

Dragnea, Irina

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 4:57 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Rezoning of the Proposed St. Paul's Hospital Site.

From: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 3:23 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Rezoning of the Proposed St. Paul's Hospital Site.

Good afternoon,

I don't think I will be able to attend this evening's public hearing about the St. Paul's Hospital site, but am concerned with why the city would in any way entertain putting a hospital on a site, where if there were a large earthquake, the facility, that would be greatly needed in that instance, would have a high potential of being inaccessible and inoperative. I understand that there are reports that the site has a high likely hood for liquefaction and flooding which is concerning for a hospital.

Another concern is that the site seems quite close to Vancouver General Hospital and it would make more sense to have to location of the city's hospitals spread out as opposed to be in such close proximity. It also seems like it might have a traffic bottleneck making it difficult to access from the west side of the city. Of most importance is having a hospital that will function if there is any large emergency, and is generally accessible to the public which it is supposed to serve.

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

October 21, 2019

Mayor Stewart and Councillors:

As President of the Animal Defense Anti-Vivisection Society of BC (since 1927) I wish to make our Society's position known on the proposed Rezoning application for the new St Paul's Hospital, and the elements that make up the development as per the Revised Summary and Recommendation dated October 22, 2019.

The mixed-use development calls for space to be dedicated to research. We ask that the City of Vancouver register a restrictive covenant on the property preventing research involving animals or other living beings, excluding humans, to be performed on the property. We further ask that the restrictive covenant also prevent St Paul's Hospital and/or its Foundation, or any other entity associated with the hospital be prevented from funding or participating in any experiments or non-human research outside of the new hospital development.

While the merits of animal research can be discussed at length, I understand St Paul's Hospital researchers, including UBC, are likely to have different points of view than ourselves. There are many progressive universities, companies and countries moving away from the use of animal models. The University of Windsor just had their formal opening of the Canadian Centre for Alternatives to Animal Methods (CCAAM) where they use 3D printing of organs and organs on a chip to develop treatments and test drugs. Can we here in Vancouver not be as progressive as UWindsor? One of their very high donation supporters is the family that developed Jamieson vitamins, all without using animals in research, nor animal products. Success can be had without harm.

By preventing animal research at the new St Paul's Hospital, via the restrictive covenant route, Vancouver can maintain its position of a Green city, without the biohazards and pollutants from incinerating toxic animal remains after they have been through the research system.

Tourism will benefit from a positive city image, rather than the negative press that will be attracted if unrestricted research towers are allowed to be built, and the public outcry increases beyond the few hundred letters you have received thus far.

And as far as Providence Health trying to say that there are higher levels of oversight that will ensure the greatest level of care and treatment of animals, I can assure you none exist. Canada is the only G7 nation without a government funded body to oversee the processes of our research laboratories. It is shameful that what they try to pass off as oversight is actually the fox watching over the hen house.

In 2008 our group began discussions with UBC about the number of animals they used in research. In 2010 we were successful in having them release their animals in research numbers annually.

As an example, in 2011 UBC used over 227,000 animals in their research labs – these included cats, wild songbirds, pigs, cattle, endangered sea turtles, rodents, fish, primates, sadly the list goes on.

In their last reporting year of 2017 their number was reduced to just in excess of 167,000 animals used. Our work with the university, and the changing public perception about using animals in research is paying off – the numbers are declining.

We can have research without animals, and through dialogue and investing in alternatives we can all make a difference in the health of humans and in the lives of animals, and meet Vancouver’s Greenest City targets. The ADAV Society would like to offer to meet with City of Vancouver Mayor and Council and St Paul’s Hospital planners as often as necessary to provide information on alternatives, help shape the restrictive covenant, and ensure that Vancouver and the new hospital are poised to do Vancouver proud in the coming years.


Thank you

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential



Laura-Leah Shaw

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential



Dragnea, Irina

From: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 6:55 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Animal testing

I am opposed to animal testing at the new St. Paul's hospital. It is cruel and unnecessary.

Sent from my iPad
Thank you,
Merrilee Sawchuk

Dragnea, Irina

From: Dionne LoForte s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 7:20 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: St. Paul's Hospital

I oppose animal testing at the new St. Paul's Hospital.
In love and solidarity for the most vulnerable and voiceless on earth; animals.

Dionne LoForte
Victoria, BC

DESCRIPTION: Use this case for feedback for Mayor and Council.

CSR: Date Created: Time Created:

Incident Location Information

Location Name:

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Caller Contact Information

Contact Name/Organization:
Street Number and Name: Street Address 2:
City: Province: Postal Code:
Email: Phone Number: Alt. Phone Number:

Preferred Contact Method: Phone Email None Either

Request Details

* indicates a required field

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

I support the ban on animal testing at St. Paul's hospital. It is essential to instead join the effort to develop alternatives to animal testing that, once the R&E phase of these methods is complete, will be vastly less expensive and more effective. Most importantly, the amount of suffering to animals will be reduced by turning away from animal testing.

2. Department: *

Mayor and Council ▼

Note to 311: Do not change the option that is automatically selected in this dropdown. If the wrong department is displayed, cancel this case and re-create the appropriate one.

3. Neighbourhood: *

Note: This field is for the callers residential neighbourhood. If the caller does not want to provide their address or neighbourhood, select Unknown from drop down list.

4. Were any other cases or service requests created as a result of this feedback? * Yes No

5. If Yes, provide case number(s) or other relevant details:

6. (Don't ask, just record - did caller indicate they want a call back?): * Yes No Unknown

Note #1: Email is the best option if the citizen is requesting a response. Their email address can be added to the Email field in the Caller Contact Information section above, if it's not already populated.

Note #2: If another case has been created for a department that is related to this issue, please provide details in the Additional Details field below.

Questions below for Mayor and City Clerk staff only:

7. Council Item:

8. Select category:

9. Select topic:

a. City Administration:

b. Streets, Sanitation, and Transportation:

c. Greenest City:

d. Housing and Homelessness:

e. Licenses and Permits:

f. Parks and Recreation:

g. Planning, Zoning, and Development:

h. Police, Fire, and Public Safety:

i. Social and Community Services:

j. Other:

10. Specific area of concern:

11. Author Type:

12. Correspondence Type:

For VanConnect or online webform use only:

13. Original Client:

14. Original Email address:

15. Original address:

s.22(1) Personal
and Confidential

Attachments

0

View

Additional Details

PH - delete from report

Service Level Statement

Your feedback will be forwarded to the Mayor and Councillor's Office for review. If a response is requested, an email reply will be provided within 10 business days.

s.22(1) Personal and
Confidential

Word Print

Cancel Case

Update

Submit