

My name is Graham Heal. I am a resident of Vancouver, and I oppose this rezoning application. I am here on behalf of my deceased Mother, my Father and Granville Gardens Retirement Living Community.

I am not here because I am against development or residential densification.

I am here because my Mother's final three weeks were spent in the loving care of Vancouver Hospice and because I have hopes that my Father will also be taken care of there, when his time comes. And I know that they would both be doing what I am doing now, if they were in my shoes.

In 2017, my Mother, Cecile, had been approved for "Assisted End of Life" due to her condition, but, before she could effectuate her plan, she had one more job to do. Her last sale as a realtor was her own home. In order to show the home, she had to remove herself from it and, given her advanced condition, we were lucky to get a bed at Vancouver Hospice. While still haggling for a better price she closed the sale of her home from her bedside from the Hospice. Now comforted that this final effort was completed, Cecile passed into unconsciousness 48 hours later for the final time. Within another 48 hours, she passed quietly and comfortably, sensitively monitored by Hospice nurses, who still spoke to her to the last.

During the three weeks of my Mother's stay at Vancouver Hospice, my family was badly fractured, in many ways unmoored from all that gave us safe harbour. Without the warm care, sensitivity and love from EVERY management and health-care staff member at Vancouver Hospice, this tragic time would have been much worse. Mom had told me that she'd be happy to pass there and, it helped so much that she was, as she reached for the finish line, still cracking zingers!

This hospice facility, this warm HOME, is a crucial essential service that any community that cares about its residents, must nurture and protect. Any decent society must consider its priorities and what it's prepared to fight for. Vancouver Hospice played a major role in keeping my family together. Its contribution, at this critical time for us, was undeniable. Please do not do anything that would affect its smooth, understated and effective operations.

So, YES, re-zone, re-develop and densify. But.....NOT HERE!! Not on this stretch of Granville Street!! Please keep the back hoes and excavators away from Vancouver Hospice, truly a treasure worth protecting in our great city!

Let me finish with these 3 items for emphasis:

- 1) YES..... By all means DENSIFY!!
- 2) YESVancouver Hospice is an ESSENTIAL SERVICE!!
- 3) NO - DO NOT re-zone and re-develop on this stretch of Granville Street.
Anywhere but here!

Wong, Tamarra

From: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: "Controversial" Public Hearing for PBRs - and Other News

From: Janet Hudgins s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 9:04 AM
To: Hildebrandt, Tina
Subject: [Released from COV quarantine] Re: "Controversial" Public Hearing for PBRs - and Other News

Good Morning Tina:

Further to my submission the other day, I heard the interview on CBC this morning about the hospice on Granville and my remarks offered did not specifically cover that.

For what it's worth, I would not support the proposed building next to it nor the level of income it would require. There are ample grossly overpriced rental units in the city, for one thing, and it should not be next to a hospice anyway.

Since the private sector stopped building units in the 1970s, when rent controls became law, politicians have failed to serve their constituents beginning with Paul Martin, who shut down the national rental program, and every government since.

So, my statement stands, we would never have lost our housing if it hadn't been for politicians. And the kind of construction proposed for 4575 Granville @ \$3,700 makes me wonder what this government can be thinking.

Thanks.

Janet

Janet Hudgins

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Milena B. Kermode,
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Mayor Kennedy Stewart,
re. Public Hearing:
Development adjacent to
Vancouver Hospice,
4575 Granville St.

Dear Mayor and Vancouver City Councillors,

There has been a ground swell of thousands of Vancouver citizens for the Vancouver Hospice Society in its rightful opposition to the development of the property adjacent to the hospice.

For four years this hospice has been an oasis of calm for the Vancouver citizens in the final phase of their lives. It has been the place where within a peaceful, quiet, green garden enclave set behind a hedge on the otherwise busy Granville St. the family and friends can spend that precious time with their loved ones.

It is inconceivable that the planning department even entertained the concept or the initial plan for this proposed development. Such density, mass of people and movement, not to mention traffic congestion is a complete lack of consideration and respect for the function of the hospice and the neighborhood in general.

Today, I hope the current council will see the virtues of the thousands of caring, considerate, and socially conscious citizens who have peacefully expressed their concerns, signed petitions, and spoken in opposition to this development.

With sincere and deep concern that the members of this council also consider opposition to this particular development vital to the quality of life in our communities.

Respectfully,
Milena B. Kermode

Wong, Tamarra

From: Jaana Lunny s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 3:31 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Vancouver Hospice & 4575 Granville St.

Dear Vancouver City Council:

I implore you to reject the development proposal to rezone 4575 Granville Street from single family to 4 storey 21 unit townhouses as this would severely disrupt the operation of the adjacent Vancouver Hospice.

Perhaps until you are yourself faced with the intense personal experience of death and dying, it may be difficult to understand just how important, how precious, even sacred Hospice service is.

Death does not come simply, swiftly or peacefully to all of us. For those of us who will face a long illness and require the compassionate care of a Hospice, surely it is not difficult to imagine the importance of calm surroundings. We can all agree that human life is precious; death is an unavoidable chapter in that precious life.

There is no price to put on such things. I urge you all to be selfish, imagine yourself in need and support the essential work of the Vancouver Hospice and the continuous stream of souls that flow through its caring doors.

There is so much talk about quality of life and community values. Tonight please put your money where your mouth is and preserve the sanctity of this essential service.

Sincerely,

Jaana Lunny
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent from my iPhone

JUNE 8TH 2019

MAYOR KENNEDY STEWART
AND COUNCIL,

CITY HALL
453 W 12TH AVE.
VANCOUVER, V5Y 1V4

DEAR MAYOR AND COUNCIL,
AS A FORMER VANCOUVER RESIDENT

I TO AM VOICING MY OPPOSITION TO THE
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT 4575 GRANVILLE ST.,
OF A 4-STORY, 21 UNIT TOWNHOUSE BUILDING.
THE FACT THAT THE SITUATION HAS COME TO
THIS LEVEL IS AN ABSOLUTE DISGRACE.

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AS A RETIRED RN I KNOW FULL WELL
THE IMPORTANCE OF A PEACEFUL AND TRANQUIL
PLACE FOR PEOPLE FACING TERMINAL ILLNESS,
AS WELL AS FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

PLEASE REJECT THIS REZONING
APPLICATION, LOOK AT ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS, AND
CONSIDER HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED
IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE WERE FACED WITH
A TERMINAL ILLNESS. THANK YOU.

Jessie O'Kelly

P.S. THE HOSPICE IS NEEDED!
PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY IT.



Mayor and Council Feedback

Case number: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Case created: 2019-06-11, 12:20:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Address2:

Location name:

Original Address: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Contact Details

Name: Rita Dodge

Address:

Address2:

Phone:

Email: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Alt. Phone:

Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

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| 1. | Describe details (who, what, where, when, why): | I recently had the privilege of bidding my dear friend farewell as she drew her last breath in the loving care of the Vancouver hospice. I was dismayed when I read in the paper yesterday of the possibility of a construction site next door to it The hospice was built on the backs of many volunteers in Vancouver who wanted a place for their loved ones to die in dignity Residents of Vancouver deserve such a place We voted the last council out for their inability to listen to the public voice and for their lack of transparency. Please don't let this council be accused of the same faults |
| 2. | Department: | Mayor and Council |
| 3. | Neighbourhood: | s.22(1) Personal and Confidential |
| 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 |

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| 10. | Specific area of concern: | 4575 Granville St |
| 11. | Author Type: | Individual |
| 12. | Correspondence Type: | Original Feedback |
| 13. | Original Client: | Rita Dodge |
| 14. | Original Email address: | s.22(1) Personal and |
| 15. | Original address: | Confidential |

Additional Details

Forwarded to Public Hearing staff

Map and Photo

- no picture -

Wong, Tamarra

From: Nykole s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 7:35 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Opposing development beside Vancouver Hospice Society

Hello,

I'm writing in to say that I'M OPPOSED to the development plan beside the Vancouver hospice society. Please act with kind hearts and keep the area peaceful. We need to think that some day we may end up there and we will be so thankful that we made the right choice.

Thank you for your considerations,
Best regards,
Nykole Khuc

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Peter Wong s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 10:39 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Save Your Community Hospice

To Mayor Kennedy Stewart and Council,

It's not right:

To allow developers to take advantage of the interim rezoning policy are not required to meet the policy's stated criteria, which includes "contextual fit with neighboring development."

It's not right:

Although the hospice was required to meet stringent zoning requirements so the building fit in with neighboring homes, the City of Vancouver is now considering an application to rezone an adjacent property under the city's Interim Policy for Affordable Housing Choices.

It's not right:

Executive Director Simin Tabrizi said the city's social planning staff "expressly stated they will recommend rejection of this proposal," but that recommendation was not included in the report to council.

It's not right:

The construction phase, which is expected to last two years, could mean the temporary closure of the hospice.

And most importantly it's not moral:

"When a recent patient (Joan) passed away and she was removed by the ambulance, we stayed at the door with the kids. And the kitchen staff, the doctors, the nurses were there with us, giving support, like an honor guard as we said goodbye,"

"That space would be overlooked by rooftop balconies and windows in the adjacent three-story tower. Picture someone in their condo legitimately enjoying a barbecue on their rooftop, laughing and having drinks when someone has died next door and needs to be taken out. The two things don't really go well together."

Please reject and relook the current 4 story, 21 unit development and save our Granville Street Community Hospice.

Sincerely,

Peter Wong

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