

1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street - SUPPORT

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Name	Organization	Contact Info	Neighbourhood	Attachment
02/10/2021	11:35	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street	Support	I feel this is a great project and should be approved by Council.	Will Cleveland		s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	West End	No web attachments.
02/10/2021	14:37	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street	Support	See attched letter.	Susan Tatoosh	Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society		Downtown	Appendix A
02/10/2021	20:23	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street	Support	My name is Kevin Eaton, I am Nuu-Chah-Nulth from the Ahouasht Nation and the current Director of Housing Operations with Lu'ma Native Housing Society. I was employed with VNHS just before the fire that caused 27 families to lose their homes on December 20, 2017. Through quick action on VNHS's end, all 27 families were connected with temporary shelter while building was tended to by restoration and assessed by CoV for occupancy. The building was deemed uninhabitable. While I have personal and professional thoughts in how VNHS runs as an organization, the community and VNHS employees that pulled together for those losing homes was nothing less than amazing. Local community members and companies reaching out in efforts of support, the entire VNHS team all playing integral roles ensuring every last family had the essentials as well as the ability to access personal belongings within the fire affected building. The families were all so appreciative of every effort put out by VNHS during this horrific time, and being the community they were supporting one another throughout. With colonialism perpetuating the ongoing destruction of our people's culture and communities, the addition of and flexibility in what buildings are afforded to our people is big. The community that lost their homes that day will be afforded a gorgeous new building to rehash community lost stemming from the fire and adding a ton more units for our Indigenous people. Being in Indigenous housing working with Lu'ma Native Housing, managing buildings in the neighborhood at current where this site is being proposed, seeing firsthand the significant lack of housing for our people and the deterioration of our communities this building is direly needed. As an indigenous man personally, I wholeheartedly support this. I have an emotional connection with that community from the role I played after fire occurred, and want nothing less than what is due for that community. As the Director of Housing Operations with Lu'ma Native Housing Society, we support this development as it serves our Indigenous community in greatly lacking housing.	Kevin Eaton	Lu'ma Native Housing Society		I do not live in Vancouver	No web attachments.
02/10/2021	20:28	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street	Support	Dear Mayor and Council, I live two blocks South of this proposal. I am really looking forward to it. It will be by far the best architecture in the neighbourhood. More importantly, it will bring a diversity of incomes that this area needs. It is very odd to hear some suggest this will lead to gentrification, considering that \$1.2 million+ townhomes have been popping up right around here, which are still more affordable than the detached homes and duplexes. This proposal includes three very small storeys above the 6th floor, which is a modest increase as permitted by and in keeping with the goals of the Grandview-Woodland OCP. The truth is that the GW Plan is not working, but in the opposite sense: we are getting townhouses where we should be getting 6-storey rental, perhaps reflecting the burden of the rezoning process. The vast majority of new multi-family housing is being pushed to arterial streets, which is per the plan but is not equitable. House prices and rents have continued to escalate rapidly since the 2016 plan and updates to the plan should reflect this. I support allowing additional height everywhere in exchange for an affordability component, such as the 80/20 strata/social housing requirement for 10-storey buildings on Hastings. Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Owen Brady	Owen Brady			Grandview-Woodland	No web attachments.
02/10/2021	22:42	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street	Support	Dear Mayor and Council, I write to show my support for these homes. Please support them. Please support the people who will live in these homes. Homes like these should be welcome in every neighbourhood! -Peter Waldkirch	Peter Waldkirch			Fairview	No web attachments.
02/10/2021	23:42	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street	Support	Support this project because it has large units for families and will increase housing families for the area. As well as the design of the building looks great and will be an asset to the community.	Howard Wong			Shaughnessy	No web attachments.
02/11/2021	09:51	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street	Support	This project looks FANTASTIC. Our indigenous community needs this so bad. As the government, you should be supporting them and setting them up for success. How rare is it to find affordable, 4 bedroom homes for bigger families' Please approve of this project.	Chih-Heng Hsia			Fairview	No web attachments.
02/11/2021	10:55	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 1766 Frances Street	Support	Very much in favour of this development. It is long since past the time that this city stop listening to the whinging of a comfortable minority and get serious about housing.	Jason Cassels			Riley Park	No web attachments.



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Re: **VNHS Social Housing Redevelopment at 1766 Frances Street**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of **Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society (VAFCS)**, it is my pleasure to provide this letter of support for Vancouver Native Housing Society's (VNHS's) proposal to redevelop and expand their affordable housing at 1766 Frances Street, in order to strengthen their application to rezone the property and allow the project to progress closer to construction.

VAFCS is very much in support of the long-awaited rezoning and redevelopment of VNHS's Frances Street site in order to renew and enhance the affordable housing stock owned by this impactful and well-respected Society in Vancouver's Grandview-Woodland neighbourhood. VNHS's plan to replace the damaged building with a new, Passive House-certified, 81-unit social housing complex for urban Indigenous families and singles represents an important opportunity to boost to Vancouver's increasingly scarce affordable rental housing supply, contribute to the City's climate targets, while also meeting the needs of the city's growing urban Indigenous population.

VNHS currently provides and manages nearly 900 units of affordable rental housing in Vancouver and has a strong reputation for supporting the urban Indigenous community and for their leadership in affordable housing in the lower mainland. Over the last 36 years, they have proven their ability to consistently fulfill their mandate to provide safe, secure, affordable housing through the various buildings that they currently own and operate, through a wide range of operational models.

This redevelopment is the ideal project to permit a modest increase in height and density allowance for. I have no doubt that this decision will support the development's viability, and it will benefit the community by enabling VNHS to deliver affordable, sustainable and culturally-appropriate housing for urban Indigenous people once again at Frances Street. They will bring their passion for community care and the empowerment of Indigenous people as well as their housing management experience to the project and ensure it meets the specific needs of the community and neighbourhood context. This redevelopment will replace lost homes for former tenants and expand opportunities for more Indigenous families to benefit from affordable rental housing.

Should VNHS be successful in rezoning this site, **Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society** will be thrilled to support their efforts in any way possible.

Sincerely,

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