

2. CD-1 Rezoning: 1015 East Hastings Street - SUPPORT

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Name	Organization	Contact Info	Neighbourhood	Attachment
02/09/2021	10:46	PH2 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 1015 East Hastings Street	Support	We strongly support Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society in this rezoning proposal. At the cross-roads of Grandview-Woodlands, the Downtown Eastside and Hastings Sunrise, the proposed project location is ideally situated for this project. It will enable Indigenous community members from across the neighbourhoods to find safe, secure and affordable housing and supports tailored to their needs. Further, VAFCS is a long-established community-organization and a bedrock of support for many community members. We are happy to see this organization lead this project in partnership with the City and the Indigenous community. A long time in the making we strongly urge City council to not delay this project any further, but to move forward in an expedited manner. We are happy to lend our voice of support to this project. We are also available to provide input, feedback or hands-on support as requested. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have.	Jill Atkey, CEO	BC Non-Profit Housing Association	§ 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Grandview-Woodland	No web attachments.
02/09/2021	12:36	PH2 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 1015 East Hastings Street	Support	I would like to express my full support for the development proposal for 1015 East Hastings Street, as a neighbour to the site (§ 22(1) Personal and Confidential), and as a renter in East Vancouver. This project would represent a significant and impactful step toward supporting people experiencing homelessness in Vancouver, and is an innovative housing model that incorporates key facets of the housing continuum. The 80 shelter beds add desperately needed shelter space for the community, and provides the services and supports critical for helping those experiencing homelessness find stability and begin the journey toward more permanent housing. In particular, I find most inspiring the fact that the shelter beds are for an extended 90-day stay, bolstered by health and community supports, amenities, food provision, and temporary storage for shelter tenants to safely store their belongings. Equally inspiring is the fact that the project provides a linear pathway toward secure, permanent housing vis-à-vis transitional housing, subsidized social housing, and ultimately market rental housing. This provides opportunities for housing stability as well as the support of a long-term community. Furthermore, the role played by the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society in developing this proposal indicates that the project will be a culturally safe and well-planned development. VAFCS's long-time role as a core member of the Strathcona and larger East Vancouver/DTES communities is illustrative of their authority on the needs of the communities they serve. I cannot overstate my support for this proposal, and I emphatically encourage Vancouver City Councillor to support this incredibly important and impactful project.	Liam Griffin		§ 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Strathcona	No web attachments.
02/09/2021	16:19	PH2 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 1015 East Hastings Street	Support	As a community member with connections to both the Ukrainian and the Russian Hall in Strathcona, I think that this development is an important and welcome addition to the neighbourhood.	Aliya Griffin		§ 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Grandview-Woodland	No web attachments.