members some of them report how comforting much comfort they derived from the experiences.

There is a feeling at the hospice of hospitality and warmth which can only be described as “home like”, it is the antithesis of institutional. If the people who have come to spend the end of their lives here could tell their stories, they might have told us, and some have, what a very special place the hospice was for them.

We have countless cards, and notes and letters from grateful family members who

Have expressed their gratitude for the care their loved ones experienced during their stay at the hospice.

Allowing this development to take place would create so much disruption and would deprive so many at the end of their lives of the quality of care they and their families deserve at a time which can be so difficult.

On behalf of the VHS, I would like to remind you that we are all going to die, and that

those of us closely connected to the hospice know intimately what a place of comfort the hospice provides, and who knows when it may be relevant in your lives or the lives of your loved ones.

Lolita Aaron, Vancouver,

Ludwig, Nicole

From: sheila Butt - s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2019 1:50 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT 4575 GRANVILLE STREET

Dear Sirs/Madame

I am most concerned about the proposed large scale development at 4575 Granville Street next door to the Vancouver Hospice.
This most definitely threatens the existence and operation of the hospice that many of us volunteers have worked so hard to achieve over at least the last 13 years in fundraising.
We have created this wonderful , peaceful place for patients and their families at the end stage of life.
Hospices are very important places in our Healthcare system but sadly this city is slow to recognize this.
Surely you are going to support this facility, our care for the dying and their families rather than another development which is not low cost housing.
Yours sincerely
Sheila Butt
Hospice Operational Boutique Volunteer

Ludwig, Nicole

From: Nancy Flight s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2019 1:18 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Proposal for townhouse at 4575 Granville Street

I am a volunteer at the Vancouver hospice at 4615 Granville Street, and I am writing to oppose the rezoning to allow the development of a 21-unit townhouse at 4575 Granville Street.

The first time I visited the hospice, I was immediately struck by the calm and quiet that prevailed in this amazing place; it felt almost reverential. Residents can gaze out their windows at masses of trees and flowers, and families easily come and go in peace from the laneway. The entire atmosphere is one of peace, quiet, and comfort, and it is a moving experience just to be there and witness this.

All of this will change if the rezoning and building go ahead. The townhouse will hinder the privacy of the facility and disrupt the peace and quiet that is essential for the many people who spend their last days in the hospice. Underground parking will require access to the laneway, causing increased traffic and blocking access for ambulances, hearses, service vehicles, and families visiting their loved ones. One of the most moving rituals at the hospice is the transport of bodies, when families and everyone working in the hospice gather to pay their last respects as a body leaves the building. The traffic around the hospice as a result of the development will destroy the emotional impact of this ritual, which I have been privileged to witness. Finally, the building will block the beautiful views of the trees and sky, which give the patients and their families comfort.

The two-year construction of the townhouse is also a problem, as it will seriously disrupt residents and their families and may force the closure of the hospice. There are already too few hospices for those who require them, and this will make the situation worse.

For all of these reasons, I ask you to refuse the application for rezoning this area.

Sincerely,

Nancy Flight

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Ludwig, Nicole

From: Jennifer Chapman s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2019 3:36 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Re development 4575 Granville

Please use some compromise approach in the re development of 4575 Granville.

That adjacent property houses the Vancouver Hospice a facility for end of life care.

A diligent hard working group of citizens fund raised, planned and built this facility.

Their effort could be supported by planing a much lower density truly affordable rental building. The proposed rental price of units is well beyond affordable.

Support rental housing and let the Vancouver Hospice flourish.

Please go back to the table and drawing board.

Jenny Chapman

Sent from my iPhone

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Sue Eldridge s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 2:25 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Re: Application to Rezone 4575 Granville Street from RS5 to CD-1

Gil Kelley, General Manager
Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability
City of Vancouver

Dear Mr. Kelley

I am writing in support of the case made by Stephen Roberts, Board Chair of the Vancouver Hospice Society, in his letter to you dated 22 October 2018, in which, with good reasoning, he outlines his concerns regarding the plan for a condo complex to be built right next door to the Granville Hospice. As a person who, over the years while this Hospice was being planned and built, has donated money to such a worthwhile cause, and as a person whose husband is currently terminally ill and might need such a facility, I think we need to be aware of the need for privacy and tranquility for those who choose to end their lives in such a hospice. While it seems that building and planning large housing units is very profitable these days, we also have a duty to provide care and comfort for each of our citizens. I join with the Hospice Society in opposing this development. Vancouver is a compassionate and progressive city. Let's act as if we truly are.

Respectfully submitted
Sue and John Eldridge

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 10:04 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Re:4575 Granville Street

Dear Mayor and City Councillors,

The Vancouver Hospice provides an essential and necessary service to the citizens of Vancouver. Within the Hospice dying people experience a quiet, peaceful and tranquil environment during the last days of their lives. Dedicated staff and volunteers provide essential gentle, caring and practical support to their survivors.

The proposed housing development next door to the Hospice would adversely affect the vital services that the Hospice provides. Vancouver needs more hospices and the current one is an ideal model for future hospices to emulate. It would be very unfortunate for the city to lose this excellent facility.

Anna Kirkbride.

Sent from my iPad