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**From:** Nathalie Baker s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 4:28 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Rezoning Application for 4575 Granville Street  
**Attachments:** June 11, 2019 Letter Re 4575 Granville Street.pdf

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please see our correspondence of today's date regarding the Rezoning Application for 4575 Granville Street. Please distribute our letter to Council for consideration at the public hearing.

Sincerely,

Nathalie J. Baker

Associate Counsel

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11 June 2019

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and Confidential

**VIA EMAIL**

City of Vancouver  
453 West 12th Ave  
Vancouver, BC  
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**Attention: Vancouver City Council**

Dear Mayor and Council:

**RE: Proposed rezoning of 4575 Granville Street**

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We are the solicitors for the Vancouver Hospice Society (the "Society"). Our client is opposed to the proposed rezoning of 4575 Granville Street.

The Society operates a hospice at 4615 Granville Street, providing compassionate end-of-life care for the terminally ill and support for family and friends during the bereavement process.

Built in 2012, the hospice is a one-storey structure with eight patient rooms designed to provide residents with a tranquil space where they can spend their final days with loved ones. The property includes a park-like setting in the front, back and along the shared property line with 4575 Granville Street. The gardens are maintained by volunteers associated with the Vancouver Garden Club so that residents and their families can enjoy them during their stay.

In 2012, when the Society submitted its application to build the hospice, the City restricted the development to one-storey to ensure its compatibility with neighbouring buildings and the surrounding single-family neighbourhood. The City is now considering a 21-unit, 3.5 storey stacked townhouse development on the site directly adjacent to our client's property. As can be seen from figure 4 in the Policy

Report in support of this application, the development as conceived is totally inappropriate for the site and out of proportion for the area, particularly with the existing one-storey hospice right next door.

If approved, the development will tower over the hospice. Open decks with barbeques will now overlook and overshadow the grounds that were designed to provide tranquillity, privacy and quiet to the residents and their families during this difficult time. The Policy Report in support of the rezoning explains that this development is nevertheless justified because, if approved, it will result in a "public benefit" to the City in the form of "21 rental housing units, 62% of which are suitable for families" being added to the City's rental housing stock.

The fact that the developer is proposing to build expensive market rental housing should not trump other considerations or justify making a decision that will have a profound negative impact on the hospice. Nor does the fact that the City adopted the Affordable Housing Choices Interim Rezoning Policy mean that Council must approve every (or any) rezoning application submitted under that policy. To the contrary, Council must review each application on its own merits and decide whether to approve or reject it, taking into consideration the views of all stakeholders including those of the neighbours.

On behalf of our client, we urge Council to exercise its discretion to deny this rezoning application and instead require the developer to work with staff and the Society to achieve a development that is consistent with the area and considerate of its neighbours. The rezoning application should be refused.

Yours truly,

EYFORD PARTNERS LLP

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Nathalie J. Baker  
Associate Counsel

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**From:** patricia alexis s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 4:22 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Vancouver Hospice society

It has been a very long and difficult journey to get the hospice built and up and running . But we did it .  
It has taken hundreds of volunteers working at our thrift stores and fund raising events to get the money to help pay for the day to day expenses of the hospice . But we did it .  
It has taken more time , money and energy to expand the hospice to 8 beds . But we did it .  
The hospice allowed around 150 people to die in a beautiful and serene environment.  
Yes, the city needs more affordable housing ( is it really affordable to the average person?) but at what cost? I am against the city allowing permits for this housing project to be built .  
After years of struggle and finally success are we just to close the hospice doors for more Affordable (?) housing ? I have very little faith that anything positive will come out of our petitions and the hearing . It feels like it is already a done deal and that it was not done for the people but for business.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Alexis

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**From:** Krista Kourtessis s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 4:26 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Opposed to rezoning of 4575 Granville Street

Dear Mayor and councillors of Vancouver,

I am strongly opposed to the development being put forth beside the Vancouver Hospice Society. This service is essential to the community for people seeking end of life care and bereavement support.

This development is NOT affordable housing at \$3700/month rent. The size alone would dwarf the light the hospice has on the north side of their property.

Construction would likely force them to close displacing the hundreds of families that use their services every year. Vancouver already has limited space for hospice this would make the numbers even lower.

Please save our community hospice!!

Sincerely,

Krista Kourtessis.

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**From:** Anna Holeton s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 4:14 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Cc:** s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Subject:** OPPOSED to rezoning application re 4575 Granville Street

City Clerk's Office  
Vancouver BC

**Re: Public Hearing on 11 June 2019 - Rezoning application re 4575 Granville Street**

I am writing to **OPPOSE** the Rezoning of 4575 Granville Street, directly adjacent to the Vancouver Hospice. Between 150 -170 people (and their families) rely on the Hospice annually. The Hospice provides a tranquil place of peaceful privacy for the dying and their families during their last days together.

I have experienced the deaths of my husband and a friend (in VGH ICU), my father (in UBC ER) and my mother (at home). I've also visited dying friends in hospital palliative care wards (St Paul & Lion's Gate). From these experiences, I know the enormous effect a tranquil place of death can have on both the dying and their survivors. **Death in a non-hospice setting is not only difficult for the dying, but often haunts their survivors.**

I have visited the hospice on Granville and could sense the calm oasis it provides. Friends whose husbands died in hospice seem better able to accept their husbands' deaths due to the tranquil surroundings.

Vancouver Hospice Society has made a difference to me personally. I have benefited from VHS's supportive bereavement walking program; VHS volunteers helped me grieve and I made new friends amongst other bereaved walkers following my husband's death four years ago. I never hesitate to recommend VHS walking program, knowing that many others have benefited from it since it began in 2005: [https://m.huffingtonpost.ca/2013/11/12/vancouver-hospice-society\\_n\\_4263859.html](https://m.huffingtonpost.ca/2013/11/12/vancouver-hospice-society_n_4263859.html)

I have supported the VHS for over 10 years through both donations and purchases. The volunteers behind VHS worked diligently for years to raise funds, acquire their single-family property on Granville street, conform with all neighbourhood requirements, and finally build the hospice of their dreams. It was only after the hospice was built that it secured provincial funding. Their successful efforts will be destroyed is this Rezoning application is approved.

I urge Council to **REJECT** the application to rezone this property. The rezoning request sought for this proposed development greatly exceeds the property's single-family status. There are many other locations in the city where such a development will not have such devastating effects. Allowing this development on this lot [or any other adjacent to the hospice] would be hugely detrimental for VHS and those who use its services. Building a 4-storey, 21-unit townhouse development adjacent to the hospice would destroy its tranquility, jeopardize the programs VHS offers to the community, and reduce Vancouver's 38 available hospice beds by nearly 25%.

Sincerely,  
Anna Holeton

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**From:** Betty s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 4:13 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Proposed development at 4575 Granville

To Mayor Stewart and Council,

Please add my voice to the petition to oppose the development at 4575 Granville - I am in support of any efforts to continue the Vancouver Hospice undisturbed. I know the Hospice has sustained and upheld so many families as they cope with the loss of a loved one, and I urge you to protect and enhance this invaluable service to our community.

Sincerely,  
Betty Calam

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**From:** Stephen Roberts s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 4:08 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** I oppose the rezoning of 4575 Granville Street that goes to public hearing tonight

Dear Mayor and Council,

I wish to register my opposition to the proposed re-zoning of 4575 Granville Street to allow for the development of 21 stacked townhouses on a single family lot.

Most of you were not on Council when this abomination that is the Affordable Housing Choices Interim Re-Zoning Policy was passed and amended. It is the worst kind of abdication of Council's mandate to plan a city that works for its citizens. Spot re-zoning gives a developer, and only one or two developers, the opportunity to spoil a neighbourhood for their profit, at the expense of all the neighbours. Only two of these re-zonings are permitted in a ten block area under the policy. How do you justify awarding riches to a wealthy developer at the expense of all the neighbours? This is not equality before the law. It is not fair. It is reprehensible.

Further, the misnomer that is the policy title, is that the applications do not provide affordable housing!

The application at 4575 Granville is a case in point. The expected rents of this project are upwards from \$3700/month. Under CMHC guidelines, renters would need an annual income of \$130k, which is far beyond what the bulk of Vancouverites can afford. This is housing for the rich.

And this housing, if approved, would be at the expense of an established, historic, green-leaf neighbourhood and its residents. The neighbour to the north would see their home orphaned on a small triangular lot, the appeal and value of their property devastated.

To the south of the subject development is a hospice, which would see its ability to provide compassionate end-of-life care in a serene and dignified setting virtually destroyed. The proposed 32-car underground garage accessed from the same laneway as the hospice ambulances and hearses, not to mention resident families, is a nightmare. Think of the ongoing noise from all of these vehicles, the garbage and recycling services, and the moving trucks needed to service a 21-unit rental property.

Finally the project is entirely out of context with the neighbourhood. It fails to meet the criteria of the AFC Policy on this count too.

Developers do not have a right to a re-zoning. They have to demonstrate its benefit to those affected. Residents have a right to expect that the zoning for the area they live in is changed only rarely and for good reason. How else can we expect people to plan a home to raise their families, spend their retirement, and enjoy their lives free of arbitrary changes that render their plans unrealizable? I had long thought that zoning in our cities in Canada was a key advantage we had over third world cities where metal recycling is next to a green grocer, which is next to an auto body shop and a two story townhouse! It seems I may have been wrong. We no longer take zoning seriously.

The AFC Interim Re-Zoning Policy should be scrapped immediately and replaced with methodical, community consulted re-zoning that meets the city's real needs. It is an abdication of planning and council responsibility. If Council and the Community wish to rezone Granville from 16th to 70th for townhouses, I would be prepared to have that discussion. But let's also think about how attractive this green boulevard is, how it runs through a neighbourhood that could be described as the lungs of the city, and have a frank discussion about our needs as a city. We should not destroy this

boulevard and its neighbourhoods by a thousand cuts, one lot at a time. Apart from the unjustness of this, it would be a process that consumes far too much in Planning Department and City resources, and will never get us to the numbers of new housing units we need to provide for sustainable population growth.

I urge Council to reject the application for rezoning at 4575 Granville.

Regards,  
Stephen P Roberts  
Concerned Vancouver Resident

Stephen P Roberts

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June 11, 2019

Letter to the Mayor of Vancouver and Vancouver City Councilors

To whom it may concern:

My name is Kathleen Murison. I am a member of a small group for volunteers – there are 7 of us - that provide hand-made quilts for the 8 rooms of Vancouver Hospice. We make these quilts to provide pleasure and comfort for the patients of the Hospice. Some of these quilts go home with the family of the patient to be a reminder of the time the patient is at Hospice.

I am writing with regards to the development application for 4575 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC

First, unfortunately, the Mayor and Council are at a collective disadvantage when discussing this project as the report that was forwarded to them by the City of Vancouver was missing several salient and important pieces of information. The 3,300-signature petition that was submitted by Vancouver Hospice Society to the City planners in November, 2018, has been misplaced and therefore, was not included in the report. The 6000-signature on-line petition was also inexplicably absent from the report. Finally, the assurance by the City's social planning staff, expressly stating that they would recommend the rejection of this proposal, was also not included in the report to Council.

Neal Wells, communications manager for the City of Vancouver, has stated in an email to Postmedia that he has received "a mix of support and concern with the proposed project" – and a petition of only 598 individuals in opposition – this number is severely short of the 10,000 signatures in opposition from the previously mentioned petitions. Also, it would be very useful in determining the true and accurate accounting of the public stance on this proposal if Mr. Wells provided a breakdown of the support vs concern responses he mentions.

Regardless of whether these omissions were made with intent or simply through incompetence, the Mayor and Council are at a distinct disadvantage when making a decision about this application as they do not have a clear and concise picture of the public sentiment around this development proposal. Hopefully, this hearing will provide them with a more complete context needed for their consideration.

Second, with regards to the statements attributed to Neil Robertson, a partner with Stuart Howard architects, there is disparity between his memory of the supposed "cordial and fruitful conversations" with Vancouver Hospice and theirs. According to administrators of the Hospice, there were no such conversations regarding accommodations around this project to lessen the impact on the day to day operations of the Hospice. The stated stance of the Hospice is that the project should simply not go ahead in any form as it is totally incompatible with the work of the Hospice in their end-of-life care. Further to the statements attributed to Mr. Robertson, suggesting that a parking entrance being moved to the North side of the property to reduce impact on the narrow back lane entrance to the rear of these buildings and that reorienting balconies with added privacy screening, would somehow mitigate

the real problems associated with this project, are specious at best – they are merely Band-Aid measures that will do nothing to address the real problems.

There seems to be a whiff of altruism around this project – as in, we are building rental homes in a city desperate for more rental stock, therefore approval should be a slam dunk. Let's take a moment to address the 'building rental stock' argument. The proposed townhouses – 21 in number – will have a suggested starting rent of \$3700/month. One can only imagine what the top end of these units will command. With a low-ball round figure of \$4000/month, the estimated cost to rent in this building will be in the neighbourhood of \$48,000/year gross rent. Keeping the math simple, supposing that this would require a pre-tax earned amount of just under \$100,000 –and that housing is supposed to represent 30 – 35% of total income – then we are looking at renters in the yearly income bracket in excess of \$300,000. This would make it difficult if not a total non-starter for the Mayor and all members of the City Council to be prospective renters, as their salaries range in the \$90,000 to \$180,000/year – not to mention, that these rents are well outside any definition of the City's Interim Policy for Affordable Housing Choices!

This may be a very fine project – but it should be built somewhere else. This is not Nimbyism – even a block away might work but not next door to a Hospice!

Lastly, a few words about the Vancouver Hospice and its place in our society. The Hospice is 1 of 4 Hospices in Vancouver. It provides a safe, calm, compassionate and loving place for end-of-life care. It has carved out an oasis of beauty and quiet in an ever increasingly busy and noisy City. In the past 5 years, more than 650 patients have received end-of-life care in the comfort and serenity of this tiny paradise.

I recently read a sentiment that resonated with me. I paraphrase here – “The reason that life is so precious is because it ends.”

Vancouver Hospice provides a positive choice about life – dying should not be about the absence of misery – it can be a 'rounding out' of a life lived and should, in the best of circumstances, be in the presence of family, friends and community connections. Vancouver Hospice provides such a place. I ask the members of Council individually to think about the circumstances that they would choose for the final days of a parent, a spouse, a sibling, a friend. Now go even deeper, and consider your own death and how you envision that time.

Vancouver City Mayor and Council have the opportunity to choose for a positive outcome for the Community of Vancouver. I urge you to turn down the application for the redevelopment of 4575 Granville Street.

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**From:** Ned Glick s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 3:58 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Opposition to 21-unit townhouse development proposed for 4575 Granville Street

Dear Vancouver City Council,

I oppose a 21-unit townhouse development proposed for 4575 Granville Street because it will severely disrupt the Hospice located close by.

This Hospice cannot relocate. And there are few Hospices operating in Vancouver.

Hospice (end-of-life) care for Vancouver residents must be taken into consideration when making development decisions.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Frederick Glick

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**From:** Paige Axelrood s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 3:50 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Strong opposition to 21-unit townhouse development proposed for 4575 Granville Street

Dear Vancouver City Council,

I am **strongly opposed** to a 21-unit townhouse development proposed for 4575 Granville Street because it will severely disrupt the Hospice located close by. The negative impacts include disrupting privacy, parking, ease of access to the Hospice, and an increase in noise.

The Hospice cannot relocate. There are few Hospices operating in Vancouver.

Hospice (end-of-life) care for Vancouver residents must be taken into consideration when making development decisions.

This Hospice was established through many years of volunteer work by numerous dedicated people. Their vision turned to action and success. Please safeguard the Hospice and find another location for the proposed 21-unit townhouse development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Paige Axelrood  
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**From:** Musa Tyron s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 3:42 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Cc:** Simin Tabrizi  
**Subject:** Hospice vs Realestate profits

Dear City Council !

Please support the serene , kind , and dedicated work of the Vancouver Hospice on Granville street by voting down the zoning change. You will be helping the many families whose dying loved ones will go as peacefully as possible....a dramatic increase in density across the narrow lane will destroy all this.

Please - vote your conscience !  
Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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Musa Tryon

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**From:** Yvonne Marcus s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 3:43 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Rezone of 4575 Granville Street

Vancouver Hospice is a vital resource to the residents of Vancouver. I urge council to not rezone 4575 Granville Street to allow for development of a housing project that will not provide truly affordable housing.

If any of the proposed units are considered "affordable" housing, these units will not be occupied by people in need of low cost housing. The City of Vancouver's definition of "affordable" housing is out of touch with the reality of the housing crisis in Vancouver.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Marcus

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**From:** Domenic Cavallo s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 3:47 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** RE: development proposal at 4575 Granville St.

To whom it may concern ,

I am writing in regards to the development proposal at 4575 Granville St.

I strongly object to the proposal if it will have a direct impact on the Vancouver Hospice directly adjacent to the development proposal.

Compassion for the dying should supersede development dollars!

Regards ,

Domenic Cavallo

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**From:** Filomena Portillo s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 3:21 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Re: Hospice at Granville

Property in the west side of Vancouver is highly expensive than any other areas in mainland. If we wanted to provide a better / cheaper housing, we should be looking into some other places that it will be more affordable for someone / a family with average income. The limited hospice facility we have in mainland should become a priority and should not suffer from this project. Vancouver, or Canada is known for its big stand on equality and this should include everyone that lives here, regardless of their gender, race, age and life's situation - the dying

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Randy Rae s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 3:07 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Cc:** Randall Rae  
**Subject:** 4575 Granville Street

**Importance:** High

Good day.

As close neighbours - 2 houses separate us from this project - we are appalled by the audacity of the city to "experiment" on our lives, investments, livelihood, enjoyment of privacy and obstruction of views from our home by "para-shooting" large buildings at random amongst regular sized homes.

The loss of privacy with 4 story buildings towering over the nearby single level homes is atrocious.

The fake "artist rendering" which shows the adjacent single level hospice as looming OVER the four story apartments is actually ludicrous and they should be ashamed of themselves for such a rendering. These poor people in the hospice trying to die with privacy and dignity will be robbed of this opportunity due to the greed of the developers!

The number of people in the proposed building would more that double the existing population of the entire city block that surrounds it. There is NO street parking in front and thus all these additional vehicles would be parked on the two adjoining streets, 32nd Avenue and Connaught Drive. We are already are not able to use our driveway onto Granville Street due to the speeding traffic and must park in front of our house on 32nd Avenue. The added vehicles from the existing Hospice often require us to park even further down the block.

Loss of view and privacy will cost us personally on our investment in our home. No one wants a tall building beside them if they can avoid it and the value of resale will drop. As I age we may need to move. I am over 60 years old already so this is particularly unacceptable as my future retirement time and space is being inundated by unwelcome incursions upon my upcoming "golden years".

Perhaps a better location for this unit could be planned as there NO close-by restaurants, shops or grocery stores so everyone will have to either drive or lug their groceries on a couple of buses. A lower value lot would also enable lower priced housing to be built.

Thanks for considering our plea.

Randall Rae  
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**From:** V McKinnon s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 2:55 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Re: Development 4575 Granville St.

Since last year on several forms of media and on CBC radio in the last few days there have been several interviews with parties for and against this development being allowed to proceed. The hospice next to the site and the relatively few (given the size of lower mainland) that have managed to make through all sorts of financial, building and licensing hurdles to provide care and comfort to those in their final stage of life. Hospices in general and this one in particular have an increasingly important function in our community. At this time in our society, when palliative care is sometimes difficult for family and/or friends to find and provide for a loved one, we are placing more obstacles in the path of the many dedicated volunteers and staff who brought this beautiful peaceful hospice into service for their community. In allowing this development to proceed, the city is sending a message that it's fine to build a large development at this site because it's only a hospice next door that doesn't matter. It should matter to all of us! It is becoming more necessary to many in Vancouver. Thank you for considering voting against this development.

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**From:** Olivera Bozovic s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 2:17 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** strongly opposing!!!!

Please don't allow this!

I have a dear friend whose mom was placed in this hospice and she received all the support from wonderful staff in hospice that helped her go through the most difficult part of her life! Please allow other families get the support for their loved ones so they can go to their last journey with peace and dignity!

Please don't allow this unreasonable development to go through! By not allowing this you will show that care for dying ones is more important than profit! That people are more important than money!

I feel this should have never been an option! It should have never come to this, but it's not too late! You still have a chance to make this right!

Olivera

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**From:** John Stephens s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 2:17 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Vancouver Hospice on Granville

Hello

I am the s.22(1) Personal and Confidential We are located just a couple of blocks north of the Vancouver Hospice on Granville Street.

I am writing to name my concerns with the proposed townhouse development beside the Hospice. Vancouver is in desperate need of Hospice and Palliative Care space for a growing population. We need locations across the city and the Lower Mainland to offer care and compassion to the dying and their families. Hospice space needs to be located in areas where privacy, quietness, peace, relationships are honoured and protected. The construction phase of the townhouses would be hugely problematic for the Hospice and the families involved. But so would the townhouses themselves which will look into the Hospice grounds and windows. For the final stages of people's lives, can we not respect their dignity and privacy at such an important and personal time? Can we not see that care, compassion and privacy are so important at the time of dying and death and should be respected and honoured and not simply see the Hospice as just another business or home in Vancouver?

I urge you to reject this proposal and honour those in the final stages of their lives and those who care for them and love them.

Sincerely

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John+

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<https://www.avast.com/antivirus>

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**From:** Elizabeth Matthews s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 2:15 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Vancouver hospice society

Dear Mayor Kennedy and City Council,

It is very upsetting and disappointing to hear that the approval to develop and build a 21unit building on Granville street next to the Vancouver Hospice Society (VHS) is being considered. I do not think a thorough understanding of the negative impact this will have on VHS has been thought out. I understand Vancouver is in a housing crisis, but this specific plan should not be approved to proceed due to the challenges it will create for this publicly subsidized hospice facility.

As a registered nurse I am more than aware of the importance of providing end of life care in an environment that is peaceful, quiet and accessible to all. In Vancouver there are not many hospice beds in the community and as our population ages the demand for hospice beds will only increase. If hospice beds are not available this will increase the number of beds occupied in other health care facilities. The VHS has worked extremely hard to successfully create a beautifully peaceful place for clients to spend the final days of their lives with their loved ones. If construction commences next to the VHS inevitably there will be increased noise, traffic, dust and ultimately chaos surrounding a facility that requires quiet and easy accessibility for all visiting.

The VHS is a well established hospice in the heart of Vancouver that should not have to close due to construction and chaos of increasing the number of neighbors it will have. The VHS was established prior to the plans of this development and should not have to suffer the consequences of this outcome. It saddens me that the care we are providing to those at the end of their lives may have to suffer with a decision you made. Please take a moment and think of yourself or a loved one and how you might feel if you were in this position.

Please take this concern seriously and do not approve the development to proceed.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Matthews, RN, BSN, MHLP

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**From:** Gale Walker 5.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 2:14 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Objection to Market Housing Development Next Door

**To Hospice Director, Administrator(s):**

**Among my circle of friends are two of your volunteers who have put so much time into comforting patients, and into planting&tending to the landscaping&garden around the Hospice -- activities dedicated to creating and maintaining a mindfully peaceful atmosphere on site.**

**A third friend volunteers at the West 41st Avenue HOB, the recycled clothing store whose proceeds go directly to the Hospice.**

**It seems to me that to invade the "cordon compassionne" with the din of construction and the heightened decibels of new owners' comings and goings would be a deliberate affront to efforts and successes of these three.**

**Gale Walker**



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**From:** Elizabeth Wills s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 2:02 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Vancouver Hospice Society hearing June 11tg

Dear Mayor and Council,

I have been a Volunteer with The Vancouver Society since the beginning when we first dreamed of and then opened our first Thrift shop (The HOB) on Dunbar street. So many amazing Volunteers have worked tirelessly since then to raise the funds to not only open our 'Home away from Home' Hospice but to also continue supporting the running of it.

I am writing to you in protest against the proposed development of the single family home next door to The Vancouver Hospice. It seems unbelievable to me that you would accept such a proposal especially as The Hospice was designed to fit your guidelines for a Home which blended with the single family neighborhood.

The distress caused by the construction and size of the proposed development will be immeasurable. I know you will have received many letters and messages of concern about the loss of peace, serenity, and privacy presently offered to those who are dying and their loved ones.

I just want to add a my experience a few weeks ago when I went to the Hospice to deliver hand made photo cards that I and a team of volunteers make to raise funds at our Charity shops. I parked on Connaught and walked up the narrow unpaved lane. As I arrived a small unmarked white van drove quietly into our parking area. The driver removed a trolley and entered the Hospice. As I finished stacking the Card Carousel, the trolley was quietly rolled out, with the recently deceased person's body covered in a beautiful coverlet, surrounded by loved ones and staff. It was a profoundly moving moment in time, very peaceful and private and respectful. I cannot bear to think of the impact of noise, dust, traffic snarls, and eventually, 4 levels of balconies open to this most intimate of ceremonies.

Please, I beg you to not accept this proposal,

With respect,  
Elizabeth Wills

## Wong, Tamarra

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**From:** Shaughnessy Heights POA . s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 12:53 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Rezoning 4575 Granville Street - Opposed

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Shaughnessy Heights Property Owners' Association is opposed to the rezoning of 4575 Granville Street. Our directors have spent a considerable amount of time reviewing the project, attending the open house, meeting with concerned residents of Shaughnessy, meeting with the architect and project manager of the proposed condo development and meeting with directors, staff and volunteers of the Vancouver Hospice Society.

Our conclusion is that the rezoning and proposed condo development will adversely affect the Hospice, perhaps to the point that the Hospice cannot maintain its operations. This would truly be a travesty, especially when the proposed development is market rental housing, not even affordable housing.

We know that technically this project may fall under the definition of affordable housing, but it is going to be far from affordable. When we went to the open house rents of \$3800 a month were being discussed.

When you balance the viability of the Hospice, which serves all residents of Vancouver, against having more condos with high rents we feel there is no contest, the work of that the Hospice does is far more important.

Please do not approve this rezoning and project.

Yours truly,

Mary Ann Cummings  
President/ SHPOA

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**From:** 5.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 12:59 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** AGAINST proposed development near 4615 Granville Street

Dear Councillors,

Please do not allow the proposed real estate development go through beside the Vancouver Hospice Society. We do not need any more offshore millionaires in this city, and this is just another example of Council letting developers line its pockets while those of us who have grown up in this city continue to be edged out by the high cost of living.

The Hospice Society provides a tranquil space for Vancouverites to live out their last days. The proposed development would make parking and driving near the hospice a difficult thing for people wanting to visit their loved ones.

Development has made it difficult to live here. The proposed development would callously remove from many Vancouverites the peace and comfort of being able to die here, too.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Edgar

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**From:** Ted Daem s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 1:02 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Cc:** akdaem@shaw.ca; Ted Daem  
**Subject:** Fwd: Dying

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Ted Daem <[ALANBROCK01@outlook.com](mailto:ALANBROCK01@outlook.com)>  
**Date:** June 11, 2019 at 12:54:29 PM  
**Subject:** Dying

yOU CANT DIE IN PEACE  
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VANCOUVER

you can't die in peace in Vancouver for the sake of development. A group of citizens working hard without pay or profit, financed through donations, the much needed Granville Street HOSPICE. They jumped through the usual City Hall Hoops. Now our City Hall and our out of control city planners are about to allow a four story luxury rental apartment next door.

Do our elected leaders have no COMPASSION for the dying and their families. SHAME on you, think about what you have done when you and your loved ones are in this position and would like some peace.

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**From:** Peter Colenbrander s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 12:18 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Vancouver Hospice Rezoning concerns

To the Mayor and Council:

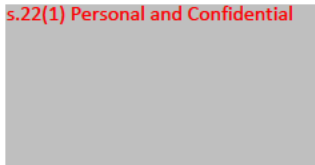
I write to express my support for the Vancouver Hospice in opposing the proposed Townhouse development on the adjoining property.

I appreciate that there is an affordable housing crisis in this city, but there is also a shortage of hospice spaces. It seems to me that the development proposal adversely impacts the latter interest without meaningfully addressing the former. For that reason, I urge council to reject this proposal.

Respectfully,

Peter Colenbrander

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**From:** Jeremie Tucker s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 11:34 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** proposed replacement of Community Hospice very unwise

Dear City Hall Staff,

Having worked in s.22(1) Personal and Confidential (New Westminster) as a therapist for several years, this proposal would be a big mistake, not only for what Hospice care means to families, but also for the loss of affordable housing.

In addition, on a more personal note, my family experienced such comfort from Hospice when my father slowly died in pain and distress, until he received the skilled hospice care that such a service provides. Thank you for reading this, and for reflecting on the many losses such a proposal entails,  
Jeremie Tucker  
(Mrs. Peter Tucker)

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Jeremie Tucker  
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**From:** Cheryl s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 11:18 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Rezoning at 4575 Granville St  
  
**Importance:** High

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my support for the concerns raised by Vancouver Hospice Society regarding the proposed rezoning at 4575 Granville St.

The VHS provides a much needed service to our community for Vancouver families with loved ones at the end of life. Peace and privacy are essential for this support.

Please consider the needs of the hospice program and do not approve the development adjacent to the hospice building.

Best regards,

Cheryl Portigal-Todd, Vancouver BC